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Home of George Clark

Ira shows increased enrollment...

It's back to the books in Snyder, Hermleigh

School bells ring Monday for Snyder and Hermleigh students as all three county schools will now put a lid on summer vacation. Ira went back to the books Thursday.

Classes get underway at 8 a.m. at both Hermleigh and Ira, while Snyder's Pre-K through sixth graders start at 8:25 a.m., with the junior high students reporting at 8:20, and high school students 10 minutes earlier at 8:10.

Ira dismisses all classes at 3:30 p.m., while Hermleigh ends the school day at 3:35.

Snyder's first class of Pre-k students dismisses at 11:30 a.m., while the second class runs from 12:30 until 3:30 p.m.

Kindergarten and first grade students dismiss at 2:45 p.m., while the second grade attends classes until 3:15 p.m.

The remainder of Snyder students — third grade through seniors — end the day at 3:30 p.m.

Snyder and Ira schools have interim superintendents to start the school year as their respective school boards search for permanent replacements for Gayle Lomax in Snyder and Jim Rumage at Ira.

Lomax resigned this month, while Rumage left to head the Ozona school system.

Jim Kirkland is serving as interim superintendent at Snyder, while James Bible is in the same post at Ira.

Jerry Church at Hermleigh is the dean of Scurry County school leaders as he starts his 24th year as superintendent in Cardinal country.

Opening day enrollment at Ira was noteworthy last week as the district had 196 students in class. This was up from 179 at the same time last year.

Ira actually has 200 students enrolled, the highest number of students since the 1992-1993 school year.

Snyder is starting its first year in 3-A classification following a drop in students last fall. Snyder started classes last year with 2,591 students, as compared with 2,683 in 2000.

School officials have forecasted a possible drop in students Monday of as many as 80 to 100 students.

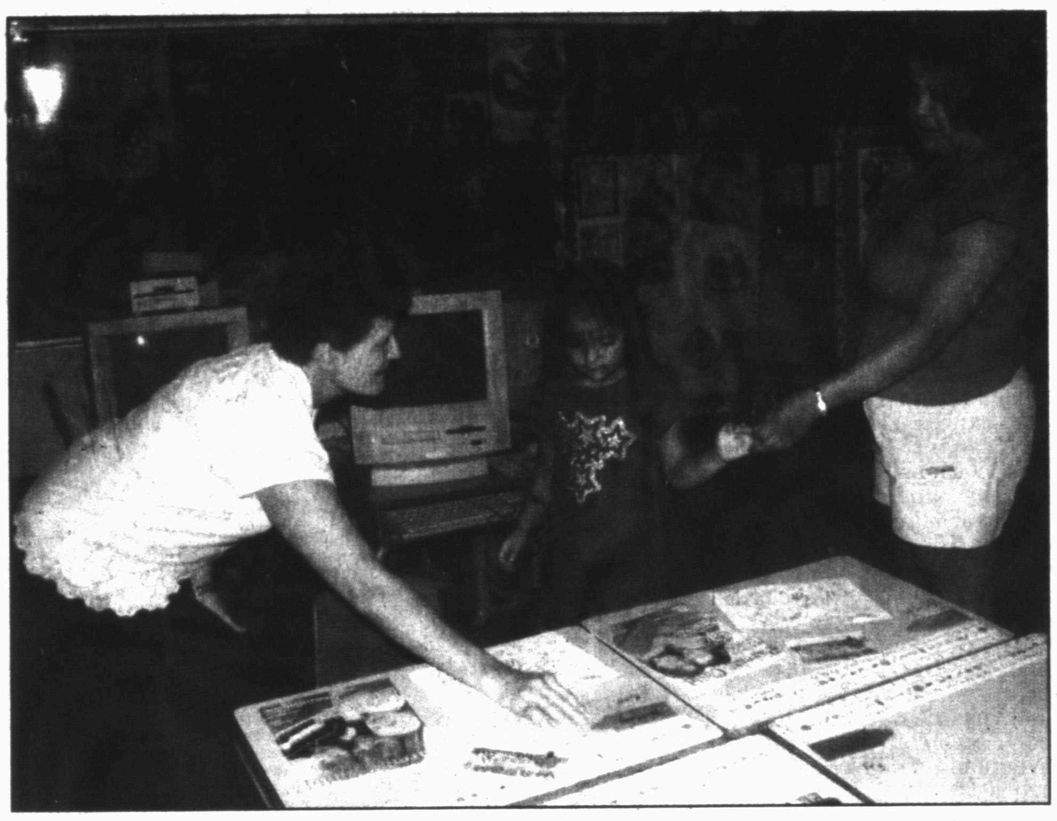
Hermleigh is hoping to increase last year's enrollment of 114 students. Traditionally, enrollment doesn't peak until after the Labor Day holiday.

A number of Snyder schools have hosted open houses this past week to let parents and students become more familiar with their schools.

In addition, Stanfield Elementary will have an open house from 2-3 p.m. Sunday, while Central will host its open house from 3-5 p.m. Sunday.

Ira will hold an open house Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and its senior class will have a spaghetti supper from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Cost is $5 for sixth graders through adult, and $3.50 for fifth graders and younger.

The Ira football team will be introduced at 7 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium. Hermleigh has an open house scheduled at a later date.



FIRST LOOK — East Elementary Kindergarten teacher Nell Henry shows incoming student Brittany Rios where she'll sit when classes begin Monday. Brittany's mom, Jennifer Rios (right), looked over the classroom and met the teacher during open house Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC in-service starts Monday

Western Texas College launches a busy week Monday with an 8:30 a.m. in-service reception in the student center.

The opening session of faculty meetings is set for 9 a.m. in the science lecture hall.

New staff members will attend orientation at 10 a.m. in the administrative boardroom.

An emergency response report will be presented at 11 a.m. in the science lecture hall and insurance updates are scheduled for 1:30 and 3 p.m.

Tuesday, there will be a financial aid and scholarship committee meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the faculty dining room.

Programs are scheduled at 9 and 9:30 a.m. regarding information on the Upward Bound Grant.

Another emergency response report is set for 10 a.m. in the science lecture hall.

Tuesday afternoon a prison security update is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the multi media lab of the Fine Arts building. Divisional meetings are set for 2:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Wednesday activities will begin with a Faculty Association meeting at 10 a.m. in room 110 of building 2B.

Also at 10 a.m., WTC's residence halls will open for students to move in for the fall semester.

Admission hearings will begin at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the administrative boardroom.

Orientation for students in the residence halls is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Registration for the fall semester begins at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the WTC gym and will continue until 4:30 p.m.

Students also will be able to register from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the gym.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, LVN graduation will be at the First United Methodist Church. Friday is set aside as office time for faculty and staff.

An adjunct faculty meeting is set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday in room 102 of the Fine Arts building. A security update and lunch will be provided.

At 6 p.m. Saturday, faculty and staff will convene at the cafeteria patio for a hamburger and ice cream social.

Fall semester classes begin Monday, Aug. 26.

Monday morning...

County to view budget, tax claim against Lorber at commissioners' court

Scurry County commissioners' court gets its first look at the county budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year at a 10 a.m. meeting Monday.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said he will present the proposed budget of $6.8 million. "I will do an overview and they (commissioners) may comment or ask questions."

The proposed budget projects a tax rate of 45.31 cents per $100 valuation, a decrease from the current year's rate of 46.92 cents.

The budget also includes a 2.6 percent cost-of-living increase for all employees. Additional payroll costs included additional staffing to get the jail up to state standards of staffing.

No action will be taken on the proposed budget at the meeting, as the county is required to hold two public hearings before adopting the budget. Consideration of setting a public hearing on the proposed tax rate is also on the agenda.

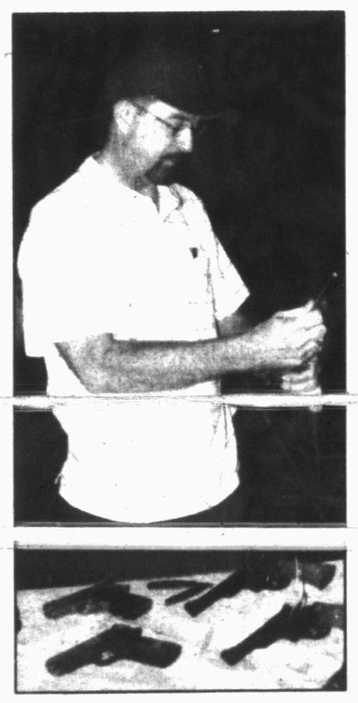
The court also will meet in executive session with attorneys regarding the county's lawsuit against Lorber Industries of Texas for taxes that the county had abated.

The county filed a claim in federal bankruptcy court in Lubbock to collect the taxes after commissioners' court voted 3-0 to end the abatement for the textile company at its June 11 special meeting.

Fritz said the court would seek legal opinions on the county's options concerning the tax abatement for the property, including whether or not the county may continue the abatement or if they may rescind the claim against Lorber.

The court also will hear an update on the parks department, the extension agent activity report and the Scurry County welfare board minutes.

In other items of new business, commissioners will consider participation in the indigent defense grant program. Fritz said the state grant provides funds to offset the cost to the county for public defenders. Scurry County commissioners' court meets on the third floor of the courthouse.



GUN SHOW SAFETY — Richard Duncan inserts safety strips into his weapons while preparing for this weekend's Canyon Club Gun Show at Scurry County Coliseum. The event is open until 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo by Bobby Allen)

Senior center seeking volunteers for 'Meals on Wheels' program

Approximately 35 volunteers make it possible for home-bound citizens to have a hot, healthy meal each weekday.

The Senior Center sponsors "Meals on Wheels" where food cooked at the center is delivered in vans to elderly and disabled people in Snyder.

Meals are loaded by volunteers beginning around 10:30 a.m. and vans depart the center around 11 a.m. Around 160 deliveries on five routes are made daily.

Many center members drive the vans and fill the job of "hopper," one who takes the meal to the house from the van. The deliveries take about 1½ hours.

"Meals on Wheels" is in need of volunteers. A volunteer does not have to carry meals every day. A schedule fitting the volunteer's needs may be set up — one day, two days or as many as a volunteer can work.

Anyone 18 or over can volunteer to drive a van or take meals to the door. Persons interested should call 573-4035.

Chamber board set Monday meeting

Snyder's chamber of commerce board will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the chamber for its regular monthly meeting.

The board will review two requests for hotel-motel tax funds. One request is for a team roping event, and the other is from the Scurry County Parks and Recreation Department.

New chamber member, Days Inn, will be recognized and the monthly financial statements will be reviewed.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Home is where you go to fuss because something went wrong at the office."

One fellow said that every person has at least 15 minutes of fame.

Ours came in the 8th grade when Mr. Thompson broke a paddle on our posterior for thinking that Jack Slayton's question was a valid one in science class.

Jack asked:

"Mr. Thompson, is it true that if a pregnant woman gets German measles, the baby will speak German."

"Out Slayton, wait for me in the hall."

"But Mr. Thompson, I thought that was a good question."

"Out McQueen, join Slayton in the hall."

Out came Big Bertha, about a six-inch wide paddle with holes to let the air flow through to increase the wrist action.

We were the only witness as Jack Slayton endured his two licks.

Slayton was then the witness as we grabbed our ankles. The first swat broke the paddle. We figured we got out light, but Mr. Thompson picked up one of the pieces and took another swing.

Thompson, then a first-year teacher right out of Texas Tech, is now a retired Texas A&M chancellor.

We thought of him and his sinister smile that revealed a gap in his front teeth after seeing the following quiz.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.

2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.

3. Name the last five winners of the Miss American contest.

4. Name 10 people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prizes.

5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.

If you didn't do well, the point is that few remember the headliners of yesterday.

But here's a more relevant, and much easier quiz:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.

2. Name three friends who have stood by you in difficult times.

3. Name five people who have taught you something worth while.

4. Think of five people who you would like to spend quality time.

5. Name five people who have made you feel appreciated and special.

The lesson is that the people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money or the most awards. They are the ones who care and who make a difference.

Some may be educators, like Mr. Thompson. Have a good school year!

ASK US

Q—When will the city start its summer seal coating program?

A—Monday. The first street will be Houston Parkway.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 95 degrees; low, 67; 7 a.m. Saturday, 75; no precipitation; total for 2002, 14.73 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear; low 70-75; S winds 10-20 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy; high around 95; S winds 10-20 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy, low 70-75.



Naomi Lara
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:25 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.

Of 228 days in 2002, the sun has shone 221 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Don't hide from the past. It won't catch you if you don't repeat it.
—Pearl Bailey

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Twin has more surgery

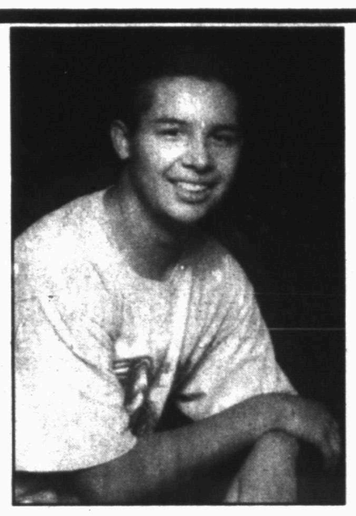
LOS ANGELES (AP) — One of the Guatemalan twins born conjoined and separated last week underwent more surgery to battle a bacterial infection in the lining of her brain.

Maria Teresa Quiej Alvarez was in serious condition after Friday's three-hour procedure, hospital officials said. Doctors drained blood from the brain of the 1-year-old that could have been contributing to the growth of the infection.

"I don't really view this as a major setback in her recovery but more of a little bit of a bump in the road," Dr. Irwin Weiss said.

Despite the surgery, Maria Teresa and her sister, Maria de Jesus, were "progressing nicely," Weiss said, adding that such follow-up procedures are common after major surgery.

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Ricky Ford

Ford undergoing Marine training

Ricky Ford, son of Troy and Sheila Ford of Snyder, began training with the U.S. Marine Corps July 7 in San Diego.

The 2002 Snyder High School graduate, is expected to complete training Nov. 1.

Fire engines are rarely used in La Paz, Bolivia, because the city is at an elevation of about 12,000 feet. At that altitude, it is difficult for fires to get started because there is less oxygen in the atmosphere.

Trial is delayed

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person charged as a conspirator in the Sept. 11 attacks, has a new trial date: Jan. 6.

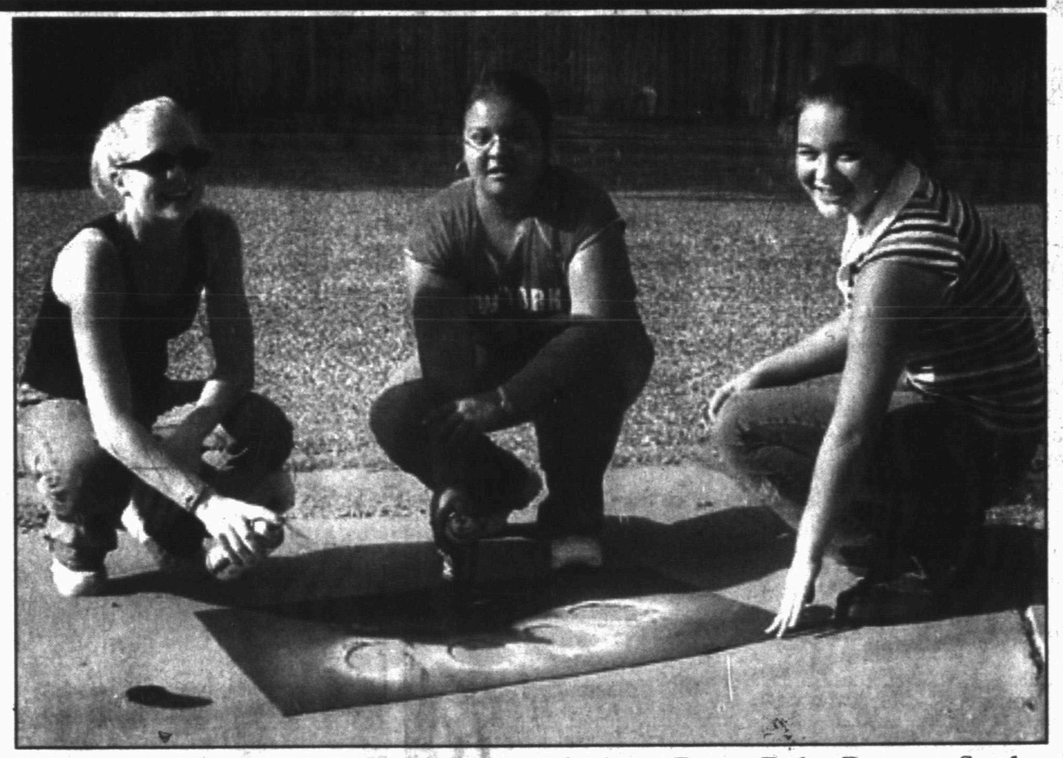
Jury selection had been set for Sept. 30, but U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema on Friday granted Moussaoui's request for more time. There are mountains of documents in the case, which is complicated by Moussaoui's decision to represent himself.

Questionnaires will be distributed to a pool of potential jurors Nov. 18 and the group will be narrowed by Dec. 6. Questioning of jurors in court will begin Dec. 9 and continue until a final pool of 90 is selected.

From that group, there will be 12 jurors and 6 alternates selected on Jan. 6, followed by opening statements.

"Although the public's right to a speedy trial is a legitimate concern, this court's paramount concern is ensuring that the defendant receive a fair trial," Brinkema said in a three-page order.

"The volume and complexity of the evidence in this prosecution fully support the defense request," she said.



TIGER PAWS — Just in time for the 2002-2003 school year, Tamara Taylor, Rosemary Sanchez and Katie Neves, from left, are painting tiger paws on a sidewalk. (Contributed Photo)

Amtrak: Cracks could have caused derailment

BOSTON (AP) — The president of Amtrak said cracks underneath some of its locomotives were so serious that they could have caused a derailment.

The cracks, which have sidelined all of its high-speed Acela Express locomotives and 15 other locomotives, were so serious that in some cases 200-pound steel assemblies had split in two, David L. Gunn told The Boston Globe.

Amtrak canceled all Acela Express runs on Tuesday, put two of the trains back in service Wednesday, but then pulled all the trains again after additional cracks were found Thursday. It also sidelined 15 locomotives that pull conventional trains in the Northeast.

Amtrak used borrowed equipment Friday to keep its trains running and is hoping its premier Acela Express service will gradually resume operations next week.

The passenger railroad offered 71 departures Friday in the Boston-New York-Washington corridor, compared to 103 on a typical day. There will be a total of 92 departures Saturday and Sunday, compared with 116 over a normal weekend.

Friday's substitute schedule will be in place again on Monday, meaning Acela Express trains will be sidelined at least through then.

Amtrak owns 18 of the Acela Express trains, which can reach speeds of 150 mph, but normally sends 15 into duty each day. About 10,000 people ride Acela Express trains on a typical weekday.

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Texas Two Step
Numbers 12-3-7-34
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Happy Birthday Phil Payne
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Hermleigh graduate becomes chiropractor

Dr. Jack Hudgins, an April graduate of the Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena, currently practices at Lubbock Chiropractic Center.

In addition, he is also a nationwide lecturer on the topic of holistic care.

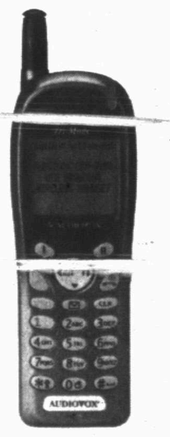
Hudgins, a graduate of Hermleigh High School, is the son of Jimmy and Pat Hudgins and the grandson of Irene Hudgins, all of Hermleigh, and the late Jack Hudgins.

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Two high school students attend Baylor Debate Camp

The 2002-2003 school year won't begin until Monday, but two Snyder High School debate students have got a jump start on the debate contest season.

Austin McCormack and Laura Arellano, both juniors, learned the do's and don't's of debating at Baylor University's Debate Camp held July 8-19.

Students were divided into labs of about four to six students. The duo researched and wrote cases over this year's debate topic which is covers mental health in the U.S.

The students also sat in on lectures that covered the topic as well as debate strategies for competition. The last two days of camp were spent actually debating.

Students were assigned group lab leaders for the two-week camp, former high school debaters and Baylor students.

McCormack, the son of Danny and Lynda McCormack, began competing while in junior high school. Mrs. McCormack is a speech teacher and contest sponsor at SHS.

McCormack said he attended the Baylor Debate Camp on the advice of his coach, Ron Hester.

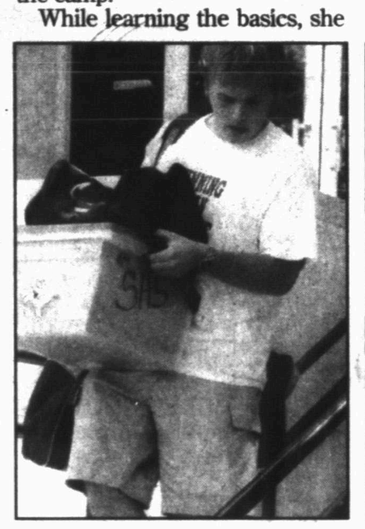
"It was a good experience and I met a lot of people there from all over the U.S.," McCormack said.

He said the camp has helped prepare him for tournaments in the fall and spring. He added that he and Laura, his debate partner, have a "good chance of going to state this year in C-X debate."

Arellano, the daughter of Lorenzo and Diana Arellano of Snyder, didn't know anything about debate before she attended the camp.

While learning the basics, she realized how much fun debate can be and she is looking forward to the contests.

She noted that she met a lot of people at and became particularly close to her roommates.



Austin McCormack



Laura Arellano

Fire consumes cars, brush

HIDALGO (AP) — South Texas firefighters late Friday battled a brush fire that spread over more than 100 acres, damaging property in several automobile junkyards.

No injuries were reported.

The blaze began about 6 p.m. in the northwest area of Hidalgo. A fire crew from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service used a helicopter with a large hanging bucket to drop water on the flames.

Crews from Hidalgo, Pharr and McAllen were also called to the scene, officials said.

Eliseo "Chito" Garcia, a fire prevention arson investigator with USFWS, said the fire appeared to have started in the eastern portion of several acres of brushland. He said the cause of the fire was still under investigation.

Winds blew embers from the main fire over much of Hidalgo Motors, as well as neighboring Mexico Motors and Garza Auto Sales. About 100 automobiles burned. Wrecked vehicles, many still containing gasoline, could be heard popping as the fuel within their tanks burned.

One car exploded into a column of flames as it the fire reached it.

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Maryland is the seventh state. It was admitted to the Union in 1788.



Patricia Vargas

Patricia Vargas in Who's Who

Patricia Vargas will be recognized in the 2001-2002 edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

She earned the recognition while she was a junior at Snyder High School. She will be a senior when classes start Monday.

Vargas is the daughter of Oscar and Ramona Vargas and the granddaughter of Mercedes Vargas. All are from Snyder.

New Bible study scheduled at FBC

The First Baptist Church will begin a new Sunday morning Bible study class at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

The class, "Preparing For Marriage God's Way, is for engaged couples and newlyweds married one and a half years or less.

The class will be held on the third floor.

ESPN pulled show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comedian Jay Mohr says ESPN pulled the plug on his show, "Mohr Sports."

The show, which had nine time slot changes in 16 weeks, debuted on April 2 and won't return for a second season, Mohr said during an appearance on CBS' "The Late Late Show."

"It's a fancy way of saying canceled, they didn't pick up the second year option," the 31-year-old said.

Davy Crockett's vest is on display

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Davy Crockett's popularity is so widespread that many mistake him for a fictional movie hero played by Fess Parker, those attending the start of Crockett's 216th birthday celebration were told.

The "king of the wild frontier" who was "born on a mountain top in Tennessee" was also a Texas hero. He traveled from Tennessee to Texas to help in Texas' battle against Mexico, and was killed with all the other defenders when Mexican General Santa Anna's soldiers overran the Alamo in 1836.

Speaking at the unveiling of Crockett's beaded buckskin vest, Alamo historian and curator Bruce Winders recalled one woman touring the Alamo who remarked, "I didn't know he was a real person."

Even during his time, Crockett was an American idol, Winders reminded the crowd.

"If People magazine had been around at the time, he would've been on the cover," he said. "He would've been on the cover of Time."

To mark Crockett's birthday on Saturday, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas planned to provide cake that would be served after talks by Winders at the arbor on the Alamo grounds at 11 a.m. CDT and 2 p.m. CDT about the legend's life. Two presentations also have been announced for Sunday.

