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Home Of the Johnny Rodriquez Family

1997 rollover near Hermleigh...

Accident results in Firestone suit

Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of lawsuits have been filed across the country in recent weeks against the makers of Firestone/Bridgestone tires. Also named as a defendant was Ford Motor Company.

The first one in Scurry County was filed Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

A Texas City attorney, Paul H. LaValle, filed the suit on behalf of plaintiffs Ronnie James Morris of Denton and his son, James Clinton Morris of Austin.

The suit stems from an automobile accident that occurred on Aug. 25, 1997, some 1.5 miles south of Hermleigh on U.S. Highway 84.

James Morris was driving a 1992 Ford Explorer that overturned several times and the lawsuit alleges faulty Firestone tires caused the accident.

Morris was the only occupant of the Explorer.

The suit alleges that Ford Motor Company knew that SUVs designed with the combination of narrow track width and high centers of gravity had a dangerous tendency to flip in ordinary turning maneuvers.

It also states that both Ford and Firestone knew, prior to this particular wreck, that the tire in question, Firestone Wilderness AT, was "defective, unreasonably dangerous and was producing death and injury due to catastrophic tread separations."

No dollar amount for compensation was listed in the lawsuit as it leaves that for the discretion of the jury.

Locally, the recall of Firestone tires has kept Nix's Auto & Tire Service busy. The business has changed approximately 200 tires since the recall began Aug. 9.

The recalled tires are P235/75R15 Firestone Radial ATX and ATXII tires made in North America. Also being recalled are the P235/75R15 Firestone Wilderness AT tires with a Department of Transportation identification starting with VDHL.

Snyder's local Ford dealer — Wilson Motors — has no tire availability.

"All we can do is inspect the tires and refer them to the Firestone dealer here," Wilson Motor's spokesman Dave Strelecki said.

As for the new vehicles on their lot, he said none had the recalled tires on them.

The business has referred about 30 people to Nix's, the local Firestone dealer.

Lane Beaty, Nix's service manager, said the business is changing tires everyday.

He said that for the people who have purchased tires somewhere else, Nix's has the forms that must fill out in order to receive a refund.

"If people want to purchase tires elsewhere, they have to fill out the forms and I have to fill out forms also," he said. "I also have to have the old tires. I have to account for them."

According to the form, it is to be used by any customer who paid to replace recalled tires on a pro-rated, customer satisfaction basis purchased from an authorized Bridgestone/Firestone retailer between Jan. 1, 2000 and Aug. 8, 2000.

It is also for any customer that paid to replace recalled tires from any retailer after Aug. 8.

Beaty noted that tire pressure and rotation is also important to prevent accidents.

The business has checked several tires, recalls and otherwise, that were either overinflated or underinflated.

"Ford is now recommending tire pressure be from 30 to 32 pounds. On the door of the Explorer, it says from 26 to 30 pounds," Beaty said.



TIRE REPLACEMENT — Rudy Torrez, Nix's Auto & Tire employee, mounts a new Firestone tire in place of a recalled tire. The business has replaced approximately 200 tires since the recall began Aug. 9. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "What isn't tried, won't ever work."

Scurry County's Mel Reed will tell you there's more to being a game warden than merely checking for licenses and handing out a few citations.

These are some examples of unusual duties, taken from game warden's field notes, and published in the Texas Parks and Wildlife newsletter.

—Hazardous pay for repairmen:

In late May, Orange County wardens were called to remove a seven-foot alligator from a residence. A repairman was working on the home's air conditioner and thought the alligator was ceramic until he tapped it with a flashlight and it began to move.

—From the mouths of babes:

Game wardens in Rockport were checking anglers at a popular location when one of the wardens walked up to a fisherman and asked if the fish were biting.

Just as the man was responding that he was having no luck, his six-year-old son interrupted and asked the warden, "Do you want to see our fish?

The officer followed the excited kid to where the father had stashed a five-gallon bucket containing 23 undersized speckled trout under a bridge support.

—You never know who will be your fishing buddy:

On his day off, a Houston County warden decided to go fishing for white bass at the Trinity River. While fishing, he noticed two men nearby who were keeping undersize fish.

A check revealed 45 undersize white bass, two under limit channel catfish and one too-small hybrid striper. Five cases were filed on the unlucky duo, including no fishing license. The warden caught just one fish.

—A good case for Caller ID:

A North Texas game warden was working out of the Wichita Falls district office when someone called to request a speaker for a civic club luncheon.

When the caller identified himself, the warden recognized the name as a person who was being investigated for killing a mule deer. The warden asked the caller about the mule deer, followed by a long period of silence. The caller asked how would be best to clear things up.

This didn't happen in Texas, but was passed along to us by Snyder's David Phillips. Outdoorsmen might learn from this.

A man who became lost in a Florida swamp was rescued after taping himself high up in a tree to ensure a reptile didn't eat him while he slept.

Taking photos in the swamp near Tampa, the man became lost and found himself in waist-deep water with night falling.

Fearing an alligator attack, the photographer climbed 40 feet into a tree and secured himself with duct tape and resolved to spend the night there.

Officials found him safely taped to the tree, and carried him back to civilization.

Duct tape: don't leave home without it.

Local man sentenced to 45 years in prison

A Snyder man involved in a standoff with police last spring was sentenced to 45 years in prison following a plea bargain entered Friday afternoon in 132nd District Court.

Michael David Redman pleaded guilty on two charges in 132nd District Court and as a result, will not be eligible for parole from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice until he has served half his sentence.



Redman

Redman, 33, was sentenced by District Judge Ernie Armstrong to concurrent 45-year terms as a result of a shooting incident in Snyder on March 8. The court also revoked a probated sentence for burglary.

District Attorney Dana Cooley said Redman would not be eligible for parole for at least 22½ years.

Redman was escorted to the plea bargain shackled, and in the custody of three Scurry County deputies.

He was represented by court-appointed attorney Ben Smith of Snyder.

Redman was indicted on April 3 on six charges resulting from a shooting incident in March.

Four of the indictments were dropped as part of the plea bargain.

He pleaded guilty to burglary of a habitation to commit aggravated assault, and guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon upon a peace officer.

Both are first degree felonies.

He has remained in jail since the incident on bonds totaling $55,000.

The incident that resulted in Redman being sent to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice began to unfold around 9:30 p.m. on March 8 when an ex-girlfriend of Redman called 911 requesting assistance from officers.

She reported that Redman had shot her present boyfriend and fled the scene.

The woman's 33-year-old boyfriend had suffered gunshot wounds to both thighs.

The search began for the suspected shooter and officers located Redman's vehicle in the 400 block of 32nd Street.

Telephone contact was made with Redman who asked to speak with Sheriff Darren Jackson. The sheriff urged Redman to peaceably come out of the residence at 411 32nd St. The residence belonged to Redman's brother, Clifford Redman, who was not at home at the time.

Redman also was in telephone contact with family members, and at one time, one family member who was on a cell phone with him, reported that Redman had shot himself twice.

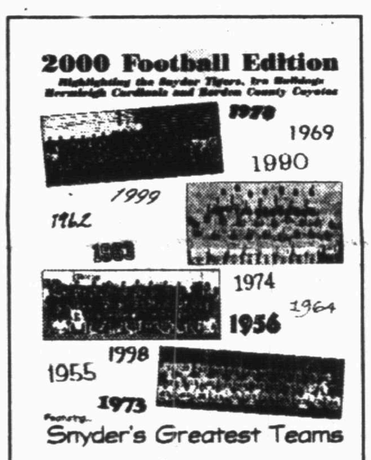
He suffered an apparent self-inflicted gunshot to his abdomen during the tense four-hour standoff.

Around 12:45 a.m., Redman, already suffering a gunshot to the stomach, walked out on the front porch with a .22-caliber rifle barrel in his mouth and then sat down for several minutes on the porch, still with the rifle in his mouth.

Sheriff Jackson urged Redman to put down the gun, also used in the first shooting, and the sheriff said they would work out the situation.

Redman did not answer, but turned and walked back in the house, still holding the rifle barrel in his mouth.

Around 1:43 a.m., Redman again walked out on the porch without the weapon and surrendered.



PIGSKIN PREVIEW — The 2000 Football Edition of the SDN is in today's issue. The edition highlights Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Borden County, and features Snyder's greatest teams.

Inmate work on display at SC Museum

Inmates from three area prison units are displaying various arts and crafts projects at the Scurry County Museum. The Fourth Annual Inmate Arts and Crafts Show opens Sunday. The public is invited to the opening reception from 1-3 p.m.

Inmates from the Price Daniel, John Wallace and the Neal Units have contributed to this year's event. There are over 150 items.

Inmates have supplied art in the media of oil, pencil and acrylic. Crafts consist of leather, wood carving, matchstick inlay, silver and horsehair items. There are numerous paintings, some following a western theme.

The museum is located on the southeast corner of Western Texas College. It is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. Other times are by appointment. For additional information, call 573-6107.

At Wagon Wheel Music Park...

Bluegrass festival set for September

A bluegrass festival has been scheduled as the first event at the Wagon Wheel Music Park, according to music director Tommy Allsup.

The two-day event will be held at the park that is currently under construction.

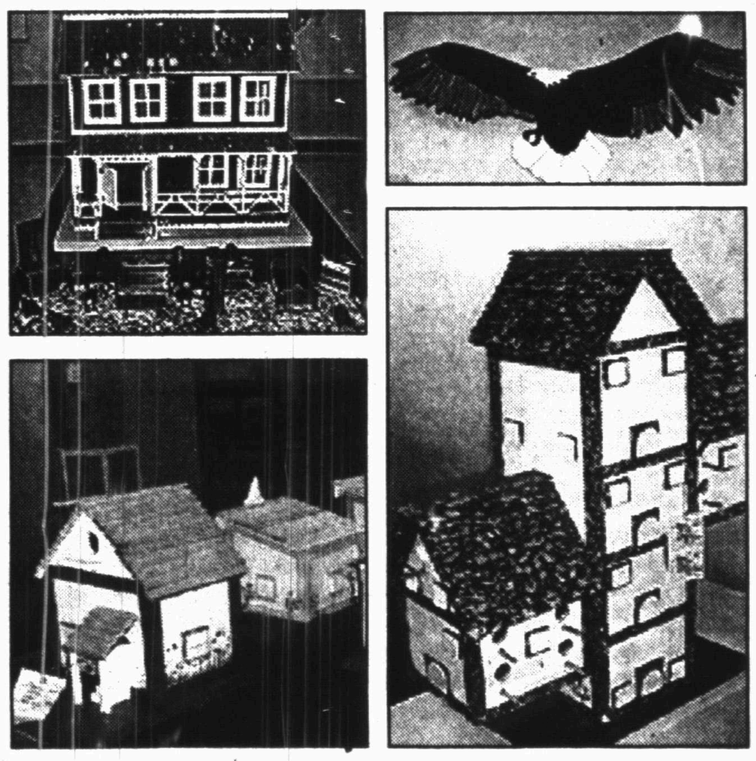
Headlining the show on Sept. 29-30 will be the new King of Bluegrass, the Jimmy Martin Band. The show will also feature "Lost and Found," one of the top bluegrass groups today, said Allsup.

"We welcome all local talent as well and they should contact me at 573-2348 to be considered," said Allsup.

Advance tickets can be purchased for $25 for one day, or $40 for both days. Tickets at the gate will be $30 a day.

The park will offer food, drinks and camping space, as well as RV parking.

The new music park at the Wagon Wheel Ranch is part of an extensive expansion at the facility located only minutes from Snyder.



ARTS AND CRAFTS — The fourth annual inmate arts and crafts show opens Sunday at the Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus. Examples of the inmates' work include the wood carved eagle, tree house, dollhouse and miniature furniture and the miniature village. (SDN Staff Photos)

ASK US

Q—Will there be any tickets available at the door for Saturday's chamber of commerce banquet?

A—No.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 100 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Saturday, 75; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low near 70. SE wind, 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny. High 95-100. S wind 10-20 mph.



Tanner Bragg
Sunny

Sunset: 8:15 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:18 a.m.
Of 238 days in 2000, the sun has shone 235 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"A good scare is worth more than good advice."
—Ed Howe

Napster's battle over injunction drawing support

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Copyright law professors and a physicians' association are supporting Napster Inc.'s appeal of a preliminary injunction that would have virtually shut down the company's popular music-sharing service.

In a friend-of-the-court brief filed Friday with the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 18 professors from various law schools argued that a federal judge erred in granting the injunction to the recording industry.

The professors said it would be impractical for any file-sharing service to operate within the constraints imposed by U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel. She granted the injunction July 26 at the request of the Recording Industry Association of America, which sued Napster in December for copyright infringement.

The appellate court has issued a stay allowing the company to stay online, at least temporarily, because "substantial questions" had been raised about the merits and form of the injunction.

Technologies that preceded Napster, such as radio, television and photocopy machines all permitted new methods of copyright infringement, the professors said. But courts allowed them to flourish because legitimate uses were possible.

"Only when the technology is not capable of legitimate uses does it make sense to outlaw it," wrote the professors from schools such as New York University, Georgetown University and Boston College.

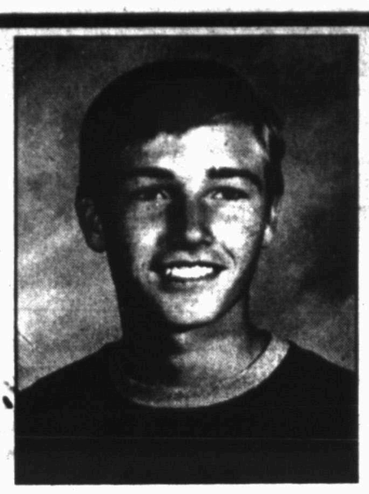
Napster has argued that legitimate uses for its software include the marketing of unsigned musicians and previewing of music to be purchased later on compact discs by consumers.

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons filed its own brief, arguing the reasoning behind the injunction against Napster could lead to the shutdown of Web sites that provide medical information.

The nonprofit group used an example of online research of the drug Ritalin. An Internet search for the trademarked drug Ritalin returns results from various Web sites that weigh the drug's pros and cons.

On the Net:
The Recording Industry Association of America on Napster:
http://www.riaa.com/Napster.cfm
Napster Inc.: http://www.napster.com
Association of American Physicians and Surgeons:
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Jason Hall

Hall in Who's Who

Jason Hall's biography has been accepted for publication in "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000."

Hall attends Snyder High School and is the son of C.W. Jr. and Sandy Hall of Snyder.

Loggins gets 'Star'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kenny Loggins is the latest celebrity to shine among the Hollywood Walk of Fame's constellation.

More than 300 fans gathered Wednesday to witness the unveiling of the singer's star, the 2,162nd dedicated along Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street.

The ceremony was timed to coincide with this week's video and DVD release of Walt Disney Co.'s animated "Tigger: The Movie," which features the Loggins song "Your Heart Will Lead You Home."

Friend and fellow environmentalist Ed Begley Jr. told the crowd: "My 11-month-old hears Kenny's voice more than he hears mine."

Higginbotham family will perform at Northside revival

Northside Baptist Church will have special revival services beginning Sunday and continuing through Sept. 3. Sunday services will begin at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday services will begin at 7 o'clock.

Rev. Harley Higginbotham will be the revival evangelist. He and his family are Southern Gospel musicians who have made several recordings. They will perform specials at all services.

The Higginbotham family is a missionary team sponsored by Friendship Baptist Church of Hugo, Okla. Their home-church pastor, Rev. Don LaFlore, is of Choctaw descent.

Higginbotham and his family minister primarily to the North American Indian tribes throughout the U.S., Mexico and Canada.

Higginbotham had been a pastor for several years before the Lord called him to do evangelistic work among Native Americans. They have been working among the different tribes conducting crusades in New Mexico and Washington. Higginbotham has helped organize Baptist churches in Old Mexico and the U.S.

They work in various revivals, Vacation Bible Schools and youth camps. He preaches and they sing wherever a door of opportunity is opened to minister.

The membership of Northside Baptist Church cordially invites everyone to attend the special revival services.



HIGGINBOTHAMS TO PERFORM — Northside Baptist Church will have special revival services beginning Sunday and continuing through next Sunday. Rev. Harley Higginbotham will be the revival evangelist. He and his family are Southern Gospel musicians who have made several recordings. They will perform specials at all services. From left are Harley, Daniel, Elena and Shirley Higginbotham. (Contributed Photo)

Technical stock plunges after hoax published on Internet

NEW YORK (AP) — A network equipment maker's stock plummeted by more than 60 percent after financial news agencies picked up a bogus Internet news release on the company's earnings and personnel changes. Shares of Emulex later recovered when the company denied the reports.

The shares plunged Friday to $43 from their previous close of $113.063 after the false news circulated that the California-based company was restating its earnings, its CEO had quit and it was under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"You'd like to think that all you need to do is continue to focus on your business, but unfortunately from time to time something like this happens," said Paul Folino, president and CEO of Emulex.

The information originated on Internet Wire, a 6-year-old online distributor of press releases. CEO Mike Terpin said the hoax was perpetrated by someone claiming to be with a public relations agency representing Emulex.

"Internet Wire deeply regrets that this incident has occurred and for any problems or confusion it has caused for Emulex, the company's investors and the market place in general," Terpin said in a statement.

Trading in Emulex's stock was halted at midmorning on the Nasdaq Stock Market but resumed in the early afternoon after the company refuted the reports. The stock closed at $105.75 in regular trading, down $7.313 for the day.

Emulex executives say they were cooperating with authorities in investigating the matter.

Visibly annoyed by the events, Folino called the episode a lesson for investors "to just be cautious in what you look at and do your homework before you react."

The incident also raised new concerns about the accuracy of information distributed via the Internet. Other companies have also seen their stocks manipulated by false information disseminated online.

Lucent Technologies' shares fell 4 percent in late March after a fake news release was posted on an Internet bulletin board saying that Lucent would report lower earnings.

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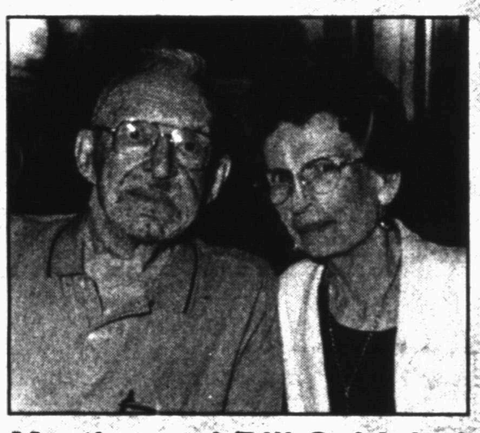
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Martha and Bill Schiebel

Sometimes there are people who just never tire of helping others. Such is the case with Martha and Bill Schiebel.

Martha taught junior high and high school for 36 years and retired in 1990. As an avid supporter of Snyder athletics, she received the Tiger Fan Award in 1983 and previously taught adult illiteracy in Snyder. She also serves as health chairman for the retired teachers here in Snyder.

Not only do she and Bill co-chair the blood drive, but Martha also serves on the board of the American Cancer Society. Six years ago Martha and Bill formed "The Road to Recovery." They transport cancer patients to and from out-of-town doctor's appointments, usually requiring 30 trips per patient - 6 weeks of treatments, 5 days a week.

Martha has been a volunteer with the hospital auxiliary for ten years and works in the surgical waiting room. Bill has the distinction of being the first male to ever work with the auxiliary.

Martha and Bill are both very active members of the First United Methodist Church and Martha is head of the VIM Mission. She has served in Mexico, Russia and Guatemala.

Martha served as the first president of Oil Patch Foster Parents Association and was the recipient of the Chamber of Commerce Humanitarian Award in 1998.

Bill, a retired United States Army Colonel, helps Martha with everything she does. He also helped organize and run the food bank in Snyder and served on the Snyder School Board for 15 years.

American State Bank is proud to honor Martha and Bill Schiebel with the Golden Eagle Award for their outstanding service to the community of Snyder and will present a check for $250, in their name, to the American Cancer Society.

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PRESIDENT'S AMBASSADORS — Western Texas College President's Ambassadors for the 2000-2001 school year are from left Reid Johnson, Chelsie Birks, Lina Alvarez, Helen Fare, Crystal Purser and Thomas Lowery. The group's role is to project the student image of the college. Each receives a $1,000 scholarship and new uniforms. To become an ambassador, each had to apply and appear before a selection committee. (SDN Staff Photo)

Date Books

Saturday, Aug. 26, 2000

Today is the 239th day of 2000 and the 68th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1346, at the Battle of Crecy, cannons were used in Europe for the first time.

[illegible] be televised, a doubleheader between Cincinnati and Brooklyn. The game was announced by Red Barber.

On this day in 1970, guitarist-songwriter Jimi Hendrix performed at a music festival held on the Isle of Wight.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Prince Albert (1819-1861), consort of England's Queen Victoria; Christopher Isherwood (1904-1986), writer; Albert Sabin (1906-1993), microbiologist; Ben Bradlee (1921-), journalist, is 79; Irving R. Levine (1922-), broadcast journalist, is 78; Tom Heinsohn (1934-), basketball star-coach-broadcaster, is 66; Branford Marsalis (1960-), musician, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1947, Don Bankhead of the Brooklyn Dodgers became the first African-American to pitch for a major-league team.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Criticism [illegible]"

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 22) and new moon (Aug. 29).

Sunday, Aug. 27, 2000

Today is the 240th day of 2000 and the 69th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1859, near Titusville, Pa., Col. Edwin Drake drilled the first productive oil well in the United States.

On this day in 1912, author Edgar Rice Burroughs wrote his first Tarzan story.

On this day in 1959, USS Observation Island became the first ship to fire a Polaris missile.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1770-1831), philosopher; Theodore Dreiser (1871-1945), writer; Samuel Goldwyn (1882-1974), film producer; Lyndon Johnson (1908-1973), U.S. president; Lester Young (1909-1959), musician; Mother Teresa (1910-1997), missionary; Martha Raye (1916-1994), comedian-actress; Tuesday Weld (1943-), actress, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Ricky Henderson of the Oakland A's stole his 119th base of the season, in a game against the Milwaukee Brewers.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "As man draws nearer to the stars, why should he not also draw nearer to his neighbor?" — Lyndon Baines Johnson

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'English' only memo rescinded by Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Hispanic leaders in Houston were outraged by a short-lived edict ordering Houston Police Department janitorial and maintenance crews not to speak Spanish during working hours.

The memo came from William Shelton, head of the HPD facilities and maintenance division, who wrote:

"It has been brought to my attention that individuals are speaking Spanish during duty hours in the presence of their non-Spanish speaking co-workers. Effective today, Aug. 25, 2000, only English is to be spoken during working hours by the employees of the facilities operations and maintenance division."

Shelton was quickly reversed.

Shortly after the memo became public late Friday, Assistant Police Chief D.N. Richards directed Shelton to rescind his memo and "advise your subordinates that no disciplinary action should be taken."

Richards added, "In the future, policy issues should be brought to my attention for my review and approval prior to issuance."

HPD spokesman John Leggio said he was unable to say how many employees the maintenance division has or how many speak Spanish.

"The chief (C.O. Bradford) is aware of Mr. Shelton's letter," Leggio said. "This has never been and never will be the policy of the Houston Police Department. And so, he made sure to have Chief Richards send that order."

A spokesman for the League of United Latin American Citizens said that was not enough.

"This is highly insulting to us," said Johnny Mata, spokesman for the local office of LULAC. "It leaves you to wonder exactly what kind of managerial training these people have. We intend to push it further."

Mata said the group wants to meet with Bradford and Mayor Lee Brown to push for sensitivity and managerial training throughout all city departments.

"Immediately, this needs to be addressed to all division managers, CEOs and (do) some in-service training informing them that this will not be tolerated in the city of Houston," he said.

City Councilman John Castillo told the Houston Chronicle he was "just amazed" when he heard about Shelton's memo.

"In this age of sensitivity and diversity that we would have somebody that would think that way," Castillo said.

"Employees carry on conversations during the day in the language in which they feel comfortable. It's hard to speak English if that's not your first language. So people lapse into their mother tongue.

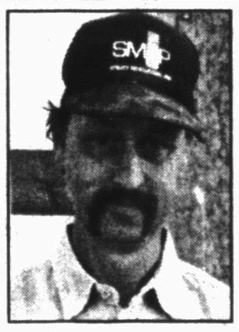
"So, if that's the case, this supervisor or whoever complained, was overhearing somebody else's conversation," Castillo continued. "I think people have a right to privacy."

Asked whether it is discourteous to speak another language when English speakers are around, Castillo said, "There's two rights."

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ALVIN DODSON

City Of Snyder Employee of the Month August, 2000

Alvin first began work for the City of Snyder part time on August 22, 1978 in Department 35. On April 2, 1979, Alvin began full time and is now a Driver/Operator for Sanitary Sewer/Water Distribution.

Alvin was born in Sweetwater and moved, with his parents, to Scurry County in 1962. He has been married to his wife Helen for seven years and has one step-son, Conor Johnson.

Fishing, gardening and raising animals are among his favorite pastimes, along with watching football and other outdoor sports.

Alvin is not afraid of work and is always willing and able to perform his duties.

Planes may not fly again

PHOENIX (AP) — Federal regulators are threatening to ground America West's planes unless the airline proves within a week that it has completed maintenance on a quarter of its fleet.

A warning issued Friday by the Federal Aviation Administration expressed concern about deferred maintenance and poor oversight of heavy maintenance overhauls conducted by outside vendors.

Based on an audit and review, "we have serious concerns about America West's continuous airworthiness maintenance program," David Gillom, the FAA's flight standards division manager, said in a letter.

The agency, however, found no flight safety issues.

The airline must show it has completed the checks on 35 of its 130 planes, the FAA said.

America West President Douglas Parker contends that the airline has completed the required maintenance and can prove it.

But James Sabourin, a company spokesman, said America West canceled seven flights Thursday in order to complete maintenance checks on nine aircraft.

The FAA is auditing nine of the nation's major carriers in response to an Alaska Airlines crash that killed 88 people in January and led to a review of Alaska's maintenance practices. Six of those audits have been completed.

America West has been under FAA scrutiny over maintenance for more than two years. The Tempe-based airline was fined $5 million in July 1998 over maintenance issues that included failing to conduct required inspections. Half of the fine was forgiven, despite local FAA officials' objections.

In January this year, the FAA threatened to bar the airline from acquiring additional planes until it provided adequate maintenance for the ones it had.



DONATION MADE — McDonald Welding donated materials to the STAR Program to build a rack over the top of the program's trailer to be used to carry equipment. Pictured from left are Teri Kincaid, drill instructor; Janell Rich and Kerry Tidwell, McDonald employees; and Willard Norman, drill instructor. (SDN Staff Photo)

Beer spill kills thousands of fish in Colorado Creek

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — An employee of Coors Brewing Co. flipped the wrong switch and sent 77,500 gallons of beer into a creek, killing thousands of fish and prompting health warnings.

The beer, which was in fermenting tanks, washed through a wastewater treatment plant before ending up in Clear Creek on Friday, said Coors spokeswoman Aimee St. Clair. The fish likely suffocated from the alcohol — among other things — produced in the tanks.

"Somebody made a mistake," she said. "We're trying to track down how it happened so it doesn't happen again."

The Colorado Department of Public Health advised residents to avoid contact with the creek south of the brewery because of a small bacterial risk. The water could cause illness if consumed, said J. David Holm, director of the Water Quality Division.

Officials with the state Division of Wildlife could not give a precise number of fish killed but estimated it was thousands up and down the river.

"There are probably 200 to 300 fish right here in probably a 20- to 30-yard stretch," said Scott Hoover of the wildlife division.

State and federal investigators have not determined whether any fines will be levied against the company.

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Discovery School now open 5 days per week

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

The Children's Day Out Program at First United Methodist Church has undergone quite a transformation. The two-day program has expanded to five days and is now called Discovery School.

A lot of work has been done this summer getting the facility and playground in compliance with state regulations. Some of that work included safety upgrades like child proofing the wall plug-ins. Several swings were removed from the playground for older children because they were not in compliance with state regulations. Minton said work on the fenced in playground is continuing, and a few more things will be added this fall.

A goal has been set up for soccer. The playground also has a small hill children can play on, slides and a basketball court for tricycle riding.

The playground for babies is located in a separate area and has a slide as well as playhouses and swings, which were already in compliance with state regulations, said Barbara Minton, director.

Staff members and Minton, who has served as director for the past year, also had to meet state qualifications before the five day license was granted by the state.

Discovery School opens at 7:30 a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Children are eligible to attend from the ages of six months through pre-kindergarten (four or five years of age, depending on whether the child turns 5 by Sept. 1.)

Children in the regular classes are divided into different rooms according to age. They include six months to 17 mounts for the babies group; 18 months to 2 years old after Sept. 1, called the younger 2s; and twos, threes, and fours which each have their own room.

Regular classes are taught from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and consist of a structured, faith-based curriculum, which includes Bible stories and weekly chapel visits. Children also have ample opportunities for learning as staff members emphasize colors and numbers. The curriculum also includes lessons in learning to share and play together and working things out.

"We try to teach children the same values their families have," Minton explained.

Guest visitors, similar to last year, will include members of the community who visit the school explain what their uniform is (if they wear one) or what their job is.

Extra care, 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., is less structured. Children can go outdoors to play, listen to music and watch television. Children six months to two are in one group and the other group is for three and four-year-olds.

Children do not have to attend Discovery School five days a week. As long as space is available, Minton said they will accommodate children who don't come every day as well as drop-ins.

Tuition is based on the number of children, how many days and how long each day they attend the school. First United Church members will receive a discount. The rates will be consistent throughout the school year, Minton said.

Enrollment now stands at 37 with many of those children being in the 6-17 months, younger twos' and two-year-old classes. Fewer students are enrolled in the three and four-year-old classes.

Minton said Discovery School could accommodate 11 babies and 58 older children, but they plan to keep the classes small in size. The school follows state guidelines, which base the ratio of child to teacher on the age of the students.

For instance, in the 6-11 months class, there is one teacher for every four babies. In the 12-17 months class the ratio is five children per one teacher, Minton said.

New staff members were added in order to comply with the state-mandated ratios, she said, plus the staff from last year was retained.

Discovery School classes began Aug. 14, the same day Snyder ISD's school year began, and will follow the same calendar with the exception that Discovery School will be open on teachers' staff days.

Minton said the two-day Children's Day Out Program was expanded because of all the inquiries they had received last year from mothers wanting more than two days a week. "That kept some people from enrolling their children in our program," Minton said. The change was approved by the school board as well as the church council.

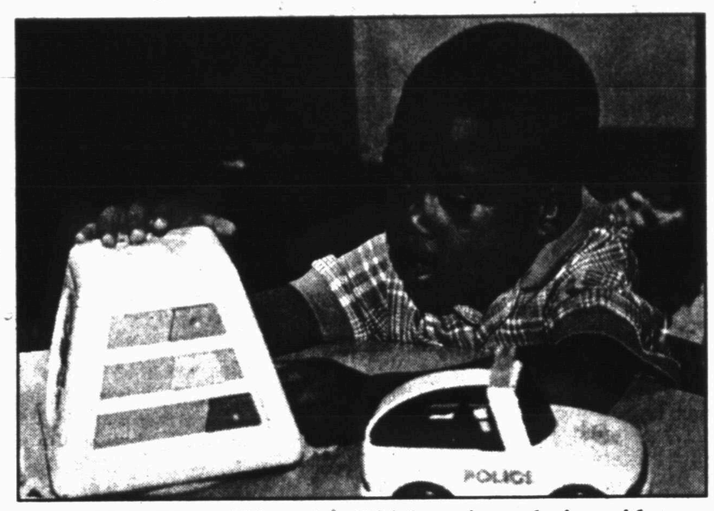
"Our primary goal is to be "of service to the community," Minton said. "The miracle is that we got it done as quickly as we did."

Teachers include Carey Cox, infants; Gail Jones, younger twos; Harriet Braziel, twos; Evelyn Liccardi, threes; Nancy Candanoza, fours.

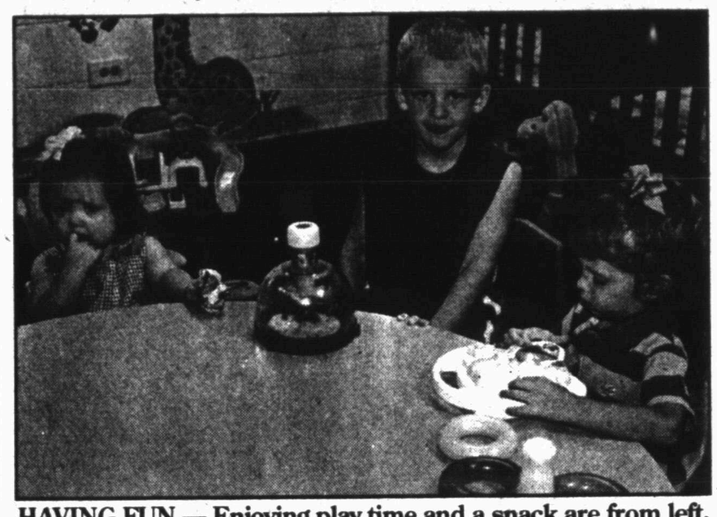
Aides are Nancy Stellman, infants; Nita Smith, twos and threes; Michelle Aguilar, twos and fours.

Extra care workers are Tabitha Dockrey and Judy Porter.

The original two day Children's Day Out Program was founded some 25 years ago.



HAVING FUN — Kristopher Wright enjoys playing with toys during extra care time at Discovery School. (SDN Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



HAVING FUN — Enjoying play time and a snack are from left. Hayley Gray, Sloan Boren, Kylee Steadham. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Tire probe shows slow pace of fed investigations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first lawsuits alleging some Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. truck tires suddenly lost their tread were filed nearly a decade ago, but the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration didn't start investigating until May.

And that was nearly a year after Ford Motor Co. replaced Firestone tires on its vehicles in parts of Latin America, Asia and the Middle East.

Critics say the case illustrates a fundamental problem with the agency responsible for auto safety: NHTSA largely depends on manufacturers to police themselves and notify it when problems are uncovered.

"This has been going on for some number of years and the company (Firestone) never notified the agency, and that to me suggests a failure in the agency's program," said Joan Claybrook, president of watchdog group Public Citizen and a former director of NHTSA.

Some safety experts say NHTSA isn't to blame, but that Congress needs to grant the agency greater authority.

"NHTSA's doing as good a job as the authority and the weak teeth that they have," said Clarence Ditlow, director of the Center for Auto Safety. "They can only do what Congress gives them the authority to do."

The Center for Auto Safety is suing Bridgestone/Firestone and Ford to expand the recall to all ATX, ATX II and Wilderness brand tires. Ditlow said the group filed suit this week because it believed it could force a wider recall faster than NHTSA, which often takes several months to complete an investigation.

Bridgestone/Firestone announced a "voluntary" U.S. recall on Aug. 9 of 6.5 million P235/75R15 size Firestone ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires, often found on Ford Explorers. The recall came three months after NHTSA opened the investigation.

On Friday, Bridgestone/Firestone announced it was scheduled to begin airing a television commercial this weekend that will inform the public about the recall.

NHTSA is monitoring the recall and continuing its investigation into 62 deaths — all reported since February — and more than 100 injuries that occurred in accidents where the Firestone tires may have been a factor. Since the recall began, at least two other deaths have been reported.

Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater and NHTSA Administrator Sue Bailey this week defended the agency's handling of the case. They say as soon as they found out the tires may have been responsible for fatalities, they began an investigation.

"I'm proud of the agency," Slater said. "I think the agency has done a tremendous job and continues to do a tremendous job."

Still, Slater said he is considering proposing a rule that would require manufacturers to report to NHTSA when they are sued or have received repeated complaints about a possible defect.

"We can't monitor every court in the United States looking for private lawsuits related to a safety defect," said NHTSA spokesman Rae Tyson. "That's not practical. But on the other hand, there's nothing preventing a trial lawyer from contacting us."

NHTSA officials say Ford did not tell them about the recalls in Venezuela, Ecuador, Thailand, Malaysia, Colombia and Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon and other Middle Eastern countries.

Ford spokesman Mike Vaughn said the Middle Eastern recall started in August 1999, followed by Malaysia and Thailand in February and the South American countries in May.

Vaughn said there were many reports of tread separation on vehicles in those countries. He said Ford officials did not report it to NHTSA because they didn't see the same problem in the United States and attributed it to different environmental and usage patterns.

"It's very hot, people in these markets tend to drive very fast, full-throttle, for extended periods. We also saw poor repairs and overloading," he said. "In the United States, you don't see the same usage patterns."

Slater said NHTSA "should have known about the recalls in other countries," but he resisted criticizing Ford or Bridgestone/Firestone for not coming forward earlier. He said NHTSA must work with manufacturers to protect citizens and the "blame game" would hinder those efforts.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., plans to chair hearings starting Sept. 6 at which NHTSA officials can outline their actions. A McCain aide said the hearings would explore what policy changes could help NHTSA identify problems earlier.

Claybrook and other safety officials say NHTSA should be granted the authority to levy harsher penalties. The agency now can fine companies $1,100 per violation, but only up to $925,000.

In the Firestone case, "that's pennies per tire," Ditlow said.

The Clinton administration asked Congress this year to allow NHTSA to fine companies up to $4 million, but no lawmaker took up the cause.

Financial Focus

What Should You Do With "After-Tax 401(k) Distributions?

A 401(k) plan is great — but you have to be careful when it's time to withdraw the money.

Of course, how much you have available to take out depends on how much you've put in over the years. It's generally a smart move to contribute the maximum amount possible to your 401(k). For one thing, your money grows on a tax-deferred basis, which means it will accumulate faster than if it were placed in a similar-yielding investment on which you paid taxes every year. And, if you're lucky, your employer will match a percentage of the money you invest.

Furthermore, most of your contributions are likely made with pretax dollars — and these pretax contributions will lower your annual taxable income.

Now, let's fast-forward to the day when you leave your current employer. What should you do with your 401(k)? If you've accepted another job, you may be able to roll the money over to your new employer's 401(k) or to an IRA. If you're retiring, you also can roll your 401(k) funds over to an IRA.

But here's the "catch:" You can roll over only your pretax contributions to the IRA. If you've made any after-tax contributions, as many people do, this money cannot be rolled over, and you have to take it as a cash distribution.

When you accept this distribution, you'll have two key issues to consider. First, there are the taxes. You've already paid taxes on your original contributions, so you don't have to worry about that. But these contributions generated earnings, which have been tax-deferred — until now. You may want to consider rolling those earnings into an IRA to avoid the taxes and possible penalty.

The second after-tax distribution issue is quite basic: What will you do with the money? If you're going to use the funds as a source of current income, here are two possibilities:

*Set up a systematic withdrawal plan from a mutual fund — You may want to put your after-tax distribution money into a mutual fund, then withdraw a fixed percentage — such as 5 percent or 6 percent — each year. By choosing a fund that has the potential to earn a higher return than the withdrawal rate, you can protect your principal. A good growth-and-income fund may be an option. This type of fund carries less investment risk than a straight growth fund, but still offers the potential for a competitive return.

*Purchase an annuity and immediately "authorize" the money — You could use your after-tax distribution to purchase an annuity contract from a life insurance company. You can then annuitize the contract, which simply means converting it into an income stream for the remainder of your life, or your life and that of your surviving spouse. However, if you choose this route, you will eventually consume your principal, so there won't be any money left for your heirs.

Make sure to weigh your options carefully — large 401(k) distributions don't pop up every day.

Ten contest winners to get to dine with Potter author

NEW YORK (AP) — Calling all muggles who would like to meet the author of the Harry Potter series: You can.

Scholastic Inc., publisher of the hit series on the endearing boy wizard, is sponsoring a "How the Harry Potter Books Have Changed My Life" contest. Ten winners will get to fly to New York and dine with author J.K. Rowling on Oct. 19 during her next U.S. media tour.

No word on whether the food will be as tempting as the Hogwarts' feasts described in Rowling's latest book, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."

The rules:

— Essay must be 300 words or less.
— Authors must be 18 or under as of Sept. 11.
— Open to residents of the continental United States.
— Include name, address, age, gender, telephone number and a signed parental consent form.
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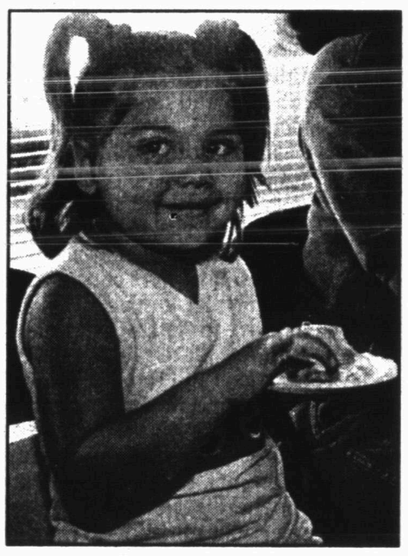
Breast feeding awareness week in Snyder



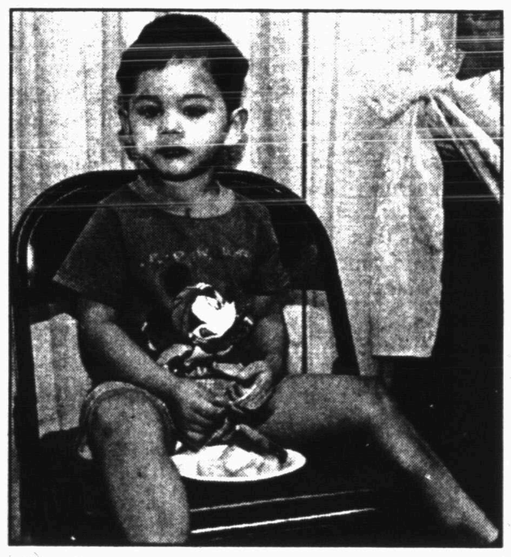


A breast feeding awareness celebration was held Wednesday at Outreach Health Services (WIC), 5305 Trinity Blvd., Suite A. Breast feeding information packets were distributed and door prizes were given away. Refreshments were served. Last week Mayor Dayton Robertson signed a proclamation designating this past week as World Breast Feeding Week in Snyder. In the top, left photo Robin Pruitt, right, breast feeding coordinator, serves punch to Kimberly Sanchez. In the photo at right, Angelica Murillo, right, signs in while Maria Juarez looks on. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Children also enjoyed refreshments







Children who accompanied their mothers really liked the cake. From left are Estefany Juarez, Liliana Juarez and Adrian Murillo. (SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

19-year-old sentenced to life in prison for triple murder

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A teen-ager who twice turned down plea bargains was convicted Friday of capital murder and sentenced to life in prison for his role in a triple slaying.

Christopher Carrera, 19, turned down offers for a reduced prison term in exchange for a guilty plea and testimony against co-defendant Ricardo Gomez Hernandez.

Authorities said that on April 25, 1998, Carrera drove Hernandez, then 15, to a secluded road where Hernandez shot and killed 18-year-old Robert Richard Moreno, 18-year-old Ricardo Mata and 14-year-old Jason Sexton during a robbery attempt.