Several descendents of Crockett attended Friday's event, including family from Tennessee, descended from his first wife, Polly Finley, and the Texas clan, related to second wife Elizabeth Patton, the San Antonio Express-News reported Saturday.

The 6th Annual Taste of Scurry
(Scurry County Museum Fundraiser)
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Evacuation plans approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has reportedly approved a plan designed to initiate an evacuation of the nation's more than 2 million federal workers within 15 minutes if there is a broad attack or threat from nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

Under the plan, the heads of the Office of Personnel Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency and General Services Administration may release up to 350,000 federal workers in the Washington area and 1.8 million nationwide if a threat is confirmed, The Washington Post reported in Saturday editions.

Directors of the three agencies could alert the White House, local officials and regional emergency managers within minutes, the Post said. Federal agencies and the public would then be notified.

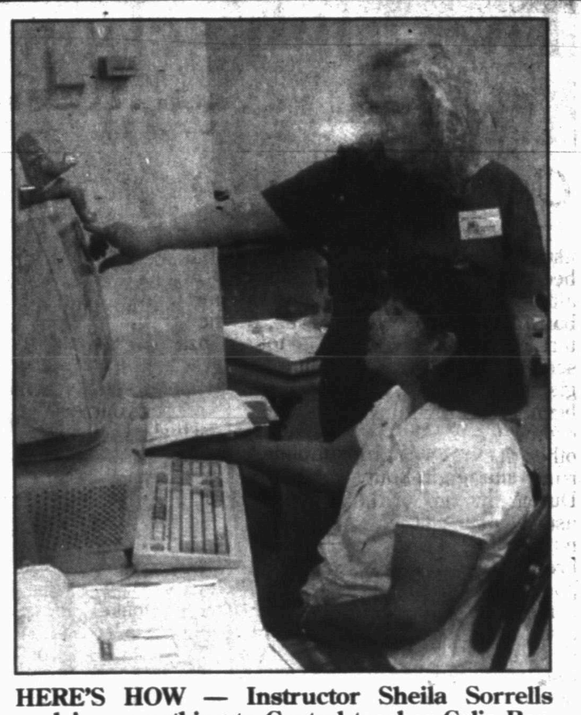
Teachers, technology and the classroom

Some Snyder ISD teachers went back to work early as they attended Intel technology classes offered earlier this month. The instructor was Sheila Sorrells, who attended a special Intel training session in June at the University of Connecticut. Sorrells also teaches music at Central Elementary.

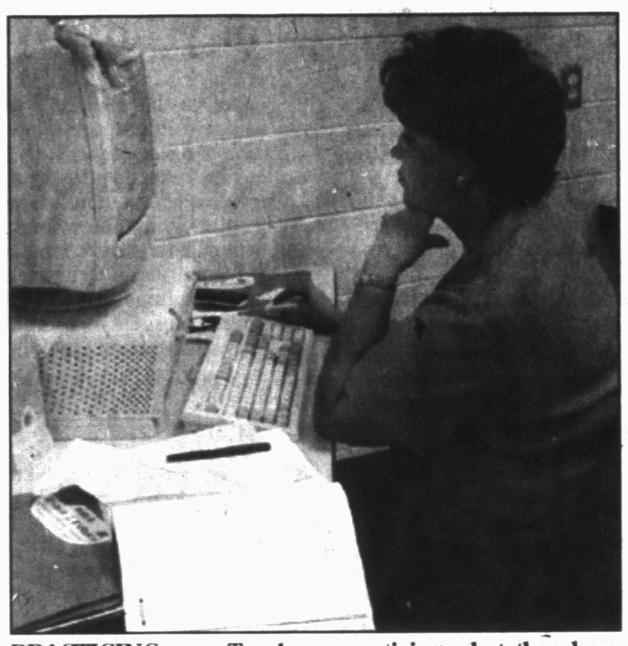
The classes were designed to train teachers to integrate technology in their classrooms. This technology training is in correlation with the Accelerated Schools Project (ASP) guidelines and philosophies.

The 2002-2003 school year is the second year of a three-year grant awarded to Central and Stanfield last school year.

Central and Stanfield teachers who completed the 40-hour training classes will receive a $600 stipend from the ASP grant, as well as their training manual for the class and $600 worth of Microsoft software from the Intel Teach to the Future program, including Microsoft Office XP, Publisher and Encarta.



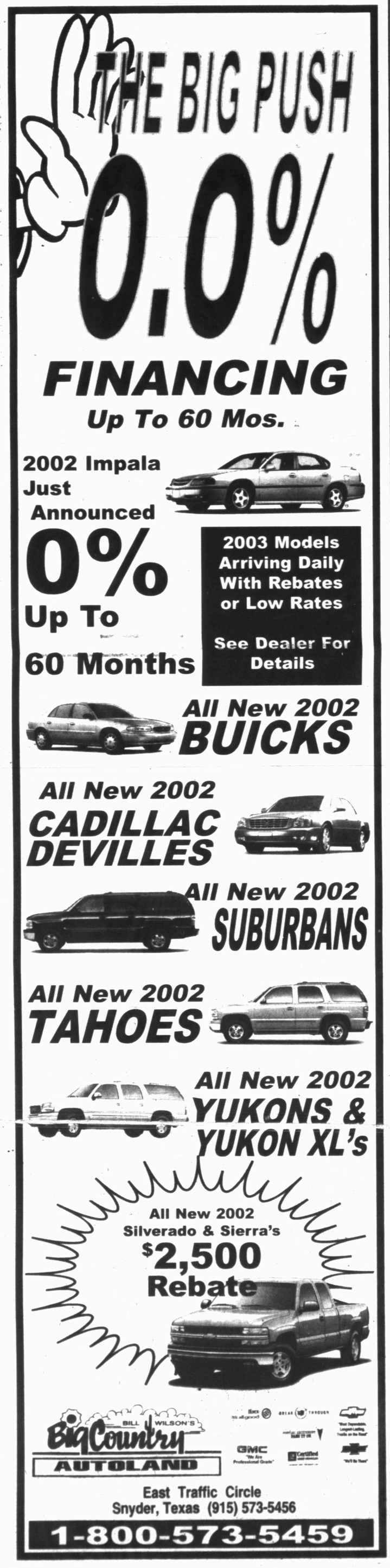
HERE'S HOW — Instructor Sheila Sorrells explains something to Central teacher Celia Barrera.



PRACTICING — Teachers practicing what they have learned are Judy Moss, above, and Kem Fogleman, right. Moss teaches at Central and Fogleman is from Stanfield.

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Bush's daughter urged to continue drug treatment

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A judge encouraged Gov. Jeb Bush's daughter to "hang in there" Friday after she expressed concerns about her court-ordered drug treatment program.

During the brief status hearing, Judge Reginald Whitehead said he believed Noelle Bush was making progress.

"I know you may not be happy there right now," Whitehead told Bush. "Treatment is tough. Sometimes you have good days and some days you have bad days."

Bush is required to attend the status hearing every two weeks. The judge told her that she was three weeks away from entering the second phase of her treatment.

"You're getting that much closer to completing the program," Whitehead said. "I just want you to hang in there because I think you're doing good."

Bush's attorney, Dean Cannon, wouldn't say what concerns his client had about her treatment and wouldn't let her talk to reporters.

Noelle Bush, 25, was arrested in January at a Tallahassee pharmacy drive-through window for allegedly trying to buy the anti-anxiety drug Xanax with a fraudulent prescription.

She was admitted to the treatment center a month later, with the possibility charges would be dropped if she completed the program.

Last month, she was found in contempt of court because a worker at treatment center found her carrying prescription pills. A judge sent her to jail for three days.

Salary was too low

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Gov. Jesse Ventura said the governor's low annual salary — $120,000 — was one reason he decided not to seek a second term.

"It entered into it," Ventura said Wednesday night in an interview with Minnesota Public Radio. He said the job should pay more and not include retirement benefits, so it wouldn't attract career politicians.

Ventura wouldn't close the door entirely on seeking one last government office. He said chances he'd run for the presidency were "slim-to-none," but he also referenced an upcoming interview with The New York Times Sunday Magazine. In it, he said he fears the nation's top job is his destiny.

Traveling the country in 2000, he said he "felt the same vibrations" for a presidential campaign as he did in Minnesota in 1998.

Financial Focus

"Circuit Breakers" and "Collars" Help Stabilize Stock Trading

Stock prices will always fluctuate - daily, monthly and annually. You need to accept this reality if you're going to be a long-term investor. But you do have some protection from extreme volatility — in the form of "circuit breakers" and "trading collars."

These strange-sounding terms refer to mechanisms designed to restrict "program trading" on the New York Stock Exchange. Program trading is a system of buying and selling stocks based on signals from computer programs, usually sent directly from a stock trader's computer to the market's computer system. Using this technique, major traders can buy and sell huge amounts of stocks in an instant.

Program trading was at least partially blamed for the stock meltdown in October 1987. Consequently, trading restrictions — such as circuit breakers and trading collars — were launched to prevent program trading from sending the markets into turmoil.

Each quarter, the New York Stock Exchange sets new circuit breaker levels, which represent the thresholds at which trading is halted. Circuit breakers are triggered by 10-, 20- and 30-percent drops in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, based on the Dow's average closing values of the last month of the previous quarter.

To understand how circuit breakers work, consider the thresholds set for the second quarter of 2002:

- A 1,050-point drop in the Dow before 2 p.m. would have halted trading for one hour; if the same drop happened between 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., trading would only have been halted for 30 minutes. And if the 1,050-point threshold had been reached after 2:30 p.m., it wouldn't have stopped trading at all.
- A 2,100 point drop in the Dow would have halted trading for two hours if the decline occurred before 1 p.m., but only one hour if it happened between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. And if the Dow had fallen 2,100 points after 2 p.m., trading would have been halted for the day.
- A 3,150-point drop, at any time, would have halted trading for the rest of the day.

As you can see, circuit breakers are fairly easy to understand. But trading collars are a bit more complex. Trading collars restrict index-arbitrage trading, a strategy that professional traders use to profit from the difference in value of stock indexes — such as the S & P 500 - and "futures" contracts on those indexes. So, for example, a trader might buy the less expensive S & P 500 futures contract while simultaneously sell the more expensive underlying stocks of the S & P 500 index. Often, the price difference between the index and its futures contract is only a few cents. But because these traders — or "arbitragers" — trade such huge numbers of contracts at the same time, they can make big profits. And heavy arbitrage activity can greatly affect stock prices.

Just as it does for circuit breakers, the New York Stock Exchange sets new trading collar trigger levels every quarter. If the Dow Jones Industrial Average falls or rises a certain number of points, then trading collars go into effect to restrict index-arbitrage trading.

Circuit breakers and trading collars may seem far removed from your everyday investment activities, but these restrictions are there for your benefit. You can't stop market volatility — but at least you know it won't be allowed to run amok.

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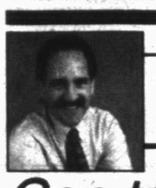
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On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Can too much exercise cause low energy?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Lately, my usually high energy levels have been really low in the mornings after eating breakfast (either a bowl of oatmeal, bagel and lox, a turkey sandwich, pancakes or tofu scramble). Today, I was again sluggish after my night's rest. I haven't been doing anything out of the ordinary or hyper-exhausting other than my twice-daily training runs and eight-hour workdays. During the rest of the day, I am usually energetic. I take a daily multivitamin. I'll stick to fruit for breakfast, even though, as a 145-pound, 5-foot-11-inch, 31-year-old competitive male runner who runs twice a day and burns 3,000 calories a day, I'd love a bigger breakfast. I don't drink coffee, either, so perhaps it's something else? Hypoglycemia? An insulin surge? Low iron? — **P.C., Portland, Ore.**

Dear P.C.: Self-diagnosis can be problematic, as incomplete information can set you down the wrong path. Consider speaking with your physician to rule out an underlying medical condition. Your twice-a-day routine, however, sounds exhausting. I am not a specialist in sports nutrition, but, from my understanding, overtraining could be an issue here.

I have some questions for you to consider: Do you ever vary your training routine? What happens when you give yourself a day off to rest, recover and regenerate? What time do you go to bed? If you slept without an alarm clock, how late would you sleep? With your routine, your body might be building up a sleep deficit that has finally begun to rear its ugly head. These are just some of the issues that came to mind. You might benefit from consulting with a certified trainer.

Here are a couple of good resources: "Nutrition for Serious Athletes," by Dan Benardot (Human Kinetics, 1999) and "Ultimate Sports Nutrition" (2nd Edition), by Ellen Coleman and Suzanne Steen (Bull Publishing, 2000).

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I've read some of your columns about partial hydrogenation, and I have been avoiding foods with partially hydrogenated oils. Occasionally, I come across foods that list hydrogenated (not partially hydrogenated) oil on the nutrition label. Can you explain the difference, in terms of health risk, between hydrogenated and partially hydrogenated oils? Should hydrogenated oils also be avoided? — **V.S., No City or State Available**

Dear V.S.: I have also seen the word "hydrogenated" (as opposed to "partially" hydrogenated) on food labels. This terminology is somewhat confusing in that if something is fully hydrogenated, then it becomes a saturated fat. The hydrogenation process is costly, so why not start with the less-expensive saturated fat in the first place? You could check with the manufacturer, but my guess is that the term "hydrogenated," by itself, really means "partially hydrogenated."

DEAR DR. BLONZ: You recently answered a question regarding sulfites from someone who is allergic to them. I would like to bring your attention to another reaction to sulfites that plagues me and several others I know. For years, I have had to rush home from dinner in a restaurant, or even stop on the way, because of overwhelming diarrhea that won't wait. It comes on very suddenly — within about 20 minutes of eating. It is very distinctive — not like diarrhea brought on by stomach flu, food poisoning, etc. I have written to the Food and Drug Administration, and they have confirmed that sulfites can affect some people this way. From material the FDA sent, I discovered that there are several kinds of sulfites, and the kinds used in preparing restaurant meals can be mixed in different strengths. The stronger the mix, the worse and longer lasting the problem.

I know I may be more sensitive to sulfites than many others, but you would be doing a service to those who haven't yet made the connection by publicizing this reaction. Also, in your column, you mentioned that the FDA has outlawed the use of sulfites in restaurants on everything but potatoes. Unfortunately, that ruling is not universally followed. — **J.S., Wheaton, Ill.**

Dear J.S.: Thanks so much for bringing this information to our attention.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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Game show cancelled

NEW YORK (AP) — You can't win Ben Stein's money anymore.

Comedy Central has canceled the game show "Win Ben Stein's Money" after six seasons.

New episodes, which already have been taped, are scheduled to begin airing weeknights starting Oct. 28, with repeats running through 2003, Comedy Central spokesman Steve Albani said Thursday.

"The series was a mainstay for Comedy Central. It came in the year after 'The Daily Show' and the same year as 'South Park,'" Albani said. "Unfortunately, ratings for 'Win Ben Stein's Money' have slipped over the course of the last year or so."

Each show, Stein bets his own money that he can outwit contestants on trivia questions tinged with comedy. The bespectacled, monotone Stein played straight man to raunchy standup comic Jimmy Kimmel for the first four seasons. Kimmel left two years ago to launch Comedy Central's "The Man Show," and Nancy Pimental replaced him during the fifth season.

Telescope image suggests castastrophe for spacecraft

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA's ~~missing~~ $159 million spacecraft may have broken apart while firing its rocket to leave Earth's orbit, new photographic evidence shows.

Images taken Friday by a telescope on Kitt Peak in Arizona show two parallel trails near one of the predicted positions for the Contour spacecraft, which was to leave for a multi-year mission to explore comets.

"The problem is that there are two objects in this image," mission director Robert Farquhar told reporters in a call from Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory, which built Contour and manages the mission for NASA.

"This is pretty bad news," he said, noting that despite his discouragement officials had not confirmed that the objects were parts of the spacecraft. He said the search would go on through the weekend.

The processed telescope image, little more than spots of light on a dark background to the untrained eye, was posted on the Web site of the Spacewatch Project, Lunar and Planetary Laboratory of the University of Arizona.

At the time the image was taken, the two objects were 155 miles apart and 248,000 miles from Earth, Farquhar said. If they were pieces of the spacecraft, they were moving slightly slower than expected, he said.

Mission officials planned to use a giant radar antenna at the Arecibo observatory in Puerto Rico and the Goldstone radar station in the California desert to bounce signals off the objects.

The search also included an extensive effort employing NASA's Deep Space Network antennas, Jet Propulsion Laboratory navigators and an array of observatories to catch a signal or otherwise definitively determine what happened to the spacecraft.

Contour was programmed to ignite its solid-propellant rocket motor early Thursday to leave orbit. Until then the mission had gone perfectly, Farquhar said.

The spacecraft was out of contact at the time of the firing and was supposed to send a signal confirming the burn less than an hour later. Instead there was silence.

JPL sought help from the North American Aerospace Defense Command on Thursday but it did not find Contour in Earth orbit.

Contour, short for Comet Nucleus Tour, was built by Johns Hopkins with assistance from Cornell University. The mission plan called for Contour to meet up with comet Encke in 2003, Schwassman-Wachmann 3 in 2006 and perhaps comet d'Arrest in 2008.

Five lay members quit panel

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The Diocese of Richmond lost all five lay members of its sexual abuse panel when they resigned to protest the reinstatement of a priest accused of abusing teenage boys in the 1970s.

The panelists had recommended in June that the Rev. John E. Leonard be removed from duty and hospitalized for counseling. But Bishop Walter F. Sullivan cleared the priest of the allegations and returned him to his suburban parish.

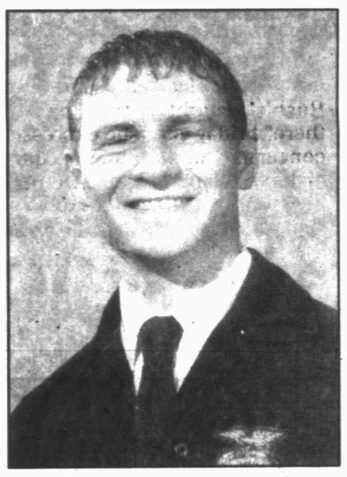
Panelists said Sullivan did not follow procedures and that they never received the investigative team's final report. Some also said they disagreed with the bishop's decision.

Leonard, who was put on leave in May when the investigation began, has denied the allegations.

Panel member Kathy Jones, who works for the state Department of Juvenile Justice, last week became the fifth member of the 10-person panel to resign. The others stepped down during the past several weeks. The remaining panelists are either priests or work for the Catholic diocese.

Beights gets FFA scholarship

HOUSTON — When 70 Texas FFA members received a helping hand with their dreams of higher education through Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarships, Clifton K. Beights of Snyder, was among the recipients.



Clifton K. Beights

The Snyder FFA chapter member plans to study agriculture economics at Texas Tech University. He is the son of Ricky and Terri Beights.

The four-year, $10,000 scholarships were presented during the 2002 Texas FFA Convention July 11 in Fort Worth.

The scholarships presented to Texas FFA members are one part of the show's current annual commitment of more than $8.5 million.

The show also awards direct scholarships through the Texas 4-H and the Texas Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, plus through the show's Metropolitan, Opportunity and School Arts programs.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The HERMLEIGH ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 P.M., AUGUST 27, 2002 in the HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING IN HERMLEIGH, TX. **The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted.** Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	$ 1.45	$ -0- *	$ 1.45	$ 3588.	$ 5976.
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	$ 1.44	$ -0- *	$ 1.44	$ 4100.	$ 6100.
Proposed Rate	$ 1.45	$ -0- *	$ 1.45	$ 4200.	$ 6100.

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax [illegible] The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	$ 22,633.	$ 23,286.
Average Taxable Value of Residences	$ 13,462.	$ 13,924.
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per $100 Value	$ 1.45	$ 1.45
Taxes Due on Average Residence	$ 195.20	$ 201.90
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		$ 6.70

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

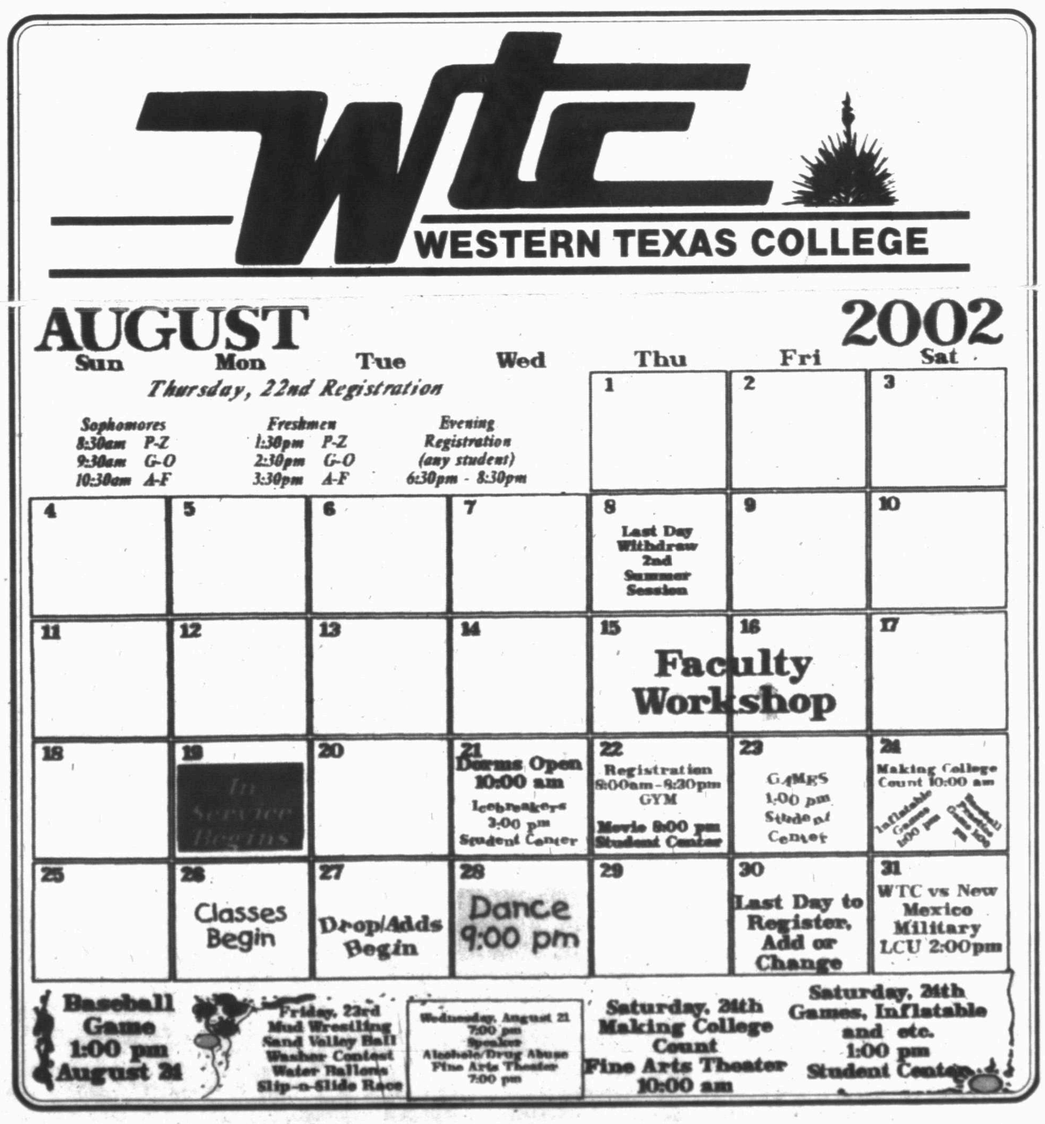
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.7000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.7000.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) $ -0-
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) $ -0-

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SPORTS



MAKING THE PLAY — Snyder junior varsity moves the ball against Post during scrimmage action Saturday morning at Travis Field. The freshman, junior varsity and varsity squads squared off with the Antelopes. (SDN Staff Photo)

Unlikely candidate leads windy PGA Championship

CHASKA, Minn. (AP) — Wind gusts threatening to blow third-round scores into the 80s. Heavy rain. Falling temperatures. Tiger Woods slipping on the leaderboard.

Hey, is this the PGA Championship, or a replay of the British Open?

Even before second-round play was stopped Friday with about a third of the field of 156 on the course — and a very unlikely candidate, Fred Funk, on top — talk was turning to Saturday's third round.

With the prairie wind forecast to gust to 40 mph, no one totally knows what to expect, only that it's not likely to be good.

"From what it sounds like, we are going to wake up to gale-force winds, and that's not going to be much fun," Funk said.

He was right.

Play was supposed to resume at 7:30 a.m., but it was pushed back two hours because the course wasn't ready. Hazeltine got 3 inches of rain in a three-hour period Friday night, and not even the raging wind Saturday morning could dry it out quickly.

As players read newspapers in the locker room, they could here the wind raging through the trees.

Fun was exactly what Funk enjoyed during a couldn't-have-scripted-it-better third round that put him into the lead in a major for the first time.

Slapping high fives with the gallery, twirling his putter with Chi Chi Rodriguez-like enthusiasm, the five-time PGA Tour winner ran off four birdies in 12 holes to open a two-shot lead at one point.

His only bogey came on No. 4, the last hole he played before bad weather brought the remaining golfers — including a still-in-contention Woods — off the course. They will resume play Saturday morning before the third round is played in not-promising weather.

"I think par will be about 78," Funk said.

With five holes to play in his second round, Funk — never a contender before in a major — is a stroke up on Mark Calcavecchia, Justin Leonard, Rich Beem and Retief Goosen. They took advantage of sunny, calm weather at Hazeltine National Golf Club early Friday to shoot below-par rounds before the tricky and score-altering wind picked up later in the day.

Leonard and Beem set a Hazeltine course record for a competitive round with 6-under 66s, while Calcavecchia shot a 68 and Goosen, the 2001 U.S. Open champion, had a second straight 69.

About the only thing good about Saturday's projected weather is it can't possibly be as bad as it was at Muirfield during the third round of the British Open last month. Then, Woods shot a pro career-worst 81 that ended any chance for a calendar year Grand Slam.

Now, Woods, 1 under with two holes left to play in his second round, must try to fight back from a deficit in a major in bad weather — and with 20 holes to play Saturday, not 18.

"But if the weather is going to be as bad as they are predicting, it is a perfect day to make a move," said Tom Lehman, also at 1 under. "At the U.S. Open in '95 I think I started the third round in about 45th place and I shot a 3 under — and was tied for the lead. It was a really windy day and I shot a good score and passed the whole field."

Woods' problem is he still hasn't figured out the Minnesota wind that repeatedly blew his tee shots off line during his opening round 71.

He was making a move Friday, running off three birdies in a span of four holes on the front nine to close within two shots of the lead. But he didn't have a single birdie as the wind picked up over his final nine holes.

Still, too many have seen Woods rally too many times in majors — he is trying to win his ninth — to think a 4-shot deficit is too much for him to make up.

"Really, the only chance the other players have got is when he's not really in contention," Goosen said. "I think everybody is sort of still looking where he is and keeping your eye on it, just trying to stay ahead."

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

According to the Texas A&M football media guide, Texas Tech fans are "classless clowns" and "even uglier than the barren stretch of dirt some West Texans call a city."

Those are the exact words the Aggies used in their media guide, which is usually reserved for school facts and figures. The statements, which were taken from an A&M alumni magazine article, were written in reference to last year's scuffle between opposing fans following the Aggies' 12-0 blanking at the hands of the Red Raiders.

A&M sports information director Alan Cannon said the passages were mistakenly placed in the media guide, and Texas A&M President Robert Gates sent a letter of apology to Tech President David J. Schmidly.

Well, that's good enough for me. There is no need for Tech fans to retaliate.

After all, I have friends who graduated from A&M and they spent many hours hunched over their ~~coloring~~ text books. It isn't easy to ~~color inside the lines~~ complete the classwork as required by A&M.

And as for the ~~hicks~~ A&M fans, they have always been ~~mindless zombies~~ eager supporters with their ~~queer~~ quaint little cheers.

There's also never a reason to ~~visit~~ speak poorly about College Station. The average Aggie ~~living~~ on the street is always eager to ~~take your wallet~~ make you feel at home.

Every time I visit, I expect to catch ~~the plague~~ heck from Aggies. However, they ~~can't~~ read the word "Tech" on my sweatshirt and continue ~~drooling on themselves~~ going about their business.

While Tech football squads have taken their lumps at times, the Aggie teams always have a stellar ~~prison~~ record. It's almost impossible to think of another team that has ~~choked~~ played in more big games than A&M.

Everyone knows the remarks about Tech were ~~intentionally~~ mistakenly placed in the media guide, so let's declare ~~war~~ a truce.

In fact, I think so ~~little~~ highly of A&M that if an Aggie were here right now, I would ~~cut off my own arm before I'd~~ shake hands with him.

Rangers rally past Jays with home run

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez is definitely Danny Kolb's MVP.

Rodriguez hit his 39th homer with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning Friday night, giving the Rangers a 6-5 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

It was the second time this month that Rodriguez homered in Texas' final at-bat to make Kolb (3-1) a winner.

"Alex has single-handedly taken care of me," Kolb said. "Alex did his job, just like the other time when I was in the situation I was about to come out of a tie game."

Rodriguez hit a grand slam in the bottom of the 10th inning against Anaheim on July 27, the shortstop's 27th birthday, that gave Kolb his first victory. Kolb's other win came Aug. 3 against Boston, a game in which A-Rod homered before the right-hander entered the game.

Kolb spent most of the last two seasons on the disabled list. He then started the season on the 60-day DL with a torn rotator cuff, and wasn't activated until July 16.

"He threw real well. He's given us good outings almost every time out since he came back," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "All of us appreciate how hard he has worked, and it's showing. It's paying off."

On a night Rodriguez could have easily been distracted, he went 4-for-4. He also had two RBI singles, raising his major-league leading RBI total to 103,

Earlier Friday, baseball players set an Aug. 30 strike date. And Rodriguez, the sport's highest-paid player who wholeheartedly supports the union, stands to lose the most if there is a work stoppage.

"Like I alluded to before, once the game starts, game on," Rodriguez said. "You have to deal with outside distractions. I've had to do that my whole career. That kind of stuff really doesn't bother me."

Rodriguez hit an 0-1 pitch off Kelvim Escobar (5-7) that just cleared the wall out of the reach of right-fielder DeWayne Wise's desperate attempt to catch it.

"A-Rod can hit a pitch like that. I can't believe it," Escobar said. "I still can't believe that ball got out of the park. If I made a mistake, I would be mad at myself. But he hit a pretty good pitch."

Texas trailed 3-0 early, but tied the game at 5 in the seventh after an RBI single by Rodriguez and an error by left fielder Shannon Stewart.

Reliever Mark Hendrickson hit Frank Catalanotto, the only batter he faced, on the right hand to start the inning. Catalanotto has a broken bone and might miss the rest of the season.

Kevin Mench greeted Scott Cassidy with a single, and Rodriguez then singled to left. Pinch-runner Ruben Rivera scored and Mench ran home after Stewart overran the ball.

Stewart had thrown Mench out at the plate for the third out in the fifth.

Catalanotto doubled and scored on Rodriguez's RBI single to get the Rangers within 4-2 before Mench was thrown out. Mench, who was hit by a pitch, tried to score on Rafael Palmeiro's flyball.

Toronto led 3-0 in the third when Josh Phelps had a two-run single and Vernon Wells followed with an RBI single. Orlando Hudson scored on a double play grounder in the fifth.

Texans will see plenty of Chiefs' first teamers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Dick Vermeil himself could hardly believe the near-perfection his first-team offense flashed against San Francisco.

Was it real or a mirage? Maybe a more protracted appearance Saturday night against the Houston Texans will tell the tale.

Vermeil figures to let his first teamers go at least one full quarter against the Texans.

"If you improve on (last week), it would be two drives and score," Vermeil said. "But that probably won't happen. It doesn't happen often. But we'd like to sort of expand and get into some of the other things in the offense and see how it goes."

In a three-point victory over the 49ers last weekend, quarterback Trent Green played only one series but was 4-for-5 in a crisp touchdown drive. The entire first [illegible] appearance.

The Texans (1-1), who got their franchise's first victory with a 13-10 win at New Orleans, will probably give rookie quarterback David Carr a good look as well Saturday night.

Carr, the No. 1 overall pick in last year's draft, is 18-of-31 for 191 yards, one interception and one touchdown in two exhibition games. He's also shown remarkable poise in the glare of so much of a spotlight.

"David knew that he was going to get a lot of attention," Texans coach Dom Capers said. "We knew he would get more than he thought he'd get. We've talked about that.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the way he's handled it. The toughest thing for a young player is to stay focused on the thing that's most important, and that's getting ready to perform."

The Texans have been struggling with a makeshift offensive line.

"Our goal in this game is to make improvements over the Saints game," Capers said. "We felt we made great strides from the first game against the Giants to the game last week and we expect to make the same strides this week."

Making his first start for the Texans will be safety Eric Brown, [illegible] signed a free agent contract with the NFL's newest team.

"You can see he has a presence about him," Capers said. "You can see he's been a starter on a good team in the NFL. When these guys change teams, everybody has their own terminology, so it takes a little bit of time."

The Texans will also be taking another look at running back Jonathan Wells, a fourth-round draft pick who is challenging for a starting job.

Green, who has two starting wide receivers he did not have this time last year, was looking forward to a good test against the Texans.

WNBA Playoffs

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FIRST ROUND
EASTERN CONFERENCE
New York vs. Indiana

Friday, Aug. 16
Indiana 73, New York 55, Indiana leads series 1-0
Sunday, Aug. 18
Indiana at New York, Noon
Charlotte vs. Washington
Thursday, Aug. 15
Washington 74, Charlotte 62, Washington leads series 1-0
Saturday, Aug. 17
Washington at Charlotte, Noon
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Los Angeles vs. Seattle
Thursday, Aug. 15
Los Angeles 78, Seattle 61, Los Angeles leads series 1-0
Saturday, Aug. 17
Seattle at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
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Utah 66, Houston 59, Utah leads series 1-0
Sunday, Aug. 18
Utah at Houston, 4:30 p.m.

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SPORTS



ROOM TO RUN — Snyder's junior varsity squad gains some yards on the ground during Saturday morning's Watermelon Bowl against Post at Travis Field. The Tigers are in scrimmage action again Friday against Dumas at Floydada. (SDN Staff Photo)

Panthers will open up offense against Dallas

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A few new wrinkles and a lot more playing time for the starters. That's what the Carolina Panthers have in store for their exhibition game against the Dallas Cowboys.

New Panthers coach John Fox has yet to show how much he's overhauled Carolina, choosing to reveal few plays in last week's loss to the Washington Redskins.

But he's committed to opening the playbook a little more and has guaranteed the starters they'll play the entire first half Saturday night against Dallas.

"It will be a lot better, playing the whole first half," linebacker Dan Morgan said. "It's hard to get into the flow of the game when you're only out there for a few series. You really can't get a good lather up in one quarter. In a couple of quarters, you can get a better feel for the game."

Carolina is eager to see how it measures up a year after the Panthers went an NFL-worst 1-15. They rallied from 13 points down to take a late lead against the Redskins last week before losing 37-30.

Despite the outcome, the Panthers felt good about the game — knowing that they hardly touched the meat of their playbook.

"We were vanilla, but that was by design," defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio. "We weren't vanilla by accident. We had a plan and we stuck to it. We liked a lot of the things we saw, and we've worked to correct some of the things we didn't like. So we're moving forward."

So all of Carolina's starters should see significant playing time against Dallas, except for defensive tackle Sean Gilbert, who has missed almost a week of practice with tendinitis in his knee.

Fox won't play Gilbert in an effort to have him healthy for the regular season, so Brentson Buckner will start in his place.

"Gilbert hasn't had enough work yet," Fox said. "It wouldn't be fair to stick him in there."

Chris Weinke will start at quarterback and rookie Randy Fasani, who ran for two touchdowns and threw for a third last week, will play the second half.

Rodney Peete, expected to be Weinke's backup this season, won't play at all. Peete has been bothered by a sprained knee and missed part of this week when he left the team to be with his wife as she gave birth to their son.

But Fox said Peete's benching was a health issue.

"Primarily it's the knee because he feels comfortable with part of the offense," Fox said. "But I don't think his comfort level is enough to risk injuring him."

Kicker John Kasay, slowed by a groin injury, should play but Fox said he would be limited.

"We can use him on field goals and extra points," Fox said. "But not necessarily on kickoffs."

The Cowboys are also expected to use their veterans a lot more then they did in last week's win over Oakland, with the exception of running back Emmitt Smith.

Smith didn't suit up in Dallas' preseason game against the Raiders and Cowboys coach Dave Campo has indicated Smith might not see his first live action until their regular-season opener.

"I don't expect to play against Carolina," Smith said. "I do maybe anticipate something occurring later on. How much? I don't know. They give me the nod. I do what I've got to do."

Baseball has two weeks to save season, status

NEW YORK (AP) — Just two weeks remain for baseball to save its season and perhaps even its status as the national pastime.

Players set an Aug. 30 strike date Friday, moving the sport closer to its ninth work stoppage in three decades and angering fans sick of money squabbles.

The executive board of the players' association voted 57-0 for the deadline, just four days after raising hopes for a deal by delaying a decision.

Players were upset by management's lack of movement on the key issue of a luxury tax on high-payroll teams, but owners accused the union of refusing to agree to more compromises.

"The baseball owners and baseball players must understand if there is a work stoppage, a lot of fans are going to be furious, and I'm one of them," said President Bush, former owner of the Texas Rangers.

Players are reluctant to have rules that would reduce salary increases. They argue the luxury tax, when combined with additional revenue sharing, would act as a salary cap.

"Clearly, the luxury tax is a major obstacle that has to be resolved before we're going to get an agreement," union head Donald Fehr said. "I think an agreement can be reached."

Baseball has a perfect record in labor talks, with eight stoppages in eight negotiations since 1972. The disruptions were caused primarily by management's attempts to slow salaries in the free-agent era, which began in 1976.

The last strike began Aug. 12, 1994, dragged on for 232 days and wiped out the World Series for the first time in 90 years. Average attendance dropped 20 percent the following season and still hasn't fully recovered.

"It's ridiculous," Brian Orndoff, a 24-year-old locksmith, said at Baltimore's Camden Yards. "Most of the players make over $1 million a year. School teachers make it on 30 grand. What do they have to complain about? If they get what they want, ticket prices will go up. I'm not paying to watch million-dollar crybabies."

The sport generated $3.5 billion in revenue in 2001, and the average salary rose to a record $2.38 million at the start of this season.

The last contract expired Nov. 7, and owners chose not to lock out the players after the World Series or before this season. Players fear owners would lock them out or change work rules if this season ends without a deal, and the union would rather threaten a strike heading into the final stages of playoff races, when the owners have more money to lose.

Sports Briefs

Soccer teams

Two local traveling soccer teams are forming. Boys aged 7-8 or 11-12 who are interested in playing should contact Arthur Hernandez at 573-1283 or 575-1782.

Snyder football program

Anyone wishing to place an ad in the Snyder Tiger football program should contact Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Ad prices are $75 for 1/2 page, $60 for 1/4 page and $40 for 1/8 page. Proceeds benefit the student council.

Friday swingers

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly swingers event at 5:30 each Friday. It is open to all members and prospective members. Cost is $10 per couple and the format is scramble.

Cash prizes go to the top three finishers as well as closest to the hole. For more information, call Barbara Leatherwood at 725-7875.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is queen of the hill.

Hunter education course

A hunter education course is scheduled for Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Aug. 25 from 1-5 p.m. Every Texas hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must successfully complete a hunter education training course.

Students aged 12 and older who successfully complete the course will be issued a hunter education certificate from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Cost of the course is $10.00, which covers the cost of the classroom materials and certificate.

Class size is limited. For more information, contact Gene or Nancy Bowlin at 573-2323.

Bibby gets $80 million deal from Kings

Mike Bibby signed a seven-year, $80 million contract with the Sacramento Kings.

Though Bibby, a restricted free agent, was never seriously thought to be leaving Sacramento, his signing keeps the entire nucleus intact from the team that finished with the NBA's best regular-season record at 61-21. Except for Vlade Divac, every starter is signed beyond the 2003-04 season.

LSU completes internal investigation

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — LSU's internal investigation into academic misconduct found no major violations, but the university admitted "secondary" violations of NCAA rules in a report released.

After a six-month investigation of the university's Academic Center for Student Athletes, LSU said some athletes received improper study help and assistance with typing, and contended those constitute "secondary" violations.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	79	41	.658	—
Montreal	60	61	.496	19½
Philadelphia	59	62	.488	20½
Florida	58	63	.479	21½
New York	58	63	.479	21½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	66	53	.555	—
Houston	63	58	.521	4
Cincinnati	62	58	.517	4½
Pittsburgh	52	70	.426	15½
Chicago	51	69	.425	15½
Milwaukee	43	78	.355	24

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	77	45	.631	—
Los Angeles	69	53	.566	8
San Francisco	66	54	.550	10
Colorado	56	65	.463	20½
San Diego	51	70	.421	25½

Friday's Games

Arizona 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 0
Milwaukee 10, Pittsburgh 3
Los Angeles 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Florida 4, San Francisco 2
Cincinnati 9, Houston 3
Montreal 11, San Diego 6
Atlanta 4, Colorado 1

Saturday's Games

Arizona (Batista 6-7) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 9-6), 1:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Simontacchi 8-4) at Philadelphia (Coggin 2-3), 1:15 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 7-3) at Atlanta (Marquis 8-6), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eyre 0-0) at Montreal (Hermes 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Osting 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Meadows 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 10-7) at Florida (Beckett 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Oswalt 14-6) at Cincinnati (4-9), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 10-8) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 11-5), 7:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Colorado (Jimenez 13-5) at Atlanta (Maddux 11-4), 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 8-9) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 8-8), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (C.Hernandez 5-4) at Cincinnati (Haynes 12-8), 1:15 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 4-4) at Montreal (Ohka 9-6), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rusch 6-12) at Pittsburgh (Arroyo 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 14-7) at Philadelphia (Padilla 12-7), 1:35 p.m.
Arizona (Helling 8-8) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 9-9), 2:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 8-8) at Florida (Burnett 11-9), 4:05 p.m.

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	76	44	.633	—
Boston	69	51	.575	7
Baltimore	58	61	.487	17½
Toronto	52	68	.433	24
Tampa Bay	40	81	.331	36½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	72	51	.585	—
Chicago	58	64	.475	13½
Cleveland	53	67	.442	17½
Kansas City	49	73	.402	22½
Detroit	46	75	.380	25

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	74	48	.607	—
Anaheim	73	48	.603	½
Oakland	71	51	.582	3
Texas	52	68	.433	21

Friday's Games

Kansas City 6, Tampa Bay 5
Detroit 6, Baltimore 5
Minnesota 5, Boston 0
Texas 6, Toronto 5
Oakland 1, Chicago White Sox 0
Anaheim 5, Cleveland 4
N.Y. Yankees 9, Seattle 3

Saturday's Games

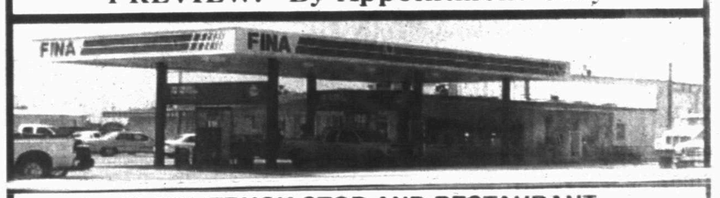
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Chicago White Sox (Garland 8-8) at Oakland (Mulder 13-7), 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City (May 3-8) at Tampa Bay (Sosa 1-6), 6:15 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 6-4) at Minnesota (Santana 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Redman 7-10) at Baltimore (Stephens 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Parris 5-3) at Texas (Bell 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Phillips 1-1) at Anaheim (Washburn

Sunday's Games

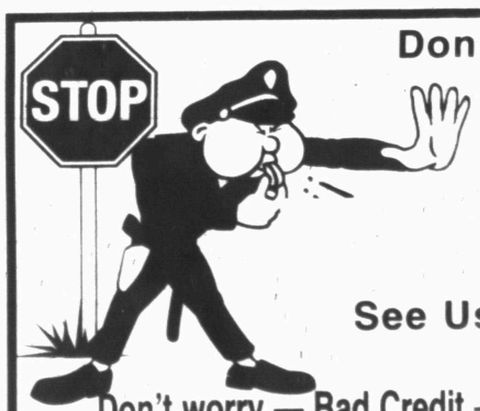
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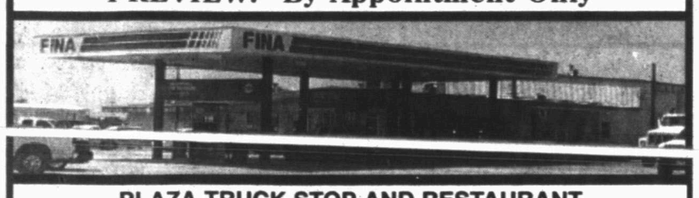
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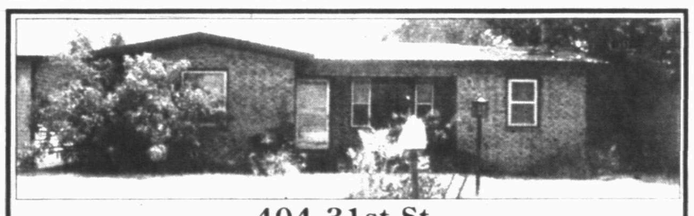
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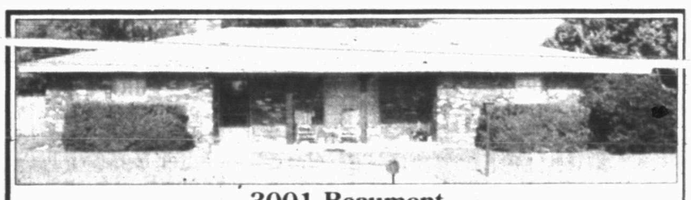
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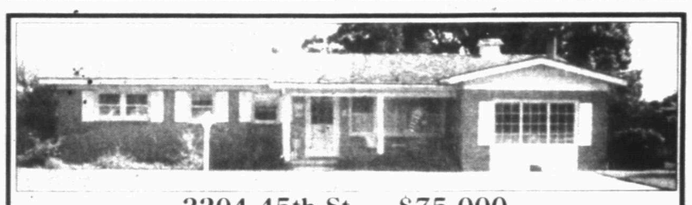


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Three-star general removed from mistaken bombing case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weeks after he began considering disciplinary action against two Air National Guard pilots for their role in the fatal bombing of Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan, a three-star Air Force general has been taken off the case, officials said Friday.

The decision to take the disciplinary authority away from Lt. Gen. Michael Moseley follows recent criticism from lawyers for the accused pilots that Moseley was predisposed to find the pilots guilty, officials said.

The day after the deadly accident in April in southern Afghanistan, Moseley sent a message to commanders saying that it was "difficult to imagine a scenario" for not holding fire in a circumstance like that which faced F-16 pilots Maj. Harry Schmidt and Maj. William Umbach.

The U.S. investigation faulted both Schmidt and Umbach, who was the lead pilot, for failure to follow established procedures. Specifically, they were accused of failing to "exercise appropriate flight discipline."

Schmidt dropped a 500-pound laser-guided bomb on a group of Canadian soldiers who were conducting an exercise. The bomb killed four soldiers and wounded eight. Schmidt, apparently unaware the exercise was taking place, was said to have mistaken ground fire from the exercise for hostile fire.

An air controller told Schmidt to hold fire until further inquiry could determine for sure that the target on the ground was hostile. Schmidt nonetheless declared he was "rolling in self-defense" and dropped his bomb.

A military inquiry concluded in June that Schmidt and Umbach were largely to blame for the bombing, although it also found undisclosed problems in the pilots' command structure. A decision on disciplinary action was left to Moseley, the senior Air Force officer in Central Command, which is running the war in Afghanistan.

An Air Force statement Friday said disciplinary authority has been transferred to Lt. Gen. Bruce Carlson, commander of the 8th Air Force, based at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

Charles Gittins, a civilian attorney for Schmidt, welcomed the move.

"I am always in favor of unbiased review by decision-makers who have not already made up their minds," Gittins said Friday. "I view the transfer as a positive step, so long as the new reviewing authority actually does his own personal and critical evaluation without influence from past reviewers."

The decision to take the case out of Moseley's hands was made by Gen. Hal M. Hornburg, commander of Air Combat Command.

The Air Force statement said the main reason for the change was "to prevent the perception of any conflict of interest" on Moseley's part. In his role as air component commander for the war in Afghanistan, Moseley had ultimate command over the F-16 pilots during their April 17 mission.

The Air Force also said Moseley's responsibilities in the Afghanistan war as well as his oversight of Operation Southern Watch — the aerial monitoring of the skies over southern Iraq — "could preclude him from devoting the time and attention" the Canadian friendly fire case deserves.

Carlson, who had no prior involvement in the case, will review the final report of the joint U.S.-Canadian investigation and then decide what, if any, disciplinary action to take against the pilots. The investigation report, which has not been publicly released, is about 4,000 pages long, an official said.