Hernandez is at-large, believed hiding in Matamoros, Mexico.

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FFA orders more airline inspections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators on Friday ordered U.S. airlines to inspect the elevator assemblies on Boeing 767 airliners for damaged controls.

Egyptian officials have pointed to possible tail control problems in the still unsolved crash of EgyptAir Flight 990, a Boeing 767, last Oct. 31 killing all 217 aboard.

But in announcing that it was ordering the inspections, the Federal Aviation Administration said it has received no factual information that the problem is related to the EgyptAir accident.

The agency said it acted after receiving reports of failed shear rivets being found in the tail elevator assemblies of three 767 airliners.

The Boeing Company sent operators of the airplanes service bulletins last week recommending the inspections. The newly announced FAA airworthiness directive gives the recommendation the force of law.

The elevator of an aircraft is part of the horizontal tail wing, usually the rear section. When the elevator moves up or down it deflects air, causing the plane's nose to point up or down.

The problems addressed by the inspection focus on so called shear rivets. These rivets are designed so that if a jam occurs in one part of the system, the force put in by the pilots can break the rivets and disconnect the jammed part of the system.

This lets the pilots use the non-jammed system to continue the flight safely, the FAA said.

The agency said the inspection calls for a check of rivets on bellcrank assemblies. The bellcranks, attached to a hydraulic power control unit, help move the elevators at the rear of the plane.

"Failed shear rivets on two or more bellcrank assemblies could produce abnormal elevator movements and consequent reduced controllability or loss of control," the FAA said in ordering the inspections.

Airlines must do the inspections within 30 days and replace any problem units.

The FAA said the order covers 322 U.S.-registered 767s.

There are some 797 of the planes in use worldwide.

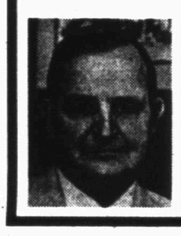
The EgyptAir flight en route from New York suddenly dived into the ocean. Recovered parts have indicated that the left and right elevators were pointing in different directions. These controls are designed to operate together.

Speculation as to the cause of the disaster has focused on the possibility of one of the pilots deliberately plunging the plane into the sea, although the National Transportation Safety Board is still investigating and has yet to say officially what caused the crash.

Egyptian authorities have strongly denied that the crash was deliberate, and have called for further investigations of the tail controls of this type of aircraft.

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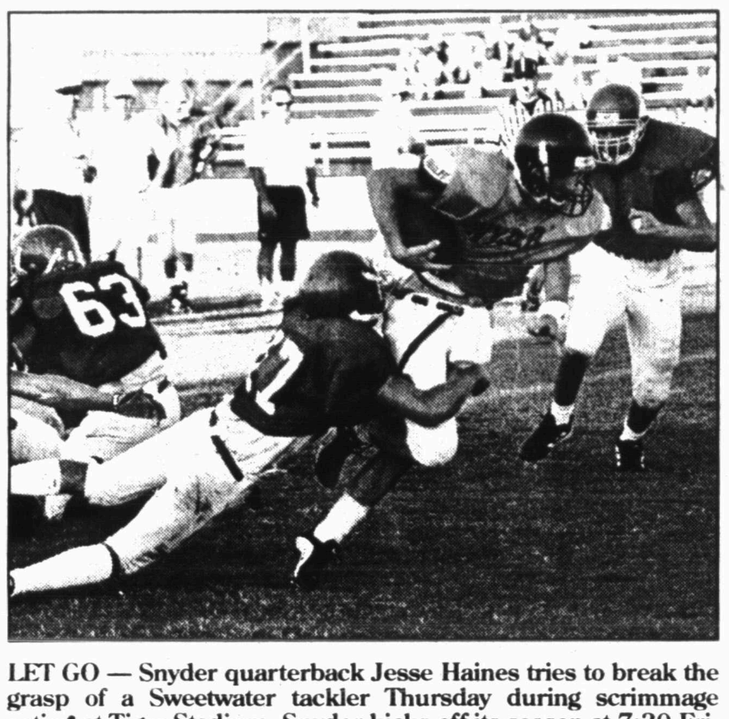
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SPORTS



LET GO — Snyder quarterback Jesse Haines tries to break the grasp of a Sweetwater tackler Thursday during scrimmage action at Tiger Stadium. Snyder kicks off its season at 7:30 Friday night when it hosts Monahans. (SDN Staff Photo)

As college football season kicks off...

Quarterbacks take the stage

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

All sorts of quarterbacks will be flinging footballs this weekend, from Heisman hopefuls Michael Vick and Chris Weinke, to fresh faces George Godsey and Bret Engemann, to healthy again Carson Palmer.

The college season opens with five "classics," beginning Saturday with three games — No. 2 Florida State vs. BYU in the Pigskin Classic at Jacksonville, Fla.; No. 8 Kansas State vs. Iowa in the Eddie Robinson Classic at Kansas City; and New Mexico at Texas Tech in the Hispanic College Fund Football Classic.

On Sunday, it's No. 15 USC vs. No. 22 Penn State in the Kickoff Classic at East Rutherford, N.J., and Georgia Tech at No. 11 Virginia Tech.

When last seen, Vick and Weinke waged a sensational duel in the Sugar Bowl, with the Hokies' freshman phenom wowing a national TV audience but Weinke leading the Seminoles to the national championship with a 46-29 win. This season, Vick, 20, and Weinke, 28, are among the top Heisman Trophy contenders.

"I think Michael will only get better," Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said. "He's got great talent but he will be making better decisions."

Godsey, meanwhile, has the unenviable task of following four years of Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton, the Atlantic Coast Conference's most prolific passer and '99 Heisman runner-up. The 6-foot-2, 209-pound Godsey's first start comes on the road and against Vick, who was third in the '99 Heisman race.

"I'm not ready to assume the role of Joe Hamilton," said Godsey, a junior who is 13-of-32 without a touchdown pass. "There is no one like Joe Hamilton."

Both teams have questions on defense. The Hokies replace eight starters, while the Yellow Jackets return most of theirs from a group that allowed 30 points per game.

On Saturday, Engemann, a 6-4, 230-pound sophomore, makes his first start for the Cougars against the defending national champions. He replaces Kevin Feterik, who graduated after leading BYU to an 8-4 mark in '99.

Engemann is confident.

"We feel we've got nothing to lose," said Engemann, who will probably split time with junior Charlie Peterson. "We'll just go out and give it our best. We won't be scared."

Engemann and Peterson combined for 13 completions and two interceptions last year.

Weinke will have new receivers Marvin Minnis, Anquan Boldin, Robert Morgan, Atrews Bell and Talman Gardner to replace All-American Peter Warrick and Ron Dugans.

And then there's USC's Palmer, the 6-5, 220-pound junior who missed most of last season with a broken collarbone. The pinpoint passer completed 73.6 percent of his throws before he was injured in the third game of the season.

"We should be a pretty good team," coach Paul Hackett said. "Carson has looked good in practice and the whole team has a lot of confidence."

Penn State, too, has questions on defense, with All-Americans LaVar Arrington and Courtney Brown off to the NFL. USC has no such problems with 10 starters back, including linebackers Zeke Moreno and Markus Steele.

Two games feature three of the game's winningest coaches — Penn State's Joe Paterno (317), Bowden (304) and BYU's LaVell Edwards (251). Edwards begins his 29th and final season with the Cougars.

When Kansas State plays Iowa, Jonathan Beasley will be back at quarterback. He threw for 1,805 yards and ran for 227 yards, but completed just 44 percent of his passes. If he isn't sharp, watch for redshirt freshman Ell Roberson to move in for the Wildcats.

Penn State's Rashard Casey may face the most scrutiny of all the quarterbacks. He enters his senior year with a pending felony charge — assaulting an off-duty policeman earlier this year.

"There's nothing anybody can say about me or do to me that will change what I have to do on the field," said Casey, who shared time with Kevin Thompson last season. "I live with it, grow from it. You learn a lot from things that happen in your life."

The New Mexico-Texas Tech game features the return on Red Raiders running back Ricky Williams, who missed last season with a knee injury. Also, Mike Leach makes his coaching debut for Texas Tech.

Texas Little Leaguers get shot at world title

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Before the talk-show appearances are set, before the parades are mapped out, the Little Leaguers from Bellaire, Texas, have one more thing to accomplish.

That's beating Maracaibo, Venezuela, in Saturday's Little League World Series championship game.

"Obviously, if you don't win tomorrow's game, you fall short of winning what you come up here for," Bellaire manager Terry McConn said Friday.

That's a bit of a switch after Thursday, when McConn said everything was gravy after winning the U.S. title.

"Winning the United States championship, I think I made that comment because I wanted to make sure the boys knew that they had won a really big game," McConn said.

"No, we want to win that game. We want to win the whole thing, absolutely," he said.

Whatever the outcome, McConn said he's already received inquiries from the staffs of Jay Leno's Tonight Show and David Letterman's Late Night, and parades — one in Houston, another in Bellaire — are already being organized.

"It's scaring me with everything I'm hearing about what's going on."

Bellaire is the sixth Texas team to reach the final and is seeking to become the first U.S. South team to win the Series since Marietta, Ga., in 1983. The last Texas team to win was Houston in 1966.

If omens are an indication, Bellaire might have the edge. On the team's flight to Pittsburgh, the pilot came back to meet with the players, telling them he was a member of the '66 champions.

Bellaire and Maracaibo are evenly matched, particularly because Bellaire ace Ross Haggard is unavailable after pitching in Thursday's U.S. final.

Maurice Taylor...

Rockets sign former first-round draft pick

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets signed former Los Angeles Clippers forward Maurice Taylor to a one-year contract Friday.

Taylor signed for the midlevel salary-cap exception of $2.5 million.

The 6-foot-9, 260-pound Taylor spent his first three NBA seasons with the Clippers, where he averaged 14.8 points and 5.2 rebounds. He was a first-round draft choice out of Michigan in 1997.

"When it came down to it, I felt that Houston was the best place for me," Taylor said during a news conference Friday. "Houston needed another presence in the post, to help guys out on the perimeter. One thing I want to do is win basketball games. With guys like Steve Francis, Cuttino Mobley, we can win championships."

If a four-team trade that was in the works earlier this week went through, Taylor would not have joined the Rockets.

In what would have been the largest trade in NBA history, the New York Knicks, Los Angeles Lakers, Seattle SuperSonics and Detroit Pistons discussed sending Patrick Ewing to Seattle, Glen Rice and Vin Baker to New York, and Christian Laettner and Chris Dudley to Los Angeles. The Pistons would have received several lesser-caliber players, draft picks and cash.

But the Pistons backed out and the deal collapsed.

Had the trade gone through, the Sonics were set to sign Taylor for the midlevel salary-cap exception.

"Talking to Steve (Francis) and Cuttino (Mobley) showed me this is where I belong," Taylor said.

The Orlando Magic were also interested in Taylor, who was anxious to leave the Clippers, but a deal was not worked out.

Lobos' arrival delayed due to plane problems

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A Miami Air Boeing 727 that was to transport the New Mexico football team to Lubbock for its season-opening game against Texas Tech developed mechanical problems Friday en route to Albuquerque before landing safely.

Maggie Santiago, a spokesperson for Albuquerque International Airport, said the plane had some type of hydraulic problem on its flight to Albuquerque. The plane remained at the airport late Friday while mechanics checked out the problem.

The plane was going to transport about 140 people, including 64 Lobos players, for Saturday night's game against the Red Raiders.

UNM spokesman Greg Remington said the team would remain in Albuquerque and take another flight to Lubbock on Saturday morning.

"It'll give us a chance to prove we're a real football team and that this won't bother us," New Mexico coach Rocky Long said.

An employee of Miami Air in Florida said he knew nothing about the problem and that no officials of the airline were available for comment.

Ex-Permian QB fuels Lions' win

By The Associated Press

CINCINNATI (AP) — Stoney Case threw two touchdown passes to lead the Detroit Lions to a sloppy 21-13 preseason victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Friday night.

Four days after the Bengals cut Doug Pelfrey, the most accurate kicker in franchise history, rookie Neil Rackers missed both of his field-goal attempts and an extra-point try.

The Bengals got a big play from rookie Peter Warrick, who ran past cornerback Bryant Westbrook for a 53-yard catch that set up Akili Smith's 3-yard bootleg touchdown run. Smith finished a solid preseason by completing 6-of-8 passes for 67 yards.

Ravens 24, Giants 17

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Chris Redman, the third-round choice Baltimore hopes can be its quarterback of the future, rallied the Ravens to 24 points in the second half to beat the Giants.

Reman threw touchdown passes of 28 yards to Germany Thompson and 4 yards to Ryan Collins to help the Ravens (4-0) win their 12th straight exhibition game over three years.

Ron Dayne carried 15 times for 60 yards and scored his first professional touchdown on a 5-yard run in the first quarter for the Giants (0-4), who finished winless in preseason for the first time since 1971. Ron Dixon, New York's surprise third-round pick from Lambuth College, returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown and had two receptions that set up a field goal.

Titans 34, Bears 28

CHICAGO (AP) — Steve McNair completed 17-of-23 passes, hitting 13 straight during one stretch the first half, as the Titans (3-1) built a 31-6 lead and held on to beat the Bears.

Chicago backup Jim Miller hit rookie Dez White with a 15-yard scoring pass late in the third to cut it to 31-13.

Then in a fourth quarter featuring reserves and those looking for roster spots, the Bears (2-2) got back in the game behind Shane Matthews, who completed 8-of-10.

Redskins 17, Steelers 10

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — In a game that was supposed to decide Pittsburgh's starting quarterback, Kent Graham and Kordell Stewart had six passes dropped between them, plus one bobble that was picked off and returned for a touchdown.

Graham started for the first time this preseason and was 7-for-16 for 94 yards. Stewart finished 5-for-15 for 47 yards and suffered four drops. Neither led a scoring drive.

Broncos 28, 49ers 24

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Terrell Davis looked well on his way back, rushing for 33 yards on three carries in Denver's first series, capped by an 8-yard scoring run.

Mike Anderson ran for two touchdowns, including a 1-yard dash that proved to the game-winner with 2:13 to go, and Olandis Gary added a 1-yard scoring run.

WNBA Playoffs

All Times EDT
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-3)
Thursday, Aug. 24
Houston 59, New York 52, Houston leads series 1-0
Saturday, Aug. 26
New York at Houston, 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 27
New York at Houston, 1:30 p.m., if necessary

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY
TENNIS: Snyder at Wichita Falls Hirschi/Burkburnett
VOLLEYBALL: Snyder varsity at Justin Northwest tourney
VOLLEYBALL: Snyder freshmen at Levelland

TUESDAY
VOLLEYBALL: Snyder freshmen, JV and varsity vs. Midland High and Seminole, at Seminole, 4:30

THURSDAY
FOOTBALL: Snyder JV at Monahans, 6 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Monahans at Snyder freshmen, 6 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Andrews at Snyder eighth grade, B game at 5 p.m., A game at 6:30
FOOTBALL: Snyder seventh grade at Andrews, B game at 5 p.m., A game at 6:30

FRIDAY
FOOTBALL: Monahans at Snyder, 7:30
FOOTBALL: Hermleigh vs. Three Way, scrimmage, 6 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Ira at Trent, scrimmage, 6 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Borden County vs. Jayton, scrimmage, 6 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL: Snyder varsity at Wayland Baptist tourney

NFL Preseason

All Times EDT

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Buffalo	3	1	0	.750	81	74
Miami	3	1	0	.750	64	57
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	102	101
New England	3	2	0	.600	103	92
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	75	91
Central						
Baltimore	4	0	0	1.000	74	43
Jacksonville	3	1	0	.750	96	80
Tennessee	3	1	0	.750	110	75
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	97	61
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	39	65
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	73	93
West						
Denver	4	0	0	1.000	121	84
San Diego	4	0	0	1.000	106	61
Oakland	3	1	0	.750	81	68
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	56	78
Kansas City	0	4	0	.000	56	110

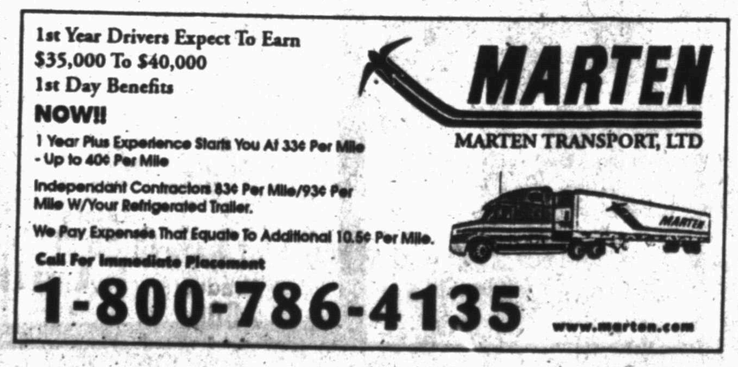
NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Washington	3	2	0	.600	103	67
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	55	51
Philadelphia	1	3	0	.250	81	94
N.Y. Giants	0	4	0	.000	62	87
Dallas	0	5	0	.000	79	116
Central						
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	94	62
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	87	72
Detroit	2	2	0	.500	63	62
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	71	67
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	96	105
West						
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	116	86
St. Louis	2	2	0	.500	85	95
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	62	87
San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	98	106
Carolina	0	4	0	.000	48	100

Thursday's Games
Atlanta 31, Jacksonville 20
Buffalo 16, Philadelphia 12
New England 29, Carolina 21
Indianapolis 32, Minnesota 30
St. Louis 24, Dallas 17
Oakland 20, Seattle 0

Friday's Games
Detroit 21, Cincinnati 13
Tampa Bay 37, Kansas City 14
Baltimore 24, New York Giants 17
Miami 22, New Orleans 17
Washington 17, Pittsburgh 10
Tennessee 34, Chicago 28
Denver 28, San Francisco 24
San Diego 24, Arizona 20

Saturday's Game
Cleveland at Green Bay, 5 p.m.
End Preseason







SPORTS

In 11 innings...

Texas holds off Toronto for 1-0 win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Doug Davis doesn't care whether he's a starter or a reliever. The Texas Rangers rookie right-hander simply wants the ball.

Davis' status for next season improved Friday night when he matched David Wells for eight shutout innings before the Rangers went on to a 1-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays in 11 innings.

Wells was bidding to become the first 19-game winner in the majors, but Davis blocked Wells' path with the longest scoreless stretch of his career.

"I don't care how they use me, as long as I get in there," said Davis, who was coming off a complete-game victory over Boston on Aug. 20. "I'm trying to go out there with a bulldog attitude and get ahead of guys. I'm getting ahead with fastballs, then establishing my changeup and slider."

Wells allowed eight hits and one walk in eight innings, but failed to extend his personal high for victories in a season when the Blue Jays couldn't score off Davis and two relievers.

Davis allowed four hits and five walks in eight innings before turning it over to John Wetteland.

Rusty Greer delivered the decisive hit in the 11th with a one-out RBI single.

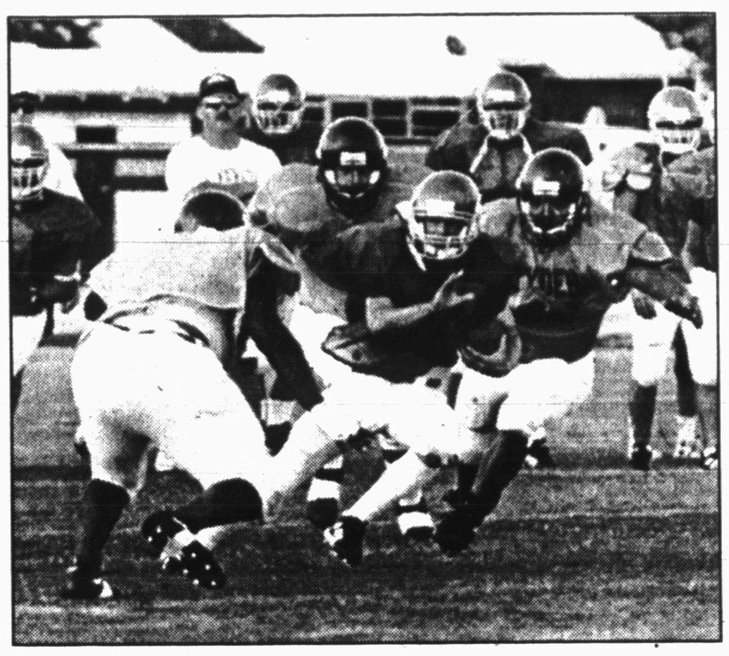
Davis has allowed one run in his last 17 innings, posting a 0.53 ERA in his last two starts.

"He (Davis) was throwing strikes and being aggressive," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "He's thrown strikes out of the bullpen all year. It's probably more mental than physical."

Bill Haselman led off the 11th with a single off Billy Koch (6-3). Pinch-runner Scarborough Green went to second when Koch hit Mike Lamb with a pitch while Lamb was attempting to bunt.

Koch then was unable to field Scott Sheldon's bunt, which went for a single to load the bases.

After Luis Alicea grounded into a force play at the plate, Greer hit a line drive over the head of a drawn-in Shannon Stewart in left field to end Toronto's three-game winning streak.



NOWHERE TO RUN — Three Snyder Tigers close in on a Sweetwater ball carrier during Thursday's final scrimmage of the year. After holding the Mustangs in check for most of the night, Snyder's defense turns its focus toward Friday night's season opener against Monahans. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cowboys unconcerned about preseason woes

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys aren't concerned about their 0-5 preseason record, and not all that worried about the lack of touchdowns by the first-team offense.

While coach Dave Campo is disappointed by the failures to get into the end zone, he insists the revamped offense accomplished its main preseason goal: to be ready for the real season that begins Sept. 3.

"Not getting the ball in the end zone, that's the only critical part," Campo said Friday. "Other than that, we've done everything I'd like to see as far as guys doing things.

"The first unit moved the ball extremely well and has done well during the preseason. I'll be excited to get them together for four quarters and see what we really have there."

The starters — minus running back Emmitt Smith, who was held out of the entire preseason — were held without a touchdown in six series the last two games, including a 24-17 loss to St. Louis on Thursday night. But the first team scored on nine-of-15 preseason series, with four touchdowns and three field goals in the first nine.

"Other than stumbling blocks here and there, it's gone pretty well. The first-team offense has made first downs and moved down the field. I think we should be optimistic," center Mark Stepnoski said.

During the offseason, the Cowboys brought back former assistant Jack Reilly as coordinator and installed an updated version of the timing-based passing game that was used during three Super Bowl championships in first half of the 1990s. It is a variation of an offense in which quarterback Troy Aikman has had much success.

"For what we did and the daunting task ahead of us when we were installing it, you couldn't have asked for us to execute at the level we are executing now," said Aikman, who is in is 12th NFL season. "We put in a lot of stuff in a short period of time."

Not all of it has been shown.

"There are a lot of things we haven't put out there," said Joey Galloway, the speedy receiver the Cowboys acquired in the offseason. "The first team has moved the ball well, and we need to carry that into the regular season."

Aikman hit 6-of-7 passes for 71 yards against St. Louis, his only miss being a badly underthrown ball to Galloway that was intercepted at the goal line.

One more thing the Cowboys will have in the regular season opener at home against Philadelphia is Smith back on the field. The NFL's leading active career rusher was held out of preseason games, mostly as a precaution, because of a strained right calf that followed a big toe injury early in training camp.

Campo said Smith would be back on the practice field Saturday, as will fullback Robert Thomas and receiver Jason Tucker, who are also returning from injuries.

Woods widens gap, sets 36-hole record of 125

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — The major championships are done for the year. Tiger Woods is not.

In a performance even more dominant than his record-setting victories in the majors, Woods tied the course record Friday with a 61 in the NEC Invitational and set a standard on the PGA Tour with an opening 36-hole score of 125.

Woods pumped his fist and smiled when his 6-foot par putt on the 18th at Firestone Country Club dropped in the hole, as if he were aware his 9-under 61 tied the course record set by Jose Maria Olazabal in 1990.

Only that wasn't the case.

"I didn't want to finish with a bogey for the second day in a row," he said. "I'm just trying to hit good, solid shots. I just want to get the 'W.'"

That shouldn't be too difficult. Woods had a seven-stroke lead over Phil Mickelson, the largest 36-hole margin of his career and the largest on the PGA Tour since Olazabal led by nine strokes at Firestone in what was then the World Series of Golf.

Justin Leonard had a 67 and was at 133, while Furyk had a 69 and was another stroke back.

The 37-man field is for Presidents Cup and U.S. Ryder Cup team members, plus the top 12 Europeans from the European tour money list. But once again, it's looking like Woods in one tournament, and everyone else in the B-flight.

Proof of that came on No. 16, a 625-yard hole known as "The Monster." In the first round, Woods nailed his drive but decided against going for the green from 285 yards away. He also noticed that a little more to the right, and his drive would catch a slope.

So on Friday, he aimed a little more right, caught the slope and wound up only 269 yards from the pin.

"Go for it," screamed the gallery, perhaps aware that only three players have ever reached the green in two during competition — Arnold Palmer, Raymond Floyd and John Daly.

Make it four.

Woods caught his 2-iron as pure as can be, slapped hands with caddie Steve Williams and watched as the ball landed 8 feet directly behind the flag, then bounced twice into thick ground behind the green.

His chip grazed the lip of the cup for a tap-in birdie.

Woods has had at least a share of the lead in his last six rounds, and 16 of his last 25 dating to the second round of the Memorial. It also was his 29th consecutive round at par or better, the longest streak since the PGA Tour began keeping such statistics in 1980.

Woods broke the record of 126 for the first two rounds of a tour event, and matched the mark for consecutive rounds.

Woods is the fifth player to shoot 125 in consecutive rounds.

Astros hand Expos ninth straight home loss, 3-1

MONTREAL (AP) — Things just aren't getting any better for the Montreal Expos.

"It is really frustrating," Montreal second baseman Jose Vidro said after the Expos lost their ninth straight home game, 3-1 to the Houston Astros on Friday night.

The loss was the Expos' fourth straight overall and 24th in their last 30 games.

"We may not have the team to win the pennant, but we shouldn't be playing the way we're playing right now," Vidro said. "We want to go out there and win. It's a tough situation."

Vidro wasn't happy to learn of a report on the CNN-SI Web site that said Expos manager Felipe Alou might be fired at the end of the season.

"With all the things going on around here, that's one of the things we shouldn't be worrying about right now," Vidro said. "We're not playing very well and that's out of our control. They're going to do with Felipe whatever they want to do. If they're going to do it, hopefully they're going to do it after the season."

Alou dismissed the report out of hand.

"They can say anything they want," Alou said. "There's only one person that can fire me, and it's not CNN — It's not Mr. (Ted) Turner. It might be someone else."

The report was particularly upsetting to Alou's son, Moises, who was hitless in three at-bats for Houston.

"That would be stupid (to fire his father)," Moises Alou said. "It tells you how bad this game is. There's no loyalty. My dad saved that franchise for the last eight years. You talk about the team leaving next year. That probably would have happened five years ago. In this game, people don't appreciate what you do."

Vidro agreed that it would be an unpopular move.

"It would be sad, not just for me," Vidro said. "He's someone that means a lot to this organization."

The Astros, who are also suffering through a disappointing season, have at least been able to string some wins together lately.

Chris Holt (6-12) pitched 7 1-3 strong innings, and Richard Hidalgo went 3-for-5 with a two-run single to lead Houston to its ninth win in 11 games.

Holt allowed one run and seven hits to win his second straight decision. He struck out four and walked none.

"I didn't have my best game," Holt said. "I had a good sinker and got a lot of groundballs."

Holt credited shortstop Tim Bogar's defense as a key factor in the win, Houston's ninth in 11 games.

Sports Briefs

Men's flag football

Registration is underway for Snyder men's Flag Football League. Cost is $220 per team, and must be paid before the season starts Sept. 23. All games will be played on Saturdays under the TAAF flag football rules. To sign-up, call Earl Ware at 573-0800, (817) 797-8078 or (817) 370-1317.

Golf parents' meeting

All parents of Snyder junior high and high school golfers will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the junior high.

WGA playday

Snyder County Club Women's Golf Association will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be scramble.

Bowling meeting

Snyder Men's Commercial Bowling League will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Lanes. Rules and number of teams competing will be discussed. League play starts Sept. 7.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh tourney

The ninth annual Slingin' Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament to benefit the SISD golf program will be held Sept. 9 at Western Texas College. Format will be a four-person scramble with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded, with $600 going to the first-place team. Entry fee is $140 per team, and the deadline to register is Sept. 8.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	78	50	.609	—
New York	76	52	.594	2
Florida	62	65	.488	15½
Montreal	53	72	.424	23½
Philadelphia	53	74	.417	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	71	57	.555	—
Cincinnati	63	64	.496	7½
Chicago	55	72	.433	15½
Milwaukee	55	72	.433	15½
Houston	53	75	.414	18
Pittsburgh	52	74	.413	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	73	53	.579	—
Arizona	70	57	.551	3½
Los Angeles	67	61	.523	7
Colorado	64	64	.500	10
San Diego	62	66	.484	12

Friday's Games

Los Angeles 5, Chicago Cubs 3, 1st game
Los Angeles 3, Chicago Cubs 1, 2nd game
Houston 3, Montreal 1
Cincinnati 6, Florida 0
Colorado 6, Pittsburgh 3
N.Y. Mets 13, Arizona 3
San Francisco 16, Philadelphia 3
Atlanta 7, St. Louis 4
San Diego 4, Milwaukee 0

Saturday's Games

Colorado (Astacio 10-8) at Pittsburgh (Silva 8-7), 1:15 p.m.
Los Angeles (Herges 8-3) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-10), 1:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 8-8) at Philadelphia (Wolf 9-7), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 5-14) at Montreal (Hermanson 9-11), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harnisch 5-6) at Florida (Sanchez 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Anderson 10-5) at N.Y. Mets (B.J. Jones 8-5), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Stephenson 14-7) at Atlanta (Millwood 8-8), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Witasick 1-1) at Milwaukee (Rigdon 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Arizona at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
Houston at Montreal, 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
San Diego at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati at Florida, 4:05 p.m.

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	70	55	.560	—
Boston	67	58	.536	3
Toronto	66	62	.516	5½
Baltimore	57	70	.449	14
Tampa Bay	55	71	.437	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	76	52	.594	—
Cleveland	66	58	.532	8
Detroit	63	64	.496	12½
Kansas City	59	69	.461	17
Minnesota	58	71	.450	18½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	70	58	.547	—
Oakland	68	59	.535	1½
Anaheim	66	62	.516	4
Texas	58	69	.457	11½

Friday's Games

Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 3
Texas 1, Toronto 0, 11 innings
Kansas City 6, Boston 2
Minnesota 8, Detroit 3
Oakland 8, N.Y. Yankees 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Seattle 1
Anaheim 4, Cleveland 1

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay (Sturtze 5-2) at Baltimore (Ponson 7-8), 1:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (O Hernandez 9-10) at Oakland (Mulder 7-9), 4:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 4-2) at Minnesota (Milton 12-6), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Wilson 0-2) at Baltimore (Mussina 8-13), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hamilton 0-0) at Texas (Sikorski 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Arrojo 2-1) at Kansas City (Meadows 2-1), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 1-1) at Seattle (Halama 10-6), 9:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Bere 3-2) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 6-6), 10:05 p.m.

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Circus slated Wednesday at coliseum

Jordan World Circus will perform twice Wednesday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Show times are 5 and 7:30 p.m.

Video One is giving away children's tickets.

Jordan World Circus will provide two hours of family fun, action and excitement. Acts will include motorcycle dare devils in the giant Globe of Death, aerialists, clowns and the Hawthorn Performing Elephants featuring North America's largest female Asian elephant — Miss Minnie.

The Globe of Death is a giant steel sphere made of open steel mesh in which two or more daredevil motorcyclists race around and around, up and down and crossways.

Tim Reid becomes movie producer

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Tim Reid, who played Venus Flytrap on "WKRP in Cincinnati," has turned movie producer.

Reid's new film, "Asunder," premiered Wednesday night in Dayton to a soldout audience about 1,200 as a benefit for the United Negro College Fund/Wilberforce University Joint Campaign.

Reid, whose movie is a romantic suspense thriller starring Blair Underwood, said if were it not for historically black colleges such as Wilberforce, he probably would have ended up in prison. Reid graduated from Norfolk State University in 1968.

Prayers still said on football field in spite of high court ruling

BATESBURG-LEESVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Undaunted by the possibility of a lawsuit, Batesburg-Leesville High School's student body president took the microphone in the stadium press box and said a prayer as football fans stood silently.

Other schools across the country — mainly in the Bible Belt — faced the same dilemma Friday as the first high school football games of the season began: whether to continue a tradition or obey a two-month-old Supreme Court ruling that declares school-sponsored prayer at sporting events a violation of students' constitutional rights.

Each week Batesburg-Leesville has a home game, students will be able to sign up to speak before kickoff.

"I'm glad the tradition will be able to continue," said student body president Kimi Boozer.

Terry Schultz, a member of Reformation Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville, N.C., led a prayer at a Hendersonville High School football game. Several people from other churches, who formed a protest group called "We Still Pray," participated.

"I wanted to come and support prayer," Schultz said. "I'm concerned for all the young people here."

In Searcy, Ark., members of the school board voted to let a nonprofit interdenominational group hold prayers around a stadium flag pole before high school games.

Actor Tom Lester, who played Eb Dawson on the 1960s TV show "Green Acres," led a prayer at a game in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Legal scholars warned that some districts could be opening themselves up to legal challenges by allowing the prayers.

Two students already have called the American Civil Liberties Union's South Carolina branch to express concern about the "voluntary" prayer before the Batesburg-Leesville game, said LaVerne Neal, executive director of the group.

The Supreme Court's ruling came in a Texas case brought by two families, one Catholic and one Mormon, who challenged a school policy of letting students elect someone to lead the benediction.

The court, which ruled the district's policy of allowing such student-led prayers violated the constitutionally required separation of government, wrote: "Nothing in the Constitution ... prohibits any public school student from voluntarily praying at any time before, during or after the school day. But the religious liberty protected by the Constitution is abridged when the state affirmatively sponsors the particular religious practice of prayer."

For Lexington School District 3, which includes Batesburg-Leesville, the key word in allowing prayers was "voluntary." School board members said they believe students stepping up to pray on their own — even over the school's public address system — won't run afoul of the court's ruling.

"We do what the law says. We don't control what our fans do," said Joe Howell, principal at Pelahatchie High School, where students had planned a "spontaneous" pre-game prayer Friday but decided to keep it silent in the face of television news cameras.

No one in Batesburg-Leesville visibly protested the prayer led by Boozer, but some fans had mixed feelings about possibly breaking the law.

"My heart's for it," said Olins Hooks, "but I think a moment of silence is just as effective."

Rep. Lindsay Graham, R-S.C., said earlier he's disappointed that schools have to give up their traditions.



PINNED — These students are at the halfway mark of the Licensed Vocational Nursing program at Western Texas College, having completed six months. They were pinned at a recent ceremony. Pictured front from left are Treasa Ritch of Hermleigh, LaShanda Ridge of Big Spring and Cheryl Clark of Snyder. Back row from left are Stephanie Hernandez of Snyder, Sandy Soliz of Coahoma, Jennifer Lee, Jodi White and Misty Stotts, all of Snyder. Not pictured is Patricia Alaniz of Westbrook. (Contributed Photo)



LVN GRADUATES — Eight students graduated recently from Western Texas College's Licensed Vocational Nursing program. Pictured front row from left are Michel White of Hermleigh, Sally Robertson of Snyder, and Karen Burke of Snyder. Back row from left are Roxanne Taylor of Snyder, Amanda Huff of Snyder, Mario Gonzalez of Hermleigh, Amanda Rivera of Snyder and Cheyenne Vasquez of Mertzon. Instructors are Diane Beard, R.N., B.S.N. and Carol Watkins, R.N. (Contributed Photo)

Navy again investigating Tailhook convention

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy is investigating allegations of "inappropriate conduct" by service members at a convention last week of the Tailhook Association, the naval aviators organization whose 1991 convention featured scandalous episodes of drunken debauchery, property damage and sexual assaults.

The Navy severed its ties to the Tailhook Association after the 1991 incident and just this year decided to resume sponsoring active-duty Navy and Marine Corps aviators' attendance at the annual gathering, which is a combination of aviation seminars, industry exhibits, parties, banquets and outdoor activities.

Though much less sensational than the 1991 Tailhook scandal, which shook the Navy at its highest levels, the latest allegation has triggered a probe by the Navy's inspector general, officials said Friday.

Details were sketchy and the Navy would not release the name of the person who made the complaint.

In a brief written statement, the Navy said it is looking into an allegation of inappropriate conduct by a group of service members during an encounter in the Nugget Hotel in Sparks, Nev., with a civilian couple who were staying at the Nugget but were not attending the Aug. 17-20 Tailhook convention.

The Navy's chief spokesman, Rear Adm. Steve Pietropaoli, said the Navy would not release the name of the individual who lodged the complaint on a telephone hot line that had been set up after the 1991 incident.

Pietropaoli said the man reported that he and his wife were in a crowded hallway in the hotel and that when the man asked the people — apparently service members attending the convention — to make room for the couple to pass, "inappropriate comments" were made to him and his wife.

The man also reported that someone in the group made inappropriate physical contact with his wife, although Pietropaoli was not more specific.

Navy spokesman Cmdr. Greg Smith said the man who lodged the complaint said a senior Navy officer apologized to him in person, but the man considered it to be "not sincere." The senior Navy officer, who was not identified by name, was at the hotel but not present during the confrontation, Smith said.

Smith said the circumstances of the apology, made the day after the alleged incident, will be part of the inspector general's investigation.

At the Nugget Hotel, spokesman Mike Greenan said a "noise and profanity complaint" was made last Friday night by a civilian couple staying at the hotel. "Security investigated it, got everybody cleared out of the hallway," he said, adding that he was not certain this was the same incident as reported by the Navy.

Sparks Police Sgt. Sherman Box said the department received no reports from or calls to the Nugget in connection with Tailhook.

The Tailhook Association is named for the hook on an aircraft that snags an arresting cable on the landing deck of an aircraft carrier. As of last year, it had about 10,000 members, down from a 1991 peak of about 16,000.

Lonnie McClung, a retired Navy captain and president of the Tailhook Association, said in a telephone interview Friday that his organization was surprised to hear about the complaint.

"As far as we knew the guys were fairly well behaved," he said. "This taints it a little bit."

McClung said he had no information to confirm the allegation, which he said was made on Tuesday. He said there were about 1,200 military members among the 2,000 who attended the convention and that hotel officials told him there were only two noise complaints during the four-day convention, both on Aug. 18.

"The hotel told us our behavior was exemplary," he said.

McClung said he did not believe the incident, if verified, would affect his group's relationship with the Navy.

"If this was Navy people involved, it's a Navy issue," McClung said. "The Navy should deal with it the way they see fit."

Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, took a different view. She said Friday that if the allegation is proven true the Navy should withdraw formal recognition of the Tailhook Association, which she said would have been shown to exhibit a "chronic disregard for human dignity."

Hayden honored

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Tom Hayden was honored in a tearful tribute as state lawmaking colleagues toasted the former anti-war leader and member of the Chicago Seven.

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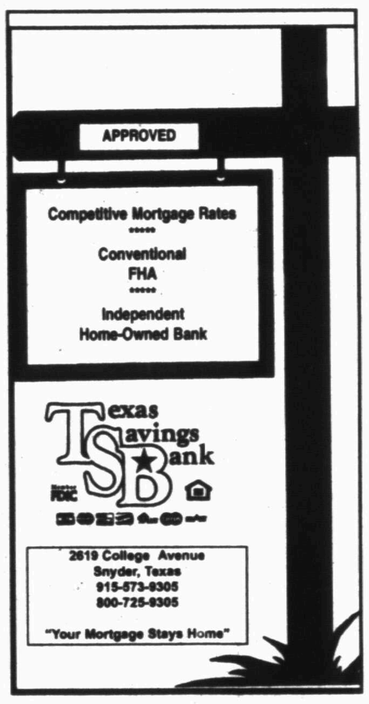
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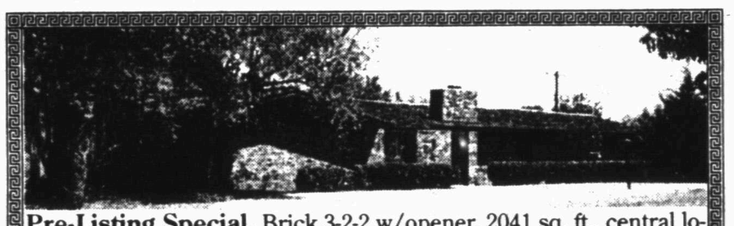
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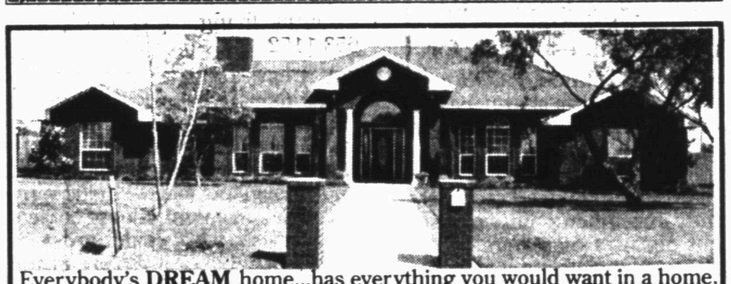
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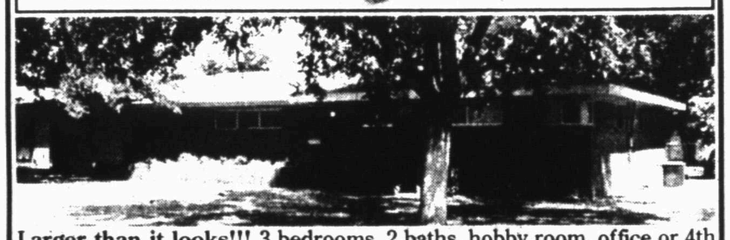


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El Paso's rate of uninsured drivers called very high

EL PASO— With 37 percent of its population lacking health insurance, El Paso had the highest uninsured rate of 85 metropolitan areas surveyed in a University of California-Los Angeles study released Friday.

The survey also ranks El Paso as having the lowest rate of employer-provided insurance coverage among the cities surveyed, which included New York, Dallas and Los Angeles.

"El Paso, compared to the other metropolitan areas, has a high population of Latinos," E. Richard Brown, lead author of the report, said Friday from Los Angeles. "Latinos have higher uninsured rates. I think that has to do with the fact that there are a lot of immigrants."

The study is based on 1997 Census Bureau information.

Brown also cited the El Paso metropolitan area's low rate of union membership, high unemployment rate and low per-capita income as reasons for its ranking.

In El Paso, 49 percent of the metropolitan area population lacked job-based coverage.

"There's sort of a surplus of labor in the particular market the employees are competing in," Brown said. "Employers are taking advantage of that status."

In some cases, legal immigrants are crossing back into Mexico to get health care, Brown said.

Salvador Balcorta, chief executive officer for the Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe, an El Paso health clinic near the Mexican border, agreed.

"If you cross the bridge here," he said pointing toward a bridge that crosses the border into Mexico, "you'll see some Mexican doctors providing services at $10 a pop."

Balcorta said his clinic doesn't check immigration papers when sick people show up asking for treatment and he said some of the public clinics already have months-long waits to see doctors.

"We are most likely going to run into that scenario very soon," he said.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, was in El Paso to tour the La Fe clinic Friday.

"It will take a two-pronged effort," Hutchison said. "We need to help employers see how important health care is for employees. ...And we need to make sure every child is covered. We need to do educational efforts."

In particular Hutchison mentioned the importance of the Children's Health Insurance Program, which is paid for with federal funds and some matching state money.

"We have seen a tremendous increase in the enrollment in CHIP in the last month," said El Paso Mayor Carlos Ramirez, a Democrat, who also toured the clinic.

But state Sen. Elliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, said the state is in danger of losing $449 million in CHIP money.

"Sadly, the uninsured in Texas are not a priority," said Shapleigh, who served on an interim legislative committee to study CHIP. "We rolled out CHIP 18 months later than we could have. Further, state policies penalize border areas by paying the lowest rates in the state for CHIP and Medicaid. No provider wants to locate in the lowest rate area."

Shapleigh said the state should approach the issue with a sense of urgency.

"That urgency starts at the top," he said. "We need a governor who will make this an issue."

Michael Jones, a spokesman for Gov. George Bush, said the governor has worked to expand health insurance for children.

"Gov. Bush worked closely with the Legislature to pass a bipartisan CHIP bill," Jones said.

FEMA declines Texas' emergency help plea

AUSTIN (AP) — The Federal Emergency Management Agency on Friday rejected the state's request for help to fight wildfires, saying most fires are not threatening lives or public health and safety.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management says it will appeal the ruling.

"Our feeling is the process isn't over yet," said Mike Jones, spokesman for Gov. George W. Bush. "We're hopeful that given additional information, they will take a second look at this request."

Bush asked for FEMA's help on July 27, saying that 195 counties were "threatened by high or extreme fire hazard. This threat was caused by drought across the state." The same day, Bush declared a state of disaster in those same counties.

If the federal emergency declaration had been approved, the federal government would have paid up to 75 percent of the costs of putting equipment and personnel in place and prepared to fight fires.

The FEMA response came late Friday afternoon. Director James L. Witt said in a letter that the situation does not warrant an emergency declaration.

Witt cited a fire in Nacodoches County as the only possible safety or property threat. That East Texas forest fire was sparked by lightning strikes earlier this week and consumed more than 2,000 acres as it threatened more than 150 homes. It was contained late Friday.

Another fire burned two homes 130 miles north of Houston in Zavalla on Thursday after a hay baling machine caught fire in a pasture. Two residents were hospitalized and treated for minor burn injuries, and the fire eventually was extinguished.

"We acknowledge that there has been an increase in fire activity since the time of the state's request and that there still exists a potential for severe wildfires; however, at this time ... no wildfires are burning that threaten lives, public health and safety, and/or improved property that would require supplemental federal emergency assistance," Witt wrote.

Don Rogers, a spokesman with the state's emergency management department, said the ruling is perplexing, considering the state received the assistance in 1999, when there were fewer fires.

This year, 470 fires have burned 24,462 acres of land, Rogers said. In 1999, 217 fires burned 23,395 acres of land. In 2000, 487 structures were threatened. In 1999, 330 structures were threatened.

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Labor board files complaint for state union

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — The general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board has filed a complaint on behalf of the United Food and Commercial Workers union with Wal-Mart Stores Inc. for refusing to begin negotiations with meat department workers at an East Texas store.

The National Labor Relations Board in New Orleans earlier this month granted final certification to the Jacksonville Wal-Mart workers, but Wal-Mart missed an Aug. 18 deadline to respond to a union request to begin negotiations, said UFCW officials.

The union filed a complaint with the NLRB accusing Wal-Mart of being in violation of the National Labor Relations Act.

Wal-Mart has tried every step of the way to prevent employees from organizing, said Greg Denier, director of communications for the UFCW in Washington.

"Wal-Mart is hoping by all of these stalling tactics that the local employees will get tired of fighting, or that they will move on to other jobs, and that eventually there will be no one left to establish a union," Denier said.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Jessica Moser said the company responded to the negotiation request Aug. 21, but the union already had filed the complaint.

In February, the Jacksonville meat cutters became the first Wal-Mart workers to vote for union representation. Wal-Mart later announced it would end meat-cutting operations in Jacksonville, and nearly 180 other stores in six states, and sell only prepackaged meat at those stores. The company said the move was unrelated to the union votes.

Moser said the union improperly influenced the outcome by taking a worker to a strip bar and giving him cash and alcohol.

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Should I worry about LOW cholesterol?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My cholesterol level is 125. I'm concerned that this may be an early indicator of cancer. What do you think?

DEAR READER: The answer to your question depends on your age and general health. For example, if you are an active 20-year-old, a level of 125 — although low — would be normal. Also, if you are middle-aged and have been on a low cholesterol diet, your level might well be below 200 milligrams per deciliter; again, low but normal for you.

On the other hand, if you are over 60, have had high cholesterol in the past and don't diet or exercise, I'd worry that an unexpectedly low cholesterol level could indicate hidden disease. For instance, in addition to cancer, many chronic diseases and infections are associated with low-serum cholesterol.

The level itself is not a precise indicator of cancer. Although it's true that patients with cancer often have low levels (below 120), they usually have other abnormalities in addition, such as fatigue, weight loss and anemia, that reflect poor health.

Your low cholesterol may be normal for you, provided you are in otherwise good health. Ask your doctor about this and request an explanation for your low level. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Cholesterol." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My granddaughter is the product of a divorce. She has begun to stammer. Her mother, a career woman, relinquishes the child's care to a daycare center. Sometimes she doesn't return home until late at night, during which time her daughter has an uncaring live-in sitter. What do you think?

DEAR READER: I think that the stresses of an unacceptable living arrangement may be manifesting themselves as a speech disorder.

Stammering and stuttering are common abnormalities of speech that affect thousands of normal, healthy, well-adjusted people. The cause is unknown but is theorized to be a breakdown in the nerve pathways controlling fluid speech.

Many people, especially children, may experience temporary stammering during periods of stress and emotional conflict, when the nerves of speech may be upset. Once the anxiety is alleviated, speech returns to normal. In your granddaughter's case, the stammering could well have an emotional basis. She may feel vulnerable and isolated. Certainly, she is playing "second fiddle" to her mother's career. (However, the divorce may have made the mother's long work hours an economic necessity.) What is the father's role? Is there a chance that he could be included in the equation? Such a commitment would certainly reinforce your granddaughter's feelings of independence and self-worth.

In any case, I urge you to discuss this troublesome situation with the child's pediatrician, who knows the family and should be able to direct you to the necessary community resources that may solve the problem. From the sparse information you supply, I suspect that your granddaughter needs intense professional assistance if she is going to survive this divorce without serious negative consequences.

Simply to complete my short profile on stuttering, I must mention that many people stammer regardless of environmental influences. It's important to accept the fact that such individuals have no ill health but suffer unnecessarily because well-meaning friends, family and acquaintances do not know what to do or how to react to stuttering.

Once fact is clear: People who stammer and stutter can be helped to overcome this speech difficulty through therapy and a variety of resources. I urge you to write to the National Center for Stuttering, 200 E. 33rd St., New York, NY 10016 for further information, including a booklet that explains the condition and how to treat it.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I tend to get asthma at night, after I go to bed. My doctor is at a loss to explain this. Can you help?

DEAR READER: For unknown reasons, the incidence of bronchial asthma has increased tenfold in the United States during the past 35 years. Asthma sufferers often notice an increase in symptoms at night, making what should be a seasonal disorder into a persistent affliction. Presumably, this trend is the result of increased sensitivity to indoor, rather than outdoor, allergens. Studies have shown that such sensitizing substances are derived from cats, molds, cockroaches — and dust mites.

Dust mites are microscopic creatures, resembling tiny monsters right out of a Star Wars prequel, that are ubiquitous in our environment. As you might suspect from their name, they live in house dust and feed on the skin flakes that all of us constantly shed. They proliferate in a warm, humid setting, and so are most likely to cause problems during the summer months. Reactions to dust mites — including asthma — are not so much to the mites themselves as to their fecal pellets and to the proteins (particularly proteolytic enzymes) they produce.

Therefore, according to Drs. Stephen Brunton and Richard Saphir, writing in the Sept. 15, 1999, issue of Hospital Practice, dust mites may well be a major cause of asthma in susceptible individuals.

These prolific organisms are regular, unavoidable residents in every home. They thrive in mattresses, carpets, drapes, upholstered furniture and pillows. In fact, "a typical used mattress may harbor anywhere from 100,000 to 10 million mites, and approximately 10 percent of the weight of a 2-year-old pillow may be due to the presence of dead mites and their droppings," according to Drs. Brunton and Saphir. Consequently, these physicians make the following recommendations to asthmatics who may be suffering from dust-mite exposure.

— Encase mattresses, pillows and other furniture in tightly fitted covers that are permeable to air and water vapor but impermeable to mites.

— Replace woolen blankets with nylon or cotton substitutes.

— Wash bed linen, curtains and clothing weekly in hot water.

— Replace bedroom carpeting with hardwood or vinyl flooring — or, as an alternative, spray the carpets with a 3-percent solution of tannic acid or anti-mite powder.

— Use vacuum cleaners that trap dust (and mites) in a liquid medium.

— Consider using air filters in the home.

The doctors claim that these avoidance measures can reduce exposure to dust mites by as much as threefold, leading to fewer symptoms of asthma.

But, for the moment, let's be realistic. Except in the most extreme cases, these recommendations are probably more trouble than they're worth. I have asthma and I'm not about to wash my curtains weekly and cover all my furniture with special wraps. However, the conclusions about pillow contamination are eye-opening. Perhaps you might consider buying new hypoallergenic pillows and changing your woolen blankets to a synthetic variety. Also you might choose to see an allergist, who could order a blood test to check if you are being inundated by dust-mite proteins.

In any case, keep me informed about which options you choose — and their success. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Allergies." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have rheumatoid arthritis and have been prescribed a new drug, called Enbrel, to treat my symptoms of pain and stiffness. Is this drug safe?

DEAR READER: Rheumatoid arthritis is a common disorder, marked by joint pain and stiffness caused by a person's allergic response to his or her own tissues. Traditional therapy includes aspirin, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (Lodine, Voltaren, Indocin and many more), methotrexate, gold shots and steroids (such as prednisone). All these drugs have potential side effects, including stomach upset and liver damage. A new class of medications, called COX-1 and COX-2 inhibitors (including Vioxx and Celebrex), shows promise and is associated with fewer side effects than many of the medications in long use.

In the past few months, a revolutionary drug has been introduced in the form of Enbrel, a tumor necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor, given as a weekly injection, which reduces the inflammation of rheumatoid arthritis. Side effects from this expensive medication (cost: about $150 an injection) have been minimal, but include headache, infection and the possibility of inducing other autoimmune diseases. TNF inhibitors have not been in use long enough to have established a side-effect profile but — based on my limited experience — they are highly effective. Because no one knows the long-term downside of these medicines, I discourage patients from using them, preferring instead more customary therapy, as outlined above. However, if your doctor believes that Enbrel is appropriate, you can certainly try it. If it is effective, fine. If not, other choices are available.

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Clinton opens Internet site to match teachers, schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving to address a national teacher gap, President Clinton on Saturday launched a one-stop Internet clearinghouse to help schools find qualified teachers and help teachers find out where the jobs are.

"All across our nation school districts are looking for a new generation of dedicated teachers," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, recorded before his departure for Africa on Friday.

"By logging on to www.recruitingteachers.org, school districts can find qualified teachers and teachers can find out where the jobs are," he said. "This will transform what has been a hit-or-miss process into a more efficient, effective exchange of information.

"And over time this (Web) site will help us alleviate the national teacher shortage and to bring down class size," the president said. "By working together as communities and a nation, we can meet the growing need for more teachers in our classrooms."

Clinton said that when the bells signal the start of classes in schools around the country Monday morning, "a record 53 million students will fill our classrooms."

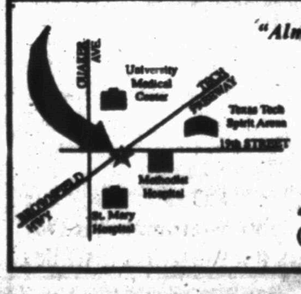
"Unfortunately, thousands of school districts are struggling to find enough teachers to fill them," Clinton said. "Over the next decade America will need to hire 2.2 million new teachers both to handle rising enrollment and to replace those teachers set to retire."

The president noted that his pending education budget includes $1 billion to recruit and train high-quality teachers and an additional $1.75 billion to pursue his goal of hiring 100,000 qualified teachers to reduce class size in the early grades.

"Since 1998 we've helped local schools hire a third of that total and this year we've asked Congress for funding to reach 50,000," he said.

"Studies show what parents already know; students perform better in smaller classes with more individual attention and greater discipline," Clinton said.

But Clinton said Congress needs to pass an education budget that provides the means to continue to cut class size and increase teacher quality.

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Clinton greeted by dancers as he kicks off visit to Africa

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Whirling dancers in flowing, red and black African dress greeted President Clinton as he began a three-day trip to Africa that the White House hopes will embrace democracy in Nigeria and encourage peace elsewhere.

With a wave, Clinton and his daughter, Chelsea, walked down the steps of Air Force One into bright, West African sunshine Saturday morning. Clinton then walked alongside Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo as they watched the dancers and others gathered at the shiny new airport outside Nigeria's capital city.

Later Saturday, Clinton was meeting with Obasanjo and speaking to the country's new democratic parliament.

As Clinton left Washington, the White House announced that he will add a stop in Cairo Tuesday morning local time to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, a Middle East ally.

"The two leaders will discuss the latest developments in the Middle East peace process," White House spokeswoman Nanda Chitre said. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was meeting with Egyptian officials Saturday in Alexandria, Egypt.

In Nigeria, Clinton plans to announce additional assistance for primary schools and disease prevention, fattening an aid package that has grown from $7 million to $108 million in two years.

A $4.3 million aid package is designed to support Nigeria's transition from a military dictatorship to a democracy, U.S. officials said. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater also planned to announce $4.5 million for transportation improvements in Nigeria, and he planned to sign an "open skies" agreement that eases travel problems between the two countries.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson is also along. The United States is interested in buying more and cheaper oil from Nigeria, which exports more than $9 billion in petroleum annually.

Local boys' film to debut Monday at Cinema I, II

A film by Corey Knipe and Tanner Beard will have its premier at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Cinema I and II. The admission is $1. Part of the proceeds will benefit the Jerry Worsham Scholarship Foundation.

"Unybommer," an Imperial Frog Production, is a collection of parodies similar to "Saturday Night Live" or "Mad TV." The parodies will include Dallas Powers (Austin Powers' younger and stupider brother): Matrix Impossible 2 (a spoof of Mission Impossible 2); Wednesday the 7th (a Friday the 13th spoof); and several others.

Just like a television program, "Unybommer" will include commercials that promote one product — Nucleo Peptide.

Knipe said, "We put together our show because we had so much fun with a film that we had made earlier in the year. It was called 'El Jet De Morte,' and we made it for a Spanish class."

Knipe said he and Tanner and have always been interested in film. They decided to pursue the project as a chance to express their comedical side. After the first film was finished, Knipe said they showed it to several different people who thought it was funny.

When they decided to make another film, Knipe said they had more freedom to choose what they wanted their topic to be.

He said they had many problems throughout the process, but their luck "changed for the better at the end." Knipe said they never really had a problem finding actors because as soon as they told someone about the film they "almost instantly wanted to be a part of it because they had heard of the fun we had with "El Jet De Morte."

The cast of "Unybommer" includes many of Knipe's and Tanner's classmates and friends. Some of the biggest helpers were Whitney Graham, Jordan Hardin, Kasey Crill, and Wade Pinson.

"It has taken our whole summer to complete this film, but we've had fun and we're more than satisfied with the results," Knipe said. Knipe is a 2000 Snyder High School graduate and the son of Grant and Stephanie Knipe of Snyder.

Beard is a sophomore at SHS. He is the son of Ricky and Janice Beard of Snyder.

Muslin rebels to release six hostages on Sunday

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) — Muslim rebels have agreed to free at least six of their 12 foreign hostages Sunday following the release of two guerrillas who were arrested carrying bundles of cash thought to be part of a previous multimillion dollar ransom payment, officials said.

"We're very hopeful," negotiator Farouk Hussein said Saturday.

Abu Sayyaf rebel commander Ghalib "Robot" Andang had demanded that the two men be freed before the release, negotiators said.

In a telephone call Saturday to chief negotiator Robert Aventajado, Andang asked whether the two men had been released, a member of the negotiating team said.

When he heard they had been freed on bail, he agreed to release on Sunday the four remaining female hostages — three French and a South African — along with German Werner Wallert and a Finnish man, he said.

Negotiators were trying to persuade the rebels to release two other people as well, he said.

The two arrested men, Jeffrey Lau Jinnul and Adjid Halik, were detained Thursday while trying to convert $240,000 into Philippine pesos at a Zamboanga bank, and were charged with being accessories to kidnapping.

Police said they had been pressured by high government officials to release the men.

Aldine..:

Second grader suspended for bringing gun to school

ALDINE (AP) — A second-grader has been suspended from school after a gun was found in his backpack at a school in north Harris county.

School officials caught the 8-year-old boy carrying a .22-caliber pistol at Calvert Elementary in the Aldine Independent School District.

School officials said two bullets were in the gun, but they were in backwards and the gun was inoperable.

Officials said the gun was discovered when the boy opened his backpack and showed it to other students, who then alerted a teacher.

The boy, suspended pending a disciplinary hearing, told officials he got the gun from home, but the child's mother claims the family doesn't own a gun. Police are investigating.

Local disturbance calls lead to arrests

• ***Disturbance call results in arrests***

Officers received a report of a disturbance at 1:51 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the former IGA grocery store in the 4200 block of College Avenue. Three persons were arrested at the scene and charged with public intoxication. Taken into custody were a 41- year-old male, a 25-year-old male and a 19-year-old male.

• ***Alcohol-related arrest***

Officers arrested a 55-year-old female at 10:42 p.m. Friday in the 2700 block of College Avenue for driving while intoxicated. It was the woman's first arrest for DWI.

• ***Burglary***

Michael Carter notified officers at 2:18 p.m. Friday that someone had broken into his house in the 2300 block of 40th Street.

• ***Unauthorized calls***

A woman told officers Friday afternoon that a juvenile female was getting into her house in the 3300 block of Avenue A and using the telephone to make long distance calls. Contact was made with the juvenile and her father and arrangements were made to pay for the calls.

• ***Family Disturbance***

An offense report for Class C assault/family violence was filed at 9:53 p.m. Friday in reference to a boyfriend assaulting his girlfriend.

Obituaries

Henrietta Trevino

1924-2000

Enriquetta "Henrietta" S. Trevino, a former Snyder resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, in Defiance, Ohio, after a lengthy illness.



Mrs. Trevino

Funeral service for Mrs. Trevino, 76, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Fr. Leo Moras, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Rosary will be at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon Robert Ramirez officiating.

Born July 15, 1924 in Sabinal, she married Manuel Trevino in 1948. He died in1998.

Mrs. Trevino had lived in Snyder from 1987-96 and was active as a quilter at the Senior Citizens Center. A homemaker and a domestic worker, she was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Maria and Felipe Contreras; a sister, Josefina Alejandro; three brothers, Ascencion Contreras, Dimas Contreras and Felipe Contreras; and two grandchildren.

Survivors include five daughters, Maria Hernandez of Snyder, Irma Cain of Paulding, Ohio, Enedina Rangel and Odilia Rubio, both of Defiance, and Sylvia Rubio of Ruskin, Fla.; three sons, Wenceslao "Windy" Trevino and Manuel Trevino, both of Pueblo, Colo., and Jose Trevino of Carson, Nev.; 26 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

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Gladys Bennett

1921-2000

Funeral service for Gladys Marie Bennett of Snyder is set for 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Rocky Alexander, pastor of the Ira Church of God, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Bennett, 79, died Thursday, Aug. 24, in Snyder Healthcare Center following a lengthy illness.

Born June 19, 1921 in Poolville, Tex., she married Thomas Lewis Bennett on Dec. 28, 1943 in Snyder.

Mrs. Bennett was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and one granddaughter.

Survivors include three daughters, Dorma Elam of Ira, Tommie Rightmire of Cameron and Joyce Ortega of Canadian; three sons, Frank Bennett of Snyder, Billy Bennett of Ira and Larry Bennett of Pampa; two sisters, Myrtle Anderson of Sweetwater and Ann Rounsaville of Golden, Okla.; two brothers, Joe Leatherwood and Woodard Leatherwood, both of Snyder; a sister-in-law, Mary Leatherwood of Snyder; 17 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Martinez infant

Infant

Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery for Francisco N. Martinez Jr., stillborn infant son of Cecilia Jaramillo and Francisco Martinez Sr., both of Snyder.

Lupe Hernandez, pastor of the Church on the Rock, will officiate and Wright Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Francisco was born and died on Tuesday, Aug. 15, in a Lubbock hospital.

Other survivors include his three stepbrothers, Ariel Jaramillo of Austin, Julio Jaramillo and Roberto Jaramillo, both of Snyder; one stepsister, Jessica Guadiana, also of Snyder; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Northside Baptist revival

A revival begins Sunday and continues through next Sunday at Northside Baptist Church, 1909 16th Street. Evangelist is Harley Higginbotham of Hugo, Okla., with special music by the Higginbotham Family. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and weekday services are at 7 p.m.

Hermleigh booster club

The booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the school cafeteria. Officers will be elected.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Esther, a Woman of Destiny," followed by "The All Sufficient Word of God."

SHS choir yard signs

Parents of former choir students who would like to recycle the signs are asked to bring them to the choir room on Monday between 7 and 10 p.m. and from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

SHS band boosters

The band booster meeting scheduled for Monday has been cancelled. The next meeting will be announced later.

NE Elementary cookbooks

Copies of the Northeast Elementary Millenium Cookbook will be sold from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the front halls of West Elementary, or call Diane Arnold at 573-2159 or Libby Whitworth at 573-6870. Copies are $7 each.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scout registration will be held at the scout hut, 2501 35th Street, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Family night out

West Elementary's family night out will be held from 5 p.m. until closing Thursday at Snyder Lanes and Grill. All students are asked to bring their families and eat at the bowling alley.

Cub Scout rally

A Cub Scout rally will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the West Cafeteria for boys in grades 1-5. All boys interested in the scouts are asked to bring their parents. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 573-7065, or 573-3310.

Central Elementary Parent Council

The council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria. All parents and staff are encouraged to attend.

Genealogical Society meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Children's Room at the Scurry County Library. President Pat Outlaw will give a short program, "Learning About Genealogy." After a business meeting, members will be available to help visitors with research.

Word is Life Deliverance Church

Jean Krisle will be at Word is Life Deliverance Church at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The church is located at 312 Coliseum Drive.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church Sunday morning worship service airs at 3 p.m. every Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Fiesta stack-up dinner

The SHS choir will have a fiesta stack-up dinner from 5-7 p.m. before the home game against Monahans on Friday. Tickets can be purchased from any choir student, or at the door for $5. Carry-outs will be available.

Snyder Junior High pictures

School pictures at the junior high will be taken Friday.

Faith Revival Church fundraiser

The church will have an enchilada plate dinner from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on next Saturday for $5 a plate. The church is located at 3212 Ave. J. Call Olga Perez at 574-8099 for more information.

Pyron homecoming

The Pyron Homecoming will be held next Saturday at the Inadale Community Center. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the evening meal will be served at 7 p.m. The meal will be catered at $7 per plate. Contact Mrs. Viola Stirl, 13652 FM 644, Loraine, 79532-3110.

Weigh down workshop

Exodus out of Egypt, a weigh down workshop, begins with an orientation and registration at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in the fellowship hall of Word is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The 12-week session begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 2. Coordinator is Claudia Sanchez. For more information call 573-9615.

Weigh down workshop

The weigh down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, beginning Oct. 5. Orientation will be Sept. 21. For more information, call Debbie Hicks at 574-1061.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church (across from the hospital), is open to everyone from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to please return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-4-8

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Million drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 72-52-55-8.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 31-4-37-36-17.

If Bush wins, he pledges to revitalize talks on free-trade

DALLAS (AP) — George W. Bush pledged on Friday to breathe new life into stalled free-trade negotiations with Latin America if elected president, and to retain all current sanctions on Fidel Castro's Cuba.

"My word to you, Mr. Castro: Let your people live in freedom," the Texas governor and GOP presidential nominee said in a speech in Miami outlining his foreign policy goals for the Western Hemisphere.

Bush reiterated his proposal to hire more border enforcement officers. "With expanded patrols, we can make our borders something more than lines on a map," he said, hours before meeting with Mexican President-elect Vicente Fox at the University of Texas in Dallas.

Fox has stirred controversy with his proposal for more open borders with the United States. He met on Thursday at the White House separately with President Clinton and with Vice President Al Gore.

In their hour-long meeting, Bush said he made it very clear to Fox "that we will enforce the borders as long as I'm governor and if I'm the president, but in a humane way."

"I don't know whether it will work or not, but I appreciate his optimistic vision," Bush added of the open-border proposal, saying it is important to boost Mexico's wages first. "When the wage differential narrows, then perhaps it is a strategy we can explore jointly."

Fox said he hoped that Mexico under his leadership will be "a much better friend and partner" with both the United States and Canada.

"We can build up a common future together," Fox said.

Bush congratulated Fox on "a historic victory" in winning the presidency in July from the party that has run Mexico for more than 70 years. His election sends "a strong signal of reform and modernization in Mexico," the Texas governor said. Fox takes office in December.

"Mr. Fox did a good job in broadening the reach of his party, he challenged the status quo," Bush said. "I feel like I'm running against the same thing, I must challenge the status quo."

In Florida, Bush told an invitation-only crowd of 500 business and community leaders that, if elected, he would hold a preinaugural meeting with Fox in November "to keep Mexican-American relations moving forward."

Both Clinton and Democrat Gore, Bush's presidential rival, also have voiced reservations about Fox's open-border proposal.

In his speech at Florida International University, Bush said one of his first acts as president would be to try to persuade Congress to re-enact so-called fast-track authority.

That would enable his administration to resume suspended free-trade talks with Chile and other Latin American nations, Bush said.

This authority — the ability to negotiate trade agreements that Congress can only pass or reject, not amend — expired in 1997. Clinton failed to persuade the GOP-led Congress to renew it.

It is difficult for a president to negotiate free-trade agreements without this authority. "Other nations are unwilling to negotiate with us seriously," Bush said. Gore also wants Congress to give him the negotiating authority if he becomes president.

"When the next president sits at the Americas Summit in Quebec next April, other nations must know that fast-track trade authority is on the way," Bush said.

Strong opposition by organized labor to an extension of fast-track has made it difficult for the administration to rally support among Democrats.

Meantime, Canada and European nations have forged free-trade pacts with Latin American nations, Bush noted. "We dropped the ball, and they're running with it. But we must get back into the game."

The United States already has free trade with Mexico and Canada as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Health insurance for children hits big snag

AUSTIN (AP) — A children's health insurance program created by the state and promoted by Gov. George W. Bush as a successful public-private partnership is getting out of the insurance business.

Texas Healthy Kids Corp., cited as a positive example by the Bush campaign as recently as Sunday, will stop insuring children on Sept. 15, said Durquia Guillen, director of operations.

Campaigning for "prosperity with a purpose," Bush, the Republican presidential nominee, proposes more reliance on charities and private institutions to pick up where government leaves off. As president, Bush has said, he would dedicate $8 billion in tax incentives to encourage volunteerism and charity.

Vice President Al Gore's campaign accused Bush of not truly addressing children's health issues in Texas.

"Children's health insurance is a perfect example where Bush has been negligent but is telling the nation that he's wonderful," said Gore spokesman Doug Hattaway. "It certainly raises questions as to whether Governor Bush even knows or cares what's going on with children's health insurance in his own state."

Faced with a lack of state and private money, increasing insurance rates and competition from a new government program, Texas Healthy Kids will start referring needy children to private health insurance companies or other public programs, Guillen said.

"We're in transition," Guillen said. "I don't know what's going to happen as we keep evaluating, but what we do know that there are a lot of affordable choices out there for families that were not always out there."

One of those choices is CHIP, the Children's Health Insurance Program, which Bush signed into law for Texas in 1999. It's a larger and cheaper program funded by federal and state money that came into existence after Texas Healthy Kids Corp. was formed in 1997.

About 8,000 children will be affected by Texas Healthy Kids getting out of the insurance business. Those youngsters will be transferred to CHIP or referred to non-subsidized private insurance carriers, Guillen said, stressing that the organization will keep working with needy families to help find health coverage.

"We're not closing our doors. We're not going to be shutting people off so that they'll wake up one day and not have health insurance for their children," Guillen said.

Bush's campaign on Sunday referred to the Healthy Kids Corp. in countering criticism about Texas' high rate of uninsured children. Texas has the nation's second-highest rate of uninsured children, accounting for some 1.4 million of the nearly 11 million nationwide who lack health insurance. Only Arizona has a worse rate.

"Uninsured children from families with incomes too high to qualify for the CHIP program can purchase low cost coverage through the Texas Healthy Kids Corporation. The corporation was created in 1997 through legislation signed by Governor Bush," a Bush campaign news release said.

A Bush campaign spokesman referred questions to Bush's state spokesman Mike Jones.

"Is it fair to tout it? Yes, Texas Healthy Kids obviously was created before the state got an opportunity to implement a CHIP program and during that time frame it served a useful purpose," Jones said Thursday.

Jones said there are several successful public-private partnerships working in Texas, including drug rehabilitation and adoption programs.

Since 1997, Healthy Kids Corp. has been awarded $15.4 million in public money and has used $10 million in private funds to subsidize premiums for uninsured children.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Can herbs help sluggish liver?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have read two articles recently that have led me to believe that I have a sluggish liver. One article mentions that having cellulite and a hard time losing weight are indicators. Another has to do with pain in my hips. The first article recommends taking herbal bitters (cardamom and goldenseal — two capsules before each meal for two weeks) and a B-complex vitamin (one per day). I have been searching the Internet for herbal bitters that I can purchase and can't come up with anything. Am I looking under the wrong name?

In your opinion, are these the correct herbs to take? If the herbal bitters are incorrect, can you tell me what would be the correct herb to take and in what dosages? Thank you. — **M.W., Nashua, N.H.**

Dear M.W.: I have seen the term "sluggish liver" used to explain everything from hemorrhoids to migraine headaches. It helps to appreciate that the entire concept of a sluggish liver has no real medical meaning. That makes it difficult to answer the specifics of your question, because to do so would justify your conclusion that a sluggish liver is the source of your problems. I cannot help but have doubts that this is so.

The human liver is very complex — perhaps the hardest working and most diverse organ in the body. Its responsibilities include the following:

— making our blood

— manufacturing proteins

— detoxifying chemicals, including alcohol, drugs and contaminants, whether they are eaten, injected, absorbed through the skin or inhaled through the air we breathe

— manufacturing and storing glycogen — a form of stored glucose (blood sugar)

— manufacturing fats when there is an excess of energy

— burning fats when there is insufficient energy

— producing bile — a substance that helps digest food

— storing iron and other vitamins and minerals

— making the factors that help clot the blood

As you can see, there could be serious physical consequences if the liver is not functioning up to par. But what does it mean to have a sluggish liver? It is just too general a term — similar to saying "I don't feel well," then wanting to know what to take.

With problems involving the liver, the first step should be to determine what's going on. Where the liver is concerned, this is not something you can do by reading articles. You need to a see a health professional who will take a careful history, do a physical examination and order the appropriate laboratory tests.

Depending on what is at play, it is possible that there might be herbs or other compounds that could be of help. What works with one condition, however, might be counterindicated in others. The bottom line is that you risk making things worse unless you know the source of the problem. I encourage you to take the time to find out what's going on before you act.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am a single mother of a 2-year-old. I am 39 years old. After having my daughter, I was diagnosed with post-partum depression and have been on Paxil for over a year now. I am very interested in a customized vitamin that involves taking a quiz to get the appropriate product. I noticed that ginkgo biloba was in the formula said to be best for me. I want to know if this herb, or any other, should not be taken with Paxil. Thank you for your attention. — **V.G., Sunnyvale, Calif.**

Dear V.G.: Paxil, which is the brand name for the chemical paroxetine, is referred to as a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI). These compounds work by allowing the neurotransmitter serotonin to last longer than would normally be the case, and this has been shown to have a beneficial effect on certain conditions.

There are potential interactions between Paxil and ginkgo biloba. I say potential because the research is minimal, and our knowledge about the interactions between herbs and pharmaceutical drugs is only in its infancy. If you can indeed customize your vitamin product, I would be cautious about adding any unknowns, especially if your medication is working as designed. If you still have questions, you should discuss the matter with the physician who prescribed your medication. It may also be helpful to keep a log of what you take and whether there are any changes in your symptoms.

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New trail traces footsteps of ex-president

DIXON, Ill. (AP) — A motorcade wended through the prairies and Illinois River valley paths once walked by a young Ronald Reagan, marking the inaugural trip on a freshly marked trail tracing the footsteps of the former president.

Friday's daylong journey on the new Ronald Reagan Trail began in Dixon, his boyhood home, and ended in Eureka, where Reagan attended college. Along the way, participants took in the sights of the 40th president's formative years.

"It connects together the institutions that played a major role in the development of his character," Dixon Mayor Jim Burke told about 200 people who gathered at the city's Wings of Peace and Freedom Park, about 100 miles west of Chicago.

Reagan's daughter, Maureen, said the trail represents the beginning of her father's accomplishments, including his contribution to ending the Cold War. Reagan, 89, suffers from Alzheimer's disease and no longer makes public appearances.

"The trail that starts in Dixon is a very long trail," she said.

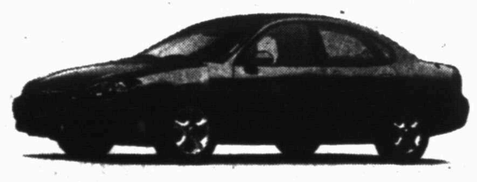
The trail is an effort to bolster tourism in Illinois, also the former home of President Lincoln. Nicky Stratton, executive director of the Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, said historic sites linked to Lincoln draw about 500,000 visitors each year.

"I think any time you can theme an area for visitors, it creates the feeling of a cohesive experience," she said.

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Snyder High graduate pursuing his dreams

Kenneth Gartman, a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School, has been accepted into the American Musical and Dramatic Academy's professional performing arts program for 2000-2001. He is the son of Dennis and Linda Gartman of Snyder.

Admission to AMDA, which is located in New York City, is very competitive and students are selected for admission from throughout the United States, Canada and many foreign countries.

This year students auditioned in 18 cities in the United States and four cities in Canada. The full-time enrollment in AMDA's two-year program is 550 students.

The SDN recently interviewed Gartman via e-mail.

SDN: "What have you been doing since you graduated from SHS? What schools have you attended?

Gartman: "After graduating from Snyder High School in 1991, I attended Angelo State University. I completed my final coursework at the University of North Texas in Denton. I transferred the hours back to ASU and graduated magna cum laude from ASU with my bachelor of music education degree in December, 1995.

"Upon graduation, I accepted a teaching position at Vivian Field Middle School in Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District as the choral director.

"I then taught middle school in Dallas for one year. This past year I was the assistant choral director at Coppell High School in Coppell (also in the DFW area).

"I was recognized as teacher of the month, employee of the quarter and performed at Carnegie Hall on the 'Final Concert of the Millenium' as the accompanist for the CHS choirs."

SDN: What productions have you been involved in since graduating?

Gartman: "I have been in many collegiate, amateur and professional productions since high school.

"I have performed leading roles in "LeNozze di Figaro." "Gianni Schicci," "Postcard from Morocco," "Thomas and Sally," "H.M.S Pinafore," "The Mikado," "Pirates of Penzance," Yeoman of the Guard," "Samson and Delilah," "Cosi fan Tutte," and several others.

"I have also accompanied several musicals at the piano. I also was a member of the Turtle Creek Chorale. This is a world-renowned 200-voice men's chorus that has been singing in Dallas for 20 years.

"I had the privilege of singing both in the chorus and as a soloist on three CDs for the Turtle Creek Chorale. The most recent, 'Sing for the Cure,' will be released in October. It is a symphonic cycle that was composed in an effort to raise awareness about breast concert.

"Dr. Maya Angelou narrated the world premiere and is also narrating the CD. This was a highlight in my musical life."

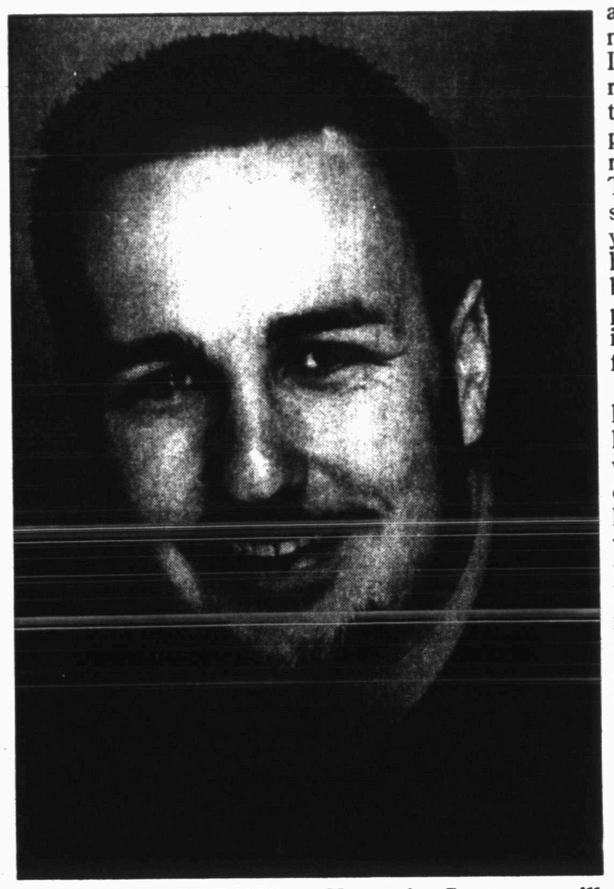
SDN: What did you have to do to get accepted in to the American Musical and Dramatic Academy?

Gartman: "I applied for the school and set up an audition. At the audition, I performed a two-minute monologue and two minutes of song. This audition was followed by a short interview. The school then evaluated my audition and applications materials and decided whether or not to accept me into the program and then whether or not to offer scholarships. I was awarded the Florence Bower Vocal Scholarship of $5,000. The academy is a two-year program with only 500 students enrolled.

SDN: What are your plans for the future?

Gartman: "I have many plans for the future. I am most excited that I am finally pursuing my dreams.

"I have enjoyed my teaching experience, but feel that I have been missing out on something. I kept thinking that once I taught at the high school level I would be fulfilled...but that wasn't the case. Something was still missing. After several visits to New York City this past year in preparations for the Carnegie Hall performance in December, I realized what I needed to do.



PURSUING DREAMS —Kenneth Gartman will study for two years at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City. (Contributed Photo)

"I have always dreamed of singing, dancing and acting on stage as a profession. After graduating from the university, I wanted a job and security. I was too scared to pursue my dreams at first. I also didn't think I was ready at that point in my life. The past several years have been preparing me for this.

"I have to know whether or not I have what it takes to be a professional musician in a place such as NYC. You only live once. I read several books, saw several musicals, and watched movies that seemed to be sending me the message to pursue my dreams.

"Some of my favorite quotes: 'No day but today' from 'Rent;' 'Vivir con medio es como vivir a medias,' from 'Strictly Ballroom,' which roughly means 'To live in fear is to half-live.' I couldn't continue to let fear of failure keep me from pursuing true happiness.

"My plans are to fully engage in pursuing my dreams. I want to be a singer, dancer and aactor. I would also like to get my master's degree in conducting and be a musical director.

"I have so many ambitions as they relate to the musical theatre-opera fields. I love to entertain. If I can make a living as a performer, I will have achieved my dream. I'm not sure what form that will take at this point. That is part of the magic of it all. I just know I'm going after it whole-heartedly."

SDN: How do you think the American Musical and Dramatic Academy will help you achieve your goals?

Gartman: "The American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) is very well-respected in the industry. Outside of the industry it is not as well-known. This is a very intense program. The school only offers a studio acting program and a musical theater program. You only take classes related to these fields.

"Upon completion at AMDA I will receive a performance certificate, not a degree. It is a small school with an intense focus. I will get excellent training in jazz, tap, ballet, acting, and of course music. I have always enjoyed dancing and acting, but I lack the formal training. AMDA will give me the training. It will prepare me for the world of musical theater in NYC."

SDN: Have you started classes yet? What will they be like?

Gartman: "I begin classes Oct. 23. I will be in class about 30 hours a week.

SDN: What were you involved in while at SHS?

Gartman: "I was the salutatorian for the class of 1991 at SHS. While at SHS, I was involved in choir, DARE (anti-drug program for students), Key Club, Student Council, PALS (peer, tutoring-mentoring program), and a few other organizations. I was a four-year member of the Texas All-State Choir. I was also an active member at First Baptist Church in Snyder and played the keyboard at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church for several years."

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AMDA was founded in 1964 as a performing arts conservatory. Located on Broadway at West 73rd St. in Manhattan's Upper West Side, the two-year school offers full-time, professional training programs in acting for the stage, film and television, musical theatre and dance.

AMDA graduates are, or have recently been on Broadway in "Aida," "The Lion King," Miss Saigon, "The Green Bird," "Les Miserables," "Footloose," "Marie Christine," "Jekyll and Hyde," "Kat and the Kings," "Parade," "Triumph of Love," Grease," "Sideshow," "Rent," "The King and I," "Ragtime," "Ah, Wilderness," "Three Sisters," and "The Father."

AMDA graduates' most recent films include "Sweet and Lowdown," "Rounders," "Cradle Will Rock," "American Beauty," and "Teaching Mrs. Tingle."