Moseley, who has had the case since late June, made no recommendation to Carlson on how to proceed and has not discussed the case with him, said Col. Johnny Whitaker, chief spokesman at Air Combat Command.

Sanchez closing gap on Perry

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic challenger Tony Sanchez is closing the gap on Republican Rick Perry in the campaign for governor, according to a statewide poll released Thursday.

Perry, who became governor when George W. Bush was elected president in 2000, still holds a 12-point lead over Sanchez, but the margin has been cut in half since May.

The poll by Austin-based Jeff Montgomery and Associates, an independent research firm, surveyed 1,152 voters from July 31 to Aug. 8. The poll has a margin of error of 3 percentage points and was not paid for either candidate or party, the firm said.

According to the poll, Perry had the support of 52.5 percent of those surveyed compared to 40 percent for Sanchez. Of the rest, 4.7 percent were undecided, 1 percent chose another candidate and 1.8 percent refused.

In the May survey, Perry had 59.4 percent compared to 34.3 percent for Sanchez.

The campaign has heated up considerably since then, with each side going into attack mode with television ads critical of the other's record in the charge to the November election.

Perry leads in every geographic region except the South Texas and border areas, where he trails Sanchez by 10 points, according to the poll. The governor's strongest lead is in Dallas, where he leads by about 27 points.

The race continues to see a strong split among ethnic lines, with Sanchez leading among black and Hispanic voters and Perry running ahead among whites.

The poll also asked voters on who could better handle a list of issues, including health care, education, creating jobs, banking and insurance, the state budget and providing leadership.

Perry scored higher than Sanchez in each category but garnered at least 50 percent support on only two issues: dealing with a projected state budget shortfall and providing leadership.

According to the poll, voters consider education the most important issue facing Texas.

Ron Kirk's U.S. Senate campaign said the former Dallas mayor filed his federal income tax returns Thursday but did not say what, if any, details would be released to the public.

"Stay tuned," Kirk spokesman Justin Lonon said.

Kirk's filing extension expired Thursday.

As mayor, Kirk was required to submit an annual financial disclosure form, which listed sources of income, but not specific amounts. As a Senate candidate, he reported earning $227,634 last year doing a few hours of work a week for the Dallas law firm Gardere Wynne & Sewell.

His opponent, Republican John Cornyn, earlier this week released eight years of tax returns.

Cornyn spokesman Dave Beckwith said voters are entitled to know more details about Kirk, including his household income, profits from investments and capital gains.

"At a time when the public is rightly demanding more openness from business and government leaders, this continued secretiveness is disappointing," Beckwith said.

Cornyn averaged an annual income of $95,976 during the past eight years working as attorney general, a Texas Supreme Court judge and for the Dallas-based law firm Thompson & Knight.

Last year's tax returns showed Cornyn and his wife, Sandra, earned $132,906, with Cornyn earning $81,373 as attorney general.

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A special thank you to Dr. Dillaha for always being there in person or by phone; to Betsy Armstrong – my, what a dear lady – & Odyssey Hospice for helping make our last two weeks bearable; to Bro. Rex Reynolds for such a beautiful, personal service; to Terrisu Mann, my niece, for beautiful music at the church & with Jim Lionberger for the beautiful music at the graveside; to Kim Gorman for the touching melodious harp music; to the ladies at Hermleigh First Baptist Church for the wonderful meal and to Mark & Jack Cypert, Don Farmer, Bunky & Linda, at the funeral home.

Many, many thanks!
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For every deed and act of kindness, we are eternally grateful.

For every tribute of song, words, food, cards, flowers or memorials, we are overwhelmed.

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West Nile death toll reaches 11

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The West Nile virus has claimed two more victims, one in Illinois and another in Louisiana, bringing this year's death toll from the rapidly spreading virus to 11 nationwide.

A 78-year-old man became the eighth fatality in Louisiana, where the mosquito-borne disease has hit hardest. The state also reported 62 new human cases, bringing its total this year to 147 in the worst outbreak since the virus was first detected in the United States three years ago.

Across the country, 251 human cases have been reported, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

"An epidemic this size is like a hurricane. What you need to do is take shelter," said Louisiana state epidemiologist Raoult Ratard. "If you don't take shelter you may be swept away."

"Taking shelter" in the case of mosquito-bourne viruses means using mosquito repellent and making sure residents' yards are free of standing water to ward off the virus, he said.

The virus has spread rapidly since it was first detected in 1999 in New York. The virus killed 18 people from 1999 through 2001, according to the CDC.

This year, two people died in Mississippi, in addition to the deaths in Louisiana and Illinois.

In Illinois' first human death linked to West Nile, a 67-year-old man died of encephalitis Aug. 10 after being admitted to the hospital with the virus, state health director John Lumpkin said. The state also reported three non-fatal cases in the Chicago area.

"The results are very serious, but we want to remind people that this is still a very rare disease among people bitten by mosquitos," Lumpkin said.

The virus has been found in every state east of the Rocky Mountains, with states as far west as Colorado and Wyoming saying they have confirmed animal cases.

Michigan reported its first human case of West Nile on Friday, and in Rochester, N.Y., a zoo penguin died from the virus, officials said.

A CDC West Nile expert, Dr. Lyle Petersen, said the disease's peak this year may not come for several weeks, and predicted 1,000 people could be infected this year and 100 could die.

In Texas, one of the hardest-hit states with 16 human cases, Houston health officials hope to publicize prevention methods without causing panic.

Andersen's license is revoked

AUSTIN (AP) — Accounting firm Arthur Andersen on Friday lost its license to practice in Texas, the home state of former client Enron Corp.

The state board that regulates the Texas accounting profession voted unanimously to revoke the once venerable firm's license because of the company's obstruction of justice conviction.

"Although it is tragic that a firm with Andersen's proud history in Texas should be brought so low, the firm's actions in the Enron case clearly warrant this result," said K. Michael Conaway, presiding officer of the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy. "Any time you have a firm that prestigious and that important to a profession that can no longer legally practice in Texas, that is a sad day for everyone involved."

Andersen was convicted by a Houston jury in June of obstruction of justice in a federal investigation of Enron's financial collapse. The collapse led to a December bankruptcy for the Houston-based energy trader.

Attorney Richard Forrest, who represented Andersen in the case before the state board, said the Chicago-based accounting and auditing firm was no longer practicing accounting in Texas.

Andersen told the Securities and Exchange Commission after the June verdict that it would stop auditing public companies by Aug. 31. It has given up its licenses in numerous other states, Forrest said.

The company had agreed to the revocation and a $1,000 fine, the maximum the state board could fine the company.

Since the grand jury indictment "things have, of course, gone badly from a business standpoint for Arthur Andersen and they have lost a lot of clients and ... have wound up business in Texas," Forrest said.

Andersen spokesman Patrick Dorton said the revocation is "part of the process that the firm is undergoing to exit the audit business."

The state board, when it disclosed in May that it was trying to revoke the company's accounting license, had said it was seeking at least $1 million in fines and penalties, and alleged several violations.

Guilty pleas entered in court

Five people will serve terms in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following action last week in 132nd District Court. District Judge Ernie Armstrong presided.

Gonzalo Lara of 1005 26th Street pleaded guilty to indecency with a child and received a six-year prison sentence to be served concurrently with a 12-year prison sentenced handed down by a jury on July 24 for sexual assault.

Eddie Overman, 40, whose last known address was 700 20th Street, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for revocation of probation on an original charge of driving while intoxicated. That offense occurred April 27, 1996.

Gerardo Benitez Arellano, 38, was sentenced to five years in prison for revocation of probation. Arellano also received an eight-year sentence for bail jumping and failure to appear as well as another eight-year sentence for felony driving while intoxicated. The three sentences will be served concurrently.

George Leal, 35, of Lubbock was assessed a five-year prison sentence in a probation revocation hearing. Leal had pleaded guilty to a June 9, 2001 charge of driving while intoxicated.

Rolen Tippens was sentenced to two years in a state jail facility for revocation of probation. Tippens, 810 33rd Street, was charged Jan. 9, 1999 with possession of a controlled substance.

Erica Vasquez, 21, of 4700 Ave. R pleaded guilty to forgery by passing, evading arrest and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Vasquez was sentenced to consecutive terms of one year in state jail for the forgery and two years in state jail evading arrest. Following the jail terms, Vasquez must serve two years in state jail facility, probated five years, for the car theft. She also was ordered to pay $1,002.84 in court costs.

Tommy Baldwin Jr., 25, of 2401 Ave. L pleaded guilty to failure to register as a sex offender and was sentenced to two years in state jail facility, probated for five years. Baldwin also was ordered to take part in an alternative to incarceration program, attend sex offender counseling, pay a $1,500 fine and to serve 90 days with the Scurry County Jail work program.

Two people are arrested in Snyder

Arrests

Police arrested a 29-year-old man in the 3800 block of Noble at 3:36 a.m. Saturday on city warrants for disregarding a stop sign and failure to appear.

At 3:50 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 36-year-old woman in the 400 block of 37th Street on Lubbock city warrants for no liability insurance, failure to display driver's license and failure to appear.

Vehicle burglary

Chris Stahl at noon Friday reported criminal mischief to his father's truck in the 200 block of 36th Street. Officers submitted a report for burglary of a vehicle.

Thefts

Jimmy Smith reported the theft of a bicycle at 12:20 p.m. Friday in the 1800 block of 37th Street.

Tim Atwood reported finding his stolen dog and subjects refusing to return the dog at 2:10 p.m. Friday in the 3700 block of Rose Circle. Officers were dispatched, and the animal was returned to the owner.

Mickey Winter requested deputies just after 5 p.m. Friday regarding a 300-gallon diesel tank stolen near CR 466 and CR 4115. A report for Class A theft was filed.

Amy Garza reported the theft of a bicycle at 9:15 p.m. Friday in the 3900 block of Muriel.

Juvenile mischief

Julia Flores requested police at 6:22 p.m. Friday concerning juveniles shooting her house at 3409 block of Ave. U with paint pellets. Officers contacted the juveniles' parents who advised the children would clean the residence and face disciplinary action.

At 6:22 p.m. Friday, Dalinda Roberts reported her son being shot with a BB gun by a juvenile in the 400 block of 32nd Street. Police contacted the parents of the juvenile who stated he would be disciplined.

Prarie dog chasing

An anonymous caller reported a man chasing prairie dogs in prairie dog town just after 7 p.m. Friday.

Suspicious juveniles

Officers received several reports of juveniles roaming around town after midnight Friday.

Two male juveniles were reported walking from the bowling alley toward the Cinema at 12:35 a.m. Saturday.

At 1:25 a.m. Saturday, a group of juveniles was reported walking down Avenue Z. Just before 2 a.m. Saturday, three juveniles were reported walking behind Tiger Mart.

Several juveniles were reported with alcoholic beverages in the 3800 block of Noble at 4 a.m. Saturday, but fled the area before officers arrived.

Gas drive off

A clerk with Allsup's reported gas drive offs of $15.78 and $28.36 Friday afternoon. A clerk with Town and Country north reported a drive off of $10.01 Friday.

TAAS tests to be given Oct. 22-24

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests will be administered on Oct. 22-24.

Enrolled juniors and seniors as well as individuals who are out of school are eligible to take any section of the exit level tests on which they have not yet met minimum expectations.

TAAS writing tests will be administered on Oct. 22. TAAS math will be given on Oct. 23 and TAAS reading tests will be taken on Oct. 24.

TAAS out-of-school examinees must register by Sept. 13, in order to test. These spring registration packets are now available in the Snyder High School counselor's office. Anyone with further questions should call Debbie Phillips, high school counselor, at 574-6050 or Melissa Jones, assistant superintendent, at 573-5401.

Obituaries

Ramona Reed

1934-2002

Ramona Joy Reed, a lifelong resident of Scurry County, died Friday, Aug. 16, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.



Ramona Reed

Graveside service for Mrs. Reed, 68, is set for 9 a.m. Sunday in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Mike Reed, her brother-in-law from Lubbock, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 26, 1934 in Scurry County, she married H. Herbert Reed on Nov. 6, 1955 in Dunn.

Mrs. Reed served as secretary for the family-owned business, Southern Electric Inc.

She was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church, a director of Scurry County Museum, a member of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and a volunteer for the Scurry County Food Cupboard.

Survivors include her husband, Herbert Reed of Snyder; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jeff Reed and David and Vickie Reed, all of Snyder; two sisters Bobbie Newton and Geleska Baze and her husband Roy, all of Snyder; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Thadine Harless of Snyder and Don and Vera Nell Harless of Abilene; four grandchildren, Chris Reed, Cheryl Reed, Tanner Reed and Jeremy Reed.

The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church, Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary or the Scurry County Museum.

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ONGOINGS

Prophetic-Healing Conference

Stand Firm World Ministries of Amarillo is bringing Keith Miller to Thee Place, 904 26th St. at 7 p.m. Saturday for a Prophetic-Healing Conference.

FFA dance

There will be a dance for all FFA members and incoming greenhands Saturday from 8 p.m. until midnight at the Dunn Community Center. Admission is $2 for singles and $3 for couples. Call Beth Parsley at 574-2204 if there are any questions.

Stanfield open house

Stanfield Elementary's meet the teacher open house is from 2-3 p.m. Sunday.

AARP chapter meeting

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet Monday at noon at the Senior Center. Charlene Akers, director of the Scurry County Museum, will be the speaker.

Rep. Stenholm reception

There will be a reception for U. S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday at the Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Sin, It's Not Such a Good Deal," followed by "Jews and Gentiles are One in Christ."

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmaus will have its annual ice cream supper at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Towle Park Pavillion. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m. at Word Is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Bring your favorite ice cream.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Instrument drive

An instrument drive for beginning band students at West Elementary is planned from 3:30-6 p.m. Wednesday at Snyder Junior High band hall. Representatives of Permian Music in Odessa will be on hand to sell, rent or lease horns to students who do not already have one. A parent or guardian must be present.

Taste of Scurry County

The sixth annual Taste of Scurry County is set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $5 for children. Proceeds benefit the Scurry County Museum. Tickets available at museum, Bullard's Computer Solutions and at the door. Meat will be prepared by Jerry Baird and Kerry Clay. Salads, deserts and bread will be included. Items will auctioned and door prizes will be presented.

Registration rally

The Girl Scout registration rally will be from 10 a.m. to noon next Saturday at the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th. Call Judi 573-7556 or JoAnn 573-3926 for more information.

WOW4 Women's Conference

WOW4 Women's Conference sponsored by His Joy Ministries is set next Friday and Saturday at Thee Place, 904 26th St. Music will be by Mercy & Truth, Dance Troupe Doorkeepers of His Glory. Topics include Women of Worth, Eva Dooley; Women of Warfare, Claudine Chaney; Women of Worship, Pearlene Nolan, Vickie King and Martha Brown; and Women of Word, Judy Allen. For more information call 573-9799.

2002 Ira annuals

The 2002 Ira Bulldog annuals have arrived and have been delivered to the students. There are a few extras available for $22 each.

Fish Fry

The American Legion will have its fish fry from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 1. Adult tickets are $7 each and the fee for 10-16 year olds will be $3.50. Children under nine eat free.

Museum exhibit

A special exhibit of Harley-Davidson, Indian motorcycles and Cushman motor scooters continues through Sept. 2 at the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus. The free exhibit is entitled Ready To Roll and all bikes are owned by residents of Scurry County.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

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

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Consumer prices up in July

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer inflation inched up in July, with lower prices providing some bargains for clothes horses and air passengers, but rising prices hitting the wallets of motorists and Americans needing medical care.

The Labor Department reported Friday that its Consumer Price Index, the government's most closely watched inflation gauge, rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.1 percent for the second month in a row.

The latest reading on the CPI was better than the 0.2 percent rise many analysts were expecting and provided fresh evidence that inflation remains under control.

That's good news for Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues because tame inflation gives them leeway to keep interest rates low in an effort to help the struggling economic recovery get on a firmer footing.

"Inflation looks good. It is not even flashing yellow on the Fed's radar screen," said Richard Yamarone, an economist with Argus Research Corp.

Fed policy-makers on Tuesday decided to hold rates steady.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Therapy for prostate cancer

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor has prescribed Lupron injections for my prostate cancer. What is your opinion of this therapy? What side effects might I encounter?

DEAR READER: Prostate cancer, a common affliction of older men, is ordinarily treated with surgery or by drugs to neutralize testosterone (male hormone). Lupron blocks the production and effects of testosterone, thereby reducing stimulation of the cancer cells.

Because this medication (and others like it) cause male menopause, it has predictable side effects: weakness, hot flashes, loss of libido (sex drive), erectile dysfunction and breast swelling. Other complications (because of fluid retention) include heart failure, ankle swelling, muscle aches, high blood pressure, stomach upset, diarrhea and insomnia.

Although Lupron and others are associated with a high incidence of side effects, these may be the price patients have to pay in order to suppress the growth of the cancer. As one of my patients remarked: "I don't like taking this drug, but considering the alternatives, I'll do it."

In your case, the prescribed treatment is standard and appropriate. However, you should discuss your concerns with your urologist, who may be able to alter or reduce the dosage to minimize side effects.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I suffer from chronic constipation. My colonoscopy is normal. What can I do to overcome this annoying condition?

DEAR READER: Constipation is one of mankind's most ubiquitous ailments. While it normally accompanies the aging process, it is also a common consequence of many diseases, including thyroid deficiency, kidney disorders, Parkinson's disease, stroke and irritable bowel syndrome, to mention a few. It is caused by a vast array of medicines, notably sedatives, codeine and calcium-channel blockers (for hypertension and heart disease). It is associated with dehydration, bowel obstruction and intestinal infection. It can result from inactivity (thus, from any chronic, debilitating disease). It may follow a change in diet, especially in elderly patients who eat sparingly and tend to prefer soft, digestible foods. Finally, depression and other emotional maladjustments can lead to constipation. The list goes on.

If you suffer from chronic constipation, you should have a medical exam and blood tests, because a hidden and unsuspected curable ailment may be at the root of your problem.

If you check out normally and have no serious, treatable, underlying cause for your constipation, I suggest the following: Increase the fiber, bran, fruit and dried fruit in your diet; try Metamucil, Fibercon and other natural sources of fiber. I'm going to send you my new, rewritten and updated Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea," which I am certain will help you.

Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have never felt that you bash doctors generally in your column. But you justifiably tweak the profession for its arrogance and rightfully criticize physicians and surgeons for sometimes forgetting a major medical goal: service.

Let me support your position with some personal experiences. When I graduated from the University of Michigan School of Nursing, the first words our director said were: "Doctors are not God. You are here to work with them, not for them. You have the right to question them about any treatment they order, not as criticism, but to learn — and, perhaps, make them think twice about their orders." (I continued that policy in my nursing career and have saved a few doctors' necks in the process.)

One day, after new residents and interns had newly arrived on July 1, we nurses were feverishly charting progress notes. A new resident strode into the nursing station, stopped, looked around, put his hands on his hips and blurted: "Didn't you girls learn to STAND UP when a doctor walks into the room?"

We were intimidated and didn't even look up. However, the head nurse — an efficient and experienced professional — heard this whippersnapper. She quietly walked over to the resident, made intense eye contact and said: "Our nurses are taught to stand when they choose to, for a staff doctor they really admire and respect. At the rate you are going, doctor, NO ONE will ever stand up for you."

I never forgot that exchange, and it served to strengthen me during my years as a nurse in the OR, ER and ICU.

In my career, I have seen many medical mishaps: vocal cord damage from endotracheal tubes, blindness following surgery (when the anesthesiologist left a patient to get a cup of coffee), bronchoscopy and colonoscopy marred by perforation of healthy tissue. Although I am now retired, I continue to have an avid interest in medical practice and am (still) appalled by some of the treatments and medicines that so-called doctors prescribe. What is the reason? I think it's called money.

DEAR READER: I have published your lengthy letter, which I have edited, for several reasons.

First, your observations are valid. You are a conscientious and experienced health-care provider and deserve to express your opinion and share your experiences.

I hope that in today's medical climate, more doctors — especially young ones — have been taught to view nurses as colleagues, not as handmaidens.

Third, you correctly point out that practitioners, regardless of age, need to listen closely to what nurses have to say. You folks have day-to-day, hands-on contact with patients. Only a foolish doctor, who is chock-full of hubris, would disregard a nurse's perceptions and advice. Nonetheless, I continue to receive a steady stream of letters from nurses (both active and retired), who express concerns identical to yours. Is it possible that after all these years, physicians are still stuck in a two-class system: doctors versus "the others"? I hope not.

Finally, your experiences are, of course, somewhat generational. Today's nurses are not always like the caregivers of the past. For example, I miss the starched white uniforms and nursing caps that used to be standard equipment. Every nursing school had a distinctive cap which, when worn, notified all of us where our health team trained. OK, I know I'm going to get letters on this one, but nurses' caps were an integral part of the formality of medical practice; they were an object of pride; they gave a message. I regret that caps and uniforms are now as outmoded as hair tonic, colley wobbles, church keys and rumble seats. (For those of you who don't recognize these antiques, I am sorry. Except for colley wobbles — stomach upset - the rest should be listed somewhere ... in a dictionary, perhaps?)

Now, I'll stop rambling about one of my favorite topics.

The point is that nurses are vital, should be listened to, provide essential medical care and need not stand in the doctor's presence unless he or she is really spectacular.

P.S. Nurses don't stand up for me, but I do for them — and am proud of it.

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Justice asked why no Enron individual indictments yet

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senator leading an investigation of Enron asked the Justice Department on Friday to explain why it hasn't prosecuted executives of the energy company that collapsed in December.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., chairman of the Senate Commerce subcommittee on consumer affairs, asked Attorney General John Ashcroft in a letter "why no action has been taken against those who were responsible for illegal activities at the Enron Corp."

Dorgan noted that in recent weeks, the Justice Department has filed criminal charges against top executives of several big companies, some of whom have been led away in handcuffs.

On July 24, for example, the founder of bankrupt Adelphia Communications Corp. and two of his sons were charged with conspiracy for allegedly looting the cable TV provider and using it as their "personal piggy bank." Two former WorldCom executives — chief financial officer Scott Sullivan and controller David Myers — were released on millions of dollars in bail after their arrests Aug. 1 on charges of concealing more [illegible] expenses.

"These arrests have been arranged to allow the American public to see corporate executives taken away in handcuffs," Dorgan wrote Ashcroft.

"The Enron scandal was the corporate scandal first to be uncovered. Yet the investors, the employees and the American public have seen no action taken against those who were involved," Dorgan said.

Justice Department spokesman Bryan Sierra said Ashcroft hadn't yet seen Dorgan's letter.

A department task force investigating Enron since January "is working as fast as they can and as aggressively as they can," Sierra said.

Justice prosecutors won a conviction of accounting firm Arthur Andersen in June on an obstruction of justice charge for shredding of Enron audit documents.

Sierra said the Enron investigation is extremely complex and any prosecutions will be "based solely on the evidence and the facts," rather than politicians' calls for action.

Houston-based Enron, which took the investments of millions of people with it when it entered bankruptcy in December, used a web of thousands of off-balance-sheet partnerships to hide some $1 billion in debt from investors and federal regulators.

A director of the failed company [illegible] has said that Enron managers, from former chairman Kenneth Lay down, knew that the network of partnerships was being used to conceal huge debts.

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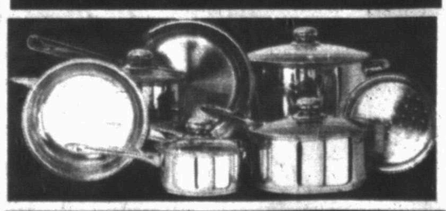
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'Angels' help woman fight cancer

Whenever Carole Haynes looks out her window and sees her yard full of angels, she knows she's not alone in her battle with cancer.

More than 50 wooden angels have been placed around her home and in the front and backyards. Each is as different as they are special and each helps strengthen Haynes resolve to fight this cancer as she did when first diagnosed with breast cancer in July 1998.

Haynes said she had been considered cancer free for 3½ years. However, in February of this year her oncologist, Dr. Charles Geyer at the Joe Arrington Cancer Center in Lubbock, confirmed that cancer had metastasized into her bones.

She said he now believes that cancer was there from the beginning, but bone scans had failed to detect it until a few months ago.

She is presently taking chemotherapy at home, seven pills a day for two weeks and then she skips a week before resuming the regime.

Haynes has already undergone radiation on her spine and hormone drug therapy, without success. How long she remains on her present medication depends on her progress. She said she is encouraged because cancer has not been found in any of her organs.

"I just take it one day at a time," Haynes said. "I don't worry about what didn't work. I just go forward from this day."

Her attitude from the beginning has been, "I have it (cancer). Let's start treating it."

Haynes' faith in God helps to sustain her in her battle. She is grateful for all of the prayers that have been offered for her. She also draws strength from her family, friends and former students.

Haynes said she likes Dr. Geyer very much. She once told him, "I don't have to worry about this (cancer) because you do."

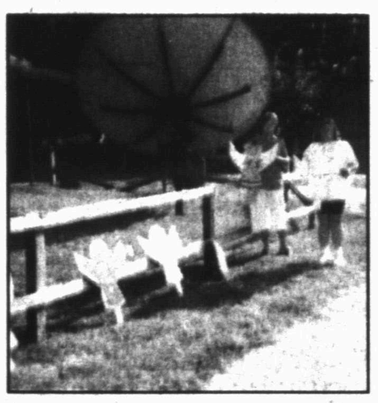
But she now has a new oncologist, Dr. Lucio Dinunno, who formerly practiced in Chicago. Geyer resigned to go into full-time cancer research in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Pam Collom and Wendy Barnett spearheaded the angel project. Each angel was cut out of a piece of wood and decorated by a different person. Besides family, friends and former students, Haynes said some of the angels have also come from out-of-town.

As word of the angels spread, the requests for cut outs has continued, Haynes said.

Haynes and her husband, Billy, are both retired teachers. They had been working with the Accelerated Grant program at Central and Stanfield but after Carole became ill she could not finish out the 2001-2002 school year.









Angels

Angels help remind Carole Haynes that she is not alone in her fight against cancer.

Top left: Anita Pevey, left, and Vanessa Taylor, place two angels in Haynes' yard.

Top Middle left: Terri Powell, left, and Trudy Garcia place more angels in Carole Haynes' yard.

Top right: The angel project was spearheaded by Wendy Barnett, left, and Pam Collom, right, who are pictured with Carole Haynes.

Bottom photo: Carole Haynes is pictured with several angels that remind her that she has the support of friends and family during her battle with cancer. (Contributed Photos)

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Bush's choice criticized

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Jeb Bush's choice to head the state's troubled child welfare agency came under fire Friday for his links to a published article that said spanking that causes bruises and welts is OK and married women shouldn't have careers.

Jerry Regier, appointed Thursday as secretary of the Department of Children & Families, defended himself against the criticism Friday. He said he was a co-chairman of the group that released the 1989 paper but he did not write the paper and does not support its positions.

He said he broke his relationship with The Coalition on Revival, Inc., about a year after the article was published because of the group's extreme interpretations of the Bible.

"It is not my position that corporal punishment should result in welts or bruises," Regier wrote in a statement released Friday. "My own wife of 34 years is a registered nurse, and I am extremely supportive of her career. I support women in the work force as well as women holding an equal role in marriage."

When Bush appointed Regier, who had worked in his father's administration in the early 1990s, he said the agency needed to get down to work instead of spending all its energy reacting to problems.

Instead, Bush and Regier found themselves on the defensive when Democrats and some child advocates criticized the new appointee for his involvement in a 1989 article titled "The Christian World View of the Family."

The article says Christians shouldn't marry non-Christians, couples should only be allowed to divorce in cases of adultery or abandonment, and premarital sex and masturbation should not be "accepted as 'normal' or legal."

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

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♦	2 ♣	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 4

Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002

What was not bid and not played

By Phillip Alder

Sherlock Holmes claimed: "From a drop of water a logician could infer the possibility of an Atlantic or a Niagara without having seen or heard of one or the other."

Logicians make good bridge players. Assuming one's opponents' bids and plays can be trusted, much can be learned from them — as in this deal. To savor it to the full, cover the East-West hands. You stop in two no-trump after West overcalls two clubs. The opening lead is the club four: seven, six, nine. You try the heart finesse, and it wins. When you return to hand with a diamond, West drops the queen. Now you lead another heart, and West discards the spade 10. How would you continue?

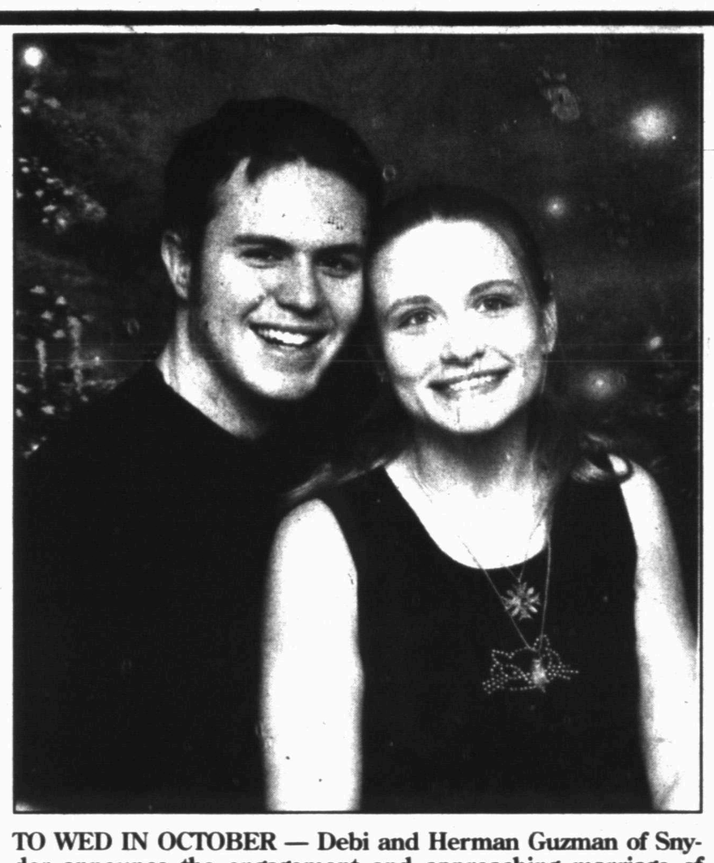
The deal took place during the Easter Festival in Blackpool, England. Since the tournament was sponsored by the Thwaites beer company, the winners didn't need to spend money in the bar after the evening sessions.

Why didn't East win the second trick with her heart queen and return a club to defeat the contract? There was only one logical answer: East had started with a singleton club (and probably the spade ace).

Could West have a singleton diamond? If so, he was 5-1-1-6 and would not have overcalled two clubs. Instead, he would have (by partnership agreement) cue-bid two diamonds to show a black two-suiter. Therefore, West had to be 4-1-2-6.

The declarer, David Adelman, won trick four with dummy's heart king, cashed the heart ace, and played a diamond to his king. When, as expected, the jack dropped, Adelman claimed an overtrick.

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TO WED IN OCTOBER — Debi and Herman Guzman of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Jeremy Goodlett of Lubbock, to Katrina Schmidt. Jeremy is also the son of Kenneth and Diane Goodlett of Lubbock. Katrina's parents are Terri Herring of Meadow and Jerry Schmidt of Waterloo, N.Y. The couple are planning an Oct. 31 wedding to be held in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

FBC has new youth director



Brent and Meredith Schneider

Brent Schneider began as youth director of First Baptist Church last Sunday, coming from First Baptist Church in Corinth where he served as minister to students.

He has also served in that capacity at Grapevine and Bryan. In addition, he has served in numerous positions of leadership and responsibilities in other aspects of ministry in his career.

Brent is vice president for the Brothers Under Christ at Texas A&M University and is also a member of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association.

Brent received his bachelor of science degree in sports management/kinesiology and a minor in psychology, from A&M and the University of North Texas, and is pursuing his master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He enjoys football, golf, coaching youth sports and youth and family ministry.

His wife, Meredith, teaches fourth grade at East Elementary.

Bridge Scores

Monte West directed bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Aug. 9

A Group

1. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
3. Tizzy Hall, Nonnie Ward.
4. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.

B Group

1. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
2. Tizzy Hall, Nonnie Ward.
3. Pat Floyd, Billie Marie Long.
4. Bobbie Taylor, Paula Gilbert.

Sunday, Aug. 13

1. Nona Morrison, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Nonnie Ward, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Linda West, Monte West.

Tornado not detected

ROCKFORD, Mich. (AP) — If this happens again, maybe the street should be renamed Sunshine Drive.

A small tornado that touched down near Whirlwind Street uprooted trees, damaged several buildings and tipped over a delivery truck.

The National Weather Service confirmed that a twister packing winds estimated at 70 mph caused the damage, The Grand Rapids Press reported.

The tornado was ranked as an F-0, the least-powerful category of twisters on a scale that goes up to F-5, said Bob Dukesherer, a weather service meteorologist. In an F-5 tornado, winds can reach up to 318 mph.

The tornado that struck about 9:30 p.m. near the intersection of Whirlwind and Summit Avenue was so weak, Doppler radar failed to detect it.

New owners return found money

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — When Rob and Agnieszka Girling first found $5,000, they thought about all the things they could spend it on. But that didn't last long.

"We knew we couldn't live with ourselves if we tried to keep the money. We would just feel awful, and disgusted at our own lack of discipline," said Rob Girling, a software designer at Microsoft.

He found the money Sunday while hiding in a bedroom closet playing hide-and-seek with his daughter. He noticed a bank envelope taped above the door and opened it to find 100 $50 bills.

The Girlings walked two blocks down the street to where the previous owners now live and presented Duke and Svetlana Young with the cash. The Girlings bought the house last year from the Youngs, who had built it.

"They went above and beyond what the average person would have done," Duke Young said.

Young said he had been saving the money for about a year to pay for home improvements and travel. But then he and Svetlana married, traveled to Italy on their honeymoon and sold the house, all within a couple of months. In their excitement, they said, they overlooked the money.

The Youngs plans to give the Girlings a weekend trip or some other gift as a reward.

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School Menus

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BREAKFAST

Monday
Breakfast Burritos
Juice

Tuesday
Pancakes
Bacon
Fruit

Wednesday
Cinnamon Rolls
Juice

Thursday
Breakfast Pizza
Fruit

Friday
Cereal
Cheese Toast
Juice

LUNCH

Monday
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Apple Crisp

Tuesday
Pizza
Salad
Corn
Chocolate Chip Cookies

Wednesday
Chicken Enchilada Casserole
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Crackers
Fruit Salad

Thursday
Patti Melts
Tater Tots
Peas
Push-ups

Friday
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Salad
Garlic Toast
Pineapple

Snyder

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
(Central, Junior High, High School)

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

Tuesday
Sausage on a Stick
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Wednesday
Texas Cheese Toast
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

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

Friday
Breakfast Burrito
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST

Monday
Cereal w/Teddy Grahams
Juice

Tuesday
Pigs in a Blanket
Juice

Wednesday
Chocolate Chip Muffin
Juice

Thursday
Ham & Cheese Wrap
Juice

Friday
Toasted Cheese Wedge
Juice

LUNCH

Monday
"Fighting Tiger"
Cheeseburger
or Ravioli
Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Vanilla Pudding

Tuesday
Crispy Beef Tacos
Or Chicken Quesadilla
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Apple Crisp

Wednesday
Oven Fried Chicken
Or Stuffed Baked Potato
Campfire Beans
Broccoli & Cheese
Fruit Filled Jell-O

Thursday
Chili Cheese Dog
Or Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Potatoes Au Gratin
Sweet Peas
Dinner Rolls

Friday
Chicken Spaghetti w/Bread Stick
Or BBQ on a Bun
Potato Wedges
Whole Kernel Corn
Chocolate Chip Brownie

Hermleigh

Meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Dry Cereal
Toast

Tuesday
Juice
Toast
Peanut Butter/Jelly

Wednesday
Juice
Cinnamon Rolls

Thursday
Juice
French Toast Sticks
Sausage Patties

Friday
Juice
Blueberry Muffins

LUNCH

Monday
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Potato Chips

Tuesday
Pork Rib Patties on Bun
Tater Tots
Pickle Spears
Pineapple Chunks

Wednesday
Frank Wraps
Carrot Sticks
Pork & Beans
Cherry Jell-O

Thursday
Turkey Sandwiches
Chopped Lettuce
Buttered Corn
Chilled Pears

Friday
Hamburgers
Burger Salad
French Fries
Pink Applesauce

Mobile home is donated to ranch

AMITY, Ark. (AP) — A triplewide mobile home that served as the state governor's mansion for 16 months has been given to a ranch for troubled youth.

Gov. Mike Huckabee and his family lived in the mobile home while the mansion was under renovation. The $110,000 home, which was donated to the mansion by the state Manufactured Home Association, was turned over Monday to the Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranch group.

Faulkner County Sheriff Marty Montgomery said the donation will help the organization reach families with at-risk children.

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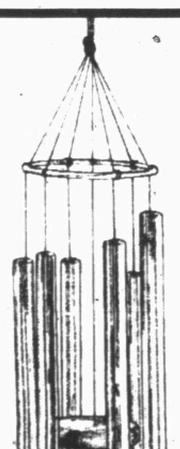
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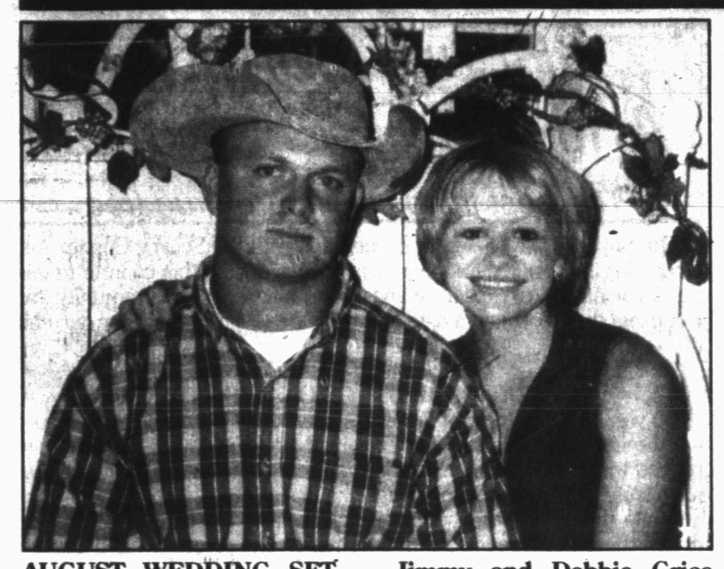
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AUGUST WEDDING SET — Jimmy and Debbie Grice announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jamie Lee, to Billy Joe Digby, son of Jimmy and Sherene Digby of Hermleigh. An Aug. 31 wedding is planned in Loraine. (Contributed Photo)

Pet garden can be the cat's meow

NEW MARKET, Va. (AP) — A pet garden can be the cat's meow, provided you research your selections well and don't serve up too much of a good thing.

Most are aware of catnip's entertainment value. The aromatic herb contains the chemical nepetalactone, among other things, making it a mild stimulant and hallucinogen for felines. "Cats will rub and sometimes ingest the plant, and then act 'drunk' or 'wild' for up to an hour or more," the Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine says. "No lasting toxicity is reported. If excessive amounts are ingested, vomiting and diarrhea can result."

So parcel it out in moderation.

"It gets to a point where they're not interested anymore," says Kris Higgins, with Tagawa Garden Center and Florist at Aurora, Colo. "Some cats after a couple of binges decide they won't go near it."

"Anything can be harmful; anything can be safe. It depends upon the quantity," says Dr. Fred Oehme, a veterinarian and professor of toxicology and pathobiology at Kansas State University.

"Any herbal medicine can make an animal sick. Too little won't do anything (positive)," says Oehme, who also runs the university's poison control center.

Cautions notwithstanding, pet gardens can help drive down your pet food bills, keep your animals closer to home, possibly reduce flea and tick infestations and open the way to safer yards.

In learning about what's wholesome and good for your pets to eat, you're also likely to learn about what's bad for them.

So let's start with the "goods."

Sunflower heads, leaf lettuce, melon rinds and weeds are great for throwing into your chicken and duck yards. Foraging fowl make short work of them. Box turtles like lettuce leaves, cherry tomatoes (sliced) and slivers of fruit, among other things.

Wheat and oat grasses are a feline salad bar. They also make good edible plants for whatever rabbits or guinea pigs your kids may have around the house.

"Cats love herbs of all kinds," says Tagawa's Higgins. "And they love to chew on grasses — wheat and ornamental grasses among them."

Enzymes from grasses help carnivores digest food in their systems.

Lavender and rosemary leaves added to some water and brewed up as a "tea" works well as a dog rinse, Higgins says. "It leaves the animal's coat shiny and acts as something of a deodorant, too," she says.

Garlic cloves ground and added to dog or cat food several times a week can aid digestion, Higgins says.

Citrus oil taken from your orange or lemon trees can make an effective flea deterrent when rubbed into your cat's fur. Dried catnip mixed with crushed tansy can be used to drive fleas from your dogs.

Try stuffing some of the mixture into a handkerchief, rolling it into a makeshift collar and then rubbing the contents daily to refresh the aroma.

And then there is the "bads."

One of the primary plants on the not wanted list is dieffenbachia. Its juices are toxic to animals and children. "It depends upon the dose, but a horse can be poisoned with four-or five leaves," says Kansas State's Oehme. "So you can figure what would happen to a cat."

Lilies of the Valley also can be harmful to pets. "Cats are more sensitive to kidney problems because they don't drink as much water as dogs do," Oehme says.

Some others to be avoided for the sake of your dogs and cats, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, are caladium, cala lily, castor beans, oleander, primroses and rhododendron.

There is no shortage of seed companies or nurseries ready to help you get growing directing some of their garden products.

Cattail Gardens, at Redmond, Ore., sells cat grass products that can be grown inside apartments, from trays on windowsills or balconies or in small pockets of your vegetable garden. American Meadows Inc., based in Charlotte, Vt., offers a five-packet seed collection for a "Kitty Cat Garden" that has proven popular, spokesman Mike Lizotte says.

"We're selling it all over the country and across Canada," he says. "The collection includes catnip, oats, rye grass, leaf lettuce and wheat. Cat grasses are a growing niche product in the food and garden industry."

Next up for American Meadows, Lizotte says, is a seed selection for dog gardens. If you decide to start gardening for your pets, check with a veterinarian before turning any ground.

"Most of the nation's poison control centers have contact with a toxicologist veterinarian," Oehme says. "And almost any veterinary diagnostic library has a toxicology section in it, especially at a university. Most offer 24-hour-per-day responses."

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 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 at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, Librarian

The Scurry County Library staff would like to remind parents of the Children's Storytime at 10 a.m. each Monday. It lasts about 40 minutes.

The Storytime is for 4- and 5-year-olds, but 3 year olds that can sit and listen are also welcome. The staff reads books to the children. We also have fingerplay exercises, crafts and other activities. Come join in the fun.

NEW NON-FICTION

Everything and a Kite, by Ray Romano

Square Wheels: and Other Easy-to-build, Hands-on Science Activities, by Don Rathjen

Making Arbors & Trellises: 25 Practical & Decorative Projects for Your Garden, by Marcianne Miller

The Bear in the Attic, by Patrick McManus

Fire Lover: A True Story, by Joseph Wambaugh

NEW FICTION

Grave Secrets, by Kathy Reichs

The Last Chance Cafe, by Linda Lael Miller

Hometown Legend, by Jerry Jenkins

Househusband, by Ad Hudler

Chopping Spree, by Diane Mott Davidson.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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Teen struck by pickup

FERGUS FALLS, Minn. (AP) — After being struck by a pickup truck, a teenager said he was stunned when he recognized a member of the ambulance crew that took him to the hospital as the driver he says hit him.

"I looked at him; I think he looked back at me," said Morgan Taylor, 16. "It was kind of weird. I was scared. I didn't dare say anything."

The 18-year-old emergency medical technician is expected to be charged next week with felony criminal vehicular injury and misdemeanor reckless driving, according to the Grant County attorney's office.

According to police, Taylor and a friend were walking home July 27 when they recognized a girl in a pickup truck's passenger seat at a park. The boys did not know the driver.

"They were starting to talk to them or harass them or whatever," said Elbow Lake Police Chief Luverne Sik.

The driver backed up, and Taylor's friend hopped in the back of the truck. Taylor was hit when the driver pulled forward, Sik said.

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Action in District Court

Charles Freeman vs. All State Insurance Company, order of dismissal with prejudice.

In the marriage of Norma Anna Pina and Eugene Lee Pina, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Melanie Ann Poe and Andrew Lynn Poe, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Patsy Ann Williams and Billy Wayne Williams, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Cyrus S. and Alma F. Posey to Mark and Cheri Totty, Lot 4 in Block 30 of the Winston Co. replat of the Colonial Hill Addition.

D.L. Irwin to Barbara Nowell, Linda Head, Donny L. Irwin, Ronald W. Irwin and Judy Sausman, tract one being 61.3 acres in the southeast part of Section126, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a tract out of Section 125, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Darlene T. Bollinger to Tracey Iglehart, Lot 15 in Block G of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Jesse C. and Joyce E. Tolbert to Dewey Grinslade, Lot 3 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition.

J.D. Goswick Well Service Inc. to Larry Boulware, 7.4 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 137, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Katherine Ervin to Toni Jean Callahan and Sharon Kay Fry, Lot 11 and the south 10 feet of Lot 10, Block 3, Scott and Browning Addition.

Clara Myers Hoskins to Carroll Ray Myers, tract one being the west one-half of the east one-half of Section 21, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the northeast one-half of Section 96, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Bob Dupree to Jerry and Terry Seitz, the south 140 feet of the east 50 feet of the west 100 feet of Lot 3, Block 24 of the T.N. Nunn Addition.

Riley Jackson and Cindy Brewster to Rock Enterprises Inc., Lots 1 and 2 in Block 2 of the C.M. Payne's Subdivision of the City of Snyder.

J.K.B. Rental Properties to Randell J. and Jana L. Ward, Lot 12 and the south 25 feet of Lot 13 in Block 3 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Benjamin R. and Emma Christy Smith to Raymond A. and Karie F. House, the south 35 feet of Lot 8 and all of Lot 7 in Block 5 of the replat of the south one-half of Block 4 and all of Block 5 of the Highlands Addition.

Lane and Dorthy Beaty to Justin Brock and Crystal D. Rumfield, Lot 6 in Block 6 of the Park Place Addition.

James P. and JoAnn Halbert to Jose and Petra Jimenez, the north one-half of Lots 7 and 8 of the Wilmeth Addition.

B&F Well Servicing Inc. to Duke Investments, Lot 1 of the HAT subdivision of Lot 13, Block 5 of the Wadleigh Addition.

Reynaldo Hernandez to Diana L. Garcia, Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block 38, Andress Heights Addition.

Purnie A. Dempsey to Alexander Brice, Lot 4, Block "C" of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Former Georgia sheriff gets life plus 23 years for murder

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) — Still proclaiming his innocence, the former sheriff of DeKalb County was sentenced to life in prison for murdering his successor.

Sidney Dorsey, who was convicted last month of ordering the murder of Derwin Brown, also received a 23-year prison term for corruption at Thursday's sentencing. Under state guidelines, Dorsey must serve at least 18 years before he would be eligible for parole.

DeKalb County prosecutor J. Tom Morgan said he would be shocked if Dorsey's sentence is ever shortened.

"What a life sentence means for this defendant, we hope, is that the only way he leaves prison is in a pine box," he said.

Dorsey, 63, was convicted in the death of Brown, who was shot and killed Dec. 15, 2000, three days before he was to take office after beating Dorsey in a bitter runoff election. Dorsey also was found guilty on 11 of 14 charges of corruption in the sheriff's department.

At his sentencing hearing, Dorsey maintained his innocence.

"I know you're going to sentence me severely, but I do not have the blood of Derwin Brown on my hands," Dorsey told Judge Cynthia Becker. "I'm going to be in prison on the outside, but I'll be free on the inside because I do not have the blood of the sheriff-elect on my hands."

He insisted:

"I was not a party to the murder of Derwin Brown. I did not orchestrate it, I did not plan it, I did not play a role in the diabolical and horrible murder of the sheriff-elect. However, here I am."

Prosecutor John Petrey asked Dorsey whether he regretted any corruption or theft that occurred while he was sheriff.

"I have never considered anything I did as theft," Dorsey replied.

Five members of Brown's family testified prior to sentencing. His widow, Phyllis Brown, told Dorsey she did not want him put to death. "I want you to have a picture of Derwin every time you close your eyes. Because that's what I have."

His mother, Burvena Brown, sat in her wheelchair and told Dorsey, "There is a hole where my heart used to be."

Prosecutors charged that Dorsey recruited men to kill Brown, 46, so he could retake the sheriff's post in a special election. As rumors swirled of his involvement in Brown's slaying, Dorsey decided not to run.

The murder case was based chiefly on the testimony of two men, Patrick Cuffy and Paul Skyers, who said they helped carry out the slaying. Both men struck immunity deals with prosecutors.