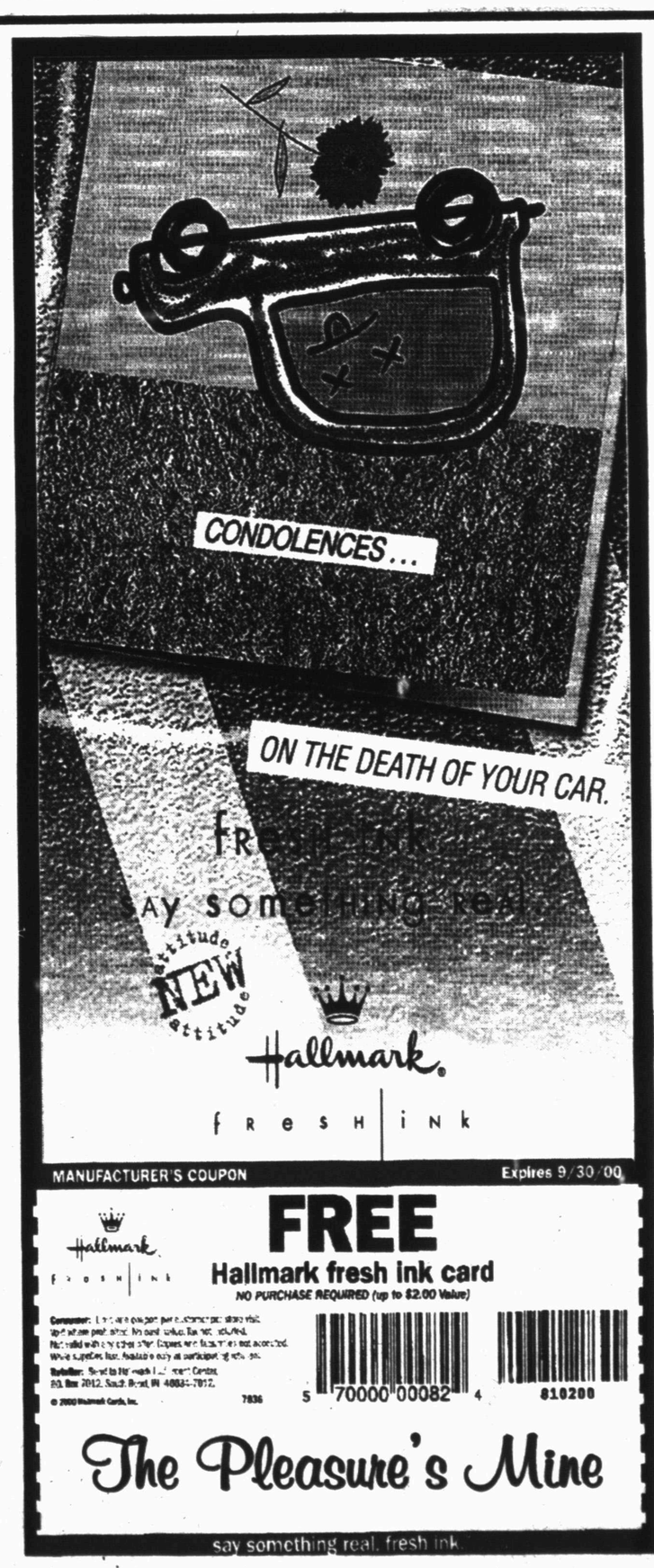
Recent television credits for AMDA graduates include: "Judging Amy," "The Practice," "Two of a Kind," "Touched By An Angel," "Sopranos," "Get Real," and "Law and Order."

AMDA alumni have achieved success as actors, singers, directors, producers, choreographers, musical directors, playwrights, casting directors and agents.

Two of AMDA's recognized graduates are "Tyne Daly, four-time Emmy winner for "Cagney and Lacey" and now on "Judging Amy," and a 1990 Tony Award winner for her performance as Mama Rose in the Broadway revival of "Gypsy," and Darius de Haas, winner of a 1999 OBIE for his performance in "Running Man."

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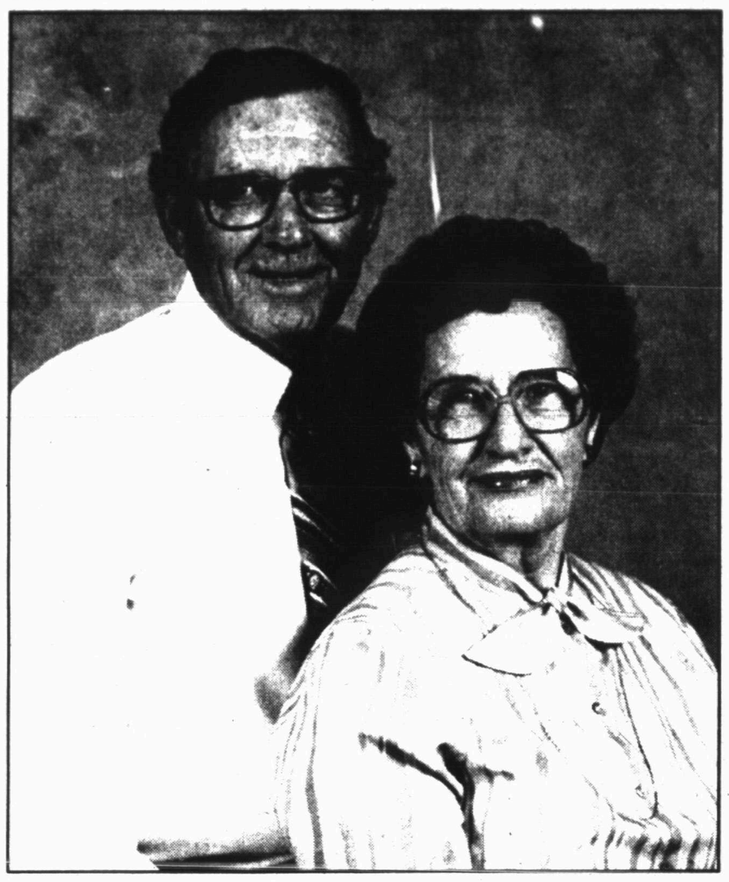
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65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — A family dinner was held at The Shack in celebration of Clifford (Buck) and Vivian Cochran's 65th wedding anniversary. Both were born and reared in Lamar County. They married Aug. 17, 1935 in Fort Towson, Okla., and have lived in Snyder since 1949. Their children are Mark and Penny Cochran of Snyder and Jim and Marie Thomas of Hermleigh. They have three grandchildren, Cory and Cassie Cochran of Snyder and Jimmy Thomas of Hermleigh. A pre-anniversary party was held July 4 at their residence, 4501 Fredonia, with 31 attending from Carlsbad and Farmington, N.M., Paris, Dallas and Stephenville. (Contributed Photo)

Bass, Schlumpf wed in double-ring rites

Jamie Joyce Bass of San Angelo and Daniel A. Schlumpf Jr. of Roswell, N.M., were married in a double-ring ceremony at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 17, in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Father Chris Davis of Wichita Falls officiated.

Joe and Carol Bass of Snyder are parents of the bride; Danny and Bonnie Schlumpf of Windthorst are parents of the groom.

The center aisle was lined with white and silver pew bows. At the altar were two silver candelabras, each 15-candle arcs, decorated with greenery. In the center at the altar was one large flower arrangement. It stood 35 inches tall and was made of blue delphinium, stargazer lilies, charlotte red roses, sweetheart roses, white stephanotis, Italian ruscus, bear grass and fern. Another large arrangement of the same flowers was at the doorway, on the registry table.

Acolyte was Weston Schlumpf, the groom's cousin from Windthorst.

Organist was Marie Clark. Sarah Fitzgerald of San Angelo played the guitar and sang "The Sweetest Thing." "Just You and I," by Eddie Rabbit and Crystal Gayle, was played during the lighting of the unity candle.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a sleeveless, halter-top cut neckline dress, serving as "something new." The neckline featured a thin line of baby pearls that extended over the shoulders and down the back. The hand sewn, A-line dress was made of three thin layers of material, sheer, satin and chiffon. The dress was fitted to the bride's figure and had a five-foot train. The dress back was lined with white gown buttons three-quarters of the way down.

Her veil, "something old and borrowed," belongs to the groom's mother. The bride had added a touch of baby pearls, that shimmered of silver to blend with the bridal gown, on the edges of the veil and scattered throughout the hand sewn patterns as well. The veil reached as long as the gown's train, about 5 ½ feet from the floor, six inches longer than the gown.

The bride wore her hair in long curly locks adorned with a tiara which was also made of pearls and surrounded with crystals and silver sparkle, matching her gown.

The bride walked down the aisle bare foot on a rolled out white carpet.

She carried a bouquet of an assortment of Charlotte red roses, sweetheart roses, Mercedes spray roses and white stephanotis. All flowers, including those on the cake, were done by Colorado Floral and Gifts.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Schlumpf, Jr.
(Contributed Photo)

"Something new" was her blue garter.

Matron of honor was Courtney Harminson of Amarillo; maid of honor was Vanessa Williams of Snyder. Bridesmaids were Julie Bass Clinkinbeard, Jackie Bass, sister of the bride from San Angelo, Haily Martin of College Station, Trisha McGrew of Jonesboro, Ark., Deidra Mack of Houston and Lanell Schlumpf, sister of the groom from Stephenville.

All bridesmaids wore handmade, long fitted gowns of navy satin, slit up the side, thin shoulder straps and straight cut necklines. Each carried two long-stemmed Charlotte red roses, foxtail fern, bear grass and Italian ruscus tied together with navy sheer ribbon outlined in silver.

Flower girl was Brooke Clinkinbeard, niece of the bride, and ring bearer was Adam Hoff, cousin of the groom from Windthorst.

Best man was Joseph Schlumpf, brother of the groom from Windthorst. Groomsmen were JD Berend of Deer Creek, Kelby Cowley of Lubbock, Wes Lloyd of College Station, Daniel Spivey of Joy, Kyle Averhoff of Temecula, Calif., Bryan Odom of Graham and Cody Miller of College Station. Ushers were Reese Martin of Abilene and George Essler of Gruever.

The groom wore a Perry Ellis black tuxedo with tails, silver vest, Euro tie, black Cinch jeans and cowboy boots.

Groomsmen and ushers wore Perry Ellis black tuxedos, navy vests, Euro ties, black Cinch jeans and cowboy boots.

Joe Bass, father of the bride, wore a classic black full tuxedo with a black vest and Euro tie. Danny Schlumph, father of the groom, wore a black Perry Ellis tuxedo, black vest, Euro tie, black Cinch jeans and cowboy boots.

Hilary and Nicole Hoff, cousins of the groom from Windthorst, passed out programs and Cheyenne Rust of Lookeba, Okla., registered guests.

The reception was held in the church Parish Hall. Two tall white columns covered in tulle and white lights were standing on each end of one long table. The table was draped in a white cloth and at one end was the bride's cake. The silver cake server and knife, a wedding gift, sat beside silver napkins engraved with the couple's names and wedding date.

At the other end of the table was the groom's cake along with navy napkins with the couple's names and wedding date on them. Another table with a white cloth held a crystal punch bowl. The bride and groom drank punch from flutes with tiny lassos tied on them. The memory table, also covered with a white cloth, was decorated with white lights. The bride's and groom's mothers decorated the memory table which held pictures of the bride and groom from birth to their wedding day. The table also held an eight-print folio of the bride's and groom's engagement pictures and an eight-print folio of the bridal portraits. Engagement, bridal and wedding photographs were by Wadleigh Studio.

Seven cakes in three tiers stilted over a fountain of running water, with four single cakes surrounding the main cake. The traditional white cake, standing 3 ½ feet tall, was outlined with small pearls and decorated with star gazer lilies, charlotte roses, sweetheart roses , Italian ruscus, fern and greenery.

Serving the bride's cake were Jessica Rust of Miami, Okla., and Veronica Williams.

Cousins of the groom, Misty Berend of Denton and Melinda Schnieder of Windthorst, served the groom's cake.

A Pasture Party Dance was held later at Jack Greene's and "The Swigs" from San Angelo played on a lighted stage. Wild hog and brisket were cooked.

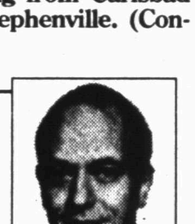
Their honeymoon, eight days and seven nights, was to Puerto Vallerta, Mexico, and their new home is in Roswell, N.M.

Jamie graduated from Snyder High School in 1996 and Angelo State University in May, 2000 with a degree in animal science. Daniel graduated from Windthorst High School in 1994. He attended Tarleton State University for two years and graduated from A&M in 1998 with an animal science degree. Daniel is plant manager for Westfalia Surge Dairy Co. dairy sanitation specialist and chemical dealer in Dexter, N.M.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by Danny and Bonnie Schlumpf at the Red Barn Barbecue.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Saturday, Aug. 26, 2000

	North 08-26-00	
	♠ 7 6 3 ♥ A J 9 7 2 ♦ 6 3 ♣ A J 7	
West		East
♠ ---		♠ J 10 4 2
♥ 8 5		♥ 10
♦ A K Q 9 8 7 4		♦ J 10 2
♣ K 10 8 5		♣ 9 6 4 3 2
	South ♠ A K Q 9 8 5 ♥ K Q 6 4 3 ♦ 5 ♣ Q	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♦	2 ♥	Pass
4 NT	5 ♦	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♥	Dbl.	Pass	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ A

Lightner can cause lightning

By Phillip Alder

The last lead-directing double is the Lightner, invented in 1929 by Theodore of that ilk. If you double a freely bid slam, you are asking for an unusual lead. Any suit your side bid is out, as is the trump suit. Usually you are asking for the first suit bid by the dummy, and will often have a void there.

It is sound in principle, and sometimes it is the only way to defeat a slam. But it can be a double-edged sword — as in this deal.

South's jump to four no-trump agreed hearts, partner's last-bid suit. Over West's five-diamond intervention, this pair have the agreement that double shows no aces, pass one ace, the next step (here, five hearts) two aces, and so on.

Yet when West doubled six hearts, requesting a spade lead, South saw what was coming. So, taking the hint, he ran to six spades, hoping for the best.

West started with two top diamonds. Declarer ruffed with the spade eight, led the club queen to dummy's ace, then called for the spade seven. When East played the two, declarer contributed his five. He knew from West's Lightner double that the spades were 4-0. As expected, West discarded, so declarer drew trumps and claimed.

Was West unlucky, or was he wrong to double?

If West had passed over six hearts, East would have led the diamond jack. Then, West could have signaled with the nine, the high card being a suit-preference signal requesting a spade switch at trick two. This would have resulted in six hearts one down instead of six spades made. Still, I think West was unlucky.

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Duplicate Bridge Winners

Monte West directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Aug. 18

North-South

A group

1. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
2. Mippy Brownlee, ElWanda Nall.
3. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.

B group

1. Mippy Brownlee, ElWanda Nall.
2. Martha Fagin, Peggy Hardin.
3. Gracie Craig, Artie Harris.

East-West

A group

1. Ed Grant, Coleen Palmer
2. Christine Stuard, Nona Morrison.
3. TIE: Gwen Riggs, Frances Ridley tied with Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.

B group

1. Christine Stuard, Nona Morrison.
2. TIE: Gwen Riggs, Frances Ridley tied with Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.

Sunday, Aug. 20

1. Mippy Brownlee, Christine Stuard.
2. TIE: Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit tied with Barbara Yorgesen, Nona Morrison.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

1. Nona Morrison, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Tizzy Hall, Louise Thompson.
3. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.

MAWC fish fry is set for September 8

Martha Ann Woman's Club directors are sponsoring a Fish Fry Fundraiser on Sept. 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. David Holt is providing a fish fryer and will help with the cooking.

Cost will be $10 for a complete meal, no gratuity, and a child under 12 will be $4.50. Funds will go toward covering summer expenses for maintaining the clubhouse.

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The British unconditionally surrendered Singapore to the Japanese Feb. 15, 1942, during World War II. It was a major blow to the Allies because the island controlled an important sea route. The Japanese had landed to the north and marched through the jungle to take Singapore

Couch potatoes win first at fair

LUDINGTON, Mich. (AP) — Patricia Anderson and Doris Bates were fed up with traditional entries at the Western Michigan Fair. This year, they went as couch potatoes.

The idea started with a venerable old sofa.

"An old couch was loaned to me a couple of years ago," Anderson said. "Doris and I both have handicap problems and in the past we have used it to rest upon. This year I told her, 'We're just a couple of couch potatoes.'"

The pair then entered themselves at the fair in the "any other variety" category.

"We got first place," Bates said Wednesday. "They didn't know what to award us, so they made us a ribbon."

The women will share the blue ribbon they won. "I'll keep it for a while and then Patty will," said Bates. "We'll each get six months custody."

They plan another surprise for next year's entry.

"Probably something in the 'antiques' class," Anderson said.

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In Maui, Hawaii...

Weaver, Richards pledge vows



Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Lucas Richards
(Contributed Photo)

HAWAII, Maui — Shonna Kay Weaver and Timothy Lucas Richards of Denton were united in marriage at 6 p.m., July 3 in the gardens at the Embassy Suites in Maui, Hawaii.

The Rev. Lew Anne Godinez officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Melba Weaver of Iowa Park and the late Harold Weaver. The groom's parents are Georgia Chacona of Sayre, Pa., and Larry and Barbara Richards of Snyder.

Nuptials took place in the gardens with the decorated gazebo as the background. The gazebo was adorned with tropical sprays and ferns and was surrounded by plumeria trees and other tropical flowers.

Maria Valentine of Maui provided harp music and flutist was Barry Fried of Maui.

Prenuptial music included "Ave Maria," by Schubert; "Canon in D," by Pachelbel and "Claire de Lune," by Debussy. Processional included "Trumpet Voluntary," by Clark; "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," by Bach; "From This Moment On," by Shania Twain; "The Lord's Prayer," by Mallotte. During their vows "All I Ask of You" was presented; during the releasing of butterflies, "Wind Beneath My Wings" was played; and during the signing of the wedding certificate "Hawaiian Wedding Song, (Ke Kali Nei Au)." The recessional was "Aloha Oe."

The bride wore a St. Thropez beaded lace, floor-length dress with a pearled halter neckline. Her veil, adorned with pearls, fell below her waist. She carried a large bouquet of tropical flowers including haku lei and ivory rosebuds.

Rhonda Weaver, sister of the bride from Bedford, was matron of honor. She wore a lilac scoop-neck, sheath dress and wore a lei of purple orchids containing pink rosebuds.

Bridesmaid Vickie Durbin of Wichita Falls wore a dress fashioned like the matron of honor's and a matching lei.

Corey Howard of Wichita Falls was best man.

The groom wore a Ralph Lauren black four-button shawl tuxedo and an ivory-banded collar shirt and an ivory button down vest. Best man wore an ivory short sleeved tropical button down silk shirt with black dress pants.

The reception was held at Kaanapali Beach Hotel at the Tiki Terrace Restaurant where the wedding cake and champagne was served. The table, covered with an ivory linen cloth, was decorated with pikake and lavender orchids. It held a white wedding cake with lilikoi filling and butter cream frosting, decorated with pikake and lavender orchids.

Their new home is in Denton where both work at Denton Regional Medical Center.

The bride, a 1990 graduate of Iowa Park High School, graduated from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

The groom graduated from Sayre High School in Pennsylvania in 1990 and Pennsylvania State University in 1994 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

School Menus

Snyder

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BREAKFAST

Monday
Assorted Dry Cereal or Pancakes w/Syrup
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Tuesday
Assorted Dry Cereal or Cinnamon Toast
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Wednesday
Assorted Dry Cereal or Donut
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Thursday
Assorted Dry Cereal or French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Friday
Assorted Dry Cereal or Biscuits 'n Gravy
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

LUNCH

Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Soft Chicken Tacos
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday
Chili Dog on a Bun or
Spaghetti and Meat Sauce
Homemade Bread
Tossed Salad
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Fruit

Wednesday
Pizza or
Chicken Nuggets
Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fruited Gelatin

Thursday
Burrito or
Taco Salad
Pinto Salad
Pinto Beans
Fresh Apple

Friday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Corn

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Juice
Cheese Toast

Tuesday
Fruit
Oatmeal
Toast

Wednesday
Juice
French Toast Sticks/Syrup

Thursday
Fruit
Pancakes/Syrup

Friday
Juice
Dry Cereal

LUNCH

Monday
Pork Rib Patties
Potato Wedges
Carrot Sticks
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Slices

Tuesday
Pepper Steak
Steamed Rice
Tomato Wedges
Hot Rolls
Blonde Brownies

Wednesday
Sloppy Joes
Refried Beans
Tortilla Chips
Iced Graham Crackers

Thursday
Barbecued German Sausage
Potato Salad
Pickle Spears
Hot Rolls
Peach Cobbler

Friday
Sausage Pizza
Salad
Whole Kernel Corn
Red Jell-O

Ira

Monday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Cookies

Tuesday
Chicken Fried Steak
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Apples

Wednesday
Pigs in a Blanket
Pinto Beans
Chips
Shape-ups

Thursday
Tacos
Refried Beans
Vegetable Salad
Crackers
Chocolate Cake

Friday
Hamburgers
French Fries
Apple Crisp

Gladstone popular in outer space

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) — Musician Jack Gladstone isn't a household name, he doesn't sell out arenas and his albums aren't at the top of the charts. But he's popular in outer space.

The Blackfeet Indian songwriter recently received word that an astronaut took a copy of his "Buffalo Cafe" compact disc with him on the space shuttle Atlantis.

"I guess you could say your music is 'out of this world!'" wrote astronaut Scott J. Horowitz in a note to Gladstone.

Air Force Lt. Col. Horowitz took Gladstone's music with him on the 98th flight of the space shuttle Atlantis, which orbited the Earth 155 times in May.

"We may not have gone platinum, but we boldly went where I think no other Montana musician has gone," Gladstone said Monday. "It was an honor to have him attach enough to the songs and stories to want to listen to them in his quiet time up there."

Horowitz was introduced to Gladstone's music when he took a trip through Montana two summers ago. Horowitz and his wife enjoyed one of Gladstone's evenings of lyrics and lore in Glacier National Park and bought a CD.

Nail family gathers for reunion

Matthew Owen and Mattie Emma Nail settled in the Dunn Community in 1922 and out of their nine children, only one survives — Wanda Nail Holland. She and her husband U.J. and their daughter, Lauran, and granddaughter, Stephanie, all traveled from McKinney to attend a reunion held at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Others attending were Woncile McNitt from Sarasota, Fla; Joe and Gaye Brooks from Odessa; and Wyvone Davis from Snyder; Frank and Marilyn Nail from Livingston; Gerald and Lou Nail from Lubbock; Karen and Eddie Spurgin and Glenda Shaw, all of Irving; Gail and Diane Nail and Kay and Lawson Dennis, all of Snyder; Dyann Davis and Heath and family; Jimmy S. Nail of Clyde and Barbara and Richard Smith of Odessa.

Also attending were Mitchell, Amber, Alyssa and Derek Smith from Euless, Laura, Culler and Jared from Mesquite.

Also Richey and Stacie, Rachel and Sara Smith, Renee and Rudy Norwood and Shawn Adkins from Dunn; Christi and Tyler Adkins of Colorado City; Carla Norwood and friend, Ricky Rodriquez of Snyder.

SC Library News & Views

Last Tuesday, the Scurry County Library Board held a reception for the families of those for whom memorials have been given since January. Fifteen memorial gifts have been given to the library this year to purchase books in memory of friends or loved ones.

When a memorial gift is given, the library staff tries to purchase a book that would be on special interest to the person being honored or remembered. Many times the person giving the donation has a special request, such as a video or a certain book, and when the request is given, it is always honored.

Once the donation has been given, the library staff notifies the family of the honored person that a donation has been made so that they can thank the donor.

If you ever wish to honor or remember a person with a tribute, consider a book memorial or tribute. It is something that will give great happiness to the family and others who read the book.

If this is something that interests you, speak to one of the library staff and tell them your wishes, and they will fill out a form outlining your request. They will contact the family of the deceased, or if it is simply a book honoring a living person, the staff will contact the person telling them of your gift. Any questions you might have about memorial gifts can be answered by the library staff.

What is happening this week at the Scurry County Library? Storytime will be held as usual on Wednesday. The library will be closed next weekend on Saturday, Sept. 2, and also on Monday, Sept. 4, to celebrate Labor Day. On Tuesday, Sept. 5, the library will reopen to a regular schedule. Enjoy your coming holiday weekend, and bring your preschoolers to Storytime at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the Scurry County Library. There will be stories and fun awaiting them!

Parents recognize son in photograph of robbery suspect

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — The parents of a teen-ager had a shock when they opened their morning newspaper and recognized their son in a photograph: He was a robbery suspect.

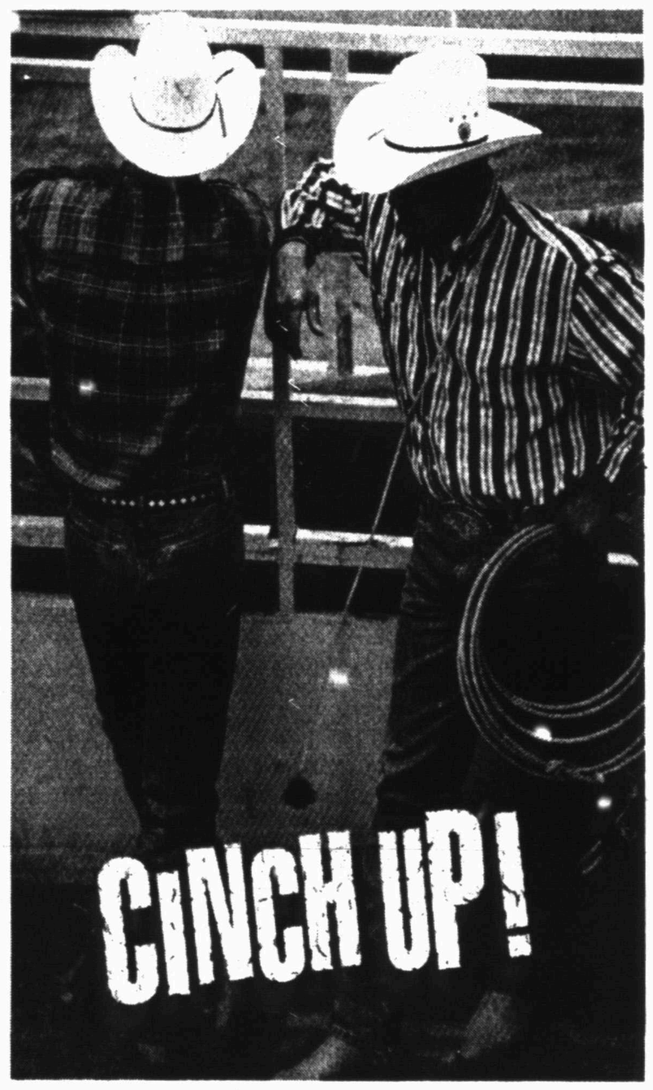
Police also got a shock that day when they learned that after the parents saw the picture, they roused their son out of bed and made him turn himself in.

"We wish there were more parents like that," Detective Russ Hoffman said.

David Allen, 19, was arrested Wednesday after The Denver Post ran a photo taken from a video store surveillance tape.

Allen went to Littleton police headquarters and admitted to the video store burglary and another burglary from a swimming pool clubhouse which was also captured on tape, Hoffman said.

The two burglaries netted about $150 combined, Hoffman said.



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LIBRARY RECEPTION — Family members of the late Mary Lew Rhea — Linda Dunn of Ira, Bettie Taylor of Big Spring, and Ann Cross, library board member. attended the reception at the Scurry County Library, Tuesday. Honored guests were those who had donations made to the library in memory or in honor of a family member. Many of the books were checked out, but books donated this year were on display. Dunn, Taylor and Cross look at a book donated in memory of Mrs. Rhea. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

American Legion Post 181; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Martha Ann Woman's Club's luncheon and game day; serving begins at 11:30 and those unable to stay for afternoon games are welcome; cost is $7.50; reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Assn.; The Shack; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Recipe

This recipe was taken from the Millennium Cookbook, a collection of recipes by Northeast Elementary published last year.

"BUTTERFLY" DROP COOKIES

Submitted by Jordan Lester

½ c. butter flavor Crisco
¾ c. sugar
1 T. milk
1 egg
½ tsp. vanilla
1 ¼ c. all-purpose flour
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. baking powder
¼ c. butter flavor Crisco

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease cookie sheets with butter flavor Crisco; set aside.

Cream ½ cup butter flavor Crisco and milk in medium bowl at medium speed of mixer until well blended.

Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine flour, salt and baking powder. Mix into creamed mixture. Drop by level measuring tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart. Bake at 350 degrees for 7-9 minutes.

Brush surface of warm cookies with melted butter flavor Crisco for more buttery taste.

Remove to cooling rack. Makes 3 doz. cookies.

McAnelly, Kittles exchanged vows in double-ring ceremony

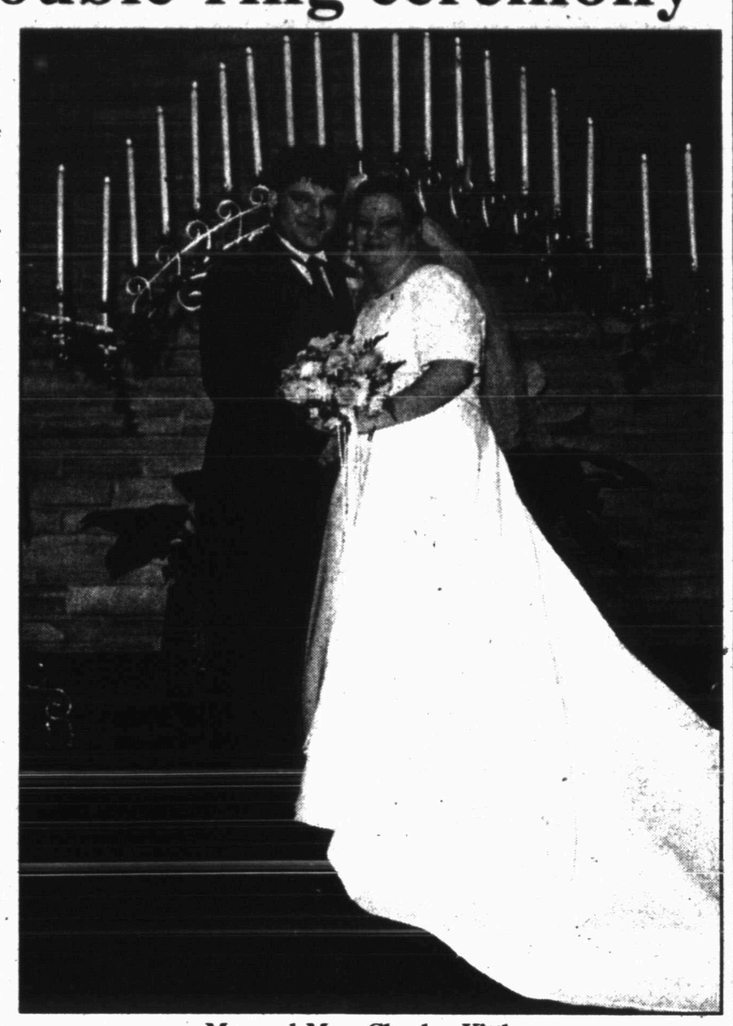
Karen Mae McAnelly and Charles Kittles exchanged vows on Saturday, June 3, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Snyder. The Rev. Tommy Culwell of Colonial Hill Baptist Church officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Karen is the daughter of Wanda McAnelly of Andrews and Donald E. McAnelly of Hamlin.

Charles is the son of Phyllis "Pete" Haley of Snyder and James R. Kittles of Athens. He is the grandson of Gene and Tijuana Padon of Arlington and the late Charles Musslewhite, and the great-grandson of Ellis and Leida Tidmore of Athens.

The church, decorated with the help of Delores Eckert, featured two seven-tiered candelabrums and one 15-tierd candelabrum that were lined up to provide a soft glow as the couple exchanged their vows. They were decorated with bright, colorful flowers and bows with tulle that hung to the floor. Pews were decorated to match the backdrop.

Betty Watts provided selections at the piano as guests entered the chapel. Stacy Haley, sister-in-law of the groom sang, "Breathe In Me," by Michael W. Smith, as the couple lighted the unity candle. "The Man in Love With You," by George Strait, was also played during the ceremony.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kittles
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white gown from the collection of Alfred Angelo. The bodice was heavily beaded with pearls and sequins and had a square neckline and empire waistline. Her train was medium length. To complete her attire, the bride wore a headband veil that was decorated with pearls and sequins to match her dress. The bridal bouquet included soft pink and hot pink roses, white carnations and yellow daisies. With different colors of tulle and ribbons cascading to the floor.

For "something old" the bride wore a pearl necklace belonging to her mother, and "something borrowed" was a little white Bible belonging to the groom's grandmother. "Something new" was her wedding dress and for "something blue" the bride wore a traditional blue garter. Maid of honor was Martha Dever of Andrews, sister of the bride; and the bridesmaid was Christina Gaspar. Attendants wore powder blue floor-length, sleeveless dresses. They carried smaller bouquets that matched the bride's. Flower girl Morgan McAnelly, niece of the bride from Odessa, wore a floor-length white dress with a scalloped neck.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a black vest, Euro tie and a boutonniere of flowers matching the bride's bouquet. James R. Kittles of Athens was best man and Kyle Haley, brother of the groom, was groomsman. Attendants wore black tuxedos with black vests and bow ties. Ring bearer was Brady Williams. His tuxedo matched the groomsman's.

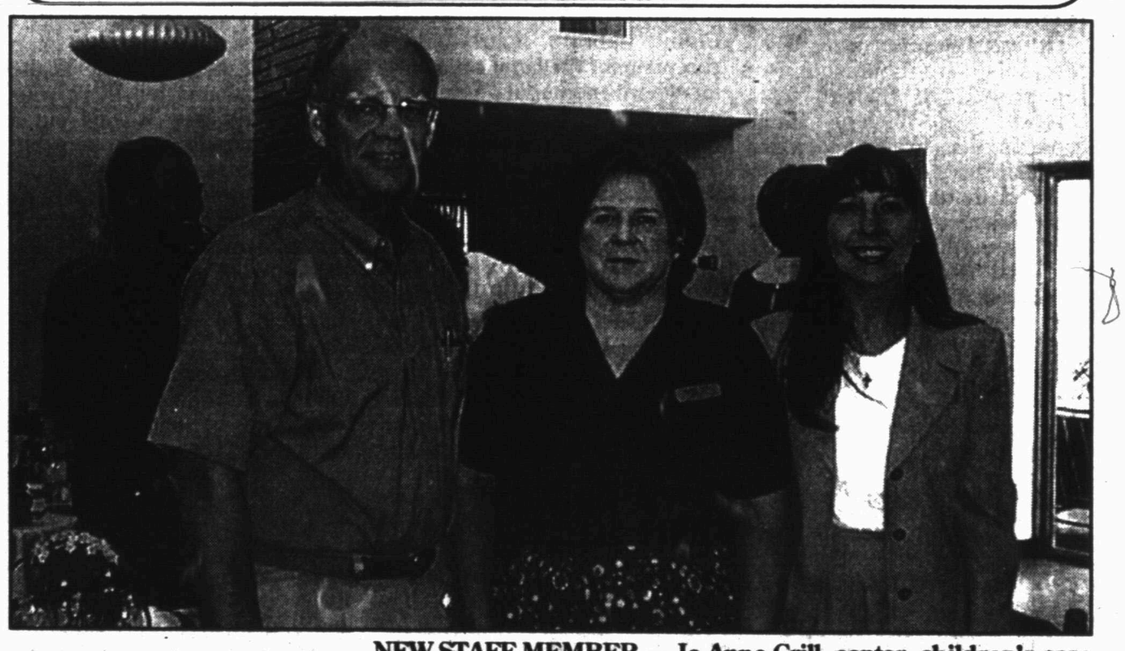
Bobbie Sue Baker of Colorado City and Lujean Eckert registered guests. Tyson Dever and Dustin Dever, nephews of the bride from Andrews, were ushers. Justin Dever, nephew of the bride from Andrews, was candlelighter.

After the wedding ceremony, a reception was held in the garden room of the church that was decorated with blue, purple and green balloons. The bride's table was decorated and covered with a cream tablecloth made by the groom's great-great-grandmother. The table held a three-tiered, square, white, wedding cake with a lace pattern, decorated with colorful flowers. Punch was served from a punch bowl that was painted by the groom's great-grandmother. Gabby Scott, Francesca Helm of Abilene and Bobbie Sue Baker served at the bride's table.

The groom's table featured a square red velvet cake with a picture of Scooby-Doo. The table was accented with greenery. Serving were Stacy Haley and Deanne Harrup of Fort Worth. Tori Thompson made both cakes.

The couple's honeymoon trip was to Cancun, Mexico.

The bride, a graduate of Snyder High School, is employed at the Scurry County auditor's office. The groom is a graduate of Bear Creek High School in Denver, Colo., and a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is employed with Musslewhite Trucking Co. and part-time with Snyder EMS.



NEW STAFF MEMBER — Jo Anne Crill, center, children's case worker, is the newest member of the staff of Gateway Services Inc. that serves five counties with headquarters in Snyder. Left is Tom Holcomb, board chairman and Dee Wilson, executive director, right. Crill graduated from Texas Tech with a degree in elementary education and has worked for 10 years with the Department of Human Services in Lubbock in children's protective unit. She worked with foster children and later as adoption worker for the agency. She was director of Scurry County MHMR for 2½ years. Jo Anne and her husband, Dick Crill, came to Snyder in 1992. He is director of economic development at Big Country Electric. They have seven children and 14 grandchildren and are active members of First Christian Church. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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Jessie Burleson, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Don Robison, 2001 GMC pickup from Big County Autoland.

Joseph and Cris Pyburn, 2001 Chevrolet Tracker from Big Country Autoland.

Guy W. Zant, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big County Autoland.

I.G. Mayfield Jr. and Mayfield Van Lines, 1999 Chevrolet from Big County Autoland.

Justin Hillger and Mike Hillger, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Mike Moore, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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Terry Helmcamp, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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Walsh & Watts Inc., 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Gary L. Krager, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Bobby McCormick, 2000 Lincoln Navigator from Wilson Motors.

Paul and Sybil Reynolds, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Adam Salinas, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

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Danny and Christie Sellars, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Darrell and Pamela Reston, 2000 Ford Mustang from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Scott Lee Stout and Rebecca Lynn Cruse, both of Snyder.

David Richard Purkey of Abilene and Karomy Lynn Drum of Snyder.

Trenton Lowell Martin and Annette Ramos Martin, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

James Clinton Morris and Ronnie James Morris vs. Ford Motor Company and Bridgestone/Firestone Inc., suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Action in District Court

Scurry County vs. Delbert R. Foree, et al, order of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Paragon Royalty Inc., et al, order of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Amir Oil Co., et al, order of non-suit.

Scurry County Appraisal District vs. Omni Operating Co., et al, order of dismissal.

In the marriage of Jennifer Janee Pool and Charles William Pool, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Rinehart Farms Partnership to P.F. Net Property Corp., 2.066 acres in Section 215, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Elbert Bryant and Duchess Whetsel Klein to Charlie and Bridget T. Sanchez, Lot 2 in Block F of the West Ridge Addition, Section 2.

Benny May to James A. and Martha M. May, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 28 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Bobby Gene and Gloria Ford to Eunice Elizabeth Graham, Block 7 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Lavetta Ruth Sturdivant to Charles W. and Denetriece Wilson, Lots 21-24 in Block 120 of the Original Town of Fluvanna.

James A. and Clara J. Patrick and Juanita Bolster to Jack's Roadboring and Pipeline Construction Inc., a 0.1727-acre tract out of the southwest corner of the north 90 acres of the northwest one-quarter of Section 96, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jill Ione Boren to John Robert Boren, Lot 7 of the Replat of Block 6A, Highland Addition.

Linda Elane Bollinger Killian, Deven Lee Bollinger, Amy Carol Bollinger, Todd Gregory Bollinger and Angela Sue Bollinger Smith to Lola Jane Bollinger, tract one being 108.496 acres in the north one-half of Section 245, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being a 0.926-acre tract in the north one-half of Section 245, Block 3, H&TC survey.

David Carroll and Stacy Lane Chandler to Leonard and Carla Matthews, Lot 11 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition.

Billy Ray Browning to Randall and Wanda Wells, the north one-half of Lot 1 in Block 47 of the Blankenship Addition.

Larry Joe and Jane Hall to Nolan M. and Audra L. von Roeder, Section 32, Block 3, H&GN survey.

BankOne Texas to Lois McQuhae, Lots 9-12 in Block 24 of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Betty Jane Crabtree, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of R.B. Crabtree, to Albert S. DeLoera, Lot 3 in Block 3 of the Warren Crest Addition.

Jeromino and Cecilia G. Ruiz to Jacobo Olvera, the south one-half of Lot 3 in Block 2 of Payne's Subdivision.

Centura Bank to Lester and Virginia Riegel Jr., the east 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 67 of the Grayum and Nelson's Second Addition.

Ray and Betty Courtney to Clinton G. Wolboldt and Kimberly Ann Leighton, tract one being 73.34 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being 78.776 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Yvonne J. Higgins, independent executrix of the estate of Thomas Gerald Higgins, to Yvonne J. Higgins, Trustee of the Higgins Family Trust, the north one-half of Lot 1 in Block 26 of the Cody Addition.

Johnny F. Wood, attorney-in-fact for Opal Eades, to Gregory Barrientez, Lot 4 in Block 77 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Louise Kerby Morris and Edith Cheryl Kerby to Dorothy Addison Gober and Peggy Addison Hicks, tract one being 38.8 acres out of the east part of Section 233, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being 40.75 acres out of Section 232, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract three being the west one-third of the south one-half of Section 232, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Opal Dorothy Lavender to K.S. Head Jr., Lots 7-10 in Block 31 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Joe Dan and Sherma Jo Barham to David B. and Evelyn G. Server, 5.0 acres out of Lot 49, Roundtop Acres, a subdivision of Sections 185 and 186 in Block 3, H&GN survey.

Helen C. Feinsod to Arthur F. Feinsod, Lot 3 in Block 24 of the Manry Addition.

Scurry County, Trustee, to Gerald Crawford, 5.0 acres out of Section 88, Block 33, H&GN survey.

Lou Ann McJimsey to Kenny Dean McJimsey, Lot 6 in Block I of the Towle Place Addition.

Senior Menu

Monday

Barbecue on a bun, potato salad, pinto beans, onions/pickles/peppers, tropical fruit

Tuesday

Pork chop, au gratin potatoes, chopped spinach, pickled beets & onions, pineapple upside/down cake

Wednesday

Chicken salad, tomato wedge, lettuce leaf, potato rounds, strawberry shortcake, assorted crackers

Thursday

Meatballs and gravy over noodles, green beans, golden carrots, tossed salad, coconut pudding

Friday

Fried fish, broccoli/rice & cheese casserole, hominy, jellied citrus salad, cherry cobbler

Senior News

Congratulations to Truman Wilson and Jack Harless, the first and second place winners in the J.B. Tate Sr. Memorial Pool Tournament.

Winners in the monthly bridge tournament are Verna Foree, first place; Helen Wadleigh, second; and Janice Cox third. place.

Newcomers are always welcome at the Senior Center. Seniors are encouraged to participate in the activities and join the army of volunteers. Volunteers serve in the nutrition program by helping serve in the dining room at the center or delivering meals to individual homes. Volunteers also help with the quilting program by quilting, piecing, making linings, embroidering, and adding colors.