Two other men, Melvin Walker and David Ramsey, were acquitted of murder charges in a separate trial.

The corruption counts alleged that Dorsey accepted bribes, demanded sex from a female bonding agent, and ordered deputies to work for his private security company and run family errands.

Dorsey will serve his sentence in a prison in the Atlanta area, but the exact location was not disclosed.

Scury County Anti-drug Co ection

The best things in life are drug free

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

MESSAGE TO PARENTS:

RECREATIONAL DRUGS ON THE INTERNET

Do you know the type of Web sites your kids like to visit? While surfing the net, your kids can find elaborately designed Web sites that are packed with information on a variety of recreational drugs, from marijuana to some of the newer club drugs like Ecstasy.

While they appear to be an encyclopedia of "facts" about different drugs, these sites are filled with information like recommended dosage, how the drug will make people feel, and what kids can do if they get caught while high on a particular drug.

Since the early 1990s, club drugs such as Ecstasy, GHB, and Ketamine have become more popular with American teens. Also, since the early 1990's, the Internet has arrived and exploded, providing open forums on any topic imaginable, including recreational drugs.

A new study published in *Pediatrics* by Dr. Paul M. Wax of the Department of Medical Toxicology at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz., speculates that the rise of Web sites and online forums, which give information on "safe" and "responsible" drug use, may be partly to blame for the growing acceptance of club drugs by young people.

Two Teens' Stories — Dr. Wax's study includes the stories of two young people, whose drug abuse was directly influenced by what they found on the Internet. In the first case, a 14-year-old girl swallowed eight Coricidan® tablets before going to school and was taken to the hospital after she tried to climb the school walls. When asked why she took the pills, she said that she wanted to get high, and took the amount of Coricidan® recommended on a recreational drug Web site.

In the second case, an 18-year-old male took several tablets of Blue Mystic, had a seizure, and was taken to the emergency room. He said he had been taking Blue Mystic regularly, but on that day, decided to up the dosage. The doctors searched for information on this drug, but could not find any in their medical resources. However, after doing an Internet search, they found a great deal of information on Blue Mystic on various drug Web sites.

What You Can Do — Dr. Wax's study suggests that if your teen is good at surfing the Web, he or she may be more vulnerable to these appealing sites that claim to have the "facts" on drugs. Talk to your kids about the Web sites they visit when they are online. If they are searching online for information about drugs, point them to sites such as www.freevibe.com and www.clubdrugs.org that are run by credible organizations that don't glamorize drug use or advocate that it is okay to take drugs as long as it is done "safely."

Read Dr. Wax's study published in Pediatrics: *Just a Click Away: Recreational Drug Web Sites on the Internet*

Learn more about the dangers of club drugs: Club Drugs Pose Serious Dangers

Find out what types of messages your kids are getting from other types of popular media: Separating Fact From Fiction

The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign also has several publications on talking to kids about drugs, including the latest brochure, *Keeping Your Kids Drug-Free: A How-To Guide for Parents and Caregivers*. This brochure can be downloaded.

Here are some other suggestions for what parents can do:

Help your child become media literate by watching and listening to the messages they receive. Discuss any messages about drugs that are untrue or that show drug use in a positive way. Point out the disadvantages of using drugs, like failure in school or losing the trust of the family.

Surf the Web with your child to find out what kinds of media they are being exposed to. Ask probing questions about why your child finds these Web sites appealing. Have them look or listen for pro-drug or other unhealthy messages and discuss how to resist those behaviors.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can contribute to this effort, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

Autopsy inconclusive on cause of death

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — An autopsy Thursday failed to reveal the cause of death for David Williams, lead singer of the Dallas rock band Drowning Pool.

Williams was found dead Wednesday afternoon in his bunk on the band's tour bus. The band had been touring as part of Ozzy Osbourne's Ozzfest and had been scheduled to perform here Thursday.

Sgt. Kim Chinn, spokeswoman for the Prince William Police Department, said police are awaiting toxicology tests as part of their investigation into his death.



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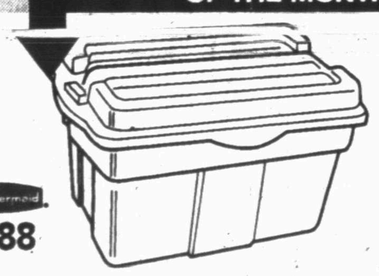


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3:30 p.m. last names A - F

Evening Registration (any students)

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 21 Residence Hall Orientation

Monday, August 26 Classes Begin

Tuesday, August 27 Drop/adds begin at 1:30

Friday, August 30 Last day to register, add or change

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Goulash
Golden Carrots
Tossed Salad
Oatmeal/Raisin Cookies
Garlic Toast
TUESDAY
Chicken Strips w/Gravy
French Fries
Green Beans
Heavenly Hash
Brownie
WEDNESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Baked Potato
Whole Kernel Corn
Carrot Raisin Salad
Jell-O Cake
THURSDAY-
Tuna Noodle Casserole
English Peas
Fried Squash
Tossed Salad
Pineapple Upside/Down Cake
FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Macaroni & Tomatoes
Creamy Slaw
Hush Puppies
Chocolate Pudding

Senior Center News

The Scurry County Senior Center is located at 2603 Avenue M. We invite all citizens sixty and over to visit our facility. We especially encourage newcomers in our area to join us for activities and the noon meal.

There is no cost for participating in activities, but there is a donation of $2.50 for seniors for the noon meal. Visitors under the age of sixty are charged $4.00 per plate. Phone 573-4035 for further information.

We have added a craft day to our schedule beginning August 27th at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this activity is to make items to sell at Mayday, and for you to learn a new craft.

We hope to have this activity once a month. Valerie Drum will be the instructor. We encourage all who enjoy crafts to support us in this effort to build an inventory for our craft booth at Mayday.

MONDAY

Party bridge begins at 9:30. The bridge room is located in the quilting area. Seniors may participate daily at 11 a.m. in a mild exercise program led by Juanita Ellington. AARP members will be meeting at noon for lunch and a meeting. The guest speaker will be Charlene Akers of the Scurry County Museum.

TUESDAY

Eighty-eight is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and continues until noon. Beginning at 11 a.m. the Aubrey Wilson Band will entertain in the dining room and the Mesquite Country Women's Writers Guild will be meeting in the bridge room.

All women with an interest in writing poetry are invited to join them. Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon every Tuesday for lunch and their meeting. All seniors are invited to visit and/or join them.

WEDNESDAY

Join us for ladies pool at 9 a.m. and bingo at 10a.m. Bingo play is from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break at 11 for exercise and stretching. There will be no pinochle for this week only. Line dancing begins at 1 in the dining room. Clogging immediately follows line dancing.

THURSDAY

We encourage all members of the Kitchen Band and seniors with an interest in becoming members to join us for the meeting at 11 a.m. in the conference room. We will discuss the future of the band.

FRIDAY

Regular activities include bridge and the blood pressure clinic at 9:30 a.m. Beginning at 11:15 a.m. Ken Northcutt of Colorado City will entertain in the dining room.

One killed, two wounded in California

IRWINDALE, Calif. (AP) — A gunman opened fire on spectators watching a legal drag racing event at the Irwindale Speedway, killing one person and wounding two more, authorities said Friday.

The gunman and four accomplices were arrested while trying to leave the speedway, Irwindale Police Chief Joseph DeLadurantey said. Their identities were not immediately available.

DeLadurantey said the accused man shot and killed another male spectator, then opened fire on a couple. Police responding to an earlier disturbance call at the speedway heard the gunshots shortly after 10 p.m. Thursday.

The man who was shot died at the scene. The other two victims were taken to a hospital and listed in stable condition, authorities said. None of the victims' identities were released.

More than 1,000 people were attending "Thursday T-N-T," a cooperative program between law enforcement agencies and the National Hot Rod Association. The event is aimed at attracting illegal street racers to compete legally at the speedway.

The raceway is 25 miles east of Los Angeles.

WWII train field dedicated historic site

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (AP) — Carrol Woods wasn't thinking about breaking racial barriers when he came to Moton Field to become one of America's first black military pilots in 1943: He just wanted to fly.

"I didn't want to wash out," Woods, 82, recalled Thursday as he stood near a restored P-51 fighter like the one he eventually flew in World War II.

Woods, of Montgomery, was among the aging pilots on hand for a reunion of those famed black fliers, the Tuskegee Airmen, and the dedication of their rural Alabama training base as a national historic site.

Approved as a landmark by Congress four years ago, the old airfield includes an original red-brick hangar and the boarded-up control tower from Moton Field's heyday as the center of black aviation in the South.

A temporary visitor center has been erected but it will be replaced by a permanent structure housing a museum and educational facility. Lawmakers authorized some $29 million for the project.

Former Tuskegee Airman Wilson Eagleson of Dudley, N.C., said the designation of the field as a historic site was a fitting tribute to a once-overlooked part of American history.

"The theory at the time was that we didn't have the knowledge or the ability or the dexterity to fly," said the 82-year-old Eagleson, service ribbons pinned to his red blazer. "That was like telling Michael Jordan he didn't have the dexterity."

The Army trained almost 1,000 black pilots in Tuskegee from 1940 to 1946, and about 450 Tuskegee Airmen flew combat missions over Europe and North Africa.

The black pilots — known as "Red Tails" for the color of the rear of their planes — were credited with shooting down more than 100 enemy aircraft and never losing an American bomber to enemy fighters.

The path to that success began amid spartan surroundings near Tuskegee Institute, which started training black civilian pilots after Congress passed the Civilian Pilot Training Act in 1939.

Sherman Rose, 82, helped construct one of the original hangars at Moton Field. He worked as a civilian flight instructor there from 1941 to 1946 after the Army Air Corps established an all-black pursuit squadron at Tuskegee in response to pressure from civil rights supporters.

"Everything was dirt. We didn't have paved runways," said Rose, seated beside a two-seat P-17 biplane like he once used to train pilots. As he spoke, a yellow AT-6 roared over the runway, which has since been paved.

While the accomplishments of the Tuskegee Airmen went unheralded for decades, the surviving members have gained widespread recognition in recent years. There have been books, a movie and a Tuskegee Airman GI Joe action figure, among other commemorations.

A group of Tuskegee Airmen was invited to the Alabama governor's mansion last year, but former unit member John Fernandez of Tuskegee said the state had done little else to commemorate their exploits and successes.

Fernandez said the dedication ceremony Thursday helped make up for missed opportunities. It also gave the old fliers a chance to remember the old times.

Racers pursuing speed records in Salt Flats, Utah

BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, Utah (AP) — Hundreds of race car drivers have gathered in this white desert landscape to attempt to break into the 200 mph club — or, if that's not fast enough, the 300 mph club.

Amid the deafening roar of engines, race officials wearing white from their caps to their shoes motion a car forward to the starting line. One points to the driver and sweeps his hands toward the seven-mile course: Your turn.

Every August, the world-famous track at the Bonneville Salt Flats draws amateur racers to Speed Week. The flat expanse of packed salt about 110 miles west of Salt Lake City is all that remains of the ancient Lake Bonneville.

Racing aficionados hoping to break land speed records arrive with hundreds of vehicles, ranging from a dusty green 1953 Chevrolet truck to a 70-year-old roadster to a 25-foot long, 4-foot-wide contraption.

The outright land speed record is held by Andy Green, who set the mark at a course in Blackrock Desert, Nev., in 1997 when he broke the sound barrier traveling 763 mph. Green drove a thrust car, which some Bonneville racers snidely refer to as an airplane that can't fly.

The Speed Week record was set this year by Nolan White, who averaged 411 mph over two runs, a requirement to officially set a record.

After making a record-setting run on the 90-foot-wide track, inspectors make sure the vehicle's builders didn't cheat.

The drivers race a second run the next morning, when the air hasn't yet hit 90 degrees and the atmosphere holds the least water. That's when it's easiest to earn membership in the 200 mph club.

Tanis Hammond earned her membership and more Tuesday, hitting 307 mph.

"Each time you go faster. Your fastest run is always the most fun," said the mother of three, who started racing in 1987. "You want the next fastest speed."

Speed isn't the only draw for racers. They love the culture, which is as colorful as some of the race cars.

"You could let your kid walk around in the pits here and not worry," said racer Willie Glass, known in racing circles as Wasted Willie. "It's a different kind of people, good people."

In the pits — row after row of trailers, racing cars, canopies and coolers — racers swap tips and tools and trade jokes about their records.

"This year we hope they get our records so next year we can come back and take them back," Hammond said, smiling.

Racers spend years and tens of thousands of dollars tweaking engines, striving for those few extra miles per hour that will put their names in the record books.

"It's a sickness," said Tom Evans, a vehicle inspector. "It breaks up marriages."

The Southern California Timing Association/Bonneville Nationals Inc. sponsors the event, and racers pay entry fees — $300 in advance or $400 at the course for this year's 347 participants.

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Stocks were mixed Friday

NEW YORK (AP) — Turning cautious after Wall Street's big two-day rally, investors left stocks mixed Friday, taking some profits in blue-chip issues and doing some buying in the tech sector.

Disappointing economic findings, including weaker-than-expected consumer sentiment, contributed to the market's lackluster tone.

In early afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 63.27, or 0.7 percent, at 8,754.87, after a two-day gain of 335.75. The Dow ended Thursday's session at its highest close in five weeks, or since July 9, when the average stood at 9,096.09.

Broader market indexes were mixed. The Nasdaq composite index rose 9.50, or 0.7 percent, to 1,354.51, having advanced 75.73 in the previous two sessions. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 2.11, or 0.2 percent, to 928.14, following a two-day gain of 46.04.

Wall Street was settling down after two big rallies, which was to be expected. While analysts are pleased by recent rallies, they say it will take time to rebuild investors' faith in the market and the economy after two years of bear markets, and in companies following a string of accounting scandals.

"What we're going to have to look for are signs of improvements in the economy. Investors are going to be looking for a period of time to pass without significant negative developments," said Kevin Caron, market strategist, Ryan, Beck & Co., LLC.

Friday's economic news was mostly disappointing, providing investors with little incentive to make major moves on Wall Street. The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index for mid-August stood at 87.9, weaker than the 89.8 reading analysts were anticipating, according to Dow Jones Newswires.

And, the Commerce Department said housing construction in July fell 2.7 percent, the second straight monthly decline and weaker than the 0.5 percent increase some economists were forecasting.

On a positive note, the Labor Department reported that consumer inflation inched up 0.1 percent in July, lower than the 0.2 percent rise that analysts were expecting.

Among the losers, Citigroup fell 74 cents to $35.10 on a report in The Wall Street Journal saying the National Association of Securities Dealers is looking into whether the firm's Salomon Smith Barney unit gave some clients shares of initial public offerings at below-market prices.

American Eagle Outfitters tumbled $1.22 to $14.55 after Morgan Stanley downgraded the stock.

Technology got a lift from Dell Computer, rising 32 cents to $27.46 the day after it reported a 27 percent increase in second-quarter profits.

And, Scientific-Atlanta advanced 34 cents to $13.75 after announcing it was cutting its work force by 400 jobs, or 6 percent.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners 7 to 6 on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was light at 711.99 million shares, compared with 854.13 million traded at the same point Thursday.

The Russell 2000 index, the barometer of smaller company stocks, rose 3.02, or 0.8 percent, to 393.75.

Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average finished Friday up 0.1 percent. In Europe, France's CAC-40 finished off 0.03 percent, Britain's FTSE 100 inched up 0.1 percent, and in late-day trading, Germany's DAX index declined 0.4 percent.

Date Book

Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002

Today is the 229th day of 2002 and the 58th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1962, the East Germans shot and killed an 18-year-old as he attempted to cross the Berlin Wall.

On this day in 1973, the United States agreed to begin withdrawing troops from Thailand.

On this day in 1978, the Double Eagle II completed the first transcontinental balloon flight.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Davy Crockett (1786-1836), frontiersman; Mae West (1892-1980), actress; Maureen O'Hara (1921-), actress, is 81; Robert De Niro (1943-), actor, is 59; Sean Penn (1960-), actor, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1938, Henry Armstrong won the world lightweight boxing title. He also held the featherweight and welterweight titles. Armstrong was the only boxer ever to hold three boxing titles at the same time.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Fame is like a shaved pig with a greased tail, and it is only after it has slipped through the hands of some thousands, that some fellow, by mere chance, holds on to it!" — Davy Crockett

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Aug. 15) and full moon (Aug. 22).

Sunday, Aug. 18, 2002

Today is the 230th day of 2002 and the 59th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1937, the Toyota Motor Company was founded.

On this day in 1958, Vladimir Nabokov's "Lolita" made its first appearance in the United States.

On this day in 1965, Marines launched Operation Starlite, the first major U.S. ground battle of the Vietnam War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Meriwether Lewis (1774-1809), explorer; Shelley Winters (1922-), actress, is 80; Rosalynn Carter (1927-), U.S. first lady, is 75; Roman Polanski (1933-), film director, is 69; Roberto Clemente (1934-1972), baseball great; Robert Redford (1937-), actor and director, is 65; Patrick Swayze (1954-), actor, is 48; Malcolm-Jamal Warner (1970-), actor, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1956, the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Milwaukee Braves 13-4. During the game, the Reds hit eight home runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Whenever I get happy, I always have a terrible feeling." — Roman Polanski

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Aug. 15) and full moon (Aug. 22).

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Arie previews songs

NEW YORK (AP) — India.Arie gave thousands of fans a preview of her new songs at a free concert in the city's Bryant Park.

About 10,000 people crammed into the midtown park Wednesday night to see the 27-year-old singer, whose sophomore album will be released next month. She performed to kickoff Trio's coverage of this year's Jazzfest in New Orleans, airing on the cable network this month.

About the only glitch of the evening was India.Arie's malfunctioning acoustic guitar.

"My guitar is messing up again!" the singer told the crowd before ditching the instrument and dancing along to the beat of her band.

India.Arie's debut album, "Acoustic Soul," received seven Grammy nominations earlier this year. The follow-up, "Voyage to India," is set for release in September.

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Flirting fiance appears not ready to be married

DEAR ABBY: I am a 22-year-old woman who has been engaged to "Bill" for nine months. We plan to be married next spring.

Bill and I were friends for years, but last year we started dating and got serious. We have been very happy until just recently.

My best friend, "Molly," and Bill have been spending a lot of time together. He helped her move, runs errands with her, and has even gone so far as to work overtime, but only at midnight — when Molly works.

The two of them are always giggling, playfully grabbing and slapping each other's arms — and when Molly's around, Bill ignores me completely. We haven't made love in more than two months. However, Bill and Molly's conversation is laced with sexual innuendo.

Am I correct to assume that Bill is having an affair with her? I've confronted him, but he says I'm jealous and insecure because my last relationship ended when my ex cheated on me. Is he right, Abby? Or is he a cheating dog?

I love this man with all my heart and want to trust him, but my gut tells me otherwise. — **DOUBTING HIM IN SARNIA, ONTARIO**

DEAR DOUBTING: Listen to your gut. Even if there is no affair, you're picking up on "vibes" of sexual attraction and tension. If he's this easily distracted and going out of his way to be with other women before you're married, imagine what it will be like afterward.

Do not marry this man without premarital counseling. It will give you both an opportunity to express what you expect from each other.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were married six months ago. We've known each other since we were kids. As teenagers, we were both in and out of trouble. A year ago we faced a substance abuse problem together and took steps toward making a fresh start.

When we tied the knot, we made a commitment to put our past behind us and move forward as partners. However, two months after our wedding, my husband came home one night and said he felt trapped and wanted to be free.

He left me and started drinking and doing drugs again. I am committed to staying clean and sober. Although I know I had no control over him, I begged him to come home so we could work on his addiction.

After being gone for two weeks, he returned home and promised never to leave me again. He said he had just needed time to realize what we had.

Now, four months later, I have discovered his boss fired him for using heroin. So what did my husband do? He left me again. Two days after that, I filed for divorce. But I love him so much I can't stop asking myself if I did the right thing. Should I have given my marriage a little more time, Abby? — **STILL IN LOVE WITH A NEW ORLEANS DRUGGIE**

DEAR STILL IN LOVE: I don't think so. His relapse into heroin use makes it apparent that he hasn't licked his addiction, and it is vital that you not allow yourself to be dragged down with him.

If, at some later date, he is able to manage his sickness — and addiction is a sickness — you can revisit the question of whether he's a suitable lifetime partner. But for now, I'd say you did the right thing.

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DEAR ABBY: After a breakfast discussion about the obesity crisis in our nation, I saw the letter from "Worried in Rhode Island," the 14-year-old girl who is concerned about her friends who use alcohol and drugs. I've been thinking a lot lately about health and self-destructiveness. I see this as one of the major problems in our nation today.

All over the country, flags are hanging in front of thousands of homes signifying that we are united against the common enemy of terrorism. But I can't help remembering that profound line from the comic strip, "Pogo": "We have met the enemy, and it is us."

As we descend further and further down the slippery slope of addictions (which include not only alcohol, drugs and cigarettes, but shopping, gambling, overeating, sexual obsessions, and more), we are becoming a nation so harmful to itself that terrorists need only sit back and watch us self-destruct. How can we be truly strong and healthy as a nation when we are comprised of individuals who are not strong and healthy?

What can be done to institute a national campaign to strengthen ourselves as individuals with physical and emotional health? Of course, for younger people, we must use the public schools, but factual drug education and testimonials about harmful consequences have never been enough. We must discover WHY we hurt ourselves in these ways.

Seeking health and strength should be not only our personal goals, but would enable us to unify and defend against terrorists in a way that would do more good than simply waving the flag. — **AGREEING WITH 'POGO'**

DEAR AGREEING: You're asking intelligent questions about very important issues. People usually engage in self-destructive behaviors because they are trying to avoid dealing with unpleasant emotions or situations — so they comfort themselves with substances or behaviors that when used to excess can be damaging.

The first step in conquering any addiction is to admit you have one. The next step is to seek professional help. Confronting our weaknesses is a sign of strength, and admitting you have them is nothing to be ashamed of — it's human.

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DEAR ABBY: Help! My daughter is being married in three months and there's a major problem. She refuses to invite one of my sisters and her family, all because of a ridiculous feud between them.

My sister has attempted to apologize more than once. Each time my daughter has refused to accept an apology. She and her fiance are paying for their own wedding, so I don't have much to say about the situation. However, it will be very awkward at future family functions if this isn't patched up.

How do I tell my sister she's not invited to the wedding — and what's more, explain to other family members who may refuse to attend because my sister's family is being banned?

Thanks for any guidance you can give me through this mess. — **FRUSTRATED MOTHER OF THE BRIDE**

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Do not assume responsibility for your daughter's actions. Since she is (presumably) an adult, try once more to reason with her. Explain that excluding your sister from the wedding could cause a rift in the family that could have repercussions that she — and future generations — may regret. If your daughter is smart, she'll take that into consideration.

If your effort fails, don't worry about telling your sister. She'll know as soon as the other invitations arrive that she has been excluded. You have my sympathy.

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Virginia officials hope avian flu outbreak is over

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Federal agriculture officials are scaling back an avian influenza task force as Virginia's worst outbreak of the disease seems to be fading.

Since July 2, blood tests on Virginia poultry have all turned up negative for avian flu. In North Carolina and West Virginia, where a small number of flocks tested positive during Virginia's epidemic, no new cases have been reported in more than two months.

Nearly 5 million birds from 197 Virginia farms were destroyed in the three months after the first cases appeared in mid-March in the Shenandoah Valley, in the northwestern part of the state. According to estimates, the outbreak cost farmers more than $140 million.

"No one yet has said, 'On this date, at this time, it ended,'" said Elaine Lidholm, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. "But it's certainly beginning to appear that it's over."

Besides the negative tests on commercial poultry, no new cases of avian flu have been found in tests of backyard flocks and wild waterfowl such as Canada geese, Lidholm said.

A task force set up by the U.S. Department of Agriculture helped officials speed detection of the virus and ensure that flocks were destroyed within 24 hours of a positive test, Lidholm said.

Other measures, such as stopping people from making deliveries to quarantined farms, also helped halt the spread, she said. And while cool, wet conditions in March and April encouraged the spread of the disease, hot and dry weather after that slowed it, she said.

The virus, which is not considered a health threat to humans, kills birds by causing respiratory infections and pneumonia. Some strains can spread quickly among farms.

The cause of the latest outbreak may never be known. Agriculture officials initially suggested the virus could have spread to poultry flocks from wild birds, but some industry insiders speculated that a shipment of birds sent for slaughter in Virginia from North Carolina might be to blame.

Two turkey flocks in Anson County, N.C., tested positive for the disease in March. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services said it traced the turkeys' infection to a quail hunting preserve across the road from one of the two poultry farms. Some of those quail were brought in from a quail breeder farm in Guilford County, N.C., where tests also confirmed the presence of the virus.

In all, three commercial poultry farms, six quail operations and three backyard flocks were confirmed with the disease in North Carolina. The last positive flock was diagnosed April 25 and destroyed April 30.

Three arrested after alleged sexual act

NEW YORK (AP) — A man and a woman were arrested after they allegedly had sex in a vestibule of St. Patrick's Cathedral while another man recorded it, police said.

Brian Florence, 37, of Quantico, Va., and Loretta Lynn Harper, 35, of Alexandria, Va., were arrested Thursday. They were facing arraignment on charges of public lewdness, police spokesman Officer George Jensen said.

New Yorker Paul Mercurio, 42, faces a charge of acting in concert for recording the incident, Jensen said.

"Disgusting," said Joe Zwilling, a spokesman for the Archdiocese of New York. He declined further comment.

Government seeks criminal probe of seller of ephedra

WASHINGTON (AP) — After years of reports of deaths linked to ephedra, the Justice Department is conducting a criminal investigation into whether Metabolife International lied about the safety of the dietary supplement.

Metabolife, the nation's leading ephedra seller, is offering to turn over 13,000 consumer health complaints to the government — but Justice and the Food and Drug Administration officials may have run out of patience.

The acting FDA commissioner, Lester Crawford, called the Metabolife offer "disingenuous," and said the agency would have a special task force comb the records for evidence of risks from the herbal stimulant.

The FDA has long sought the records as part of its probe of ephedra: Three weeks ago, the FDA asked the Justice Department to pursue a criminal investigation — one Justice lawyers themselves had been urging.

"Metabolife has refused and resisted us at every step of the way," Crawford said Thursday. "News that so many reports exist greatly heightens our concern."

Justice Department spokeswoman Barbara Comstock said a criminal investigation of the company is under way.

At issue is a 1998 statement from then-Metabolife President Michael Ellis to the FDA that his company had "never received one notice from a consumer that any serious adverse health event has occurred because of the ingestion of Metabolife 356," which contains ephedra.

But court records from private lawsuits against the San Diego-based company suggest Metabolife in fact had received reports of serious illnesses among ephedra users before Ellis made that statement, a senior Justice Department official, Eugene Thirolf, wrote the FDA last month.

Those records were kept under court seal, but "my office stands ready" to fight to get them if FDA gives the word, Thirolf wrote FDA chief counsel Dan Troy.

Hours after word of the unusual Justice overture leaked Thursday, Metabolife sought to stem the damage with a surprise announcement that it was giving the FDA 13,000 reports from consumers about health-related issues linked to its ephedra product.

Although 80 mention serious disease or death — and a company lawyer said a total of 100 to 200 deal with people hospitalized — Metabolife insists they don't prove that ephedra is dangerous when used as directed.

Some of the reports probably were received before Ellis' 1998 statement to the FDA, Metabolife attorney Lanny Davis said. But Ellis did not lie to the FDA, he insisted.

"It is my understanding that Mr. Ellis, as many other people, regard the phrase 'serious adverse event' as requiring a show of causation between the reported event and the use of Metabolife," Davis said. "These records, some of them on the back of envelopes or call slips ... do not seem even close to meeting the definition of a serious adverse event caused by Metabolife."

Metabolife said its reports merely were complaints called in to a consumer hot line for weight-loss advice and thus are suspect. It contended the nation needs a better system to report problems — and promised to donate up to $500,000 to help set up such a system.

Dr. Sidney Wolfe of the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen, who is pushing the government to ban all ephedra sales, praised the FDA's response to Metabolife.

"The question is: Are they going to follow through and get these dangerous products off the market?" Wolfe said. Metabolife's about-face on providing the complaint records shows "they are squirming to get out of the dangerous mess they've caused," he said.

Ephedra, a popular herb commonly used for weight loss and body building, has long been controversial. The FDA has reports of 100 deaths among ephedra users, and a report in the New England Journal of Medicine two years ago cited about 1,000 reports of complications linked to the herb since the mid-1990s.

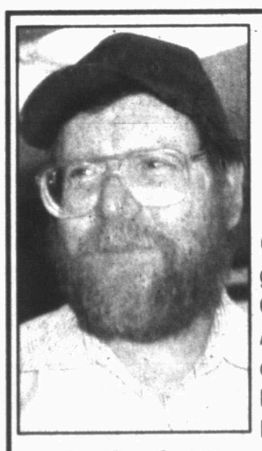
Manufacturers insist that reports of sick patients — instead of a definitive diagnosis from a doctor or a definitive autopsy — don't count as proof an herb is risky. They contend an industry-commissioned study comparing ephedra to dummy pills shows the herb is safe under the recommended uses with a daily dose of 90 milligrams.

Federal law forbids most regulation of dietary supplements unless the FDA proves danger. Three years ago, the agency attempted to bar certain high doses of the supplement from being sold. Industry protests killed the move, and then a General Accounting Office report, while calling ephedra clearly risky to some people, said the statistics FDA used to back its move — partly those voluntary consumer reports — were sloppy.

So FDA officials reanalyzed and began pushing for warning labels. But in June, the Department of Health and Human Services put that effort on hold, instead hiring the Rand Corp. to review all scientific evidence of ephedra's safety. Results are due this fall, when the National Institutes of Health will determine what additional research, if any, is needed to settle the debate.

Canada a year ago warned consumers not to use ephedra, and it has been banned by the IOC, the NFL and the NCAA.

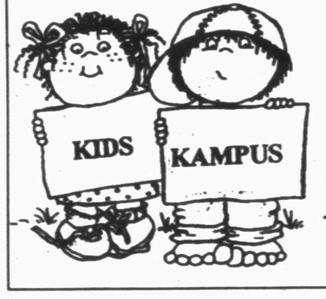
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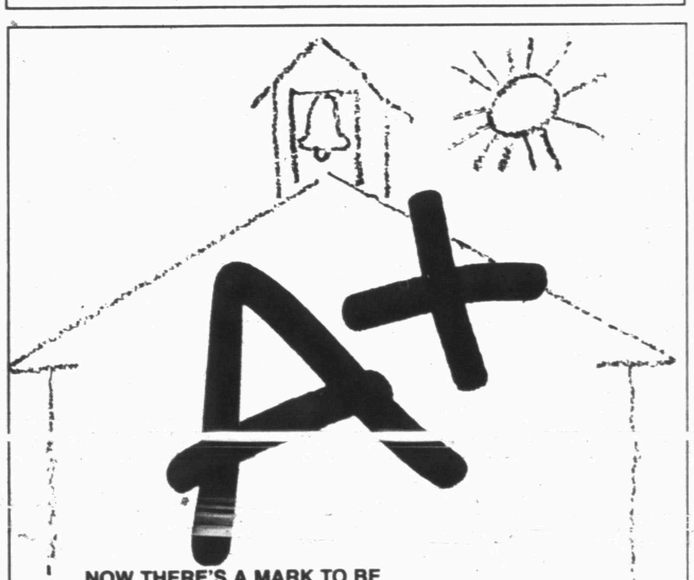
GARY SCOTT

City Of Snyder
Employee of the Month
August 2002

Gary Scott was born in Coleman, Texas and graduated from high school in Dublin, Texas. Gary moved to Snyder in 1981 from Ajo, Arizona. Gary and his wife Patricia have two children, Mary Kate and Eldon. They also have four grandchildren, Stetson, Kyle, Patrick, & Scott. Gary enjoys computers and camping. Gary Scott began working for the City of Snyder on October 19, 1988 as a laborer for the Street Dept. He was promoted to Driver Operator September 19, 1990. Then on September 14, 1994 Gary was transferred to Dept. 76 as a Utility Foreman. Gary was nominated because he is a hard worker, very helpful, & has the best interest of the City.



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Letters to the editor

Tragedy struck

Dear Editor:

Exactly a week ago life was more than perfect ... dreams and visions of a better life that had been forged years ago were finally coming true — they were coming alive.

Then in a moment of tragedy, God showed me His infinite love for life, and His immense power upon everything on this earth.

My name is Alonzo Arreola and my brother, Fermin, drowned last week saving a little and innocent life.

He lived his life the way life is supposed to be. He had his share of failures, victories. He had losses and conquests, he sang, he laughed, he cried, he showed mercy from his heart.

And above all he showed kindness and love for all of us around him.

And at the end he made the ultimate sacrifice, the same sacrifice that our Lord Jesus Christ made for him and the rest of mankind.

He was proud of his family and I'm proud beyond words to bear his blood and his name.

I want the people to know that no matter who we are and no matter what we have, the glory, the will, the wisdom and the power of God is above everything.

My brother Fermin died a hero and I saw what he did with his last breath of life. I miss him, and I wish I could have saved him, but I couldn't and I didn't.

God Bless His Soul.

If this letter makes you feel my pain please go right now and tell your loved ones how much you love them.

Alonzo Arreola

Giving thanks

Dear Editor:

I give thanks to Alonzo's brother and we will all miss him for giving his life for my daughter.

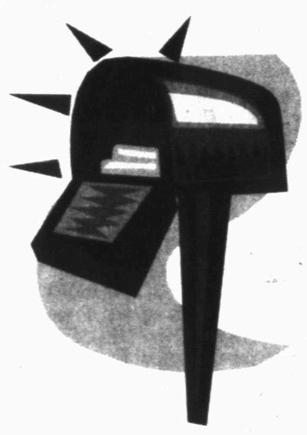
Josie Guzman

Would a curfew work

Dear Editor:

Every time I pick up the Snyder Daily News, I seem to be reading about burglaries, thefts and vandalism.

I have also noticed that most of these crimes take place after midnight.



Has anyone thought of a curfew? If juveniles were required to be home after midnight, it seems logical to suppose that the number of crimes would go down. I believe it is time for Snyder to wake up, get with the times and make some changes.

Sincerely,
Celia Feinsod Morales

Fed up with cable

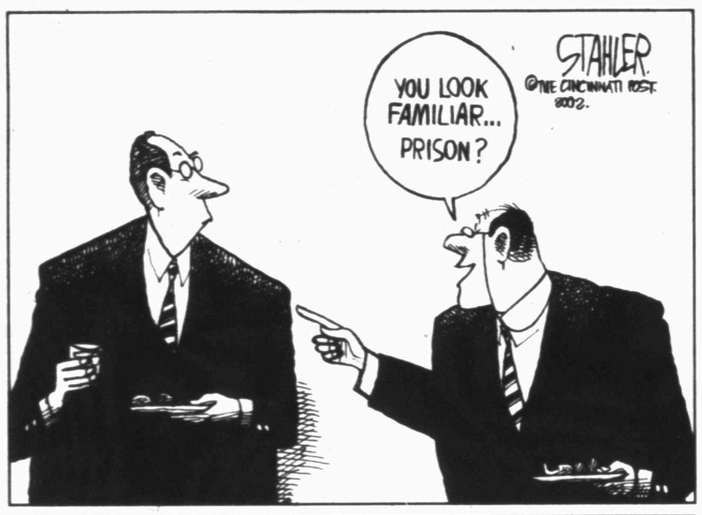
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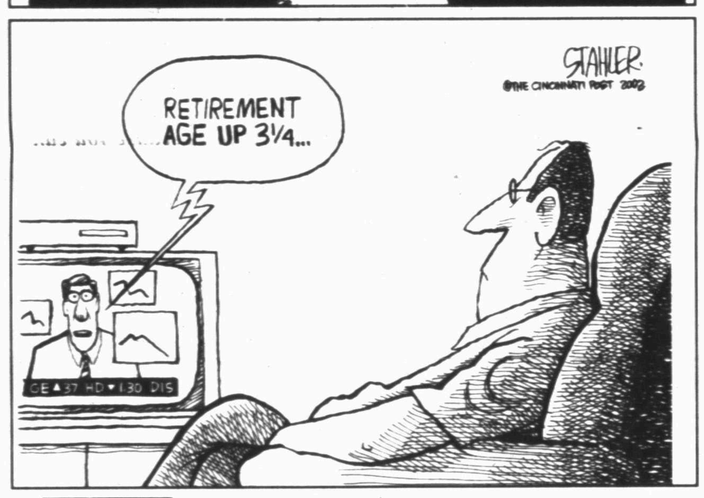
Is everyone in the viewing area of Cox Cable as fed up as I am about the new way to watch digital cable?

What a joke. The rates have gone up and the cable is terrible. What can we do? I don't know, but something has to be done.

I think it is time to buck Cox. Any ideas? Let's speak up.

Norma S. Thompson



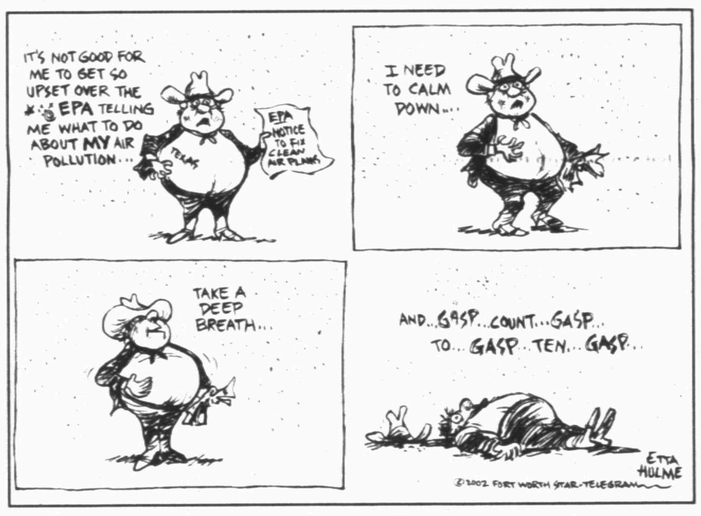


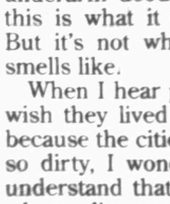
Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2002.

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Snyder ISD	5
City of Snyder	4
DCOS	4
Cogdell Hospital	2
Hermleigh ISD	2
Ira ISD	2
WTC	2







Village Idiot by Jim Mullen

What smells so funny?

Editor's Note: Jim Mullen's column "The Village Idiot" is replacing Red Green's "North of 40" column. Red Green has stopped writing the column and we wish him well. Mullen, who also contributes "Jim Mullen's Hot Sheet" to Entertainment Weekly, writes about small town life from the perspective of a transplanted urbanite.

The coupon said, "Fresh New Country Scent!" and there, floating over a background of tree-covered hills, was a giant can of room deodorizer.

And on the front of the can was a picture of my house: A little farmhouse surrounded by rolling hills and trees. Theirs had a white picket fence and mine has a stone fence, but other than that, they were almost identical. On the back of the coupon was a little scratch-and-sniff square.

I scratched, I sniffed. It smelled for all the world like laundry soap mixed with pine needles. If they start making an underarm deodorant for trees, this is what it will smell like. But it's not what the country smells like.

When I hear people say they wish they lived in the country because the cities have become so dirty, I wonder — do they understand that the country is where dirt comes from? The country has a dirt floor.

It is filthy. It is full of mud, bugs, rotting pine needles, decomposing mushrooms, twigs, worms and slugs. It has dust bunnies the size of — oh, never mind, those are real bunnies. And those are real bunny droppings.

Someone over at Air Freshener Central is living in a parallel universe where the country is taken out and dry cleaned twice a week. They are right about one thing, if you want a lot of bang for your fragrance buck, you can't beat the country. It's wonderfully smelly.

An ever-changing mixture of odors from septic system backups, frightened skunks, mown hay, freshly spread manure, fermenting silage, stagnant water, damp leaves, compost heaps, and the town landfill. It's really not something you'd want to spray around your living room, even if it does remove that heavy cigar-smoke smell from your curtains.

There's a fresh new scent for each day in the country. I found a deer carcass by the side of the road recently. The vultures had done a pretty good job but it still had a good odor on to it. My nose told me it had been there three or four days. I sniffed the room deodorizer once again to see if it had that authentic hint of death and decay, but it had been left out entirely.

Of course, the air-freshener industry doesn't really care what the country smells like. All they know is that an air freshener called "Fresh New City Scent!" would sit on the store shelf until the end of time. The mental whiff of garbage piled up on street corners, bubble gum-covered sidewalks baking in the hot sun, rolling clouds of bus exhaust, gutters full of fast food containers and unscooped dog poop is too much to overcome. The funny thing is, they would make it smell exactly like "Fresh New Country Scent!"

The only thing different about it would be that instead of a picture of a farmhouse on the can they'd put a picture of giant, doorman apartment building.

A Memoir of Life After the City" (Simon and Schuster, 2001). You can contact him at Jim_Mullen@entertainmentweekly.com

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

Congress covers up own crimes

Nothing less than the Constitution of the United States gives members of Congress the power to police themselves and to expel members who step outside of ethical bounds. The Founding Fathers, in writing the Constitution, thought Congress had a responsibility to keep the House and Senate clean of crooks and empowered members to do so.

But that empowerment is allegedly being ignored now. These days Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate supposedly prefer to look the other way when their colleagues stray, rather than launching an ethical probe. They do so for fear of retaliation by members of the opposition party, according to a story by Washington Post reporter Jim VandeHei, who said the see-no-evil attitude is the result of a truce that party leaders reached five years ago.

Republican leaders chose not to investigate allegations that two House Democrats were involved in wrongdoing, because House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., threatened to go after Republican House members allegedly involved in unethical behavior if they did.

About the best of self-policing that can be seen today in Congress was the recent ouster of former Rep. James Traficant, D-Ohio. But that was only after federal prosecutors won a felony conviction against him.

This hands-off mode of Republicans and Democrats is an affront to the many citizens and taxpayers who think ethics still count and that members of Congress should kick sleazeballs from their midst, rather than wink and look the other way.

Aug. 12
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Judge stands up for detainees

In the quest to preserve American ideals in an increasingly hostile climate, U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler ought to be considered a hero.

Kessler is the judge in Washington who recently ordered the Justice Department to release the names of the more than 1,100 people detained as part of its investigation of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Secret arrests are 'a concept odious to a democratic society' ... and profoundly antithetical to the bedrock values that characterize a free and open one such as ours," Kessler wrote.

The Aug. 2 ruling came in a lawsuit filed by a coalition of civil rights and liberties groups that sought the information through a Freedom of Information Act request. The Justice Department declined to release the data, citing an exemption for law enforcement records whose disclosure would interfere with proceedings or invade personal privacy.

Kessler rejected the government's arguments that revealing detainees' names and the identities of their attorneys would hamper its investigation. Among other things, she noted, only 74 of the 751 people held on immigration violations are still in custody; those who were held were never prevented from making their detention public; the Justice Department itself has released the names of those it has charged with federal crimes and of those material witnesses whose arrests it has wanted to make public.

Kessler said the government would not have to reveal the dates and places where individuals were arrested or detained, and detainees could opt to keep their identities from the public.

San Antonio Express-News

Team needs economic leader

Going into his fourth season as head football coach of the Baylor Bears, Kevin Steele is still seeking that elusive Big 12 Conference win. It's been elusive partly because he's had a leadership problem.

The Baylor coach has never been able to settle on one quarterback with the skills, drive and take-charge style that a good football team needs to be successful.

The man who convenes a hastily arranged economic forum on the Baylor University campus today has a similar problem.

President George W. Bush has not been able to find an economic spokesman who can clearly and authoritatively voice the administration's economic policy.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, White House Budget Director Mitch Daniels, Commerce Secretary Donald Evans and Lawrence Lindsey, the president's chief economic adviser, have had their turns under center. Not one has exhibited first-string capabilities.

O'Neill, in particular, has been a disappointment. His reputation as treasury secretary has settled on his penchant for quirky, off-the-cuff remarks that make financial markets skittish. He's likely to be waived after the fall elections.

Of course, today's troubled economy would challenge the communication and policy skills of a perennial all-pro.

A depressed stock market, restive investors and sluggish growth, state legislatures facing a wall of red, continuing corporate scandals, not to mention disturbing financial trends from abroad it all makes for a worrisome mix that doesn't lend itself to quick and easy fixes.

In light of those challenges, there are worse ways to spend a couple of days than talking economics on Baylor's green and leafy campus. It might even be enlightening, although the carefully screened attendees business leaders, academics, Cabinet secretaries and a few "just folks" aren't likely to discover a fix, quick or otherwise.

As hot as it's likely to be in Waco this week, the real heat awaits the Bush administration back in Washington.

"Coach" Bush no doubt understands that between now and November he needs to find a real leader who can step up and assure the nation that the White House economic team knows how to get to the goal.

Amarillo Globe-News

Panhandle water

Texas Panhandle residents have a keen interest in their most treasured resource: water.

It is time for their elected representatives to convey that interest to the rest of the state when the Legislature convenes in January.

At issue is a cumbersome concept called "rule of capture," which has come to the forefront in recent months with former Amarillo oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens' plan to pump and sell water from Roberts County to interests downstate.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District recently reached an agreement that, in effect, clears the way for Pickens to transport water using the state's long-held rule of capture. That policy enables someone to use water taken from underground irrespective of boundary lines dividing people's property.

Pickens used that rule to acquire water rights under thousands of acres of land in the Panhandle.

The good news for worried Panhandle residents is that state law also empowers local groundwater districts to regulate the flow of water, which is the case with the Pickens permit. The law gives local jurisdictions the authority to protect the region from being sucked dry.

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Ten Things I Wish I'd Known Before College

By Joyce May



Editor's Note: The following is the first in a series of articles written by current and former WTC students highlighting areas of growth and change during their time at the college. Joyce May is a 2000 graduate of WTC who is currently working on her BA in Mass Communications at the University of Texas at Austin.

I am 24-years-old and in my junior year at the University of Texas at Austin. The math should tell you that it hasn't exactly been a straight shot from my high school graduation (Snyder High Class of '95) to where I am today. While the majority of my fellow classmates are already enjoying wedded bliss and babies and careers and all that wonderful adult stuff, I on the other hand, have been taking the scenic route through college.

Had you asked me seven years ago where I would be today, my answer would not have been "still trekking my way toward my bachelor's degree." No, I had higher aspirations when I left Snyder in June of 1995, two weeks after graduation and almost a month after my 18th birthday. I was going to climb that mountain of success, soar like the eagle, conquer the world. I crashed and burned. What should have been an easy ride on scholarships ended with me living out of my car before humbling myself enough to crawl home to Granny.

It was one of the darkest periods of my life, but one I am grateful for today because I learned more in those six months than six years at any college could teach me. (Important things like you can wash your clothes in a bathtub with Dawn dishwashing detergent and hang them to dry when you don't have a quarter for a phone call much less laundry money.) I know what you're thinking, but you do what you have to to survive.

I consider myself to have earned a degree in the school of hard knocks. That's why I am taking my time now to share with you a few things I wish I had known before I started out on this journey called college life. There is a lot more to my story than my one semester at Blinn Junior College in Brenham and my eventual return to Snyder and attendance at Western Texas College, but that would fill more space than I am allowed. I hope you will simply take my word for it and take these things to heart.

1.) You're not the top dog anymore

For the person who was Mr. or Miss Everything in high school, this is one of the hardest things to adjust to. In high school you might have been captain of the football team or head cheerleader or, in my case, editor-in-chief of the school newspaper. Maybe you were named class favorite every year and all your teachers thought you were the next Einstein. Prepare for the jolt when you get to college. Chances are you will be just another face in the crowd, back at the bottom to claw your way up the mountain again. It's not as difficult at a friendly ju-co like WTC to make a name for yourself amongst students, faculty and staff, but at the larger colleges and universities, unless you have a cushy sign-on to a sport's team or really are the next Einstein, it's you among the masses. Don't let it get you down. Recognize that you are an intelligent and worthwhile being — you've come this far — and continue to put forth your very best effort. If you want to make a difference, get involved in an organization on campus. You may or may not get recognized for your brilliance. Regardless, you'll hopefully realize that being Mr. Popularity is not what it's all about anyway.

2. Don't let opportunity pass you by

I mentioned getting involved because I think it is a very rewarding part of the college experience. Both WTC and the college or university you may transfer to later will offer a wide variety of organizations for you to participate in. Be cautioned not to get involved in ***so many*** things that you neglect the primary purpose for being in school: your classes and grades. My first semester in college was so full of trying to work and survive and adjust that I didn't take full advantage of the opportunity. By the time I was stable enough to return, I had to work full-time to make ends meet. My last year at WTC, I worked full-time at ***Snyder Daily News,*** went to school full-time and managed a 16-unit apartment complex. I had a lot more irons in the fire, but I'll spare you the details. Just know that it is a little difficult to focus on one iron when you have 15 others to keep an eye on. Silly analogy, I know, but try to stay with me here. This is the proverbial once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. If you are in the fortunate position that your parents or guardians or a full scholarship are paying your way, do not take that for granted. Speaking from someone who's been down the road, (I had scholarships) once squandered, the opportunity is tough to get back.