Volunteers help in numerous ways at the center also as well as other organizations throughout the community. Those interested in participating should call 573-4035. The senior age is 60 plus, but volunteers range in age from teens to senior citizens.

Due to repairs on the pool, the senior swimnastics will not resume until sometime in September. The times will be announced once the class is scheduled.

A special way to show tribute to a friend or loved one is through a contribution to the Scurry County Senior Center Memorial Fund. Contact the center at 573-4035 to make your donation.

The senior cookbook, "Tasty Traditions" is available at a cost of $17.50. It contains more than 900 recipes donated by many of the seniors in the community.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. Seniors interested in participating in the nine ball tournament should call the center or be in the pool room by 10 a.m. Each match is the best three out of five games.

Daily exercise begins at 11 a.m., with Juanita Ellington leading the class.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon.

Wednesday

A band will provide entertainment at 11 a.m. Line dancing is at 1 p.m. and clogging begins at 2 p.m.

Thursday

Bingo is played from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break for stretching and exercise.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 and exercise at 11 a.m. Join the sing-along at 11:30 p.m.

Sunshine Choir members and Kitchen Band members will regroup the week of Sept. 4. The Kitchen Band will visit Snyder Healthcare on Sept. 6 and the Sunshine Choir will practice in the dining room on Sept. 7.

Liberia was declared an independent republic in 1847.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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2 children enroll

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — O.J. Simpson's children have enrolled in an exclusive South Florida private school and he asked the media to leave them alone.

Standing on the driveway of Gulliver Academy, Simpson said Thursday he's proud that his 14-year-old daughter, Sydney, and 12-year-old son, Justin, passed the school's rigorous entrance tests.

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Letters to the editor

Convention Watcher

Dear Editor:

Did you watch the convention speeches? I did and noticed that a number of speakers, including presidential candidate Al Gore, approved women's choice, which means the continued ungodly, gruesome, murderous practice of partial birth abortions in which the baby is aborted, killed and then the dead baby parts are sold like it was a hog or some other animal.

Acts 17:29 "For as much then as we are the offspring of God" No one, not even the Supreme Court can legalize with God the killing of his children.

These people sanction the murdering of God's offspring and then ask for your vote, and then end their speeches with, "God Bless America."

Such inconsistency ... such hypocrisy.

If O'Hare could get prayer banned, surely Christian people can get abortion banned.

Bush said if he is elected president, and Congress sent him a bill banning abortion, he would sign it into law.

It is time for Christian people to wake up, vote our conscience and take back America.

I too, pray: God Bless America, God help America and deliver us from this even curse.

Bud England

Where has Gore been?

Dear Editor:

Al Gore spoke eloquently about our nation's problems and what he will do to address them. Just one question, though: where exactly has this man been for the last eight years?

Am I wrong, or has he been vice president of the United States"

Please look at his eyes — read them — he lies like his partner, Bill Clinton. We don't need him leading this nation. He neither understands nor cares. And, excuse me, but while he was moralizing about America, did he speak about the trash produced by his friends and donors in the movie industry?

One interesting omission in his pandering to minorities, he did not mention that the federal sentencing guidelines passed during his tenure are putting African-American youth in prison for most of their lives for crack cocaine — worse sentences than is being given to big-time drug dealers.

How many black families are being destroyed?

Where has he been the past eight years on this? And now he wants control and reforms on political contributors. Isn't this the same man who is under investigation for campaign contribution violations involving foreign powers?

Al has a nice family. He needs to go enjoy them. He is not a bad man. He simply isn't the right man! ... we don't know this man after eight years, he isn't worth knowing.

Charles Terrell, Sr.
Dallas

Recognizing TDCJ employees

Dear Editor:

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice would like to recognize and salute all employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the incredible job they do.

We thank the wardens and officers, for working diligently in the heat, day in and day out, for putting their lies on the line in order to maintain a safe environment for their fellow employees and the citizens of the state of Texas. For that we are truly appreciative.

Our gratitude goes out to the parole and probation officers for working tirelessly to keep up with demanding caseloads. Their perseverance is noble.

To those staff who dedicate their time to finding better ways to rehabilitate offenders and for tending to their need for religion and recovery, thank you.

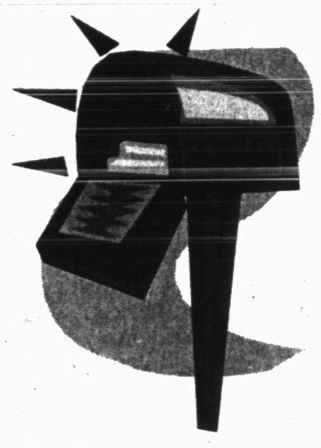
We are grateful for those who lend a hand to victims, for giving them the voices they deserve.

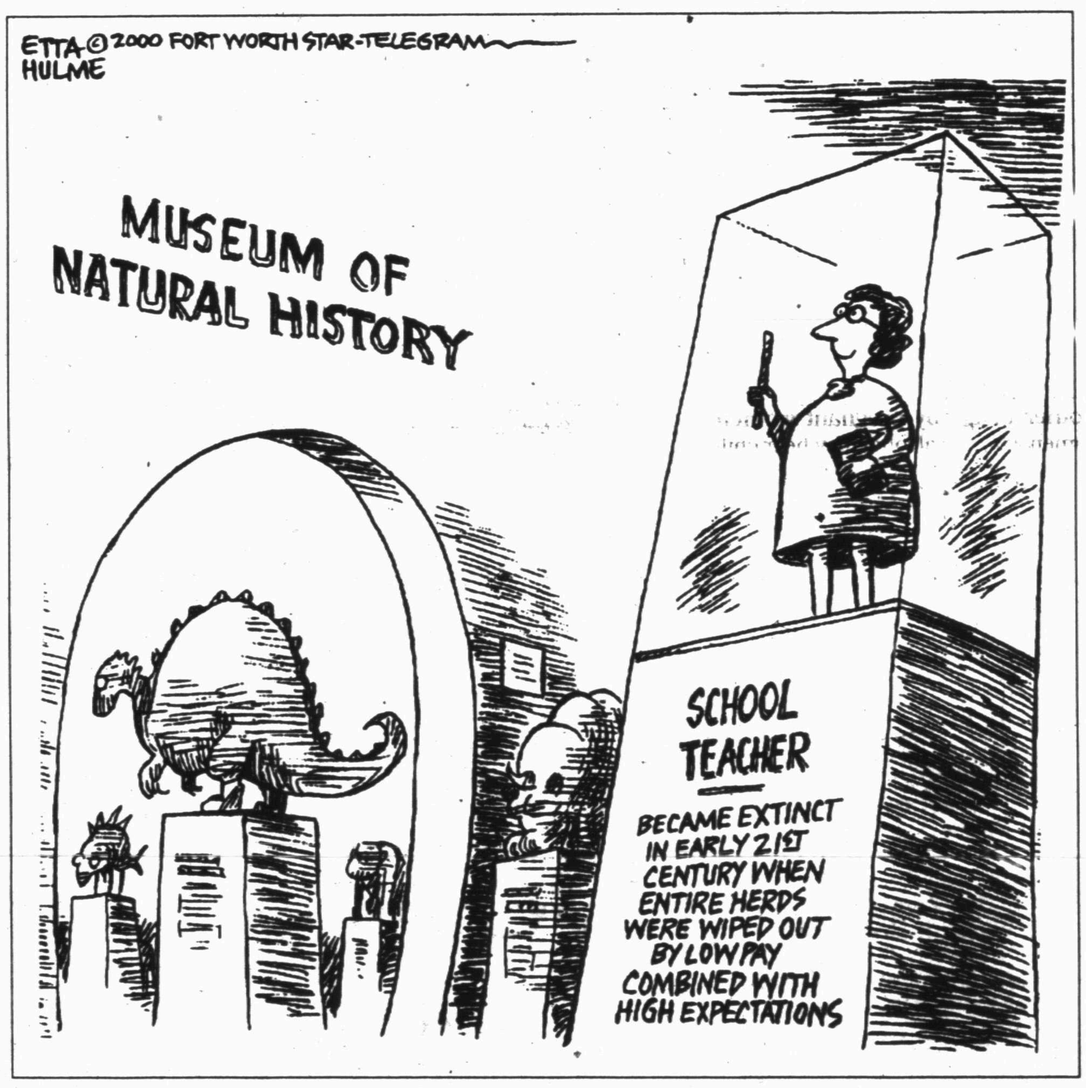
We express our gratitude to every administrative assistant, secretary and clerk in the agency. Without them, this agency would stand still.

We recognize that every employee makes a difference. Everything they do assists in working toward our mission to provide public safety, promote positive change in offender behavior, reintegrate offenders into society, and assist victims of crime.

Most importantly, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice wants to thank them for choosing to work at TDCJ. We are fortunate to have such dedicated employees.

Respectfully,
Mac Stringfellow, chairman
Texas Board of Criminal Justice





Letter Policy

Letters to the editor must be signed and must give the address of the writer. Letters should be of reasonable length.

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Following a long-standing policy and practice, Snyder Daily News does not publish letters pertaining to a candidate or issue once an election has been called.

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

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Guest editorial

By Mac Stringfellow
Chairman, Texas Board of Criminal Justice

There are many misconceptions about the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

First and foremost is that TDCJ is the state's prison system. Granted, the prison system makes up a large portion of the agency, but there are many other areas of equal importance. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice also operates the state jail system, parolee supervisors and provides funding and certain oversight of adult probation, now known as community supervision.

In an attempt to clear up other fallacies, below are more facts:

Myth: The Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ) and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles (BPP) are one and the same.

Facts: The TBCJ consists of nine members, appointed by the governor, to oversee the agency (TDCJ). TBCJ sets rules and policy for the agency and includes setting standards for community supervision and parole supervision services.

Fact: The BPP is an 18-member board, also appointed by the governor, with three primary functions, 1) to approve or deny the release of eligible offenders, 2) to impose special conditions or sanctions on a parole, and 3) to revoke an offenders parole due to a technical or criminal violation.

Myth: The Texas Board of Criminal Justice members are paid employees of the state.

Fact: The only compensation TBCJ members receive is reimbursement for travel expenses to agency-related business, provided they make that claim. These people provide their service on their own time and with their own money.

Myth: Any and all offenders are sent TDCJ.

Fact: County jails and juvenile supervision do not fall under the agency's purview. The Commission on Jail Standards manages county jails while the Texas Youth Commission governs the juvenile justice system.

Myth: TDCJ consists of only prisons.

Fact: Prisons are only part of the agency. There are four major divisions, the Community Justice Assistance Division (adult probation), the Institutional Division (prison), and the Parole and State Jail Divisions.

Myth: Offenders watch television all day.

Fact: Television is a privilege and is only available in dayrooms except at one unit. Every eligible offender either works or attends school, or does both. On average, 73 percent of offenders work every day while approximately 21 percent attend school. A typical day begins anywhere from 3:30-6 a.m.

Myth: The units are air-conditioned.

Fact: Only the prison hospital and psychiatric units have air-conditioning.

Myth: Victims have no voice in the criminal justice system.

Fact: In 1997, the Victim Services Division was established within TDCJ, offering services such as the Crime Victim Clearinghouse, a valuable resource for information, Victim Offender Mediations/Dialogue, and conducting victim awareness and victim sensitively training.

For more information on the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, please visit our Web site at www:tdcj.state.tx.us

The Dallas Morning News

Airline service

For millions of American air travelers, the summer skies have not been very friendly. Scores of frustrated air travelers have been left simmering in airports after their flights were delayed or canceled.

Part of the problem is demand. The summer months are a peak time when airlines are busiest. Because of that congestion, even a short delay can have a ripple effect by backing up air traffic. What was supposed to be a 10-minute holdover can leave passengers stranded for hours.

This summer has been busier than most. June was a record-breaking month for passenger traffic for seven of the 10 major airlines. It was also the worst month for delayed domestic flights since they began keeping records. July produced fewer delays with its nearly 15 million flights.

Overall, flight delays are up over 10 percent from last year, and they have increased more than 50 percent in the past five years. That may be one reason for the thousands of incidents of "air rage," a phenomenon of especially unruly passengers that peaked in 1997 but still continues today.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

"Ultra-low emission" vehicles

An "ultra-low emission" standard for bus fleets would help the move to cleaner air.

The Regional Transportation Council is considering a great deal for transit agencies across North Texas: Buy any kind of bus you want with your own money, but if you want help from federal dollars, you'll have to buy "ultra-low emission" vehicles.

Details of the plan are not complete. The transportation council, whose 37 members represent various local governing bodies, hasn't taken a final vote on it. Still, it's one more step that needs to be taken for cleaner air in the Metroplex.

Few diesel or gasoline buses could meet the ultra-low standard, which is cleaner than the "low emissions" standard met by many automobiles.

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority and Dallas Area Rapid Transit, among other agencies, would be covered by the new standard. They already HAVE begun changing some buses over to alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas.

John Bartosiewicz, general manager of the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, said that a stricter emission standard would meet no opposition from his agency. Planners at his offices already are looking at possibilities of buses that would combine clean-burning small engines with electric motors to meet even the toughest emission requirements.

The Odessa American

Korean reunions

Initial reconciliation points up all the wasted years.

The front-page photographs of elderly Koreans from the North and South embracing each other during reunions this week in Seoul and Pyongyang were stark reminders of the evils of totalitarianism, and of the horrendous toll inflicted on individuals by a communist state.

There was happiness from these short-term reconciliations, allowed by North Korean dictator Kim Il-sung because of an agreement reached during a historic summit in June with South Korean leader Kim Dae-jung.

But there was also sadness as family members realized how much they had missed each other over the years and recognized that the long-awaited reconciliation between communist North Korea and democratic South Korea is still far off.

There were also the reminders that, despite some encouraging signs, North Korea remains a totalitarian state.



North of forty

By Red Green

Testosterone phobia

I know that there are many factors that make people what they are, but chemistry has to be a big part of it. And if you're a man, testosterone must be the most influential chemical. You take a normal man and drastically reduce his testosterone level, and you either get an ugly woman, or a guy who walks funny and never shaves.

Testosterone is a key ingredient in the man recipe, and that's why I'm concerned about the negative messages that we see everyday, targeting testosterone. For example, animals being neutered. Now I can understand the rationale of castrating pigs to fatten them up on the basis that they'll eat more if they have nothing else to think about, but the idea of having your dog neutered to make him more manageable upsets me.

Some days I'm a little unmanageable myself and I don't want my wife looking at our friendly, obedient dog and getting ideas.

NO NEED TO EXPLAIN, EVEN IF YOU COULD

There are many great things about being married to the same person for a long time, and I'm a grateful husband on a fairly regular basis. One of the best perks is the evolution of the communication level between two people over time. It reaches the point where words are unnecessary. What a bonus.

Life is hard enough, but having to explain every little setback or accident or why the police are in the driveway can get very tedious. I truly appreciate being able to just go quietly to bed with a couple of aspirins and a cold compress.

It's great to be with someone who knows you so well you don't need to come up with an explanation. The downside of that relationship is that when you've screwed up so bad that you do have to come up with an explanation, it better be a dandy.

FOR MEN ONLY

While men and women are doing more things together than ever, which is a good thing, there is obviously still a need for each sex to spend time with their own kind — to be with people who share your physiology and experiences and, in many cases, your attitudes.

Women seem to do this much better than we do. They have shopping trips or quilting bees or sleepovers. The list for men is less impressive — hunting and fishing. Like we have to be killing something to have a good time. And men having a sleepover really gets the rumor mill going.

So why don't we start a club for men only, where we could relax and be ourselves and bond. Here are some suggested features:

— The TV Room (built on top of an open dumpster) — Television screen occupies one whole wall, and everybody gets a remote.

— The BS Lounge — You're allowed to tell any story you want, and nobody has to pretend to believe it.

— The Observation Room — Men sit in elevated bleachers and watch other members assemble items without reading the instructions.

— The Garage — Men lean under the open hood of a car, beer in hand, staring blankly at the fuel-injection system.

— The Model Room — a pool for racing model boats and a slot car track (reckless speed with limited liability)

— The Decompression Room — No eye contact. No talking. No chairs facing each other.

— The Hot Stove Lounge — a place to burn things (trees, old furniture, unsuccessful projects)

— The Underwear Room — relaxed dress code

TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US

I was at a social event, and a middle-aged fat bald guy was pointing out all of the beautiful young single women who were at the event.

He capped it off with, "Just my luck, I'm married."

And he was so right.

Quote of the Day: "One of the upsides of getting older is that you are never suspected of any crime that required agility, strength, speed or cunning." — Red Green

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

SUNDAY, Aug. 27, 2000
Advancement in your chosen field of endeavor is a strong possibility in the year ahead. Although you'll do your share to make it so, Lady Luck could have a hand in it, as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Conditions may be strange today in the sense that you could benefit from something initiated by another while being deprived of a reward you rightly deserve. Take it in stride. Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You have an abundance of energy waiting to be channeled today in a positive manner, so select companions who are productive rather than destructive, and come out a winner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Tedious tasks could reduce your enthusiasm and productivity today, so rather than become frustrated over tiresome projects, stick to ones that can be accomplished with ease.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't devote your time and energies to insignificant situations today. The winning cards are in your hands if you'd just play them. Go after that which is meaningful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Anything you do with or for another today will bring you the greatest pleasure and happiness. Keep your mind off yourself and on those you love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It won't be for lack of receiving sage advice from someone you respect that you could meet with severe disappointment today. It'll be because you may choose to ignore it.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Working on or for a commercial matter today should work out to your satisfaction. However, you might not be equally as fortunate in projects of a social nature. Stick to making money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might have to deal with someone today who you recently met who makes you feel a bit uncomfortable. You'd be wise not to reveal too much about yourself until you can study him/her more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Unless you establish objectives that are within your scope of possibilities today, you can expect disappointment in your endeavors. Don't attempt that which is beyond your abilities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A quick way to lose your audience today is to interject subjects into discussions which you might find of interests but bores them to pieces. Keep your grandchild stories to yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Things you attempt to manage for others today might not go so well and you could be held accountable. It's best your look out only for your own interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If there is something important you hope to accomplish today, it might be wise to go it alone. Partnership arrangements could have more disadvantages than benefits.

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MONDAY, Aug. 28, 2000
By Bernice Bede Osol
There's a strong probability you could reduce your inner circle of close friends in the year ahead to a limited few. However, this maneuver will produce a more exciting social life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Traditional methods don't seem to be too effective today in overcoming everyday obstacles. Use your imagination and resourcefulness to circumvent complications. Major changes are ahead for Virgo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You could be your own worst enemy today if you allow pride to stop you from accepting help from someone you deem to be competition. In this case, this person's way may be superior to yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't expect a profit today where there isn't any real basis for generating, one and you won't be disappointed. Be realistic regarding your financial involvements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's going to take combining assertiveness with patience today to attain a difficult objective. Sense when to be laid back and when to growl like a tiger.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Unfortunately, you may hear only the instructions you wish to hear when given a job to do today. Be focused and open-minded as to the means suggested to accomplish your tasks.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The odds are likely to be against you today, but should you be forced to take on a gamble of some sort, bet only on yourself and your abilities and not on others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) When it comes to partnership involvements today, things might not go too well. However, the fault might not be that of your cohort, but with the way you manage your end of it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) No matter how bubbly or upbeat your facade is today, you won't be able to inspire others if you are secretly overburdened with self-doubts. Your fears will be perceived.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When it comes to managing your material affairs or those of others today, this might not be one of your better days. Tread warily in this venue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Although the difficulties with which you have to contend today are not insurmountable, a defeatist attitude could be the ingredient that makes it so. Don't be your own worst enemy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's easy to talk about or make caustic comments about those who aren't around, but, in reality, the only one it hurts is the one who is making the remarks. Don't be that person today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's impossible to court success today when employing a pessimistic attitude to achieve your aims. The only thing you'll gain is failure.

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Q & A

Silent Victims, Part II

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News ,cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, are devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Silent Victims of Alcoholism: Children
Part II of III

What characteristics do parents with alcohol and other drug problems and parents involved in child maltreatment share? Histories of these parents reveal that typically both were reared with a lack of parental nurturing and appropriate modeling and often grew up in disruptive homes. Family life in these households also have similarities. The children often lack guidance, positive role modeling, and live in isolation. Frequently, they suffer from depression, anxiety, and low self-esteem. They live in an atmosphere of stress and family conflict. Children raised in both households are more likely to have problems with alcohol and other drugs themselves.

Does the use of alcohol or other drugs by pregnant women affect their infants? Pregnant women who use alcohol may bear children suffering from fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS). FAS is the leading known environmental cause of mental retardation in the western world. Each year 4,000 to 12,000 babies are born with the physical signs and intellectual disabilities associated with FAS, and thousands more experience the somewhat lesser disabilities of fetal alcohol effects.

How does a parent's alcohol or other drug problem affect children? Children of alcoholics are more likely than children in the general population to suffer a variety of physical, mental, and emotional health problems. Similar to maltreatment victims who believe that the abuse is their fault, children of alcoholics feel guilty and responsible for their parent's drinking problem. Both groups of children often have feelings of low self-esteem and failure and suffer from depression and anxiety. It is thought that exposure to violence in both alcohol abusing and child maltreating households increases the likelihood that the children will commit and be recipients of acts of violence. Additionally, the effects of child maltreatment and parental alcohol abuse don't end when the children reach adulthood. Both groups of childrenare likely to have difficulty with coping and establishing healthy relationships as adults. In addition to suffering from all the effects of living in a household where alcohol or child maltreatment problems exist, children whose parents abuse illicit drugs live with the knowledge that their parents' actions are illegal. While research is in its infancy, clinical evidence shows that children of parents who have problems with illicit drug use may suffer from an inability to trust legitimate authority because of fear of discovery of a parent's illegal habits.

Are these patterns passed on from one generation to the next? Some individuals can and do break the cycle of abuse. These resilient children share some characteristics that lead to their successful coping skills such as ability to obtain positive attention from other people, adequate communication skills, average intelligence, a caring attitude, a desire to achieve, a belief in self-help. Additionally, the involvement of a caring adult can help children develop resiliency and break the cycle of abuse. However, a significant number of individuals fall victim to the same patterns exhibited by their parents. Those who have been severely physically abused often have symptoms of post-traumatic disorder and dissociation. Individuals suffering from mental health disorders may use alcohol and illicit drugs to decrease or mitigate their psychological distress. Research suggests that adults who were abused as children may be more likely to abuse their own children than adults who were not abused as children.

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Did You Know? There were 156 incidents of family violence, 25 investigations of child abuse/neglect and 38 victims of child abuse/ neglect in Scurry County in FY 1998.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Natural gas and heating oil spikes spell costly winter for U.S. consumers

CHICAGO (AP) — Whether they use natural gas or oil to heat their homes, consumers can expect higher energy costs this winter, with natural gas and heating oil prices near historic highs.

"This year the squirrel isn't burying any nuts and we're going into the winter on fumes," said Phil Flynn, an energy analyst for Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago. "Unless something dramatic happens, we're looking at a very expensive winter."

Energy markets were jolted this week by a combination of developments that sent prices shooting higher — an unexpected drop in U.S. crude oil stockpiles coupled with a pipeline explosion in New Mexico and a hurricane that raised fears of another blow to already-low natural gas supplies.

Soon the aftershocks will be felt by consumers, whose utilities already were warning them to brace for big bills ahead.

Suzanne deGraff, a natural gas customer from Rochester, N.Y., said she's been told her monthly bill from Rochester Gas and Electric Co. will jump about $26 to $130.

"I'm not happy," she said, "but, again, they're the only ones in town. What am I going to do?"

Whether a customer's utility provides natural gas or heating oil, there appears to be no way around prices heading higher than last winter — one of the costliest home heating seasons ever.

Home heating oil prices surged this week to their highest since the Gulf War in the wake of industry surveys showing inventories of U.S. crude oil, its source, dropping to 24-year lows. Heating oil remains more than 50 percent more expensive than a year ago.

The increase is blamed partly on a cutback in production by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Natural gas has rocketed upward for different reasons.

U.S. supplies of natural gas have been declining since the mid-1990s amid a drop in production by energy firms that didn't find it worth their while when prices were low.

Prices have more than doubled in the last year and a half and reached an all-time high of $4.85 per 1,000 cubic feet this week on the New York Merc, where futures prices are a precursor for wholesale and retail trends.

Making matters worse, production hasn't been revved back up, rising just 1 percent this year. And demand is up sharply in a booming economy that has industrial use surging and more Americans plugging into computers. The nation depends increasingly on natural gas to generate electricity as utilities gradually switch from coal and nuclear-powered plants.

The situation has worsened this summer, with heavy usage for air conditioners preventing the industry from stockpiling for the winter as it usually does. Natural gas inventories are near six-year lows.

That leaves gas prices highly susceptible to supply disruptions — such as last Saturday's pipeline explosion in New Mexico that killed 11 people and shut down a primary gas main supplying California.

On the Net:
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http://www.alaron.com
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Ammo plant's safety plans under review

TEXARKANA (AP) — An East Texas ammunition plant damaged by flames that raced through dozens of buildings was cited earlier this year for failing to comply with federal explosive safety standards, according to a published report.

A preliminary report by federal investigators, obtained by the Texarkana Gazette in Friday's editions, said trailers filled with explosives at Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant were parked too close to buildings that also contained explosives.

Also, rail cars were parked within the "safety zone" of explosive-filled buildings, which could diminish the effectiveness of firefighters or rescuers, according to the report.

The newspaper reported that investigators found explosive-filled trailers were parked outside the realm of the installation's lightning protection system, which was designed to direct lightning strikes away from explosives.

The safety citations came in June, just two months before flames destroyed or caused extensive damage to 42 of the 47 buildings at the plant.

Lone Star's commander, Lt. Col. Todd Smith, told the newspaper that safety problems identified in the report pertained to the plant's storage area, not to the production area where Saturday's fire occurred.

But plant officials would not discuss specific findings of the Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board because they had not received a copy of the preliminary report.

Smith said ammunition plant officials would refute the findings.

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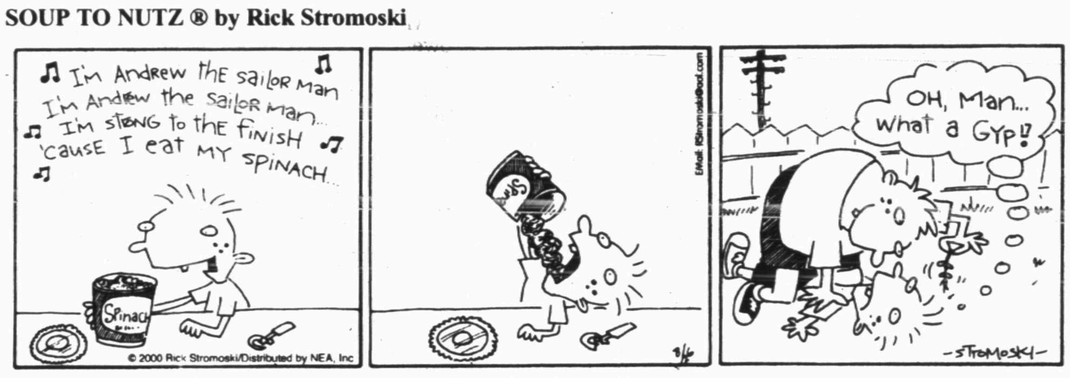
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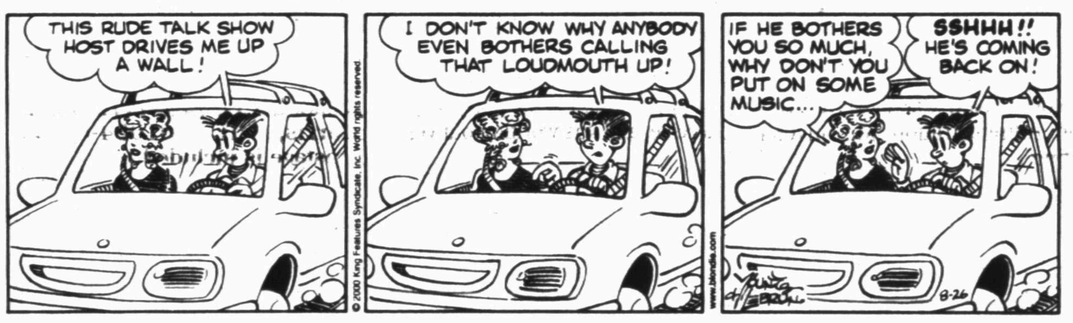
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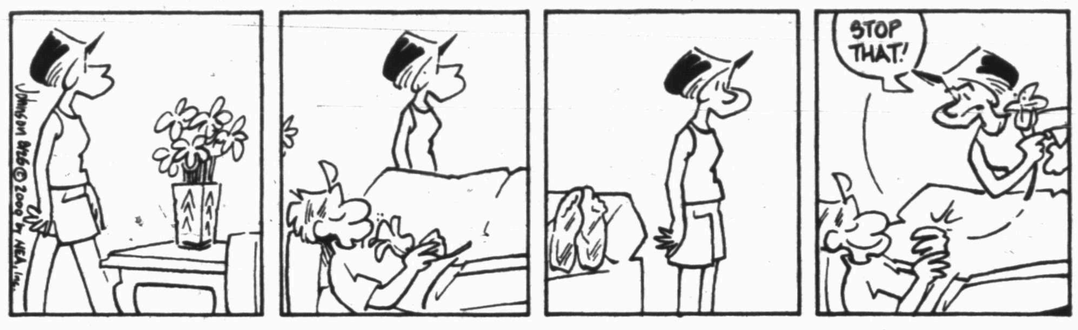
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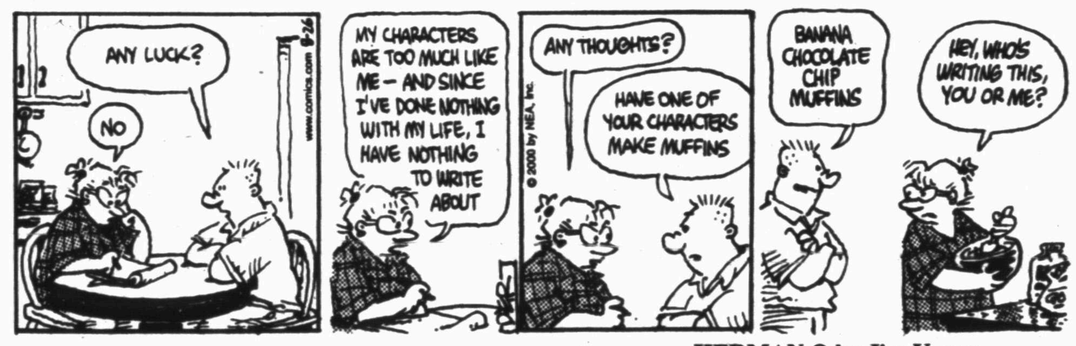
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28 Nerve network
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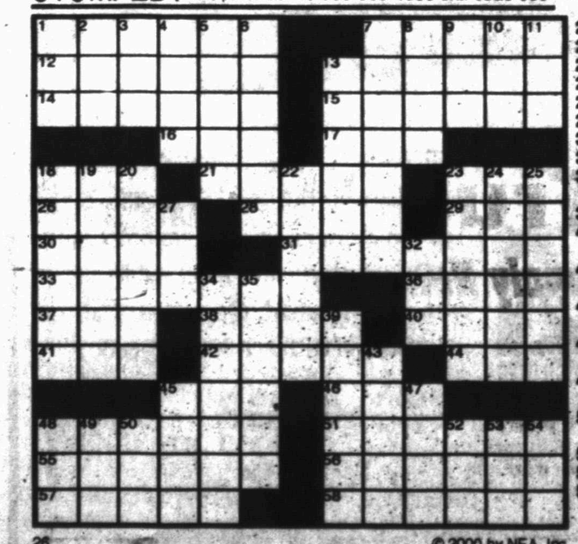
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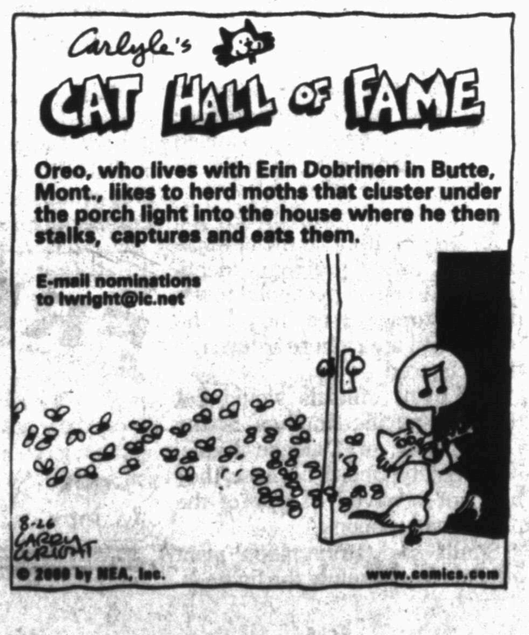


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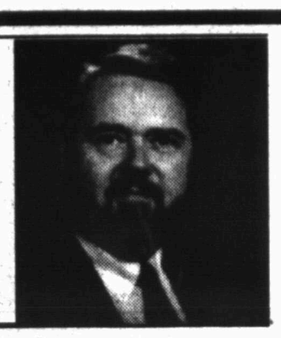
"Can I bring the laundry up here?"

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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Growing Your Business: Common Success Factors

Every entrepreneur's dream is to grow a successful business. A business that generates a good profit, provides for retirement and brings recognition and respect from one's peers.

However growing a business is like running in the dark. You can tell how fast you're going, but you may not always know where you are. You know you're going somewhere, but you can't always see the obstacles you're about to run into.

I've watched and worked with many successful business owners over the years. It is a joy to watch them grow and mature. I also find it interesting to observe how many things they have in common. I've been recording these common success characteristics for several years. Here is the Reader's Digest version.

Key elements of successful growth

* Understand the barriers to growth. There are several obstacles you must overcome before you can achieve solid, sustainable growth. Here are seven of the most common barriers I see: 1) Little or no profit. 2) Declining or negative equity. 3) Having no written plan for growth. 4) Losing touch with your core customer base. 5) Neglecting to keep quality in your products and services. 6) Underestimating your competitor's abilities. 7) Losing your focus and trying to be everything to everyone.

* **Know your strengths.** I've never seen a business grow that concentrated on doing more of what it does poorly. Consider carefully what made you successful. Build on those strengths. You should work to improve weak areas, but don't stop doing what you do well.

* **Create a plan for growth.** I've heard a hundred hackneyed sayings regarding planning. Though most business owners are tired of hearing about planning, it is a common factor of growth success. If you don't know where you want to go, no road will take you there. The planning process is simple: First, determine where you are, then decide where you want to go and finally, lay out the steps to get from where you are to where you want to go.

* **Surround yourself with good people.** No business ever outgrows the quality of its people. Some business owners fear hiring people with superior abilities because such a person might want to run the company or even steal their secrets and become a competitor. Here's my advice: 1) hire carefully, 2) train continually, 3) delegate responsibility, and 4) pay fairly.

* **Clamp down on costs.** One of the first tendencies of fast growth companies is to add people, equipment and facilities before they are really needed. Those that sustain long-term growth always seem to be behind this overhead cost curve. They find new ways to become more efficient. They excel in getting more done with less. They use it up, wear it out, make do and do without.

* **Seek outside advice and counsel.** Business owners are prone to develop "tunnel thinking." They often find themselves in the "we've always done it this way and it still works" mode. Fast growth companies plan to outgrow themselves, and when they find themselves on a plateau they look for outside guidance. I have benefited from the wisdom of bankers, accountants, attorneys, business consultants and business peers. I can't know it all, but I can find someone who has the expertise I need.

***Think "better" not "bigger."** The fastest growing companies are not focused on growth. They are focused on getting better. They are focused on serving customers more effectively, providing better value and finding ways to position their firms to be an indispensable resource for their customers.

Remember, growth is a choice. Choose to grow and use these success factors as your foundation for getting better.

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Ventura's new book to hit stores

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Gov. Jesse Ventura's second book contains few of the sort of personal anecdotes about sex, marijuana smoking, underage boozing and not wearing underwear that made "I Ain't Got Time to Bleed" a national best seller.

But even with the milder tone of "Do I Stand Alone?" scheduled to hit bookstores over the next two weeks, the Independence Party governor still lashes out at his favorite twin evils: politicians and the media.

"Politicians lie," Ventura writes in the introduction to the new book.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Playing with fire can have deadly serious consequences

DEAR ABBY: It's almost the end of the summer school break, and students who haven't returned to classes may be bored or curious and do something as ignorant and foolish as I did long ago.

Now retired, I was a teacher and administrative assistant. Once, however, I was very heedless and stupid. I have never told this to anyone.

One afternoon, when I was about 12, I was bored to tears. I was in a small study room in a private academy, and somebody had left a book of matches nearby. (This was in the era when smoking anywhere and everywhere was perfectly acceptable.) I had been doodling on some paper and didn't like what I had done, so I tore up the paper. A large ashtray caught my eye — and I thought, "I'll just pile the scraps in the ashtray, set them on fire, and watch them crumple into ashes like in the movies when someone burns a picture or letter from someone he's angry at!"

To my horror, I found that life is not like a scene in the movies. The little pieces of burning paper quickly scattered red-hot fiery ashes, propelled by some unseen air currents in the room (not expected). I tried stomping them out. The tiny pile of scraps flamed higher, rapidly getting out of control. I became terrified that something else would catch fire and possibly harm someone.

Madly stomping, I finally had the presence of mind to throw a nearby tin pencil box cover on the burning papers in the ashtray. The flames subsided and nothing else was set on fire. However, after that occasion, never did I ever want to strike a match or burn anything. I had learned my lesson, and thank the Lord, neither I nor others were hurt.

The most deadly fires have been started by "children playing with matches." Please, parents, talk to your children. Teach them fire safety and how a fire behaves. Fire is NOT a toy! Take them to your local fire station and have them meet the firefighters. Even let them see how terrible a burn can be in a hospital, where they may also cheer or give a lift to children injured by fire.

I was very lucky. Someone else may not be so fortunate. Please emphasize fire safety and the serious consequences of not treating fire with respect. — **EXTREMELY REPENTANT IN BOSTON**

DEAR EXTREMELY REPENTANT: This is the worst forest fire season in half a century in some parts of the country, so thank you for the timely reminder. Children are curious, and they can also be mischievous (surprise!) — and any parents who haven't discussed fire safety with their families should waste no time in doing so. Too many lives, homes and possession have gone up in smoke because of carelessness or ignorance.

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DEAR ABBY: My friends and I have been having a discussion about weddings and how to properly wear your wedding ring. I say the engagement ring comes off before the ceremony, and after the ceremony, the engagement ring goes back on in front of the wedding band. Some of my friends agree with me and others do not.

Can you please tell us which way is the proper way to wear your wedding ring? — **SANDI IN JEROME, IDAHO**

DEAR SANDI: The wedding ring is worn closest to your heart. The engagement rings serves as a "guard" for the wedding ring and is worn on the outside.

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

DEAR ABBY: I am a 66-year-old woman, married 48 years. We own a family farm not far from our home, which we share with our daughter and her husband, who are in their 40s. We are a close family and always have been. The farmhouse is old and has never been updated, so my son-in-law has built a shower outside. He works hard when we are there, mowing, etc., and the shower works better for him than a tub bath.

Recently I was sitting in a lawn chair not too far from the shower, and he came in from hours on the tractor in the hot sun and commented that he was going to take a shower. I didn't think he meant just then, but looked up to see him naked in the water. I didn't really mind — I wasn't offended. Besides, he's a good-looking man, and I'm happy for my daughter. He obviously didn't mind and wasn't the least bit inhibited.

I later mentioned the incident to a group of my friends when we were discussing in-laws. They were very upset with me. They called me a "voyeur" and said I should have excused myself immediately.

Help, Abby. What have I done wrong? — **CONFUSED IN HOUSTON**

DEAR CONFUSED: You blabbed the story to your friends. Everything was just fine until then. It's a wise person who learns from her mistakes.

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DEAR ABBY: I hope my letter will benefit others.

I am going to be 50 next year, and recently started a job in a 22-story office building. I have never been self-motivated when it comes to exercise. However, I recently hit on the idea of using the stairwell in my office building to get regular exercise, and it is working out very well.

I arrive at work half an hour early and change into shorts and a T-shirt in the washroom. Then I go to the stairwell, and walk up all 22 stories, take the freight elevator down to the bottom and do it again. Sometimes I do it a third time if I have the time and energy to spare. Just walking up gets my heart really pumping, so I thought your readers might appreciate this idea. It's cost-free, convenient and not time-consuming — unlike going to the club after work.

Because I don't perspire much, I just wipe myself down with a wet paper towel, dry myself with another one, change my underwear, get dressed and go in to work. I am so awake and alive by the time I start the day — I recommend this to anyone.

The challenge each day is whether I can do it faster than the day before, and there is a real sense of accomplishment when I reach the top. I feel this would not be the case if I just ran around the block a couple of times. — **FIT AND HAPPY IN TORONTO**

DEAR F AND H: I commend you for your commitment to personal fitness. However, your regimen could be dangerous to anyone with an undiagnosed heart condition. Those who decide to try it should first consult their doctor about having a stress test.

May I also suggest that most people who exercise strenuously tend to perspire profusely (perhaps more than you think) — and a sponge bath with a damp paper towel may not be enough to deal with the problem. Out of consideration for your fellow employees, perhaps you should consider running the stairs after work instead of before to avoid the possibility of offending anyone. (Whew!)

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Brakes lock on 'Continental'

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A Continental Airlines jet spun around and blew out four tires after its brakes locked as it tried to land at Newark International Airport late Thursday, officials said.

No injuries were reported.

The 50-seat Continental Express Embraer jet, used for regional flights, was flying from Savannah, Ga., with at least 20 passengers and three crew members aboard, authorities said.

"The pilot reported landing was normal but the brakes locked and that's when the plane turned on the runway," said Continental spokeswoman Karla Villalon.

Sgt. William Korbul of the Port Authority of New York said he wasn't sure how many times the plane spun but that it blew four tires and couldn't be moved, forcing the airport to close the runway.

Korbul said the Federal Aviation Administration was investigating.

The passengers and crew got off the plane by stairway.

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Florida citrus growers advised to use Internet

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Florida citrus growers will need computers and modems as much as fertilizer to survive in the 21st century, experts told the state's largest annual gathering of growers.

The Internet can open new markets and provide information on crops and weather. Most important, the computer connections can give growers more economic leverage in an industry squeezed by consolidation by helping them to sell fruit and purchase supplies collectively.

Although there are no hard statistics, Florida Citrus Commission member John Alexander estimated that only a quarter of Florida's growers are wired to do business online.

Some Florida growers, conservative by nature and fiercely independent, have been reluctant to embrace the Internet.

"In order to play the game ... you have to get a computer," Alexander, a Lake Wales grower, told the Citrus Expo conference this week.

Nationwide, 29 percent of farms had Internet access, according to a 1999 study by the Agriculture Department. In Florida, 34 percent of farms are wired.

The Internet can be a great equalizer for Florida's 14,000 growers who have found themselves squeezed by the merging of juice-making processors and retail stores in the past decade, said John Sauer, president of ProPak Software Inc., a Winter Haven software company.

The processors and retailers have used their expanded might to influence citrus prices at the growers' expense, shifting the balance of power among the three most important sectors of Florida's citrus industry. In 1993, the top five retail chains controlled about 15 percent of the nation's market share. That grew to 40 percent in 1998. The top five Florida processors made close to half of the juice coming from Florida oranges a decade ago. Now, they control about 60 percent, Alexander said.

The consolidation of processors is felt acutely in Florida where most oranges are turned into juice.

Florida growers, by comparison, have spurned doing business collectively, giving up bargaining power with suppliers and greater efficiency in the process.

"The big eat the small and the fast eat the slow," Alexander said. "Growers have far less leverage and fewer alternatives.

The Internet can be used to create an online auction in which growers' sell their product at the highest price they can find. Additionally, the Internet can aid growers in working collectively to combine their purchasing and selling power, Alexander said.

The Internet also can be used for booking transportation, tracking shipments, advertising and showing potential customers pictures of the fruit, said Gordon Hunt, president of eFruit International Inc., an Orlando-based online company that serves as a conduit for businesses in the juice industry.

"E-commerce will help level the playing field," Hunt said.

Thank you Harry: Sales jump for children's books

NEW YORK (AP) — Another tale of magic from Harry Potter. Sales of children's books jumped more than 15 percent last year, with hardcover purchases topping $1 billion for the first time, according to a publishing study released Tuesday.

"Harry Potter has had an effect on children's books that goes far beyond the millions in sales of the series' titles," according to "Book Industry Trends 2000," an annual report commissioned by the Book Industry Study Group.

"The craze made children's books sexy within the industry and, more important, to consumer media people, who couldn't get enough of stories about the boy wizard. ... Even children who had never read for pleasure devoured the books, possibly creating habits that will live on past the series."

Total sales for children's books were projected to double between 1994 and 2004, to more than $2 billion. The publishing survey also credits such promotional tie-ins as "Pokemon" and "Star Wars: Episode 1 — The Phantom Menace."

Adult trade books could use a Harry Potter. Sales for adult books increased just 2.9 percent last year, with total purchases nearing $1.8 billion. Industry leaders had expected much better. The economy was strong and more and more baby boomers are reaching middle age, considered the peak time for reading. There was hype, too. Rosie O'Donnell and Whoopi Goldberg are among those who participated in the Association of American Publishers' "Get Caught Reading" campaign.

But according to Tuesday's report, consumers were turned off by high prices: "There may be a limited number of people who will spend $25 on a book, no matter how hot the economy or how cool the celebrities promoting reading," senior editor Karen Jenkins wrote in the BP Report, an industry newsletter.

Adult sales are expected to rise 3.5 percent in 2000.

Mail-order books are having an especially bad time, with sales dropping 12.3 percent last year and 48 percent since 1989. The study blames this on the rise of superstores and the Internet, noting that "older consumers who are comfortable doing business through the mail is giving way to a generation of readers more familiar with cyberspace than the post office."

Overall, sales should keep going up over the next few years. The report sees expenditures reaching $38.4 billion in 2004, an increase of $8 billion from 1999. Besides children's books, a category expected to grow strongly is college titles, "fueled by gains in traditional-age students and an increase in the number of older students going back to school."

The Book Industry Study Group is a not-for-profit research organization.

Customs steps up enforcement on money smuggling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bicycle tires, cereal boxes, stereo speakers and cars are among the places where U.S. Customs officials found $11.4 million in cash that people tried to smuggle out of the country.

The result of a six-week nationwide effort called "Operation Powerplay," the confiscated cash was part of a crackdown on money laundering, Customs Commissioner Raymond Kelly said.

The operation led to 194 arrests, including people wanted for armed robbery and drug possession and has given Customs leads to open 173 investigations.

More than half of the cash seized was destined for Mexico, Israel, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala and Jamaica, Customs said.

Operation Powerplay was "an integral part of our anti-money laundering strategy," Kelly said Thursday. "We know that bulk-cash shipments are still the way most drug money leaves the country," he added.

Most money laundering involves illicit profits from drug trafficking, prostitution or other criminal activities, which are moved through a series of bank or brokerage accounts to make them appear to be proceeds of legitimate business activity.

Each day, criminal groups generate huge sums of cash from illegal activities but they face difficulty depositing large amounts into U.S. banks.

As a result, criminals often smuggle cash to foreign locations where it can be more easily deposited into banks. Then it can be instantly wired anywhere, Customs officials said.

There's no limit on the amount of money that a person can legally transport when entering or leaving the United States.

But federal law requires amounts of more than $10,000 (in cash or in such things as travelers checks, cashiers checks and securities that can be easily converted to cash) must be reported to Customs. Those who don't, can have their currency confiscated.

Between 1996 and 1999, Customs has seized $284 million in unreported currency that people attempted to smuggled out of the United States.

To detect hidden currency, Customs officers used a variety of methods, including routine searches, X-ray machines to scan large pieces of cargo and containers, and specially trained dogs to sniff out cash.

"We learned that there is a significant flow of cash going out of the country through a variety of means," Kelly said. "It was an intensified effort to examine what is going out of the country. Our primary focus was on drug-related bulk cash."

During the operation, Customs officers — aided by state and local law enforcement — stepped up outbound detection efforts between July 10 and Aug. 19 at airports, seaports, land borders, mail facilities and courier hubs.

Some seizures resulting from the operation:

—$528,908 from packages at FedEx's express courier hub in Memphis.

—$231,340 concealed in bicycle tires at Miami International Airport.

—$21,592 concealed within a Honey Nut Cheerios cereal box located in trunk of a vehicle searched at Hidalgo, Texas.

—$504,712 concealed in a secret compartment under the rear seat of a 1994 Isuzu Trooper.

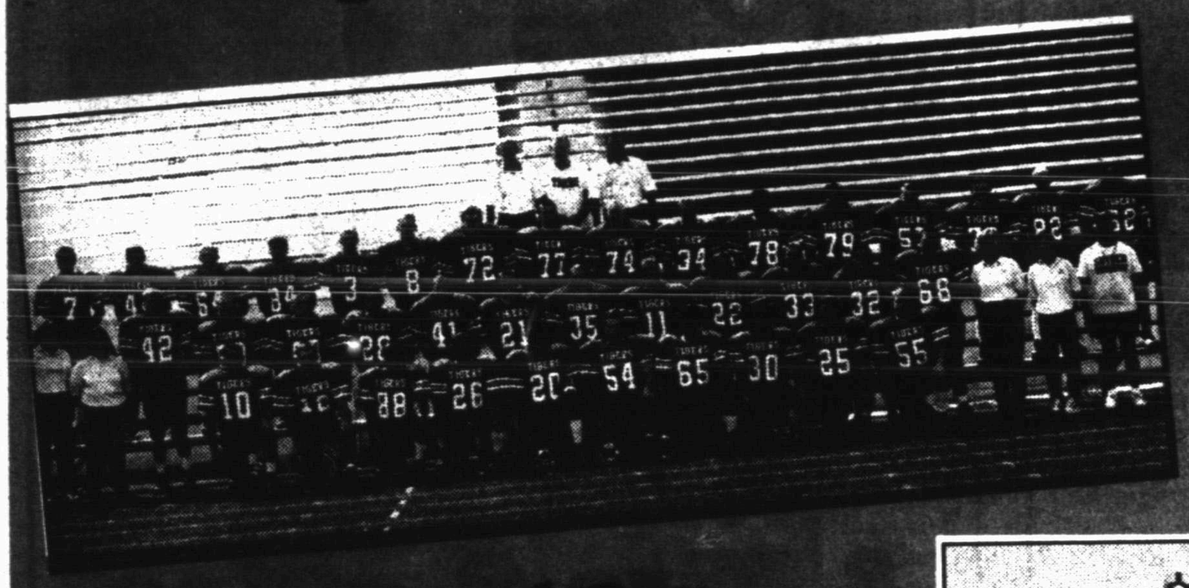
—$65,221, some hidden on an airline passenger at JFK Airport; 46 pellets (each containing seven $100 bills) was swallowed.

—$83,546 concealed in a stereo speaker of an airline passenger at Miami International Airport.

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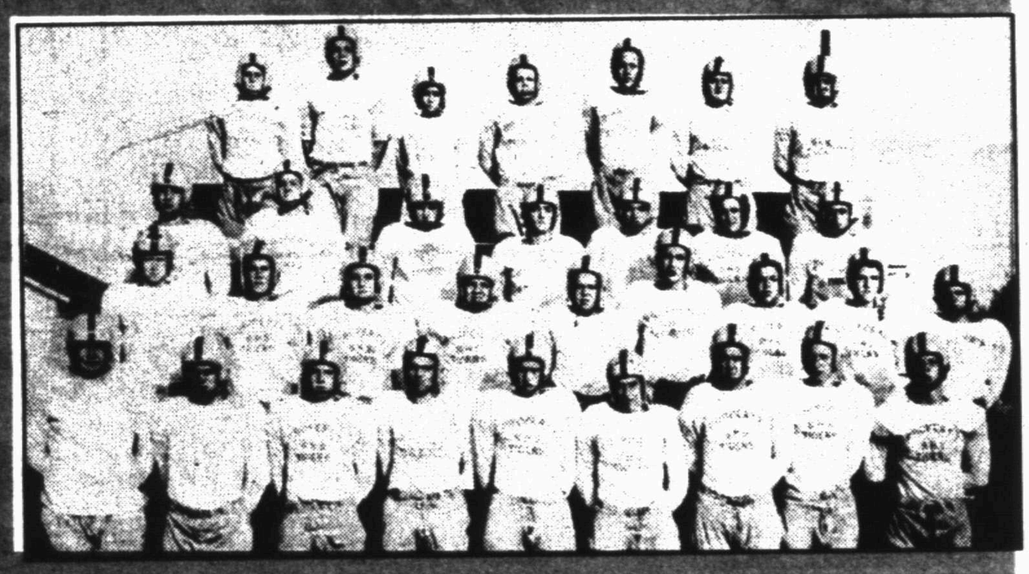
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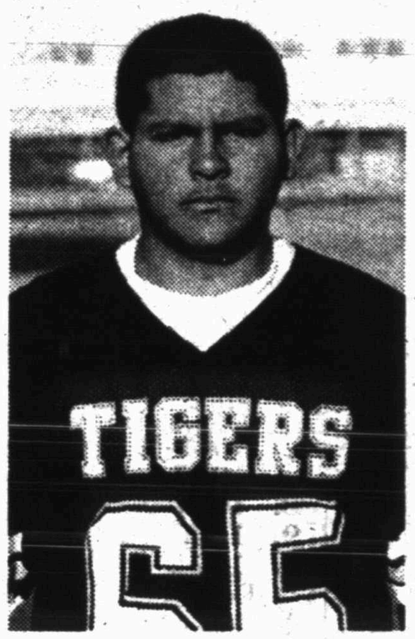
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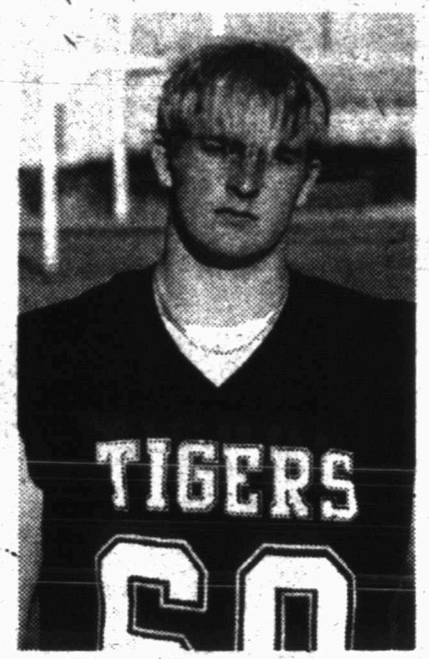
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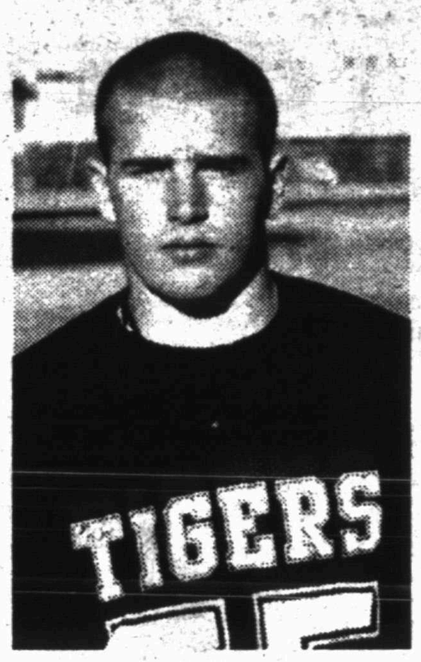
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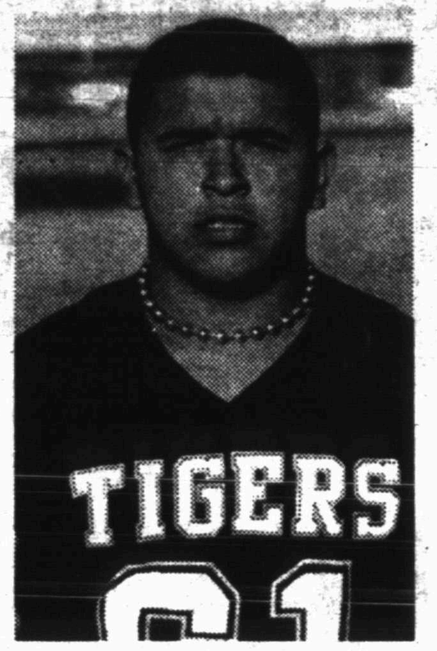
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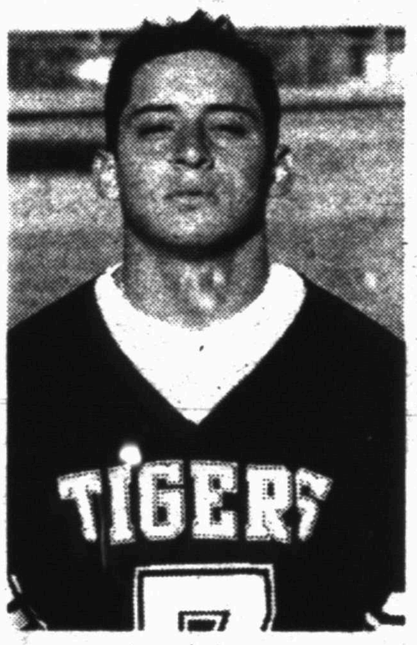
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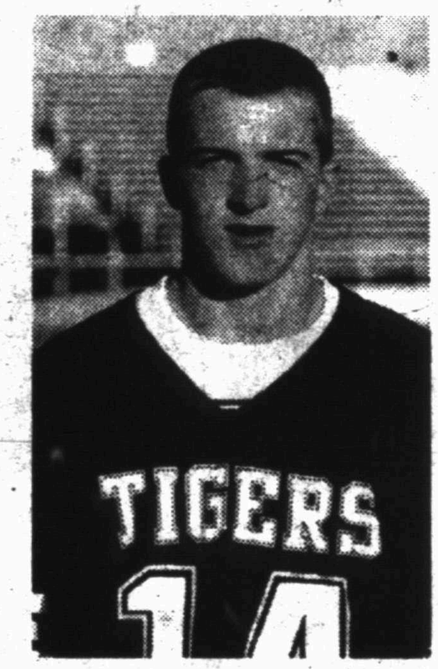
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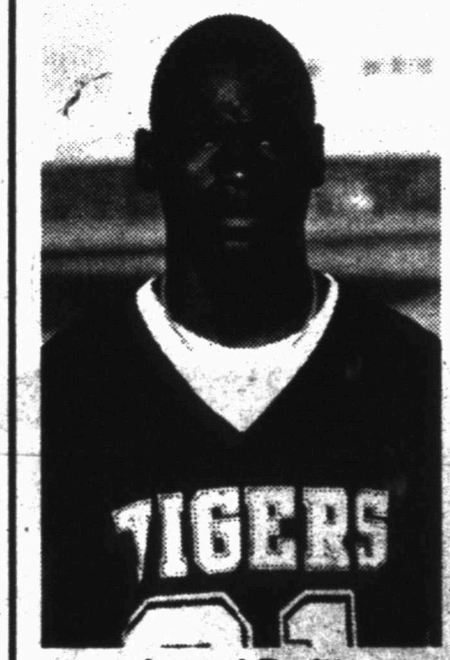


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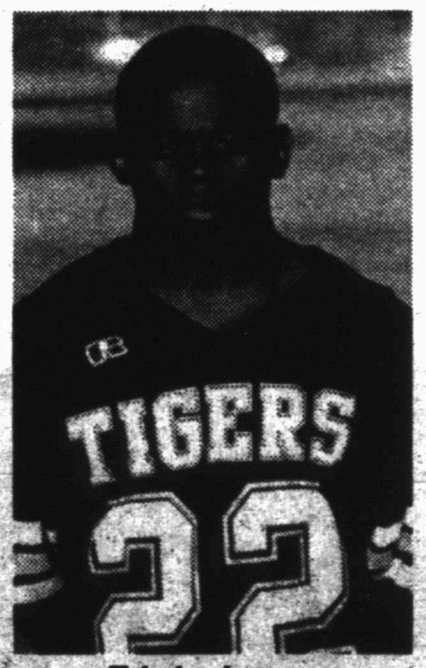


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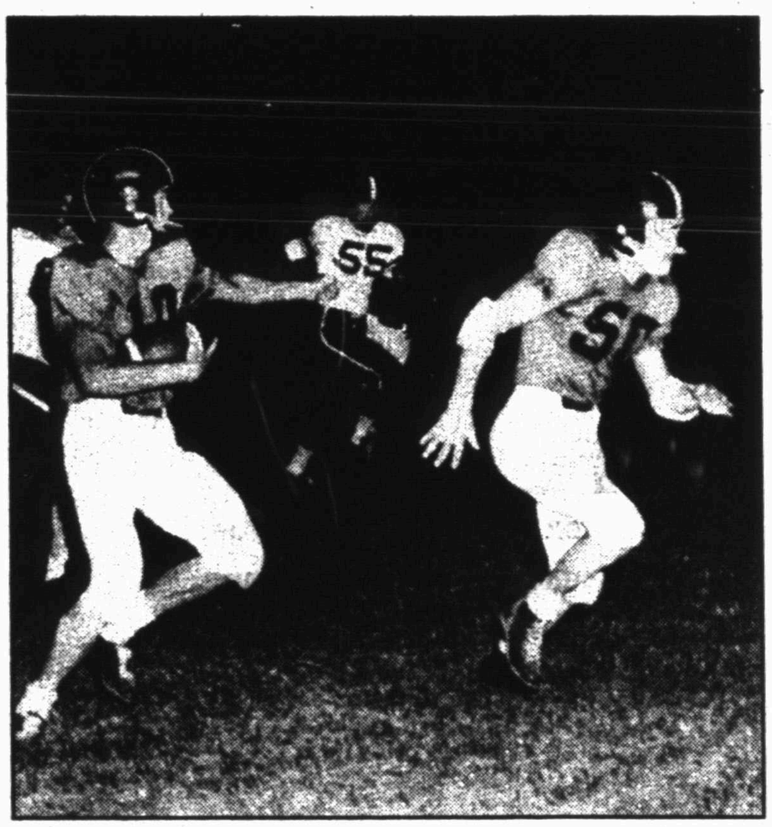
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As for Snyder's greatest team...

1956, 1990 Tigers top list

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

On the eve of its 76th football season, Snyder High School can look back through its gridiron history to find some exceptional athletes and talented teams that have combined to record 321 victories since 1925.



RAMBLING — Powell Berry, quarterback of the 1956 Snyder squad, runs behind the blocking of Joe Reaves (50). The 1956 Tigers finished the regular season undefeated, and is considered one of the best Snyder teams of all times.

Some Tiger squads posted more wins than others, and some were led by their overpowering offense, while others relied on their suffocating defense.

As for which Snyder team is the all-time best, the answer is highly debatable, but the numbers point to the 1956 and 1990 Tigers.

"I know of all of the teams since I've been here, the 1990 group was a good one," said current Snyder head coach David Baugh, who took over the reins in '88. "Last year's team also ranks right up there, and they were similar in some ways to the 1990 bunch.

"They both had pretty good size and quickness, and they both had strong backfields. Those two quarterbacks (Ed Rios in 1990 and Sonny Cumbie in 1999) were probably two of the best that I've had here. Sonny was a better passer, but Ed was a better runner.

"And the 1990 team was better defensively than we were last year. But they both had good chemistry, and they could make the big plays."

Statistics back up Baugh's words.

Last year's Tigers, which won the district title and finished with an 8-3 mark, rank first at SHS in points per game and passing yards.

In 1990, Baugh's squad did most of its damage with the running game, while also relying heavily on an opportunistic defense that forced 37 turnovers, the most ever by a Snyder team.

That year, the Tigers advanced all the way to the regional quarterfinals, before ending their season with a record of 9-3-1.

What made the 1990 season more special was the fact that not many people expected it. Snyder had won a total of only 15 games in the eight years prior to Baugh's arrival in '88.

After a pair of seasons that saw only three victories added to the record book, Baugh's ideas began to take shape in 1990. The area championship became a springboard for the Tigers who, under the careful tutelage of Baugh, made the decade of the '90s the most successful in school history.

Running a close second to the 60 victories posted in the '90s is the decade of the 1950s, which features the other top-ranked Tiger team.

The 1956 squad is the only

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Snyder's Best

Offensive Teams

1. 1956
2. 1999
3. 1975
4. 1998
5. 1978
6. 1969
7. 1957
8. 1964
9. 1955
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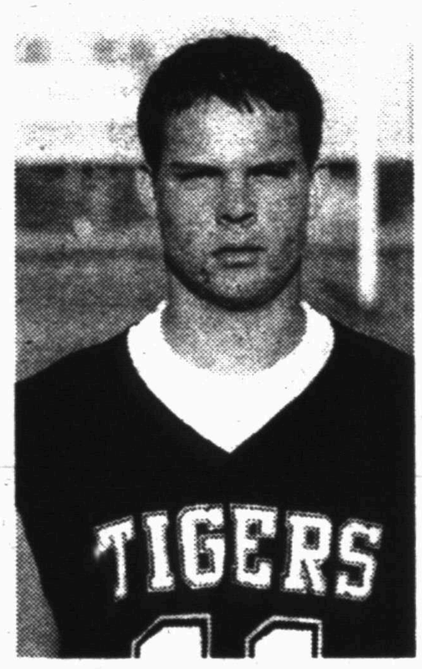
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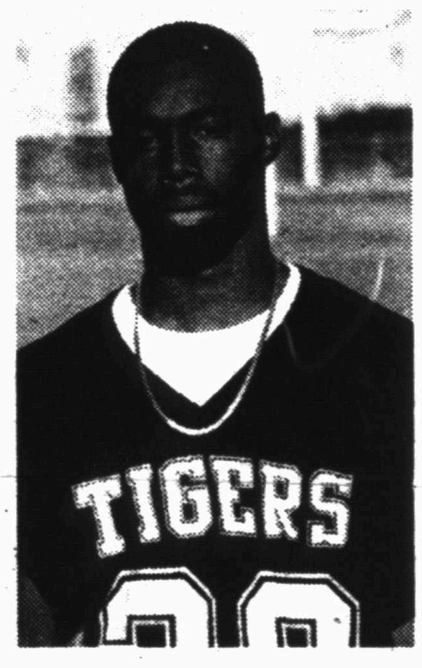
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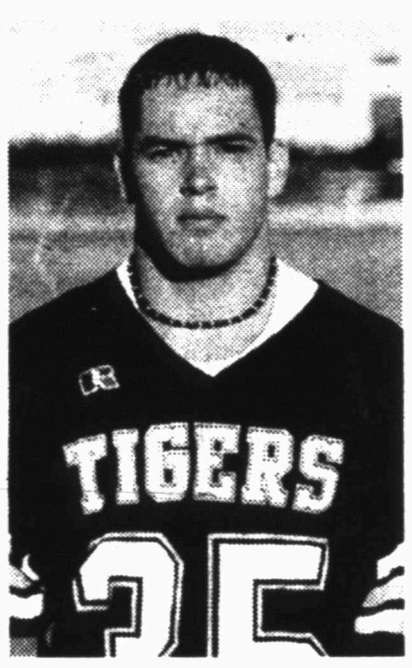
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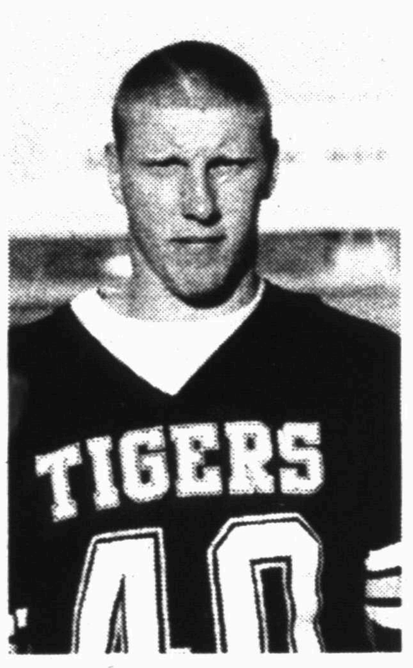
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one to win 10 games, and the only to one that ever finished the regular season undefeated.

The Tigers didn't venture far in the playoffs that year, suffering a heartbreaking first-round loss to Graham, which scored with 23 seconds left in the game to win, 7-6. But what a glorious 10-game run they had before that.

Unlike the 1990 team that went from worst to first, the '56 Tigers came into the season riding a wave of momentum.

After taking over for Speedy Moffett in 1954, Head Coach John Conley guided a talented group of Tigers to a 9-2 record in 1955, priming his squad for more success the following year.

Led by all-state players Milton Ham, Joe Reaves and Wiley Denson, along with first-team all-district selections Gary Hill and Powell Barry, Snyder manhandled its first three opponents.

The Tigers' defense, which still holds the record for fewest points allowed, surrendered only six points over the first three weeks of the season, as Snyder outscored its opponents, 112-6.

The Tigers relied heavily on their defensive unit in a 2-0 victory over Levelland in Week 4, and again in a 3-0 decision over Sweetwater in the district opener.

Lamesa would be the only team to find the endzone twice against Snyder. All total the Tigers surrendered only 32 points through 11 contests, recording six consecutive shutouts and seven on the season.

"We had some pretty talented players on that team," said Ham, who continued his playing days at TCU. "No, I take that back. We had some extremely talented players on that team.

"Everybody knew what they were supposed to do, and if one guy slipped up, then someone else was there to pick up the slack. We knew we

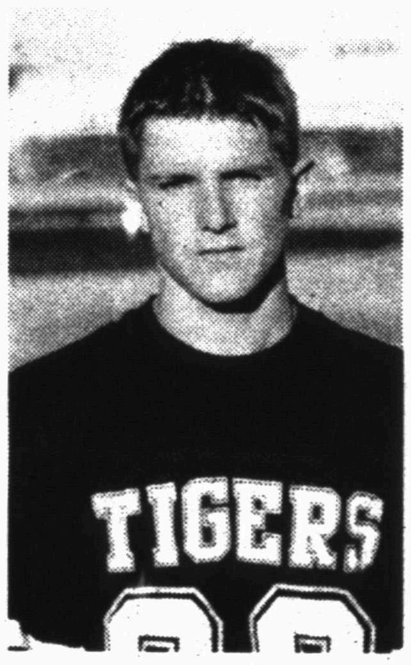
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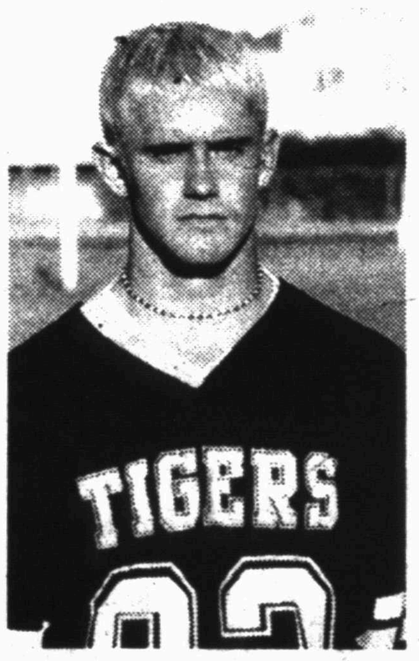
Year	W-L	Pts. For	Pts. All.
1950	6-4	25	14
1949	3-6	11	19
1948	1-7	4	24
1947	3-6	9	17
1946	5-3	14	11
1945	1-6-2	3	21
1944	2-7-1	7	15
1943	3-0-1	22	2
1942	4-4	18	6
1941	1-9	3	22
1940	2-6-1	5	16
1939	7-3	18	5
1938	3-6-1	8	12
1937	5-6	10	19
1936	5-4-2	9	10
1935	3-6	6	18
1934	6-3-1	9	6
1933	7-1-2	14	2
1932	7-2-1	20	5
1931	8-4	24	17
1930	11-2	27	4
1929	5-5	15	8
1928	5-5	13	10
1927	4-5	10	6
1926	1-3-4	3	10
1925	1-4	2	27

Snyder Tiger Statistics

Year	Wins-Losses	Points p/game	Rush p/game	Pass p/game	Points Allowed	Rush Allowed	Pass Allowed	Turnover Ratio
1999	8-3	27	175	152	18	179	90	-3
1998	7-4	23	197	109	20	185	92	+2
1997	3-8	17	150	65	18	157	75	+4
1996	4-6	15	158	92	21	185	97	-6
1995	6-5	18	101	128	16	194	56	-4
1994	5-5	25	138	99	20	177	112	-1
1993	5-5	18	132	106	22	193	93	-1
1992	6-4	19	215	59	17	178	79	-3
1991	7-4	19	201	61	14	145	83	-4
1990	9-3-1	24	196	65	12	111	78	+18
1989	2-8	14	151	60	17	130	105	+4
1988	1-9	10	119	59	25	179	78	-4
1987	2-8	10	158	31	26	223	70	+2
1986	3-7	16	217	47	21	190	101	-2
1985	4-6	16	201	43	17	170	84	+7
1984	2-8	12	139	97	27	204	80	-12
1983	0-10	9	121	111	30	240	98	-20
1982	1-9	12	97	94	27	233	77	-17
1981	1-9	10	137	87	26	205	72	-1
1980	2-8	10	127	61	24	201	83	-3
1979	6-4	14	167	98	6	126	57	+5
1978	9-3	22	229	70	14	182	70	-1
1977	5-5	13	151	45	17	201	43	-1
1976	6-4	13	209	30	11	123	39	-14
1975	6-4	23	221	84	14	143	80	+0
1974	9-2	21	251	46	10	152	56	+2
1973	6-3-1	20	204	32	13	139	64	-6
1972	2-8	6	127	28	16	173	74	-11
1971	5-4-1	23	246	52	18	197	45	+3
1970	3-7	12	192	44	19	184	70	-5
1969	6-4-1	23	179	137	9	154	26	+8
1968	3-7	14	183	64	27	229	87	-3
1967	4-6	10	168	52	16	201	75	-3
1966	3-7	12	181	68	21	221	96	-7
1965	4-5-1	12	185	64	15	173	74	-6
1964	7-3	22	229	61	9	143	47	+4
1963	8-3	21	171	101	14	136	76	+2
1962	4-6	11	172	56	11	184	54	-1
1961	3-7	16	161	48	20	196	81	-5
1960	4-7	15	182	46	21	184	70	-5
1959	5-5	22	229	50	12	147	88	-1
1958	5-3-2	21	218	64	17	138	72	+1
1957	7-2	25	229	58	10	165	47	+5
1956	10-1	27	217	94	3	104	43	+8
1955	9-2	26	284	48	7	118	42	+9
1954	6-4	20	219	45	14	181	90	-6
1953	5-5	21	239	53	16	147	87	-1
1952	3-7	13	207	50	24	214	78	-12
1951	2-8	5	117	32	15	173	86	-5



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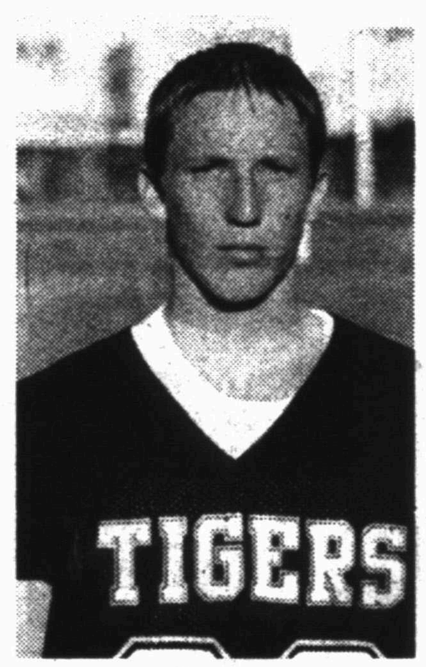
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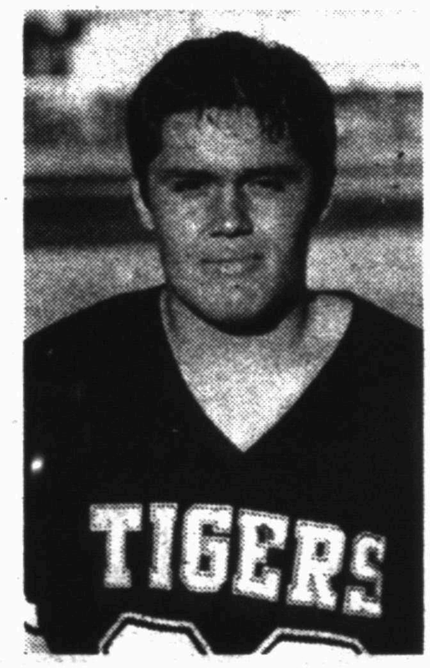
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were a good football team, so we played with a lot of confidence.

"Our defense was outstanding that year. We just had it in our heads that people weren't going to score, and we did everything we could to make sure they didn't. We took a lot of pride in our defensive play, and it paid off."

The '56 team's predecessor also prided itself on defense. The 1955 SHS squad ranks second all-time defensively, and third overall. The Tigers of '55 held the opposition to 118 rushing yards and seven points per game.

Twenty years after the '55 squad posted its 9-2 record, another Snyder team came along and posted almost identical numbers.

Anchored by All-State and All-American linebacker/running back Welton Cobb, the 1974 Tigers rolled over opponents en route to a 9-2 mark.

Snyder limited the opposition to 10 points per game, while using Cobb to fuel an offense that averaged 251 yards an outing.

Entering the 1974 playoffs, the only blemish on the Tigers' slate was a 19-12 setback to Midland Lee, which came oddly enough on Friday the 13th.

Coach Maurice Hodges' Snyder team held the No. 6 ranking in the state poll when it squared off with third-ranked Brownwood in a bi-district battle at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

In the battle of the cats however, the Lions dominated the action for a convincing 42-0 victory.

"That 1974 team was tough," said former Snyder coach Albert Lewis. "Welton Cobb was a hoss, and I think we could have played with Brownwood if we would have been better prepared for what they were going to run. We worked in practice against one thing, and then they came out in the game and did something else.

"But I think an even better team might have been in 1978, because Tony DeGrate was awesome. He couldn't be blocked, and could just take over and dominate a game."

DeGrate, an Outland Trophy winner at the University of Texas, was the focal point of the 1978 team that finished 9-3 and ranks sixth on Snyder's all-time list.

Among the other standout squads are the Tigers of 1963, 1969, 1998 and 1957.

Coach Horrace Bostick's '63 team ranks seventh overall, and featured one of Snyder's first balanced attacks. The Tigers posted an 8-3 mark, averaging 171 yards on the ground and 101 through the air.

Coach Wayne Tyrone's 1969 team holds the No. 8 ranking, and employed another stellar defensive unit to register a record of 6-4-1. Snyder recorded four consecutive shutouts, and a total of five on the year, as opponents averaged just nine points per game.

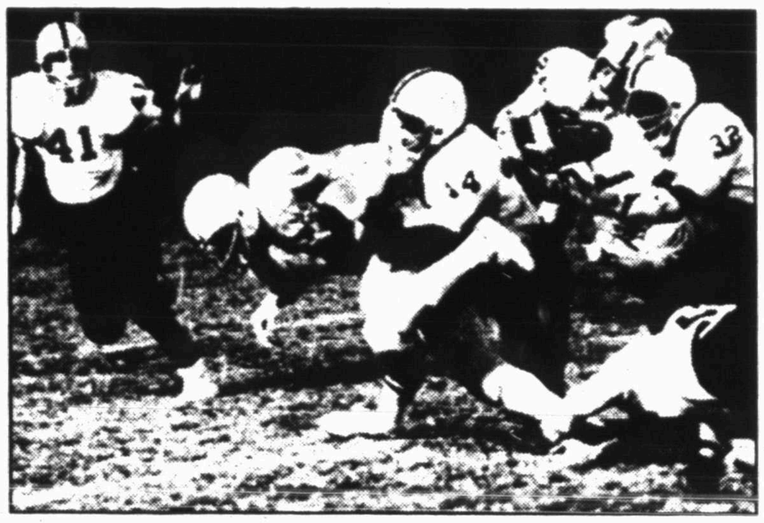
Baugh's '98 team, ninth on the all-time list, laid the foundation for last year's district championship run with a 7-4 campaign. With Cumbie guiding the squad as a junior, the Tigers threw for 1,194 yards and ran for 2,170.

Conley's 1957 squad rounds out the top-10, and was a carryover from the year before. Snyder used its power running game to ground out 229 yards an outing, but didn't make the playoffs.

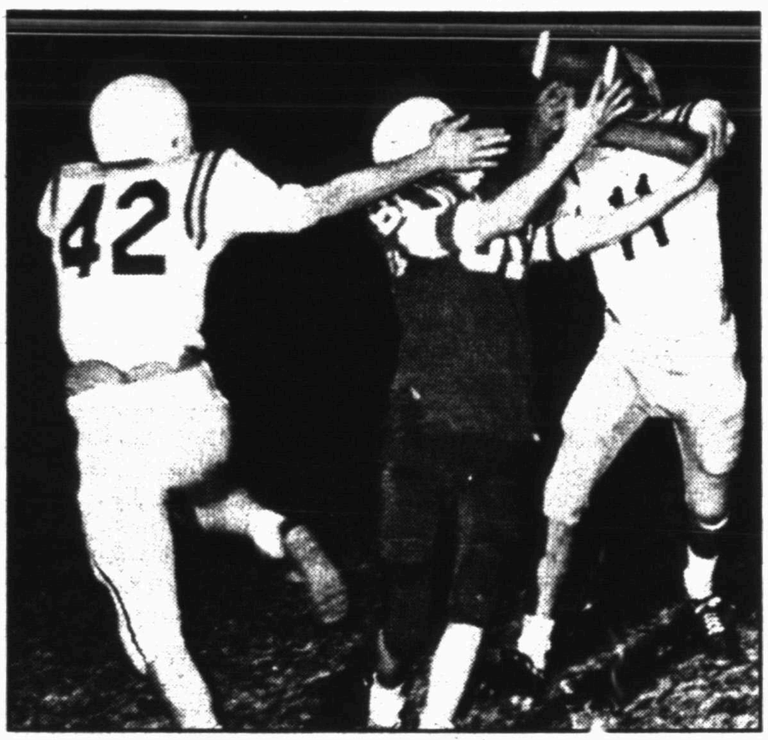
In fact, the '57 Tigers never completed its district schedule. The regular season finale with Lamesa was cancelled due to inclement weather. Conley pleaded with Lamesa to play the game on Saturday, but to no avail, leaving Snyder with a record of 7-2.

Other Snyder High School teams had their share of success, each with its own unique story that helps fill in the Tigers' colorful football heritage.

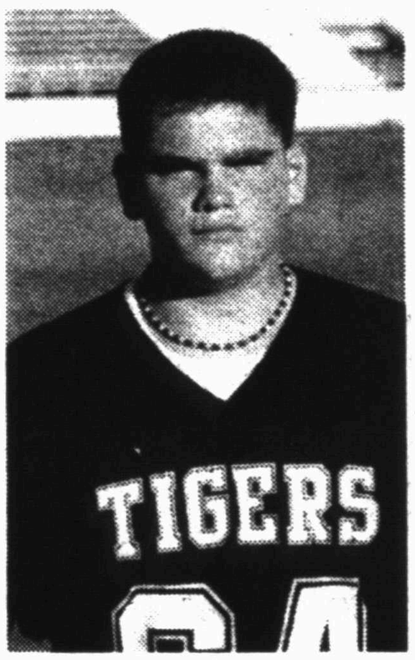
After three-quarters of a century on the gridiron, Snyder has amassed 321 victories, but more are sure to come.



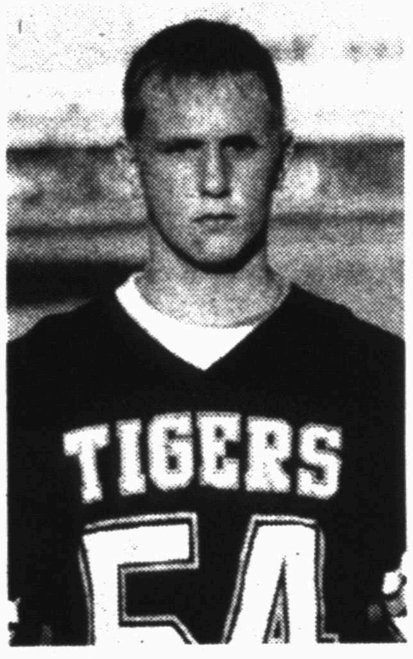
COLLISION WITH COBB — Snyder's Welton Cobb (44) hauls down a ball carrier, while teammates Dennis Young (41) and George Willis (32) move in to assist during a 1974 district contest. Led by Cobb, an All-State and All-American selection, the '74 Tigers surrendered only 10 points per game.



TIGHT COVERAGE — Rodney Gray (42) and David Cadena (11) break up a Brownfield pass play during a Snyder victory in 1964. Plays like this are the reason the '64 squad ranks among the top-five defensive teams.