3. Resist the urge to procrastinate

Oh, am I an expert on this. If hard knocks is my major, procrastination is my minor. Procrastination, in fact, will lead you right down hard knock row. I would start a semester pumped that this would be the one where I do all my assignments and readings ahead of time and avoid that knot of pain and anxiety in my stomach that occurs when I'm sitting in class without my homework and the professor has just called on me to read answer number 1. And who hasn't heard of the student who stayed up all night, swigging café latte and burning up the keyboard to get an essay out in time for that dreaded 8 a.m. course. The lesson: procrastination is painful. It is so much easier to take Nike's advice and "just do it."

4. You may not have to go to class, but you should

It was my first semester in college when I, in all my innocence, asked a friend at Blinn what I had to do if I needed to miss a class. I was accustomed to the "note from a parent or guardian" days of high school. That's when he told me the words I wish that I had never heard. "You just don't go." It seemed too simple. "You mean I don't have to show up if I don't want to?" I questioned, amazed. It was all downhill from there. When you work and go to school, there are lots of days when you don't feel like going. College presents many new freedoms, and this is one that you do not want to abuse. While some professors don't bother with calling the role, it is still important to be there. Like my current roommate says, "I feel like if I skip, I'm just burning $40 bucks." Also, some professors do take role and you are only allotted so many absences before points start to be deducted from your grade. Whether or not it is you, someone is paying for you to be in school; don't squander the opportunity. It's tempting to skip all the lectures and just show up for the tests, but you're more likely to get a good grade and actually ***learn*** something if you attend class.

5.) There is power in numbers

I wish I had taken the cue from other students I saw at the beginning of my college career and made a point to connect with other students in a study group. Many of you may already know the wonders and benefits of the study-buddy system, but I'm adding this on my top ten for those of you who may think going solo is the only way. The power of a study group was best evidenced for me in my Media Law and Ethics course last semester here at UT. The very first test I took, I am ashamed to admit, I made a 36. That's not a typo. Thirty-six is correct. I was devastated. I thought I was too stupid to be at the University and should save myself the worry and quit. Fortunately, I hung in there and immediately connected with an older lady in the class who I had noticed always paid attention, asked questions and attended regularly. She had already been discussing the material with another guy in the class, also a dedicated student. Thus our little study group was formed. We took turns meeting at one another's house or on campus to discuss the material and make sure we had a good grasp on the various law cases and lecture points. The next test (they were essay exam's by the way), I made a 94, and on the next, a 97. I wasn't too stupid to be at UT after all. I just needed a new approach. I came out of that class with an A, which would not have been possible if I had not grouped with other students. In addition to having another mind to bounce ideas off, there is also a degree of accountability. When someone else is depending on you to read the material and show up, it increases your motivation. I start looking around the first day of class to see if I can connect with someone. This doesn't mean that you have to spend all your study time with the group; some things you do need personal time for, but just meeting a couple of days a week for an hour helps tremendously.

6.) Beware of credit cards

There is something that credit card companies know very well: college is expensive and all those fresh young faces would love to have more "spending power." The companies are more than eager to give out the plastic. While some of you, I am sure, are wonderful managers of your finances or, at least, your parents are, I offer a word of caution before signing up for a credit card. In my case, like everything else, I learned this the hard way. It was early fall, and there he was set up at a table in the student center at Blinn. Beckoning me over with promises of building my credit and the built-in calling card, the representative of a major credit card company encouraged me to apply. In early November I received that pretty piece of plastic, and I thought I was something special. I called to tell a friend of mine from back home about it, and she proceeded to offer me words of caution to only use it in emergencies, never charge more than you can pay off at the end of the month and always pay more than the minimum payment. "Yes, okay, right," I replied. A month later the card was maxed out. I, seven years later, am still paying on the original debt. Many of you may already have one or more cards. I'm not preaching against them — just be smart. I have nothing to show for my credit card debt except a bad mark on my credit report. In a time of feast, it's easy to spend, spend, spend, but when the famine comes, the money may not be there to pay the fiddler.

7.) Don't take a loan just because you can get it

Loan companies are also more than eager to pass out the dough to young people. Fast cash loans are tempting. If it's a local company, be aware of the finance rate you are paying. You don't want to pay twice the amount of the original borrowed amount. Some people qualify for government loans through financial aid. I am in the situation now that I have to have the loans, but that wasn't the case my first semester. I had more than enough scholarship money, but Blinn happened to be changing over its computer system that year, and one of my scholarships was lost. They cut me a check for the difference, but by that point I was so financially strapped that it was too late to help me. In the meantime, I accepted the government loan that was offered to me and blew that money too. With a little planning ahead of time, I wouldn't have needed the loan and wouldn't now have it hanging over my head. To make a long story short, realize that borrowed money must be paid back at some point, so do not take out more than you need. Read all the fine print whether you are borrowing from the government or a local loan company. My pastor literally worked his way through Nazarene Bible School in Colorado Springs and came out with no debt! He had to sacrifice a lot, but he came out free, so it can be done.

8.) Save, save, save

This message is mainly to those who alone are footing the bill for all or most of their higher education. They will know what I mean when I say that the words "poor" and "college student" fit well together. I was discussing the topic the other day with a customer at Target, where I work. We were talking about how expensive textbooks and materials are: "It's wild that we spend all this money to go to school," I told her, "so we can make more money to spend putting our kids through school. Are we caught in a rut or what?" I know it's worth it — expanding my mind, my horizons, my employment opportunities, but sometimes the way is all uphill. Something that would have helped me — on the transition from Snyder to Brenham and Snyder to Austin — would have been to save more money. I knew I would need money; I guess I just thought the dollar fairy would come bestow untold riches upon me. Saving money is a discipline, something you must commit to early on and regularly. It also takes sacrificing some things along the way for the greater pay off later. Prioritizing is the key. Committing to setting back a set amount from each paycheck — even if it is only five bucks — will add up. Also, extending work hours during holidays and summer vacation won't be as fun as sunning in Ft. Lauderdale, but, again, the payoff later is what is important.

9.) There are people in the world who don't think, believe or act as you do

Culture shock is a mild term for what I experienced leaving Snyder, [illegible] population 10,000 for Austin, Texas, population half a million. In Snyder, it was more of a protected environment. I was not so bombarded with hundreds of different worldviews, belief systems and lack of belief systems. As a Christian living in Snyder, I didn't feel threatened in my beliefs or attacked as intellectually inferior. Austin is a whole new scene. My very first class on Monday mornings last semester was Human Nature, a philosophy course. It could have just as well been Atheism 101. The professor told us, "It is more likely that little green dogs rule the universe and that when they pee it is raining than it probable that a divine source created the universe." I share this with you not to initiate an argument about the origins of the universe. I have my beliefs; you have yours. The point I wish to make is that not everybody thinks, beliefs or acts the same. I have encountered so many different people since being here. Before this course, I had never encountered such a blatantly atheistic person. But the differences go beyond religious opinions. Perhaps I just lived too sheltered a life in the small city, but everything here seems so different. Don't get me wrong, it's not all bad. I have two Korean American roommates, and it has been great getting to know more about their customs and traditions. One of the guys from my study group last semester is from Bangladesh, and it has also been fascinating talking to him about his homeland. I have learned most importantly, though, that while I may be challenged, I don't have to abandon my beliefs. It's actually been good for me in that I have to search myself, scan my life and discover what I believe and why. Having an open mind does not necessarily require weakening your convictions.

10.) Don't ever give up

If I've learned anything, it's to keep on keeping on regardless of the odds against you. The day I called TEX, the electronic phone system for UT, and heard those words, "You have been accepted into the University of Texas at Austin," I cried. It was just a few weeks short of the sixth anniversary of my graduation from high school. Most of the people I had gone to school with were already through college. I guarantee you though that I wouldn't change a year, a month or a day of what it took to finally get here. I learned a lot along the way, and I can hopefully help at least one person avoid the same mistakes. The awesome thing for me is that the adventure has just begun. Whatever your age, whatever your income level, whatever your grade point, don't ever, ever, ever give up. As a good friend once said, "Don't quit five minutes before the miracle happens."

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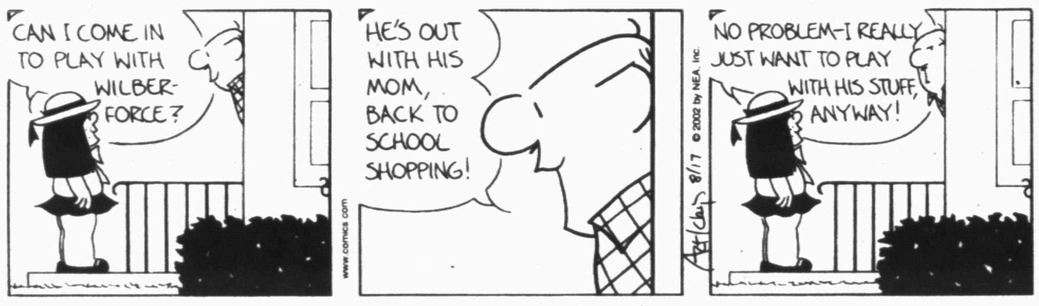
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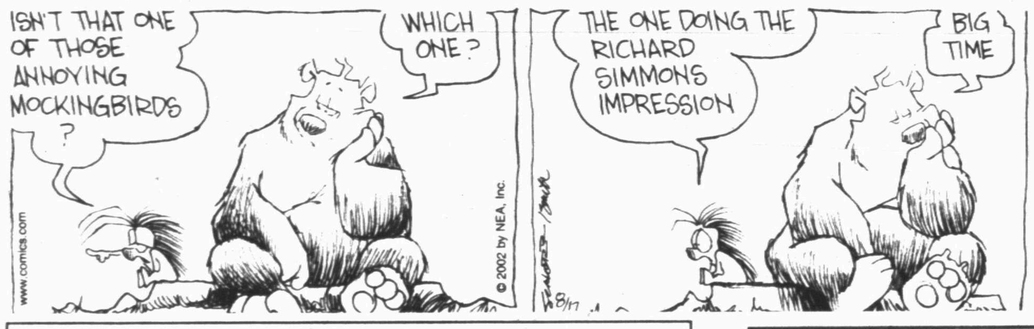
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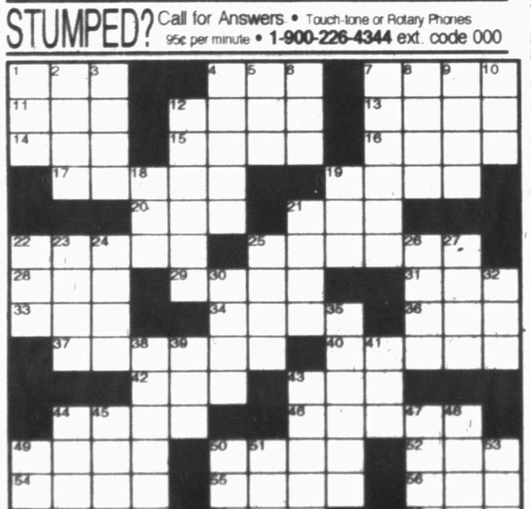
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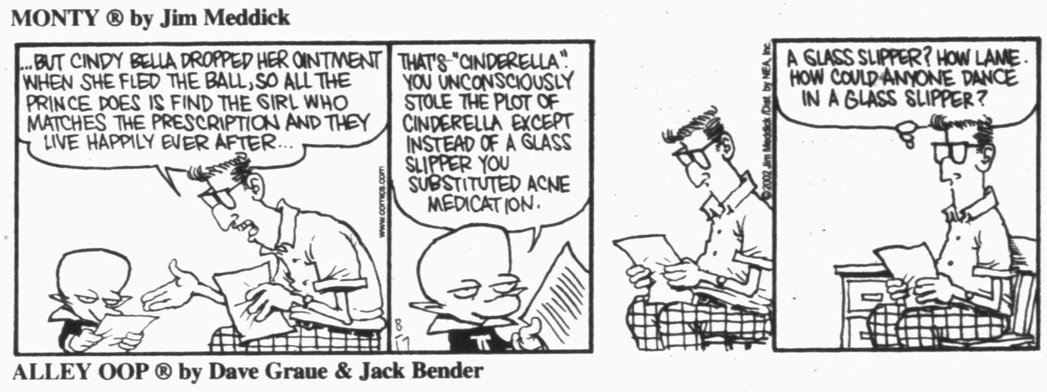
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What Heidy learns at nursing camp: Nurses do everything

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — By the end of the week, Heidy Rodriguez will know how to check a patient's blood pressure, temperature and pulse. She'll know her way around the operating room, intensive care unit and maternity ward. She'll learn how to calm infants and comfort the elderly.

Then she'll go back to junior high.

Thirteen-year-old Heidy is spending a rigorous two weeks at a day camp designed to expose preteens and young teenagers to the nursing profession.

"I never thought you could make a bed with someone in it!" she said, marveling at the skills she's learned in just a few days. "It's really exciting. I thought nurses just gave shots, but it's so much more. Nurses do everything."

Though specialized summer camps are nothing new, they usually target older teens. But the nursing camp's creators at St. Anselm College wanted to help young students focus on their futures before they reach high school.

"We think we're doing kids a favor by telling them, 'the world is your oyster,' but what we hear is they're overwhelmed by choices," said Sylvia Durette, a faculty member at the college and the camp's director. "We want them to know more about themselves, and we want them to know more about nursing."

A similar camp — for boys only — operates in South Carolina and a two-day camp for preteen boys and girls is located in Ohio.

At this Manchester camp, which has no formal name, bandaging and bed-making replace arts and crafts. There are no campfires or sing-alongs, but plenty to keep the campers — 27 girls and one boy — busy.

Classroom instruction is offered at the college campus plus trips to area medical facilities where campers practice their skills. Though one long-term goal is to ease the state's nursing shortage, short-term benefits abound — the campers are learning empathy and communication skills, and they're having fun.

Dressed in blue scrubs with stethoscopes slung around their necks, one group of girls spent a morning making beds at Hanover Hill Nursing Home and helping residents with their lunches.

"Gross!" one girl says when Heidy returns from a room where a patient recently died. But Heidy is calm, mature. She points to the signs outside each room that have pictures of each resident.

"I wanted to see who it was, but they were already taking her picture down," she said.

Bridget Lynch, a St. Anselm senior, licensed practical nurse and camp counselor, said she hopes even campers who decide nursing isn't for them will leave with a new respect for themselves and others.

"These girls didn't know how much heart and love they have in them," she said.

"More than anything, they need this hands-on time. It builds their self-esteem and confidence."

Campers pay nothing for the two-week session, thanks to the Manchester School to Career Partnership, which received a state grant to connect kids to careers in health care.

"Everyone is talking about the nursing shortage, but concrete projects were far and few between," said Clint Jones, business liaison for the partnership.

According to a recent study by the nonprofit corporation Foundation for Healthy Communities, New Hampshire is producing only half the nursing graduates it needs to battle the shortage. The number of registered nurses in New Hampshire is expected to increase by 5.5 percent by 2006, half of the projected 11 percent national increase.

Nursing homes have a particularly tough time recruiting nurses and aides. The American Health Care Association estimates that more than 123,000 nursing positions are vacant at long-term care facilities across the country.

Though it will be years before any of the campers enter the work force, Hanover Hill's president, Ted Lee, said they will be worth waiting for. The home, which has started to recruit nurses and aides overseas, relished the opportunity to show the campers a variety of career opportunities, he said.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to get kids in here at an early age," he said. "They can see there's a future in it."

Water-related diseases may kill millions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As many as 76 million people could die from water-related diseases by 2020 if changes aren't made worldwide, according to a California think tank.

The United Nations has set a goal of 2015 for cutting in half the number of people who can't reach or afford safe drinking water. Even if that goal is met, 34 million to 76 million people could die of water-related illnesses, said a report for release Friday by the independent Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment and Security.

More people die of diarrheal diseases, such as dysentery, than other water-related diseases, and children are extremely vulnerable to them.

"All of these diseases are associated with our failure to provide clean water," said Dr. Peter Gleick, director of the institute. "I think it's terribly bleak, especially because we know what needs to be done to prevent these deaths. We're doing some of it, but the efforts that are being made are not aggressive enough."

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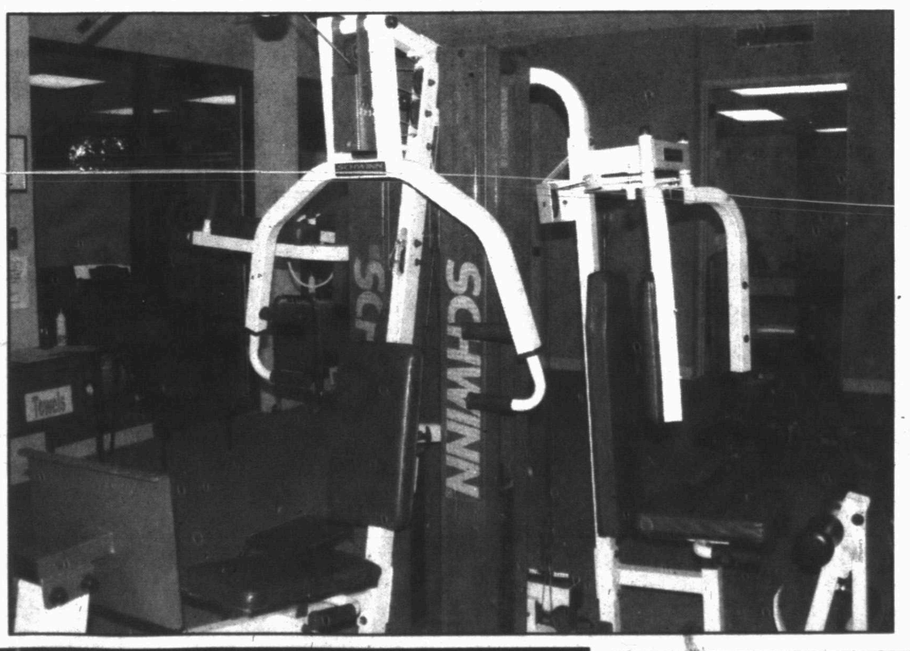
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Astro-graph

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Try to keep your affairs in a healthy balance in the year ahead. Make room and time to enjoy the good things in life instead of working all the time. Conversely, don't play so much that you fail to make any progress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you have productive plans on your agenda today, stick to doing things your own way and don't let well-meaning kibitzers throw your thinking off and hamper your progress with their opinions. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Should you fall prey to keeping up with the Jones' today, there is a strong possibility you could get caught up in the foolish game of one-upmanship and spend more than you can afford.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There is no doubt that the most important people in the world to you are your family members; should one give you cause today to raise your eyebrows, turn the other cheek.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — You are a sensitive person to begin with, but today you might be a trifle more vulnerable than usual. You have to watch how you respond to someone who upsets you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — No matter how good we have it, there's always someone who has it better, so don't allow the differences to bother you today. Otherwise, you could miss out on what or when to be grateful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There is a chance today someone may usurp the rightful recognition you deserve for a job well done, but keep your feelings to yourself. The truth will eventually out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — By convincing yourself that everything is going against you today, you will allow negative thinking to make certain you prove yourself right.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — When you discover today that someone you thought liked you has been flying false colors, try to dismiss it as being his/her loss, not yours. These types always end up alone.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Should something occur today that you fear could blemish your image, don't get uptight about it. If you stay relaxed, you should have no trouble smoothly glossing things over.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — It's good to set lofty objectives, but if you try to do too much, you'll end up reproaching yourself because you didn't accomplish all that you think you should have today. Be realistic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — People you deal with socially or get involved with may not always be what they seem. Don't be taken in by the packaging while ignoring what's inside the wrapping.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A kind and unselfish person who you know personally may look different to you today. None of us are perfect all the time. Give this person a little slack.

Monday, Aug. 19, 2002

Something you've worked hard and long for concerning your work or career could become a reality in the year ahead. All that time you put into it will now become worth it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — So long as you appreciate others for their qualities and talents today, your relationships with them will be quite cordial and productive. Trying to push them into your mold could lead to unpleasantness. Major changes are ahead for Virgos in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167 Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Negative imaginings can dilute your effectiveness today and result in feelings of depression that will be based more on fantasy than on fact. Don't let anything get you down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your good intention to treat others in a noble fashion may go by the boards today when you're suddenly faced with real life situations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — By following your own instincts in career matters today, you'll have no trouble achieving pleasing results. This may not be true, however, if you listen to another's thoughts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Important judgments should be made today only after careful and serious deliberations. Failures to do so could cause you to make hasty decisions you'll later regret.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Take pride in your accomplishments today and do not allow anyone to shake up your sense of security by making you feel inadequate or by causing you to humble yourself needlessly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you want to offer someone a compliment today, say it directly to him/her. A surrogate may relay what you say in a sarcastic manner, instead of with the praise you intended.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — An objective you want to achieve today doesn't appear to be too big of a problem to attain. However, inviting another along for the ride could cause you to make a few wrong turns.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You'll have no trouble dealing with associates who are familiar with you and your credentials, but with those people where your abilities are unknown, you may have to prove yourself today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Admiring the fruits of others is okay, but coveting something that another has justly earned will only bring you heartache. Aspire only to that which you produce yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If your outlook is a trifle Pollyannaish today, you could get yourself a bit unruffled and confused when you are forced to make a judgment based on cold, hard facts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A failure to speak up and claim your rights today will leave what is rightly yours to go uncollected. Don't pussyfoot around and let others take advantage of you. Be direct.

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Actor and sheriff talking politics

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — There's talk about the possibility of a new Republican dynamic duo in California — Arnold Schwarzenegger and Mike Carona, the tough-talking sheriff who got national exposure during the Samantha Runnion kidnap-killing.

The buzz heightened after the actor and the Orange County sheriff got together last weekend to shoot a commercial supporting a California ballot initiative to fund after-school programs. At one point, they reportedly began talking politics.

"We did talk to Arnold recently. And we did talk about running for statewide office," Assistant Sheriff George Jaramillo said.

The "Terminator" star has hinted for years that he's interested in a possible run for governor, but his spokeswoman said the November ballot initiative was the focus of his discussions with Carona and other sheriffs during production of the commercial.

"Arnold hasn't been discussing running for office recently with anybody. He's focused on the initiative right now," Sheri Annis said.

Carona has talked to several people about possible political opportunities, Jaramillo said.

Republican pollster Adam D. Probolsky said a Schwarzenegger-Carona team would be a powerful one.

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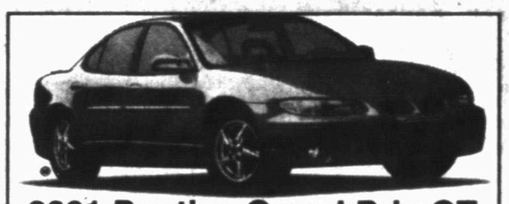
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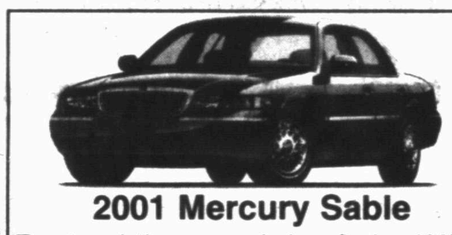
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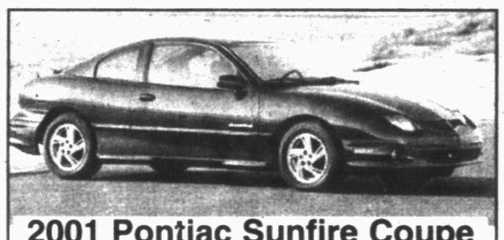


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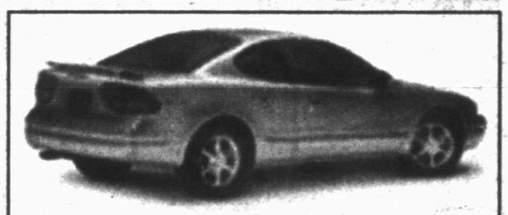


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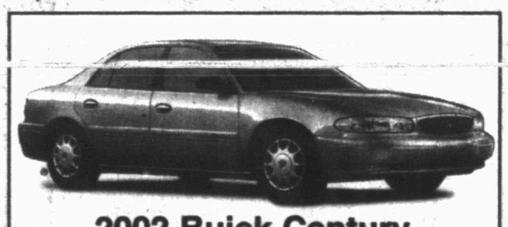


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