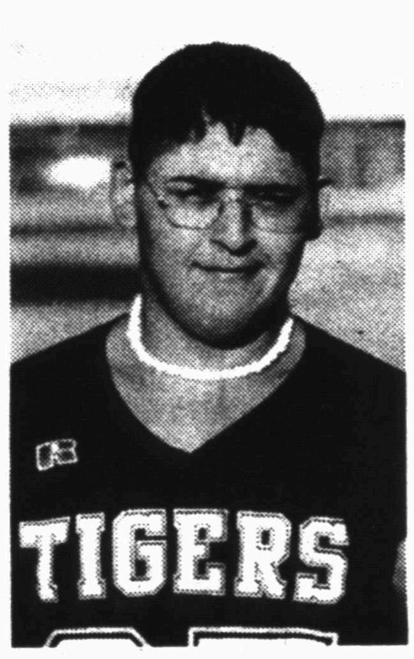


Josh Knox

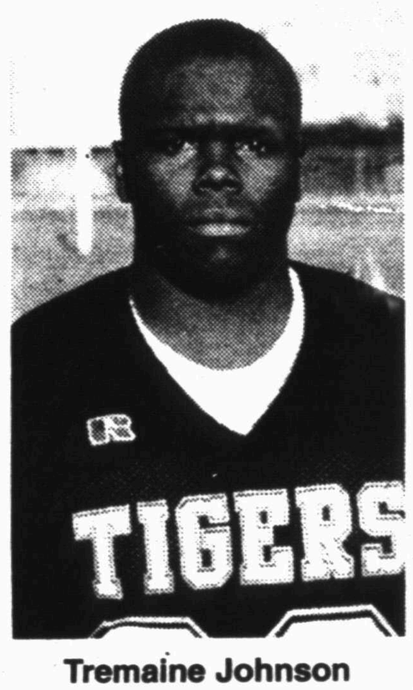


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Diego Hernandez



Tremaine Johnson

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Tigers face tough title defense

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

"We won the district championship last year, and we're still champions until someone takes it away from us.

"That means there's a championship team here. It may not be fully developed yet, but somewhere inside us is a champion.

"So believe in yourself, believe in your coaches, and above all else believe in each other. Do those things, and together we'll build up this championship team."

— David Baugh, addressing his players following this year's intrasquad scrimmage

With three straight playoff appearances, and one district championship under their belts, it seems likely that the Snyder Tigers wouldn't have any questions entering the 2000 season.

But a few of the cornerstones from the past three years are gone, and the new group of Tigers face a grueling seven-week test in their new district, fittingly nicknamed "The Big 8."

Snyder will hit the gridiron Sept. 1, unsure of exactly what the future holds for it, but unwavering in its determination to return to the postseason.

"I don't think anybody really knows what to expect in this new district," said Head Coach David Baugh, now in his 13th season at the helm of the Tigers. "Frenship and Plainview are good teams, but I think even they have to be a little worried about having to play so many district games against so many other quality ball clubs."

Snyder has been one of those "quality ball clubs" the past two years, totaling a record of 15-7, which includes a district title a year ago.

That league crown came in the now defunct District 5-4A that consisted of the Tigers, Andrews, Big Spring, Sweetwater, San Angelo Lake View and Fort Stockton.

For Snyder to defend its championship it will have to top seven other teams, including Andrews, Big Spring and Lake View from the old district, along with Frenship, Plainview, Levelland and Lubbock Estacado.

"I think we can contend for a playoff spot," said Baugh. "I don't know about a district championship. I'm not saying we can't do it, because I'm not for sure there's one team that is just head and shoulders above everybody else. I don't think anybody will go undefeated in this district. It's just too tough."

To make a run at a district title, the Tigers must get off to a good start. Snyder kicks off league play at Plainview, before hosting Frenship, then visiting Andrews.

With eight teams involved in the race, chances are high that several teams could be tied at the end of the regular season, leaving the three playoff spots to be determined by head-to-head records and positive points.

An early loss could come back to haunt teams late in the season.

"I think the first three district games will be important for us," Baugh remarked. "Of course, if we win all three we'll be in great shape. But if we can win just two out of those three, then I think we'll be right in the thick of the hunt."

Offensively, the Tigers will use the same wing-T set it employed a year ago, but will feature a slightly different philosophy. This Snyder team will be fueled by its ground attack.

The change in style is a result of personnel changes.

Sonny Cumbie, last season's record-setting quarterback, is now throwing the ball for Texas Tech. In his place steps senior Jesse Haines, whose primary attribute is his speed. The 5-10, 165-pound signal caller served as Cumbie's back-up in '99, but now takes the reins of the Tiger offense.

"Jesse is a good athlete," said Baugh. "He doesn't have the arm that Sonny has, but not many players do. But Jesse is an excellent runner, and a tough competitor. He knows this offense, and I'm comfortable with him in there."

Haines will be part of a backfield that could be Snyder's strongest component in 2000.

Back for their senior seasons are fullback Tovares Brandon, tailback Josh Arizmendi and wingback Edwin James, giving the Tigers four upperclassmen to tote the ball.

Brandon should get most of the carries. The 5-11, 150-pound runner sparked Snyder's ground game last season, after replacing injured starter Paul Camp.

The Tigers rolled up 1,922 yards on the ground last year,

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David Baugh — Head Coach



Family

Wife — Jean
Children — Brian, Brant and Kari

Education

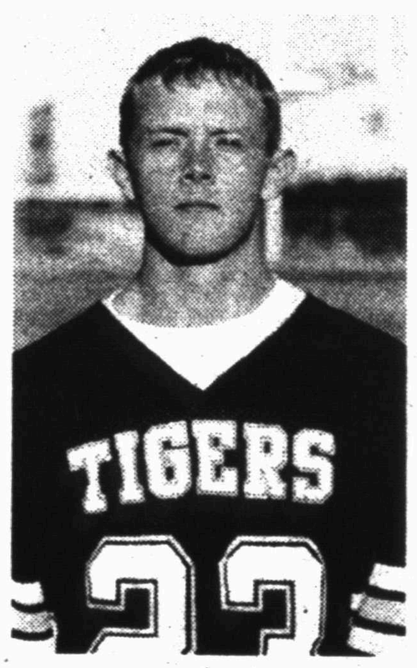
Rotan High School
Texas Tech University — 1967
Master's of Physical Education, Texas Tech — 1972

Playing Experience

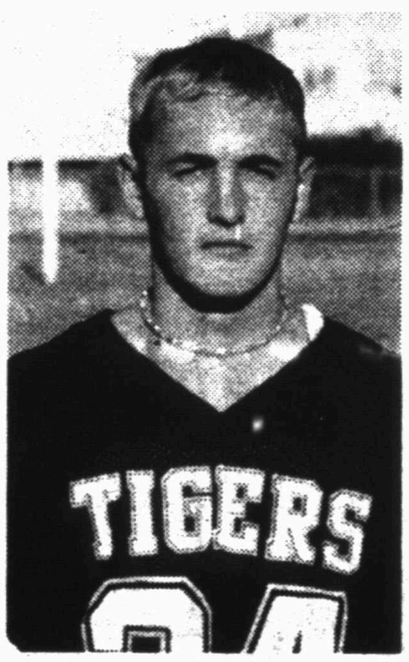
Texas Tech, defensive back, 1962-66
1966 Dallas Morning News All-SWC Team
1964 Sun Bowl, 1965 Gator Bowl and 1966 Shrine Bowl

Coaching Experience

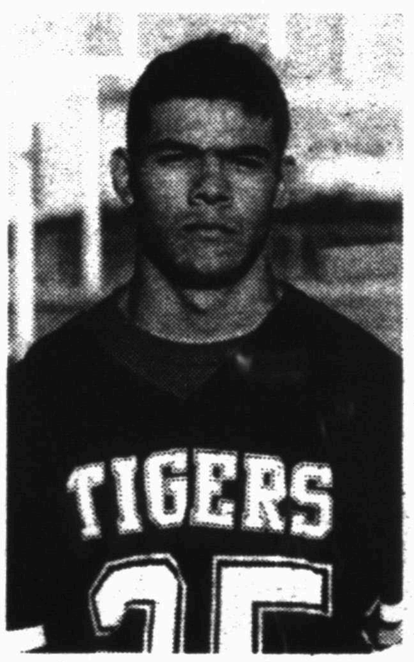
Lubbock Monterey, sophomore coach, 1967-68
Levelland, defensive coordinator, 1969
Ralls, head coach, 1970-71
Andrews, defensive coordinator, 1972-74
Andrews, offensive coordinator, 1975-77
Iowa Park, assistant athletic director, 1978-80
Iowa Park, head coach, 1981-87
Snyder, head coach, 1988-present



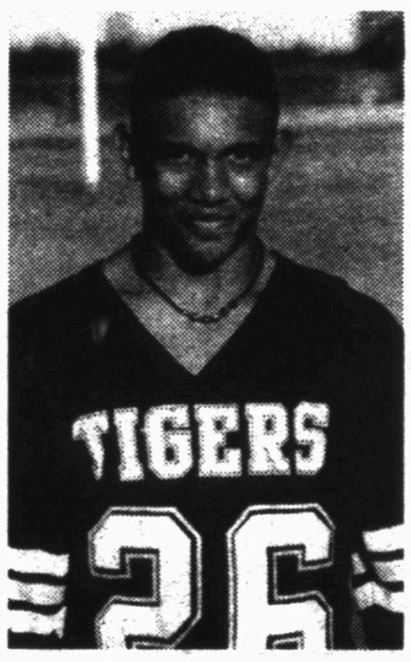
Shay Franks



Wade Pinson



Josh Arizmendi



Cory Clay

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in highly competitive district

and that number should rise this season.

Snyder also has depth in the backfield, with junior QB Brooks Nunley and junior tailback Jamaal Pruitt, joining sophomore fullbacks Billy Pena and Josh Montoya.

Pena and Montoya aren't the only underclassmen on the roster, as a total of eight sophomores will be in varsity uniforms, the most ever for a Baugh led team.

Other sophomores are T.J. Jones, Josh Knox, Trey Roland, Josh Mendoza, Michael Murphrey and Junior Martinez.

"Eight sophomores is by far the most I've ever had on the varsity," said Baugh. "But we needed back-up people who could give us some quality time, so other guys could rest.

"And these young kids are good. They aren't just filling roster spots. They can contribute to this team, when we need them to."

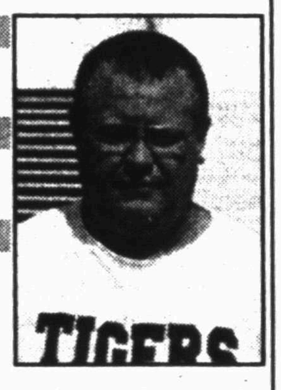
When Snyder puts the ball in the air, it will likely be guided toward an experienced receiver in Matthew Grimmett.

The 6-1, 170-pound senior speedster has led the Tigers in receiving the past two seasons and will once again be the main target.

However, Grimmett's biggest role could come on defense where he made the move from cornerback to free safety in the offseason.

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Steve Medley — Off. Coordinator



Family

Wife — Patsy
Children — Joey and Mark

Education

Monahans High School
Angelo State University — 1977

Playing Experience

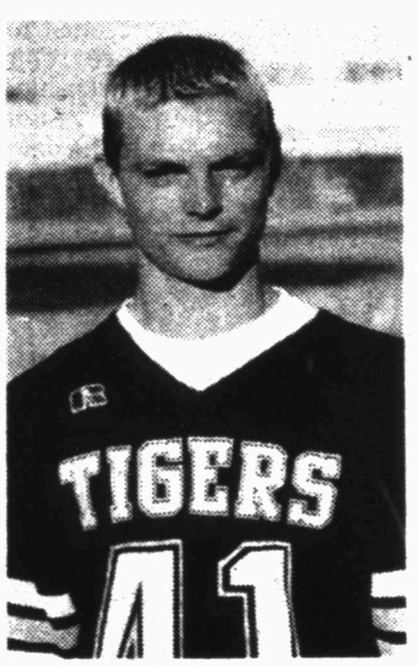
Monahans High School
Angelo State University
football two-year letterman
track four-year letterman

Coaching Experience

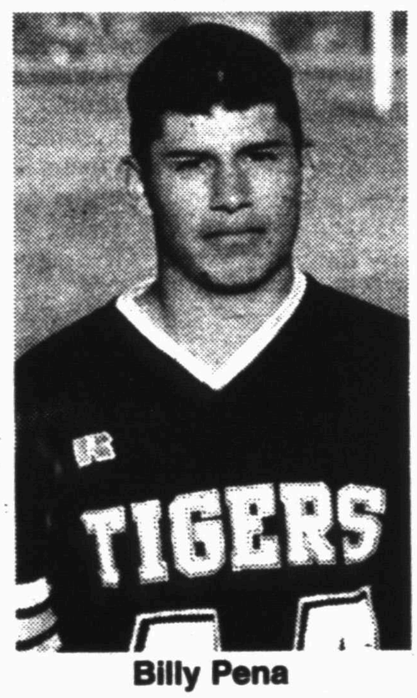
Angelo State University, graduate assistant
Brownfield High School, 1977-79
Monahans High School, 1980-93
Snyder High School, 1994-present

Snyder Tigers

Name	Height	Weight	Class.	Off. Position	Def. Position	Number
Ralph Ramon	5-6	150	senior	split end	tiger back	7
T.J. Jones	5-10	155	soph.	quarterback	free safety	10
Brooks Nunley	5-11	165	junior	quarterback	strong safety	11
Jesse Haines	5-10	165	senior	quarterback	free safety	14
Jamaal Pruitt	6-1	185	junior	tailback	end	21
Edwin James	5-5	155	senior	wingback	cornerback	22
Shay Franks	6-2	175	junior	tailback	end	23
Wade Pinson	5-11	160	junior	wingback	cornerback	24
Josh Arizmendi	5-10	180	senior	tailback	cornerback	25
Cory Clay	5-11	165	junior	wingback	cornerback	26
Tovares Brandon	5-11	150	senior	fullback	tiger back	28
Josh Montoya	5-9	180	soph.	fullback	linebacker	30
Justin Pechacek	6-1	175	junior	tight end	linebacker	35
Daniel Highfield	6-3	235	senior	tight end	end	40
T.J. Cagle	5-11	175	junior	fullback	strong safety	41
Billy Pena	5-5	165	soph.	fullback	linebacker	44
Adam Owen	5-11	190	junior	center	linebacker	50
Robert Early	6-0	200	senior	center	nose guard	51
Trey Roland	6-0	195	soph.	guard	linebacker	54
Mark Medley	5-11	205	senior	guard	linebacker	55
Max Blackwell	5-11	225	senior	guard	end	60
R.J. Hernandez	5-8	205	senior	guard	nose guard	61
Junior Martinez	5-10	195	soph.	guard	end	62
Josh Knox	5-10	230	soph.	center	tackle	64
Stephen Ortegon	5-10	205	junior	guard	tackle	65
Diego Hernandez	5-11	200	junior	guard	nose guard	67
Tremaine Johnson	6-0	275	senior	tackle	tackle	68
Josh Mendoza	6-1	195	soph.	guard	tackle	70
Michael Murphrey	6-4	175	soph.	tackle	end	72
Richard Martinez	5-10	225	junior	tackle	tackle	76
Lance Foreman	6-2	280	senior	tackle	nose guard	78
Chris McLeod	5-11	145	junior	split end	cornerback	80
Matthew Grimmett	6-1	170	senior	split end	free safety	82
Riki Dorsett	5-11	145	junior	split end	tiger back	86

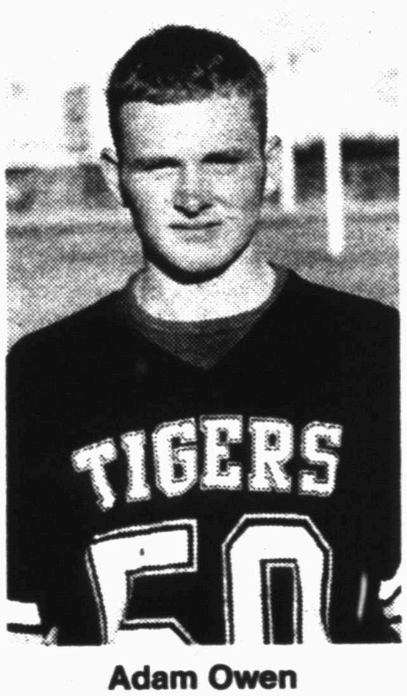


T.J. Cagle

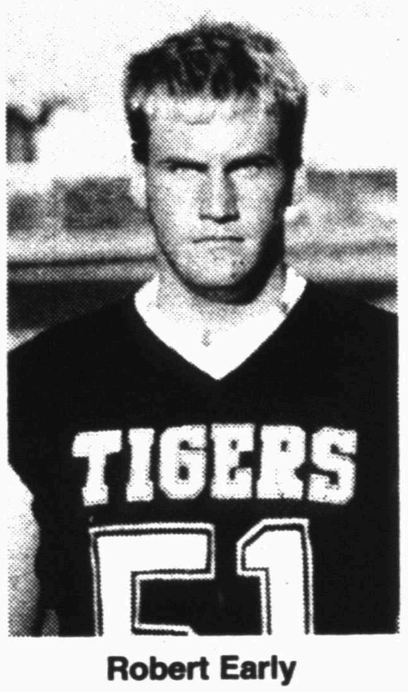


Billy Pena

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Adam Owen



Robert Early

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1111 Lubbock Hwy. Snyder, Texas 573-3635

"Matthew has been picking off a lot of passes in practice, and hopefully he'll be able to do it during a game," Baugh said. "He's one of the fastest players on our team, so he'll be able to cover a lot ground from back there."

Filling out the secondary will be a group of talented but inexperienced players. James and Chris McLeod were penciled in at the corners, but Arizmendi will have to fill in, until McLeod returns from a leg injury.

Pena and T.J. Cagle and could split time at strong safety, with Ralph Ramon and Brandon doing the same at tiger back.

"Our secondary has a lot of skill, but they're pretty green," Baugh remarked. "Grimmett has the most experience, but he's playing at a new position. It's a group of guys that will have to learn as they go along."

At linebacker, the Tigers have one concrete starter and one player who's trying to cement his spot in the lineup.

Senior Mark Medley is back for his third stint at weakside linebacker, after garnering all-district honors last year. The 5-11, 205-pound son of Snyder coach Steve Medley will be the anchor of Snyder's defense.

"Mark is solid at linebacker," Baugh stated. "He recognizes things and can make the proper calls on the field, and he has a tremendous nose for the ball. He's a big asset to us."

In 1999, the Tigers surrendered 1,972 yards on the ground and 985 through the air, while holding opponents to 18 points a game.

At strongside linebacker, junior Justin Pechacek is the likely starter, but could share time with the sophomore Montoya.

"We're going to see all kinds of offensive styles in this district," said Baugh. "Some teams run from the I, some are wing-T teams, and some try to spread the field with the 1-back set. We're are going to have to be able to defend against all of them, in order to compete for a playoff spot."

Up front, Baugh feels his squad should be solid on both sides of the ball.

Along the offensive line, experienced players return in every spot except center, where perennial all-district selection Randy Green played for the past two seasons.

The center of the line was a key concern of Baugh's when workouts began, but the play of senior Robert Early, sophomore Josh Knox and junior Adam Owen has quelled his fears, somewhat.

"We were pretty worried about who was going to play center, because we didn't have a single player on the roster who had ever snapped a ball during a varsity game," Baugh remarked. "But Early, Knox and Adam have come along real well. They are still inexperienced, but they've come a long ways."

Surrounding whoever fills the center's spot will be seniors Tremaine Johnson, R.J. Hernandez, Max Blackwell, Lance Foreman and tight end Daniel Highfield. Medley, Diego Hernandez and Stephen Ortegon will likely see time in the trenches.

"I'm excited about our line. In fact, I think they may be one of our strongest points this year," the SHS coach remarked. "Other than at center, we have a lot of experience up there, and that is a big key when you're talking about the offensive line."

Snyder should also be boosted by experience along the defensive front where R.J. Hernandez, Johnson will patrol the middle, with Blackwell and Pruitt on the ends. Highfield, Mendoza, Ortegon, Foreman and Braden Doolittle should also get some minutes.

The Tigers' line will not only be experienced but quick, which makes it solid base for the defense.

"We've got some good players along the defensive line, and they will only get better as the season wears on," Baugh said. "These guys like to get after it, and we like to see that. We like to be aggressive on defense."

With its mix of youth and experience, it could take the Tigers some time to gel, and the three tough non-district contests should get everybody on the same page.

Snyder opens the season Sept. 1 at home against Monahans, a squad that embarrassed the Tigers in last year's opener.

Week 2 will see the Tigers travel to Littlefield, followed by Snyder's homecoming the next Friday night against Abilene Wylie.

With seven other teams in District 4-4A, the Tigers get only three tune-ups before its open date, and the district opener.

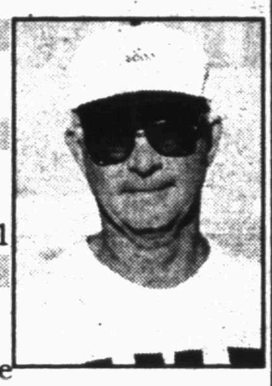
"You only get three games, then you have to line up for real," said Baugh. "But I think we'll face three good teams that will get us ready for district play.

"Monahans might not be as strong as they were last year, and we have a little payback we need to give them. Littlefield will be improved, and Wylie has maybe one of their best teams in recent years, so our non-district schedule will be a good test for us."

Following the open week, Snyder opens district at Plainview, before returning home to host Frenship. The Tigers then visit Andrews, followed by a home date with Lake View.

Next up is a trip to Levelland, before hosting Big Spring. Snyder wraps up its district schedule on a Thursday night in Lubbock against Estacado.

Tommy Doyle — Split Ends/DBs



Family

Wife — Nancy
Children — Brandi and Casey

Education

Lamesa High School
Texas Tech University — 1967
Master's Degree, Texas Tech — 1971

Playing Experience

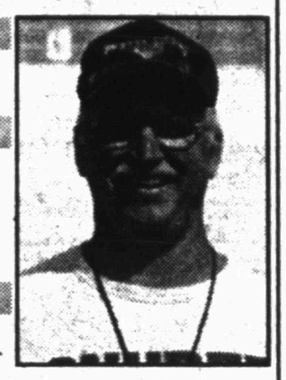
Lamesa High School
- First team all-state selection
- Chosen for high school all-star game

Texas Tech, receiver, 1962-66
- Record holder for TD catches in a game, 3 vs. Kansas State, 1963

Coaching Experience

Texas Tech, graduate asst., 1965-66, 1970
Lamesa High School, 1973-75
Snyder High School, 1976-80
Snyder High School, 1985-present

Joe Granato — Def. Coordinator



Family

Wife — Barbara
Children — Tonia, Todd and Tregg

Education

SA Edison High School
West Texas State University — 1962
Master's of Education,
Sam Houston State — 1967

Playing Experience

SA Edison High School
- 1956-57 State semifinalists

West Texas State, end, 1958-61
- 1958 Jr. Championship Bowl, 1959 Jr. Rose Bowl

Coaching Experience

University of Oklahoma
- 1971 and 1972 Sugar Bowl champions

Tyler Lee High School, 1981-86
Magnolia High School, 1987
Snyder High School, 1988-present

Other members of the Snyder ISD Football Coaching Staff

Junior Varsity

Bud Birks
Ben Reed

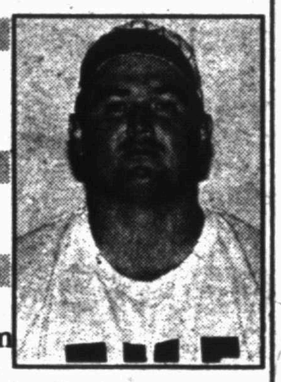
Freshmen

Charlie Bollinger
Roland Herrera

Junior High

Derek Price
Ralph Ramon
Waymon Holland
Greg Hazlewood

Chris Henson — Linebackers/TEs



Wife — Katie

Family

Children — Courtney, Caitlin and Christopher
Odessa High School

Education

Sul Ross State University — 1994

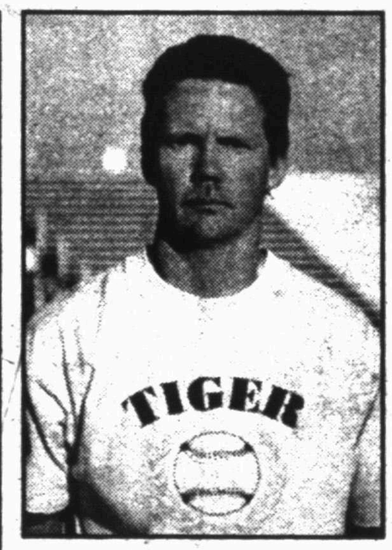
Playing Experience

Odessa High School
- Odessa American All-Century Team

Sul Ross State, linebacker
- All-Conference honorable mention

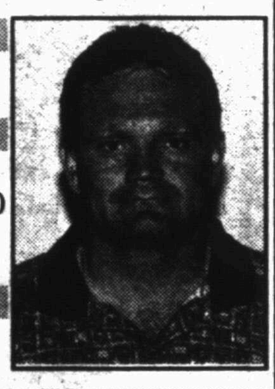
Coaching Experience

Snyder Junior High, athletic coordinator, 1994-98
Snyder High School, freshman coach, 1998-99
Snyder High School, linebackers/tight ends, 1999-present



Certified Athletic Trainer Steve Kreuger

Chad Rogers — Secondary/RBs



Family

Wife — Leanne
Children — Samantha and Chance

Education

Melrose, N.M. High School
New Mexico State University — 1990
Master's of Administration,
New Mexico State — 1993

Playing Experience

Kansas Wesleyan, safety
Panhandle State University, receiver

Coaching Experience

Mayfield HS, Las Cruces, N.M., secondary/RBs, 1989-99
- 1989, '94, '95, '96, '98 state semifinalists
- 1995, '96, '98 state champions

Snyder High School, 1999-present

District 4-4A Capsules

BIG SPRING STEERS
COLORS: Black, Gold
COACH: Dwight Butler
BASE OFFENSE: I
BASE DEFENSE: 4-3
1999 RECORD: 7-4
RET. LETTERMEN: 20
RET. OFF. STARTERS: 5
RET. DEF. STARTERS: 8
LETTERMEN LOST: 23
TEAM STRENGTH: Speed
TEAM WEAKNESS: Depth
STANDOUTS: Bowe Butler, LB; Colby Ford, RB; Jason Woodruff, RB; Jason Choate, DB; Willis Morrison, DB; Mike Smith, LB; Ryan Guinn, OL; Jade Hughes, OL; Justin Nichols, DL; Baby Baeza, DB; Clarence Wilkins, SE.

LAKE VIEW CHIEFS
COLORS: Blue, White
COACH: Billy Klemstein
BASE OFFENSE: 1-Back
BASE DEFENSE: 4-3
1999 RECORD: 4-6
RET. LETTERMEN: 12
RET. OFF. STARTERS: 4
RET. DEF. STARTERS: 3
LETTERMEN LOST: 26
TEAM STRENGTH: Size
TEAM WEAKNESS: Depth
STANDOUTS: David Lankford, QB (6-2, 170, 4.5); Ben Lyons, OL-DL; Robert Cameron, OL-DL (6-2, 300, 5.4); Carlos Estrada, OL-DL; Alex Carrillo, OL-DL; Jacob Gomez, DB; Jason Arnold, OL-DL; Jamar Hall, RB; David Rios, P.

PLAINVIEW BULLDOGS
COLORS: Red, White, Blue
COACH: Marty McClintock
BASE OFFENSE: I
BASE DEFENSE: 50
1999 RECORD: 8-3
RET. LETTERMEN: 19
RET. OFF. STARTERS: 2
RET. DEF. STARTERS: 1
LETTERMEN LOST: 33
TEAM STRENGTH: Agility
TEAM WEAKNESS: Depth
STANDOUTS: Maurico King, DL-TE (6-5, 265); Adam Naron, WR (5-10, 160, 4.6, 30 rec., 580 yds., 5 TDs); Bryson Davis, FB; Brant McAdams, LB; Kyle Miller, QB (no varsity experience); Sergio Zuniga, K (7 of 9 FG attempts).

SNYDER TIGERS
COLORS: Black, Gold
COACH: David Baugh
BASE OFFENSE: Wing-T
BASE DEFENSE: Split-6
1999 RECORD: 8-3
RET. LETTERMEN: 18
RET. OFF. STARTERS: 5
RET. DEF. STARTERS: 6
LETTERMEN LOST: 24
TEAM STRENGTH: Speed
TEAM WEAKNESS: Depth
STANDOUTS: Matthew Grimmett, WR-DB; Mark Medley, LB-OL; Tovares Brandon, RB-DB; Tremain Johnson, OL-DL; Josh Arizmendi, RB-DB; R.J. Hernandez, OL-DL; Max Blackwell, DE; Jamaal Pruitt, RB-DE; Ralph Ramon, K-DB.

LARGEST 4A SCHOOLS

Grapevine	1860
SA Roosevelt	1856
Dallas White	1854
San Marcos	1848
Hou. Sharpstown	1848
SA Jefferson	1842
Denton Ryan	1823
EP Ysleta	1821
Smithson Valley	1812
Angelton	1808

SMALLEST 4A SCHOOLS

Fabens	748
Dallas Madison	788
Clint	813
Dallas Roosevelt	853
Tuloso-Midway	854
Snyder	862
Houston Wheatley	866
Paris North Lamar	874
Pecos	896
Houston Kashmere	908

ANDREWS MUSTANGS
COLORS: Black, Gold
COACH: Mike Lebby
BASE OFFENSE: I
BASE DEFENSE: 4-3
1999 RECORD: 8-3
RET. LETTERMEN: 18
RET. OFF. STARTERS: 4
RET. DEF. STARTERS: 2
LETTERMEN LOST: 21
TEAM STRENGTH: Speed
TEAM WEAKNESS: Dept'
STANDOUTS: Jayme Jackson, DE-TE (6-4, 225, 4.8); Jeff Lebby, OL-TE (6-5, 270, 5.2); Jamie Bueno, TE; Daniel Lujan, OL (6-2, 280, 5.4); Eric Edwards, LB; Tyson Dever, TE; Andres Mattos, LB; Brady Haygood, QB; J.J. Hays, RB (1,700 yds. as a fresh.).

FRENSHIP TIGERS
COLORS: Royal Blue, Gold
COACH: Bobby Davis
BASE OFFENSE: I
BASE DEFENSE: Split-6
1999 RECORD: 8-5
RET. LETTERMEN: 17
RET. OFF. STARTERS: 7
RET. DEF. STARTERS: 4
LETTERMEN LOST: 25
TEAM STRENGTH: Offense
TEAM WEAKNESS: Defense
STANDOUTS: Kendal Briles, QB; Brandon Davidson, OL; Patrick Shelby, WR; Wes Havens, OL; Stephen Dale, OL; Nathan Cates, OL; Bryan Moore, WR; Brad Burns, LB; Jorge Rodriguez, RB; Brad Roten, LB; Brad Trotter, OL; David Thomas, WR-DB.

LEVELLAND LOBOS
COLORS: Scarlet, Black
COACH: Mike Speck
BASE OFFENSE: Wing-T
BASE DEFENSE: 27
1999 RECORD: 4-6
RET. LETTERMEN: 18
RET. OFF. STARTERS: 5
RET. DEF. STARTERS: 4
LETTERMEN LOST: 20
TEAM STRENGTH: Speed
TEAM WEAKNESS: Depth
STANDOUTS: C.J. Queen (4.5, 33 rec., 5 TDs), WR; Joseph Hutchinson, OL; Scotty Mitchell, DL; Kevin Romero, DB; Jason Tezeno, RB; Michael Leaks, WR; Justin Lucas, DL; Kevin Noles, RB; Kirk Noles, TE; Steve Tucker, DE; Craig Alexander, WR.

ESTACADO MATADORS
COLORS: Royal Blue, Silver
COACH: Louis Kelley
BASE OFFENSE: I
BASE DEFENSE: 4-3
1999 RECORD: 2-8
RET. LETTERMEN: 19
RET. OFF. STARTERS: 6
RET. DEF. STARTERS: 5
LETTERMEN LOST: 17
TEAM STRENGTH: Speed
TEAM WEAKNESS: Size
STANDOUTS: Chris Scott, DB; Corey Morrison, QB; Willie Powell, WR; Ocie Clark, LB; Pernell Upshaw, RB; Quincy Bowser, RB; Billy Stiggers, LB; John Masey, OL; Carlton Phillips, TE; Quentin Bolden, DB; Antoine Sheppard, RB; Thomas Howard, DB.

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Division I

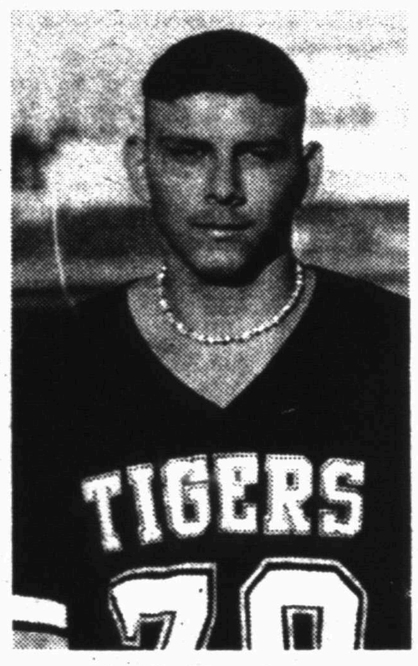
Bi-District: Hereford 26, Plainview 15; Brownwood 31, Big Spring 28.

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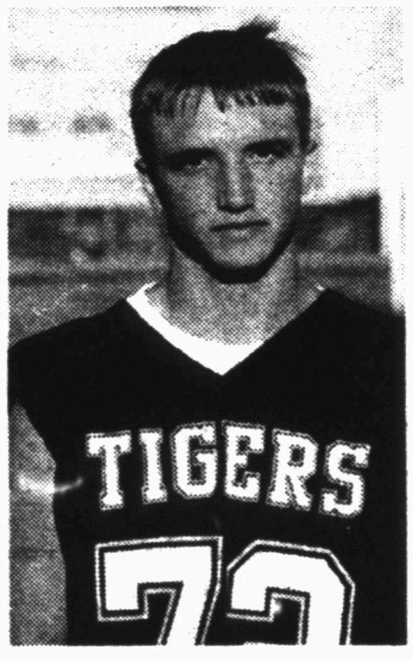
Bi-District: Everman 48, Snyder 20; Frenship 24, Pampa 19; Stephenville 49, Andrews 20.

Area: Frenship 30, El Paso Riverside 16.

Regional: Stephenville 31, Frenship 28.

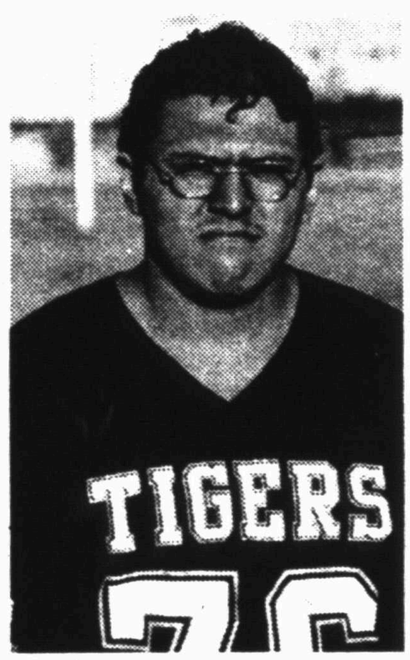


Josh Mendoza

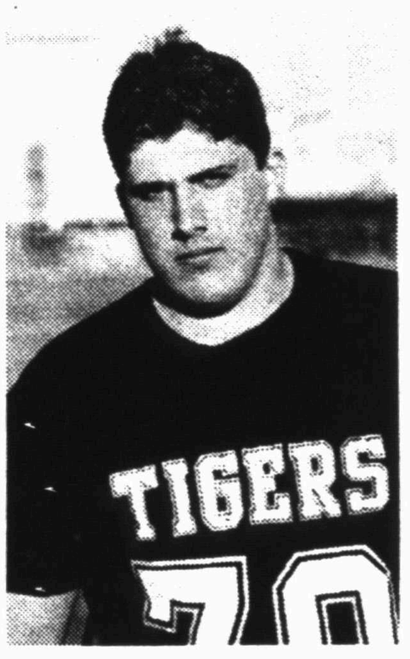


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Big 12 Conference Composite Schedule

August 26
New Mexico at Texas Tech
September 2
Auburn at Texas Tech
UTEP at Oklahoma
San Jose St. at Nebraska
Ohio at Iowa St.
Kansas at SMU
Baylor at North Texas
Notre Dame at Texas A&M
Colorado St. at Colorado
September 9
North Texas at Texas Tech
Nebraska at Notre Dame
Colorado at Southern Cal
Wyoming at Texas A&M
UNLV at Iowa St.
Oklahoma St. at Tulsa
UTEP at Kansas St.
La-Lafayette at Texas
September 16
SW Louisiana at Texas Tech
Washington at Colorado
Iowa St. at Iowa
Ball St. at Kansas St.
Texas at Stanford
Minnesota at Baylor
Ala-Birmingham at Kansas
Michigan St. at Missouri
September 23
Rice at Oklahoma
Houston at Texas
Louisville at Baylor
Southern Illinois at Kansas
Missouri at Clemson
Iowa at Nebraska
September 30
Kansas at Oklahoma
Oklahoma St. at Texas
Iowa St. at Baylor
Missouri at Nebraska
Kansas St. at Colorado
Texas Tech at Texas A&M
October 7
Oklahoma vs. Texas
(at Cotton Bowl)
Colorado at Texas A&M
Nebraska at Iowa St.
Baylor at Texas Tech
Kansas St. at Kansas
Oklahoma St. at Missouri
October 14
Nebraska at Texas Tech
Oklahoma at Kansas St.
Texas A&M at Baylor
Iowa St. at Oklahoma St.
Texas at Colorado
Kansas at Missouri
October 21
Texas Tech at Kansas St.
Baylor at Nebraska
Oklahoma at Oklahoma St.
Missouri at Texas
Texas A&M at Iowa St.
Colorado at Kansas
October 28
Nebraska at Oklahoma
Baylor at Texas
Iowa St. at Missouri
Oklahoma St. at Colorado
Texas Tech at Kansas
Kansas St. at Texas A&M
November 4
Texas at Texas Tech
Oklahoma at Baylor
Colorado at Missouri
Texas A&M at Oklahoma St.
Iowa St. at Kansas St.
Kansas at Nebraska
November 11
Oklahoma St. at Texas Tech
Missouri at Baylor
Nebraska at Kansas St.
Iowa St. at Colorado
Oklahoma at Texas A&M
Texas at Kansas
November 18
Texas Tech at Oklahoma
Kansas at Iowa St.
Baylor at Oklahoma St.
Kansas St. at Missouri
November 24
Texas A&M at Texas
Colorado at Nebraska

Texas All-Time High School Records

Single-Game Rushing Yards
599—Rudy Rudison, Houston Marian vs. Memorial Hall, 1978
587—Daryl Ellis, Somerville vs. Thrall, 1998
525—Tyson Thompson, Irving vs. Hurst Bell, 1998
520—Kenneth Hall, Sugar Land vs. Lutheran, 1953
517—Cleon Williams, Boling vs. Ganado, 1991
Single-Season Rushing Yards
4,045—Kenneth Hall, Sugar Land (12), 1953
3,701—Rodney Thomas, Groveton (16), 1990
3,569—Wes Danaher CC Calallen(15), 1995
3,526—Cedric Benson, Midland Lee (15), 1999
3,515—Robert Strait, Cuero (16), 1987
100-Yard Games — Season
16—Fred Smith, Sealy, 1994
16—Rodney Smith, Groveton, 1990
15—Chris Robertson, Denison, 1997
15—Robert Strait, Cuero, 1987
15—Billy Sims, Hooks, 1973
Single-Game Passing Yards
590—Kirk Saul, Turkey Valley vs. Chillicothe, 1986
588—Dwain Frazier, Houston Elmore vs. Aldine Carver, 1968
557—Ty Detmer, SA Southwest vs. Pleasanton, 1986
522—Koy Detmer, Mission vs. CC Miller, 1991
510—Travis Guthrie, Thrall vs. Somerville, 1998
Single-Season Passing Yards
4,700—Kelan Luker, Stephenville (16), 1998
4,477—Patrick Hutka, Rogers, (16) 1997
4,284—Chris Sanders, FM Marcus (16), 1995
4,244—Spencer Stack, FM Marcus (16), 1997
4,179—Lupe Rodriguez, Mission (13), 1987
Single-Game Passing TDs
9—Jonny Palmquist, Texas Christian vs. Cypress Community, 1999
8—Kirk Saul, Turkey Valley vs. Chillicothe, 1986
8—Jabo Leonard, Barbers Hill vs. Deweyville, 1971
Single-Season Passing TDs
54—Kirk Saul, Turkey Valley, 1986
52—Patrick Hutka, Rogers, 1997
50—Lupe Rodriguez, Mission, 1987
49—Kelan Luker, Stephenville, 1998
47—Spencer Stack, FM Marcus, 1997
Receptions — Game
22—Sammy Taylor, Dublin vs. Ranger, 1980
19—Jeremy Robinson, Palmer vs. Kerens, 1991
19—Labron Cornell, Midlothian vs. Waxahachie, 1990
18—Jeremy Robinson, Palmer vs. Crandall, 1990
18—Kevin Beirne, Conroe McCullough vs. Spring West, 1989
Receiving Yards — Game
357—Randy Boone, Chillicothe vs. Aspermont, 1984
356—Stanley Johnson, FW Paschal vs. Crowley, 1994
345—Michael Aceves, Cedar Hill vs. Wylie, 1985
310—Ken Smith, Nacogdoches vs. Marshall, 1983
309—Chris Brazzell, Alice vs. Del Rio, 1993
Receiving Yards — Season
2,427—Cody Cardwell, Stephenville, 1998
1,993—Ryan Read, Austin Westlake, 1996
1,931—Chris Brazzell, Alice, 1993
1,787—Adrian Hackney, Alto, 1997
1,763—Jamie Jackson, Schulenburg, 1994
Scoring — Game (1920 - 1950)
75—Jiggs Ray, Pilot Point vs. Tom Bean, 1937
60—Jim Hahn, Spur vs. Lorenzo, 1930
59—Billy Gunn, Columbus vs. Flatonia, 1941
58—Brode Puckett, Spur vs. Lorenzo, 1930
Scoring — Game (from 1951)
55—Doro Mendoza, Wink vs. Garden City, 1998
54—Derick Arnold, Houston Milby vs. Sam Houston, 1998
50—Brandon Minatra, Corsicana Mildred vs. Frost, 1992
50—Arnold Serrata, Alice vs. Robstown, 1978
Interceptions — Game
7—Donald Moore, Splendora vs. New Waverly, 1977
6—Robert Murski, Hou. St. Thomas vs. Hou. St. Pius, 1966
Consecutive PATs
76—Marshall Young, Conroe McCullough, 1990-91
72—Dustin Inderman, Teague, 1995-97
69—J.W. Boren, Stephenville, 1998
66—John Stodghill, Wichita Falls, 1985-86
65—Brent Pederson, South Garland, 1990-91
Longest Field Goal
67—Russ Cowsert, Dallas Christian vs. FW Nolan, 1987
62—David Leaverton, Midland vs. Odessa Permian, 1995
62—Ralph Heaten, EP Irvin vs. EP Bowie, 1992
62—Russell Wheatley, Odessa Permian vs. Longview, 1975
59—Jaret Greaser, Amarillo vs. Lubbock, 1993
59—Jeff Jacke, Richardson Pearce vs. Carrollton Smith, 1987
Longest Punt
97—Gary Bolen, McCamey vs. Stanton, 1969
96—Jim Rager, Dallas Lynch vs. Duncanville, 1965
96—Bill Paul, Abilene vs. Brownwood, 1950
95—Billy Smith, Eldorado vs. San Angelo, 1933
94—Chad Kennedy, Amarillo vs. San Angelo Central, 1998
94—Bobby Ford, Bowie vs. Diamond Hill, 1963

'Horns, 'Huskers favored again

DALLAS (AP) — For the second straight year, the Big 12 title probably will be settled in a playoff showdown between top-ranked Nebraska and No. 7 Texas.

With no regular season matchup between the traditional powers, the preseason favorites have to win their divisions, then meet in the league's championship game.

That meeting would take place Dec. 2, unless Nebraska loses Nov. 11 at eighth-ranked Kansas State and-or Texas fails to take advantage of a weak schedule.

The Cornhuskers beat the Longhorns 22-6 in last year's Big 12 title game, avenging a 24-20 loss at Austin earlier in the season.

"Going 12-1 was a great season, but we didn't finish it off," linebacker Carlos Polk said. "In the preseason, it's very flattering to be ranked No. 1. But we're still after postseason No. 1."

With quarterback Eric Crouch among nine returning starters from an offense that averaged 392 yards per game, the Huskers have a legitimate shot at that goal in coach Frank Solich's third season.

Nebraska does have some rebuilding to do on defense. Longtime coordinator Charlie McBride has retired and gone are the top four outside linebackers and two defensive backs who anchored the secondary.

Texas, which doesn't face Nebraska or Kansas State because of the league's rotation of non-division opponents, returns nine defensive starters and two top-notch quarterbacks.

Even after an award-winning sophomore season, Applewhite isn't guaranteed the starting job. And even if he remains the No. 1 quarterback, he'll likely split time with Chris Simms.

Simms made great strides in spring drills while Applewhite recovered from knee surgery. Applewhite was hurt in the Cotton Bowl, a 27-6 loss to Arkansas that gave Texas its first season-ending, three-game losing streak since 1984.

With three straight 11-win seasons, Kansas State has sustained the excellence coach Bill Snyder sought when he took over a woeful program 11 years ago. What's still missing are a Big 12 title and a national championship.

The No. 8 Wildcats return 15 starters from last year's team that went 11-1 and lost only to the Cornhuskers.

Colorado also will be a factor in the North race.

The Buffaloes start their second season under coach Gary Barnett ranked No. 24. They will be tested early.

No. 15 Southern California, No. 13 Washington, Kansas State and Texas are among Colorado's first six opponents.

A new job for Mike Leach will impact two Big 12 teams.

No. 19 Oklahoma hopes to build on the freewheeling offense Leach installed as coordinator last season, when the Sooners improved from 101st to 11th nationally in total offense with a Big 12-best 427 yards per game.

The Sooners, after their first winning season since 1993, return eight starters both offensively and defensively. The key is quarterback Josh Heupel, who set 20 Oklahoma passing records last year, including Big 12 records with 3,838 yards and 33 TDs.

Leach has replaced retired Spike Dykes as coach at Texas Tech, taking over a team that has had seven straight winning seasons and plays eight of its 12 games at home.

Leach favors high-powered passing attacks, but won't forget Ricky Williams. Before missing last season with a knee injury, Williams was the nation's fourth-leading rusher in the same conference as the 1998 Heisman Trophy winner by the same name.

It is still unknown if Texas A&M quarterback Mark Farris is up to the challenge of replacing Randy McCown.

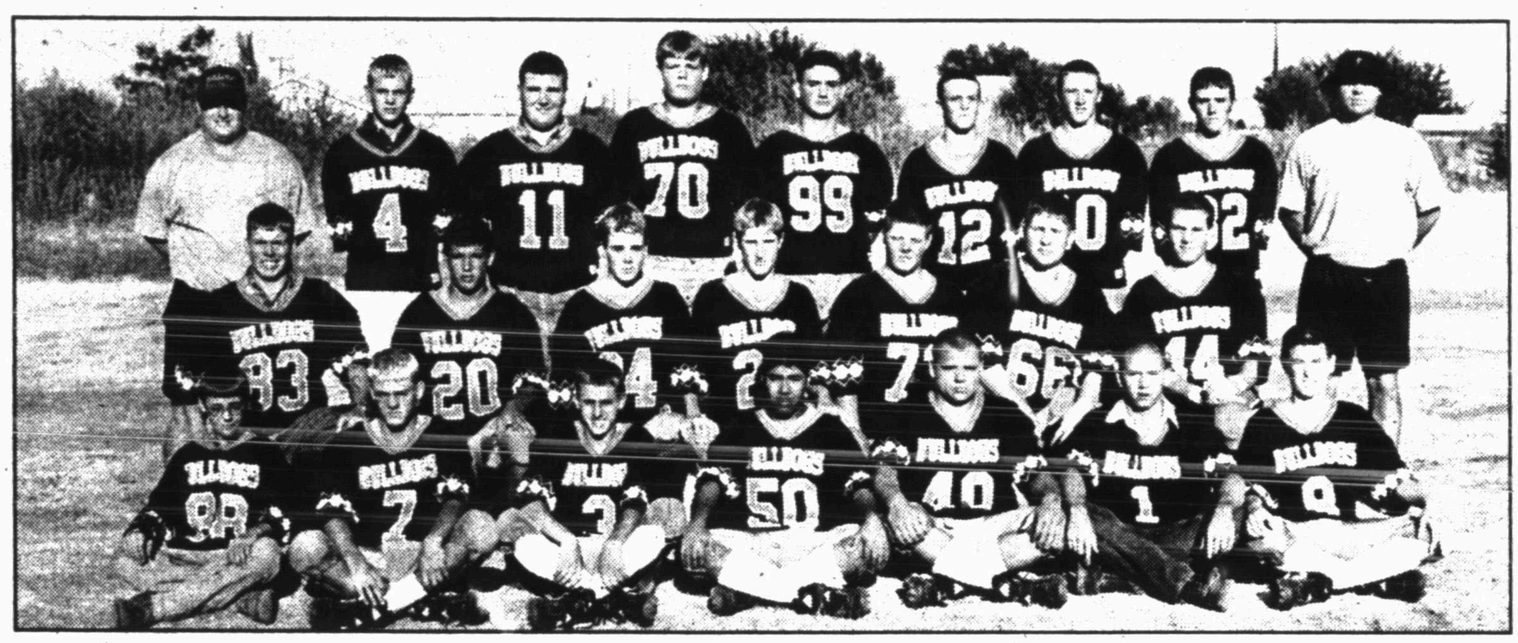
If not for a knee injury in 1998, Greg Cicero could be in the QB battle at Texas. Instead, he is coming off a junior college season in which he threw for 2,800 yards and 33 TDs, and will be the starter at Baylor for coach Kevin Steele, who was 1-10 in his debut season.

After consecutive 5-6 seasons, Oklahoma State coach Bob Simmons has new offensive and defensive coordinators.

Missouri's Larry Smith and Iowa State's Dan McCarney are coming off 4-7 seasons. Missouri faltered after a 3-1 start, while the Cyclones had their best record in McCarney's five seasons.

Ira looks to build on success

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor



IRA BULLDOGS — Members of the Ira Bulldogs are (front from left) Bubba Walker, Todd Wall, Jess Wall, Steven Herrera, Jerry Jamison, Jeremy Bowden and Tim Huddleston. On the middle row are Jeff Fine, Josh Gutierrez, Michael Allen, Ryan Higgins, Brandon Graves, Case Hardy and Tyler Frey. On the back row are Head Coach Toby Goodwin, Cole Shafer, Seth Sterling, Stephen Nickerson, Jake Barnes, Eric Dickerhoff, Nathan Smith, Cade Tucker and Asst. Coach Bubba Edwards. (SDN Staff Photo)

When Toby Goodwin was hired to resurrect the Ira High School football program, the Bulldogs had a solid core of seasoned veterans. The result was an 8-2 record last year in his second season at the helm.

The mission facing Goodwin in 2000 is to replace his departed platoon of four-year starters, while still striding toward the playoffs.

For the first time since 1995, Ira hits the gridiron without the likes of all-district players Jerek Brown, Logan Daves and Jose Juarez. But Goodwin believes the strengths of this year's Bulldogs will overcome its lack of experience.

"It's definitely a different atmosphere this year," said Goodwin. "Those other guys had been here for so long, and now they're not around. But this is a good group of kids we have, and I'm confident they're going to rise to the challenge."

The biggest asset for the Bulldogs will be speed. Ira has evolved from a big, powerful team into a smaller, quicker squad.

"Speed will be our biggest strength this year," Goodwin said. "We've gone from being big and strong to being quick and agile."

Offensively, the Bulldogs will have a different look this season, with junior Nathan Smith moving from quarterback to running back. Sophomore Eric Dickerhoff will take over as signal caller, with Jeremy Bowden returning to join Smith in the backfield. Todd Wall and Jess Wall will also see time at running back.

"We made the change, because Nathan is more of an asset to this team as a ball carrier," Goodwin stated. "Eric can handle the quarterbacking duties, so we're comfortable with the change."

Along the offensive front, Cade Tucker will anchor the line from his center position, with Jerry Jamison, Seth Sterling, Tyler Frey and Jake Barnes rotating at the ends.

"Our speed is going to allow us to do some different things this year," remarked Goodwin. "Our concern is on defense. We're going to be smaller and less experienced, but these guys are quick learners."

The defensive unit will be led by rotating linebackers Smith and Tucker.

Dickerhoff will roam the secondary at safety, with Bowden and Todd Wall at the corners. Barnes, Frey, Sterling and Jamison will play at the ends.

In the district race, the Bulldogs look to challenge Borden County for the second spot, with Highland considered the league favorite.

"I think it's going to come down to us and Borden County again for the final playoff spot," said Goodwin. "You hate to say that somebody is a lock for the playoffs, but Highland is probably pretty close to it. They're talented, and everybody expects them to win it."

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Cards looking past low numbers

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

HERMLEIGH - After raising their victory total a year ago, the Hermleigh Cardinals head into the 2000 season with a new head coach, and a plan for survival.

With eight Cardinals listed on the roster, Coach Harley Ethridge has more games scheduled than he does players.

But the new Cardinal leader's positive outlook seems to override the low turnout.

"We can't get around the fact that we only have eight players," Ethridge said. "But at the same time, we can't let it dominate us.

"I actually think we'll be competitive. These kids are hard workers, and as long as they keep it up, we'll be fine."

Ethridge is no stranger to competing with low numbers. Prior to coaching at Cisco the past two seasons, he spent a year on the Novice sideline, in which his squad played the entire season with only seven players.

"The key is to keep everybody healthy," he stated. "So the hardest thing about it is trying to keep your team sharp, while at the same time limiting the amount of contact you have during practice."

After suffering through a 1-9 campaign two years ago, the Cardinals improved to 4-6 last season.

Returning is a trio of starters in David Digby, Chris McClure and Billy Lambaren, along with Chris Bilberry and Jeremy Roemisch.

Digby is a bruiser at running back and linebacker, and earned all-district honors at both spots last season.

McClure will also see time in the backfield, where he'll likely handle the passing duties.

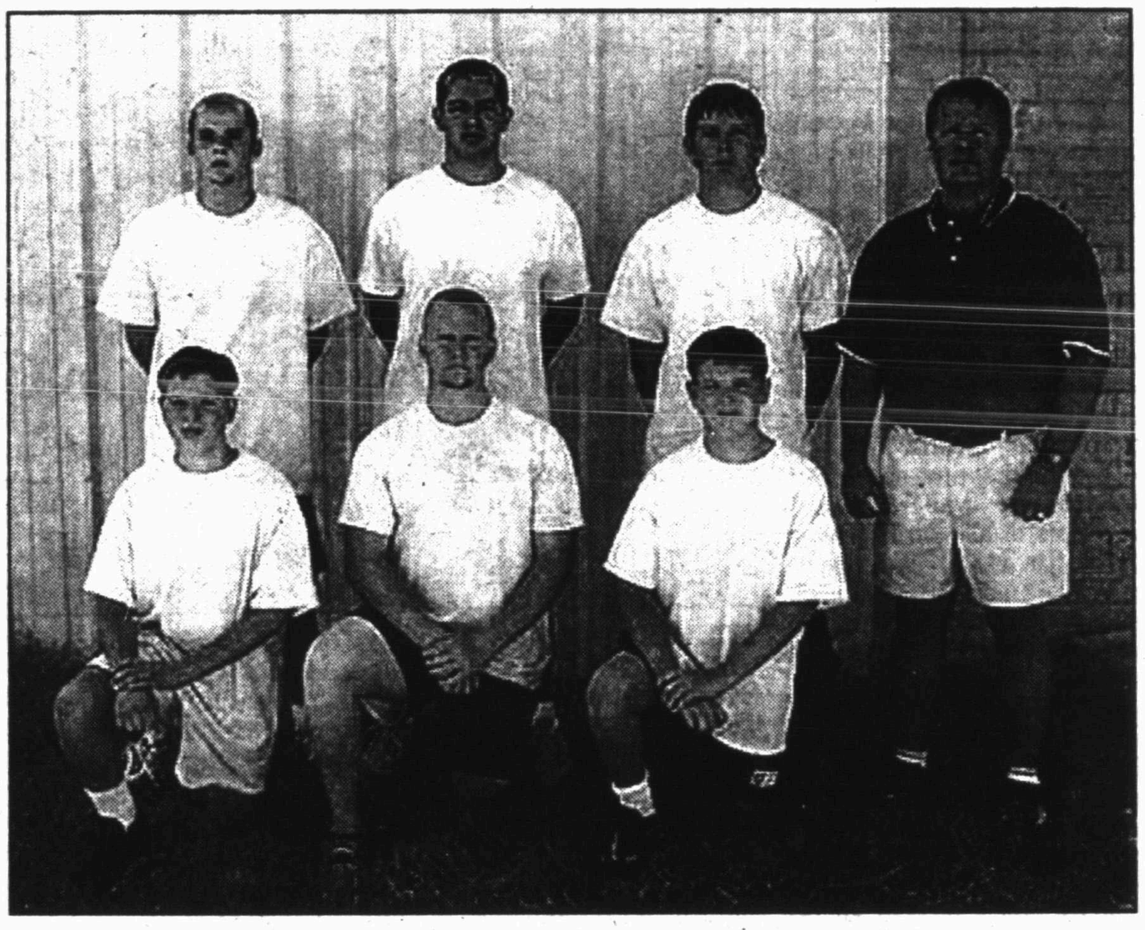
Lambaren looks to play at end on both sides of the ball, while Bilberry will fill the center's spot and play a number of positions on defense.

Filling out the Cardinals' roster are three freshmen who will undoubtedly get their fair share of playing time.

Justin Williamson is a quarterback and defensive back, while Dustin Williamson and Billy Duck are offensive and defensive ends.

Under Ethridge, the Cards will run their offense from both Wing-T and I formations, as well as from the spread.

"One thing we do have is pretty good speed," said Ethridge. "We'll probably keep adding a few wrinkles to the offense as the season wears on to try and utilize our quickness."



HERMLEIGH CARDINALS — Members of the Hermleigh Cardinals football team are, front row from left, Justin Williamson, David Digby and Dustin Williamson. On the back row are Chris McClure, Billy Lambaren, Chris Bilberry and Head Coach Harley Ethridge. Not pictured are Billy Duck and Jeremy Roemisch.

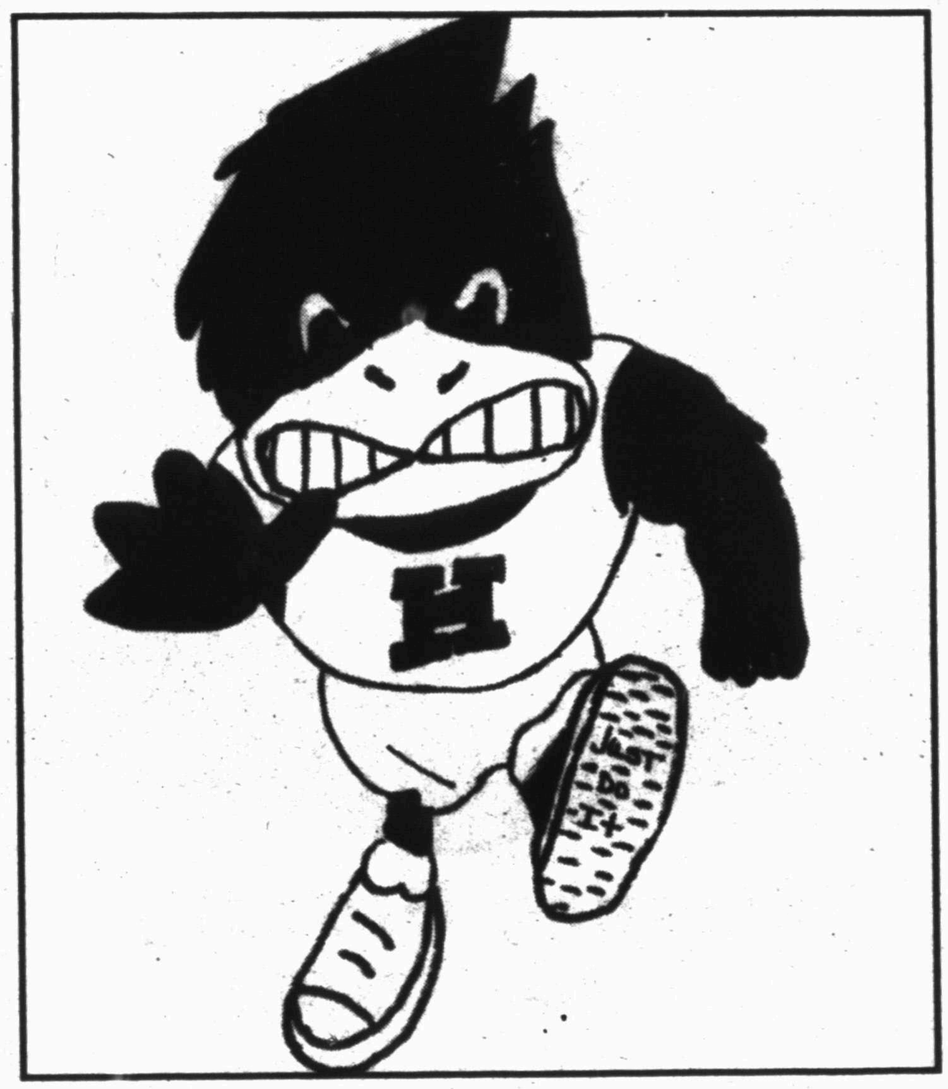
Hermleigh's schedule features a stint of three consecutive road games, during non-district competition, followed by three straight district contests at home.

The Cardinals open the seaon Sept. 8 when they host Grady.

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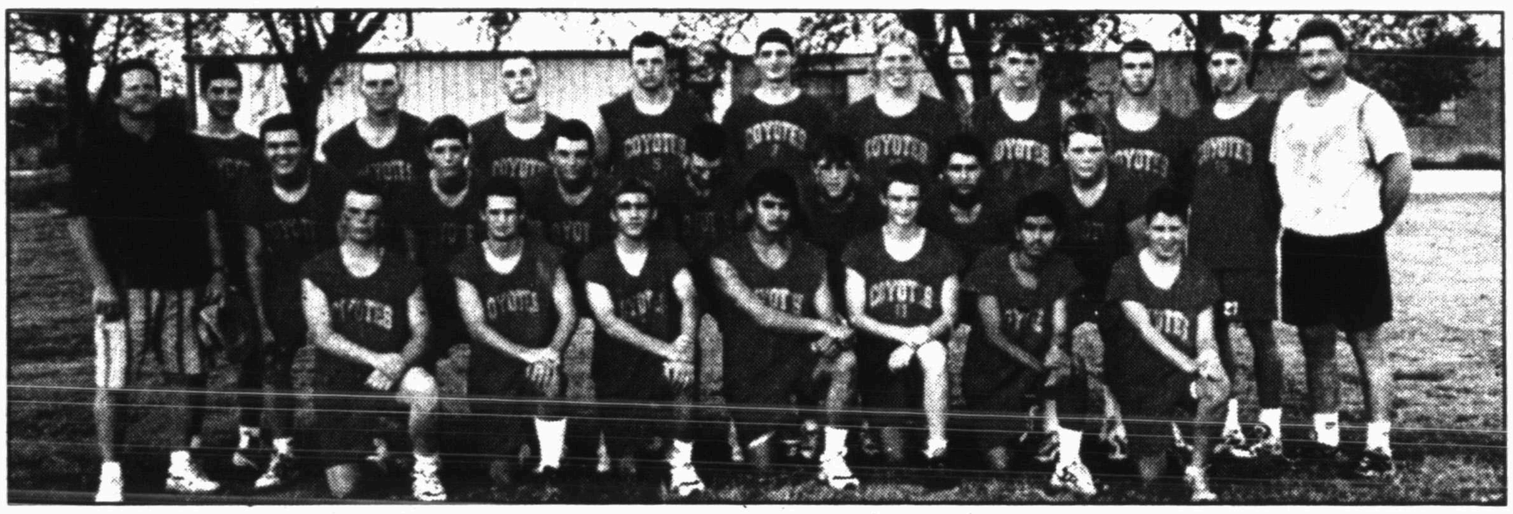


Hermleigh Schools



Young Coyotes eye success

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor



BORDEN COUNTY COYOTES — Members of Coyotes are, front row from left, John Harding, Lee Pepper, D.J. Smith, Ramon Griffin, Tanner Poole, Raul Rodriguez and Brionne Jackson. On the middle row are Ross Aten, Talin Pepper, Robert Stamper, Tyler Stipe, Dale Grant, Ed Rodriguez and James Bond. On the back row are head coach Bobby Avery, Tom Griffin, Nick Flanigan, Joseph Hardman, Kevin Pinkerton, Cody Nowlain, Rowdy Dunlap, Payton Brown, T.J. Sharp, Jacob Zant and asst. coach Trey Ritchey.

GAIL - The Borden County Coyotes have built a six-man football tradition of excellence over the past few years.

Now, heading into the 2000 campaign, it will be a younger, less experienced group of players that has the duty of maintaining that tradition.

Borden County lost eight lettermen to graduation, and face an uphill climb to repeat their performances of the past three years.

"Everybody says it's a rebuilding year for us, and I guess it is," said Coyote coach Bobby Avery. "But that doesn't mean you can't be successful while you're rebuilding.

"What we're rebuilding with is a group of talented younger players, and I feel like we can be very competitive."

After two trips to the title game and one state championship in a two-year span, the Coyotes finished with an 8-2 mark last season, falling in the quarterfinals to Groom.

Only three seniors return from '99, but they will be joined by a troop of Coyotes that went 9-0 last year as a junior varsity squad.

The leadership role falls squarely on the shoulders of senior quarterback/safety Tom Griffin.

Griffin and fellow seniors James Bond (end) and Ross Aten (center) are all that remain from Borden County's state championship team.

The veteran trio will be joined by a quartet of juniors in Jacob Zant, Rowdy Dunlap, Cody Nowlain and Tyler Stipe.

Zant will roam the secondary, while Nowlain and Stipe will line up at offensive end.

Dunlap, along with returning sophomore letterman T.J. Sharp, will handle the duties at running back.

In order to prepare his squad for a tough district run, Avery scheduled a competitive slate of non-district contests.

The Coyotes battle Trent, Ropes, Sands, Wellman and Whitharral all before kicking off league action.

Avery hopes the early tests will toughen his squad for District 6 play, where it will face tough competition for the final playoff spot behind heavily-favored Highland.

"Highland deserves all the credit they're getting. They're a very talented ballclub," said Avery. "I know what it feels like to have everybody gunning for you. We've been in that spot the last few years, and it has its positive side as well as its negative.

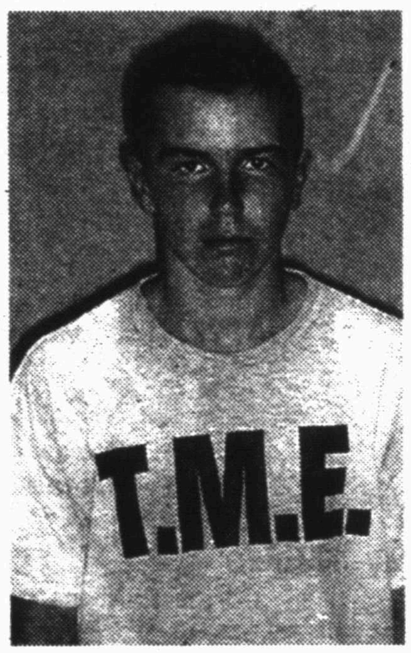
"But can't worry about how well Highland is going to play. We have to go out and just play the best we can, and focus on what we need to do to win as many ballgames as possible."

Likely contenders to Borden County for the second playoff spot are Ira and Loraine, which square off with the Coyotes on back-to-back Fridays in October.

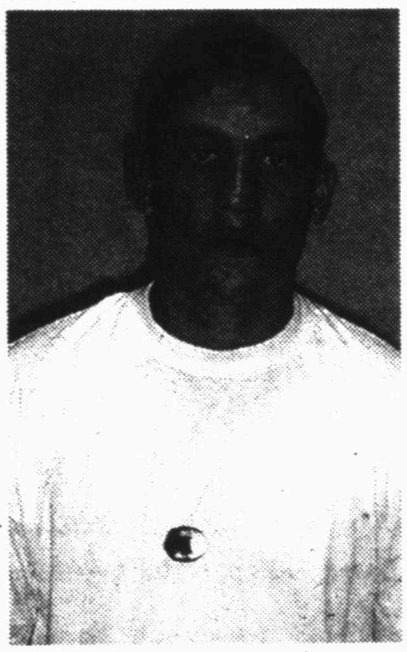
Borden County hosts Loraine in the district opener Oct. 13, before visiting the Bulldogs the following week.

If the Coyotes make it through the first four district games unscathed, it will set up a showdown for the league crown with Highland on the final night of the regular season.

"Sure, we hope to get to that point," Avery remarked. "But we've got a lot of football to play before then."



T.J. Jones



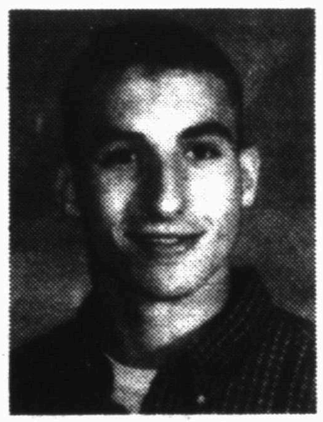
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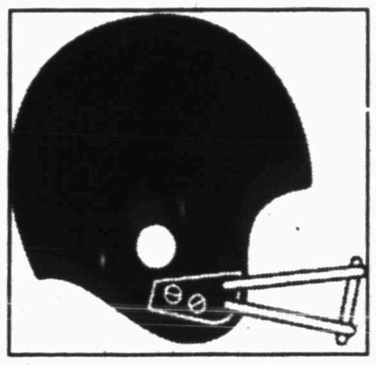
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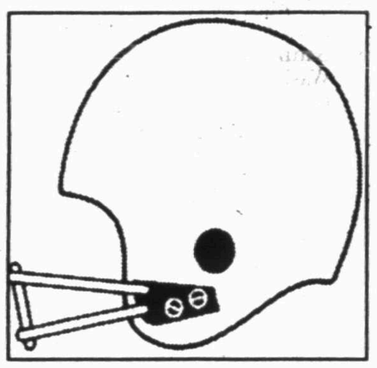
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HERMLEIGH CARDINALS

Sept.	8	Grady	7:30
Sept.	15	at Blackwell	7:30
Sept.	22	at Klondike	7:30
Sept.	29	at Trent	7:30
Oct.	6	Sands	7:30
Oct.	13	Westbrook	7:30
Oct.	20	Loraine	7:30
Oct.	27	at Borden County	7:30
Nov.	3	at Highland	7:30
Nov.	10	Ira	7:30

BORDEN COUNTY COYOTES

Sept.	8	at Trent	7:30
Sept.	15	Ropes	7:30
Sept.	22	Sands	7:30
Sept.	29	at Wellman-Union	7:30
Oct.	6	at Whitharral	7:30
Oct.	13	Loraine	7:30
Oct.	20	at Ira	7:30
Oct.	27	Hermleigh	7:30
Nov.	3	at Westbrook	7:30
Nov.	10	Highland	7:30

IRA BULLDOGS

Sept.	8	at Veribest	7:30
Sept.	15	Klondike	7:30
Sept.	22	at Ropes	7:30
Sept.	29	at Blackwell	7:30
Oct.	6	Jayton	7:30
Oct.	13	Highland	7:30
Oct.	20	Borden County	7:30
Oct.	27	at Westbrook	7:30
Nov.	3	Loraine	7:30
Nov.	10	at Hermleigh	7:30

District 6 Six-Man Capsules

HIGHLAND HORNETS
COLORS: White, Blue & Red
COACH: Karry Owens
1999 RECORD: 8-4
RET. LETTERMEN: 9
RET. OFF. STARTERS: 6
RET. DEF. STARTERS: 6
STANDOUTS: Jared Bowen, RB-LB; Zach Fullwood, E; Brad Hendrix, WR-LB; Kade Johnson, QB-S.

LORAINE BULLDOGS
COLORS: Black & Gold
COACH: Victor Garcia
1998 RECORD: 7-3
RET. LETTERMEN: 4
RET. OFF. STARTERS: 4
RET. DEF. STARTERS: 3
STANDOUTS: Luis Rico, DB; Elias Barrera, RB; Johnny Lopez, QB; Ed Lujan, FB; Daniel Martinez, C.

WESTBROOK WILDCATS
COLORS: Blue & White
COACH: Andrew Hannon
1998 RECORD: 2-8
RET. LETTERMEN: 4
RET. OFF. STARTERS: 1
RET. DEF. STARTERS: 2
STANDOUTS: Chris Matlock, QB; Eric Roberson, C; Jim Bob Hale, WR-CB; Adam Roemisch, WR-S.



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Kristin York



Jaycee Smith

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NFL Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 3
Arizona at NY Giants
Baltimore at Pittsburgh
Carolina at Washington
Chicago at Minnesota
Detroit at New Orleans
Indianapolis at Kansas City
Jacksonville at Cleveland
NY Jets at Green Bay
Philadelphia at Dallas
San Diego at Oakland
San Francisco at Atlanta
Seattle at Miami
Tampa Bay at New England
Tennessee at Buffalo
Monday, Sept. 4
Denver at St. Louis
Sunday, Sept. 10
Atlanta at Denver
Carolina at San Francisco
Chicago at Tampa bay
Cleveland at Cincinnati
Green Bay at Buffalo
Jacksonville at Baltimore
Kansas City at Tennessee
Miami at Minnesota
New Orleans at San Diego
NY Giants at Philadelphia
Oakland at Indianapolis
St. Louis at Seattle
Washington at Detroit
Dallas at Arizona
Monday, Sept. 11
New England at NY Jets
Sunday, Sept. 17
Atlanta at Carolina
Buffalo at NY Jets
Cincinnati at Jacksonville
Denver at Oakland
Minnesota at New England
New Orleans at Seattle
NY Giants at Chicago
Philadelphia at Green Bay
Pittsburgh at Cleveland
San Diego at Kansas City
San Francisco at St. Louis
Tampa Bay at Detroit
Baltimore at Miami
Monday, Sept. 18
Dallas at Washington
Sunday, Sept. 24
Cincinnati at Baltimore
Cleveland at Oakland
Detroit at Chicago
Green Bay at Arizona
Kansas City at Denver
New England at Miami
NY Jets at Tampa Bay
Philadelphia at New Orleans
St. Louis at Atlanta
San Francisco at Dallas
Seattle at San Diego
Tennessee at Pittsburgh
Washington at NY Giants
Monday, Sept. 25
Jacksonville at Indianapolis
Sunday, Oct. 1
Arizona at San Francisco
Baltimore at Cleveland
Chicago at Green Bay
Dallas at Carolina
Indianapolis at Buffalo
Miami at Cincinnati
Minnesota at Detroit
New England at Denver
NY Giants at Tennessee
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville
San Diego at St. Louis
Tampa Bay at Washington
Atlanta at Philadelphia
Monday, Oct. 2
Seattle at Kansas City
Sunday, Oct. 8
Buffalo at Miami
Cleveland at Arizona
Denver at San Diego
Green Bay at Detroit
Indianapolis at New England
New Orleans at Chicago
NY Giants at Atlanta
Oakland at San Francisco
Pittsburgh at NY Jets
Seattle at Carolina
Tennessee at Cincinnati
Washington at Philadelphia
Baltimore at Jacksonville
Monday, Oct. 9
Tampa Bay at Minnesota
Sunday, Oct. 15
Atlanta at St. Louis
Baltimore at Washington
Carolina at New Orleans
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
Cleveland at Denver
Dallas at NY Giants
Indianapolis at Seattle
NY Jets at New England
Oakland at Kansas City
Philadelphia at Arizona
San Diego at Buffalo
San Francisco at Green Bay
Minnesota at Chicago
Monday, Oct. 16
Jacksonville at Tennessee
Thursday, Oct. 19
Detroit at Tampa Bay
Sunday, Oct. 22
Arizona at Dallas
Buffalo at Minnesota
Chicago at Philadelphia
Cleveland at Pittsburgh
Denver at Cincinnati
New England at Indianapolis
New Orleans at Atlanta
St. Louis at Kansas City
San Francisco at Carolina
Seattle at Oakland
Tennessee at Baltimore
Washington at Jacksonville
Monday, Oct. 23
Miami at NY Jets
Sunday, Oct. 29
Carolina at Atlanta
Cincinnati at Cleveland
Detroit at Indianapolis
Green Bay at Miami
Jacksonville at Dallas
Kansas City at Seattle
Minnesota at Tampa Bay
New Orleans at Arizona
NY Jets at Buffalo
Philadelphia at NY Giants
Pittsburgh at Baltimore
St. Louis at San Francisco
Oakland at San Diego
Monday, Oct. 30
Tennessee at Washington
Sunday, Nov. 5
Baltimore at Cincinnati
Buffalo at New England
Dallas at Philadelphia
Denver at NY Jets
Indianapolis at Chicago
Kansas City at Oakland
Miami at Detroit
NY Giants at Cleveland
Pittsburgh at Tennessee
San Diego at Seattle
San Francisco at New Orleans
Tampa Bay at Atlanta
Washington at Arizona
Carolina at St. Louis
Monday, Nov. 6
Minnesota at Green Bay
Sunday, Nov. 12
Arizona at Minnesota
Atlanta at Detroit
Baltimore at Tennessee
Chicago at Buffalo
Cincinnati at Dallas
Green Bay at Tampa Bay
Kansas City at San Francisco
Miami at San Diego
New England at Cleveland
New Orleans at Carolina
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh
St. Louis at NY Giants
Seattle at Jacksonville
NY Jets at Indianapolis
Monday, Nov. 13
Oakland at Denver
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Atlanta at San Francisco
Buffalo at Kansas City
Carolina at Minnesota
Cincinnati at New England
Cleveland at Tennessee
Dallas at Baltimore
Detroit at NY Giants
Indianapolis at Green Bay
NY Jets at Miami
Oakland at New Orleans
San Diego at Denver
Tampa Bay at Chicago
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh
Monday, Nov. 20
Washington at St. Louis
Thursday, Nov. 23
New England at Detroit
Minnesota at Dallas
Sunday, Nov. 26
Atlanta at Oakland
Buffalo at Tampa Bay
Chicago at NY Jets
Cleveland at Baltimore
Denver at Seattle
Kansas City at San Diego
Miami at Indianapolis
New Orleans at St. Louis
Philadelphia at Washington
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
Tennessee at Jacksonville
NY Giants at Arizona
Monday, Nov. 27
Green Bay at Carolina
Thursday, Nov. 28
Detroit at Minnesota
Sunday, Dec. 3
Arizona at Cincinnati
Cleveland at Jacksonville
Dallas at Tampa Bay
Denver at New Orleans
Indianapolis at NY Jets
Miami at Buffalo
NY Giants at Washington
Oakland at Pittsburgh
St. Louis at Carolina
San Francisco at San Diego
Seattle at Atlanta
Tennessee at Philadelphia
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Cincinnati at Tennessee
Detroit at Green Bay
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Cincinnati at Philadelphia
Kansas City at Atlanta
Miami at New England
Minnesota at Indianapolis
NY Jets at Baltimore
Pittsburgh at San Diego
St. Louis at New Orleans
Tampa Bay at Green Bay
Monday, Dec. 25
Dallas at Tennessee

Houston working to build new franchise

HOUSTON (AP) — The NFL's 32nd franchise is two years from its debut. So far, it has no coach, no players and neither a nickname nor a logo. A $367 million retractable roof stadium is barely out of the ground.

Yet there are signs of life for Bob McNair's $700 million investment.

General manager Charley Casserly has assembled a top scouting staff that later this month will begin evaluating college and pro talent. On Sept. 6, the team will get its nickname — likely "Texans" — and unveil the logo.

Also, the front office is hard at work putting together a presentation aimed at bringing the Super Bowl to the new stadium in 2004.

McNair wants to see more of the big picture come into focus but he is not baffled by the lengthy startup process. He has built from scratch before.

He turned Cogen Technologies Inc. into a major power producer, then sold it in 1999 for a reported $1.5 billion. In five years, he's developed Stoneside Stables into one of the top horse racing stables.

"This is the first time we've been together as an organization, but it's not the first time Bob McNair has run an organization from the start," Casserly said. "Look at Stoneside Stables. The stable operation is No. 1 in five years. That's our blueprint. We'd just like to have a few horses to get started."

Houston lost pro football when the Oilers moved to Tennessee after the 1996 season. McNair began gunning for an expansion team soon after, but was the clear underdog to Los Angeles.

On Oct. 6, 1999, McNair won. He's spent the last 10 months trying to cut through a tedium of queries from the league office.

"A lot now boils down to these arcane issues of how many angels can dance on the head of a pin," McNair said. "What do we do if there is an earthquake and the stadium falls to the ground? We are not too worried about earthquakes.

"Lawyers worry about earthquakes, things that really slow down the negotiation process, all the 'What ifs?' Believe me, we have a lot of creative minds asking 'What if this and what if that happens.'"

A few weeks ago, the team announced the schedule for its inaugural preseason in 2002 and contracts locking in Denver, Miami and Tampa Bay as preseason foes for four years. There's also an open-ended oral agreement with Dallas.

Houston will debut in Canton, Ohio, in the annual Hall of Fame game, just like the Cleveland Browns did last season when that franchise was reborn. The opponent hasn't been picked.

After trips to Denver and Dallas, Houston will have its first home game against Miami.

The game McNair most wants to host is the Super Bowl. A presentation for the 2004 game will be made to the Super Bowl committee in October.

"I don't think there is any doubt that we are in the lead and it's ours to lose and we are going to see that doesn't happen," McNair said. "I think we are going to knock their socks off."

After the upcoming season, Casserly will begin looking for a coach, preferably one with a successful NFL resume.

If he finds someone he wants, the guy will get the job a year early to help guide the team's direction. It's not mandatory, though.

"There are no front-runners," Casserly said. "If we get our man after this season we'll do it. If not, we can wait."

Casserly may not know who he wants, but he has an idea of the coach's profile.

"To me, you want a leader," Casserly said. "When that coach walks in the room, he's in charge. He doesn't have to be an offensive or defensive coach, but he's got to be a leader.

"You've got to get the right guy. If you get the wrong guy, it doesn't matter how much driver's ed he's taken."

Another issue left unresolved is the team's eventual training camp site. The Oilers used to get into shape in San Angelo, San Marcos and Nacogdoches.

McNair also wants his team and fans close together from the start.

"We might have bleachers at the practice facility and lights for maybe night practices," McNair said. "There is a lot of enthusiasm for the team right now. This is a time to consolidate our main base.

"First, let's be Houston's team. Then we can expand out."

Snyder Tigers

September	1	Monahans	7:30
September	8	at Littlefield	8:00
September	15	Abilene Wylie	7:30
September	22	Open	7:30
September	29	at Plainview	7:30
October	6	Frenship	7:30
October	13	at Andrews	7:30
October	20	Lake View	7:30
October	27	at Levelland	7:30
November	3	Big Spring	7:30
November	9	at Estacado	7:30

Junior Varsity

Aug.	31	at Monahans	6:00
Sept.	7	Littlefield	6:30
Sept.	14	at Abilene Wylie	5:00
Sept.	28	Plainview	6:00
Oct.	5	at Frenship	7:00
Oct.	12	Andrews	5:30
Oct.	19	at Lake View	5:00
Oct.	26	Levelland	6:00
Nov.	2	at Big Spring	5:30
Nov.	10	Estacado	5:00

Freshmen

Aug.	31	Monahans	6:00
Sept.	7	at Littlefield	5:00
Sept.	14	at Abilene Wylie	7:00
Sept.	28	at Plainview	6:00
Oct.	5	Frenship	5:00
Oct.	12	at Andrews	5:30
Oct.	19	Lake View	5:00
Oct.	26	at Levelland	6:00
Nov.	2	Big Spring	5:00
Nov.	10	Open	

Eighth Grade A

Aug.	31	Andrews	6:30
Sept.	7	Big Spring	6:30
Sept.	14	Abilene Wylie	6:30
Sept.	21	Abilene	6:30
Sept	28	at Merkel	6:00
Oct.	5	at Sweetwater	6:30
Oct.	12	at Andrews	6:30
Oct.	19	at Big Spring	6:30
Nov.	2	Big Spring	6:30

Seventh Grade A

Aug.	31	at Andrews	6:30
Sept.	7	at Big Spring	6:30
Sept.	14	Abilene Wylie	6:30
Sept.	21	at Abilene	5:00
Sept.	28	at Merkel	5:00
Oct.	5	Sweetwater	6:30
Oct.	12	Andrews	6:30
Oct.	19	Big Spring	6:30
Nov.	2	at Big Spring	6:30

Eighth Grade B

Aug.	31	Andrews	5:00
Sept.	7	Big Spring	5:00
Sept.	14	Abilene Wylie	5:00
Sept.	21	Abilene	5:00
Sept.	28	at Merkel	4:00
Oct.	5	at Sweetwater	5:00
Oct.	12	at Andrews	5:00
Oct.	19	at Big Spring	5:00
Nov.	2	Big Spring	5:00

Seventh Grade B

Aug.	31	at Andrews	5:00
Sept.	7	at Big Spring	5:00
Sept.	14	Abilene Wylie	5:00
Sept.	21	at Abilene	5:00
Oct.	5	Sweetwater	5:00
Oct.	12	Andrews	5:00
Oct.	19	Big Spring	5:00
Oct.	26	at Colorado City	5:00
Nov.	2	at Big Spring	5:00