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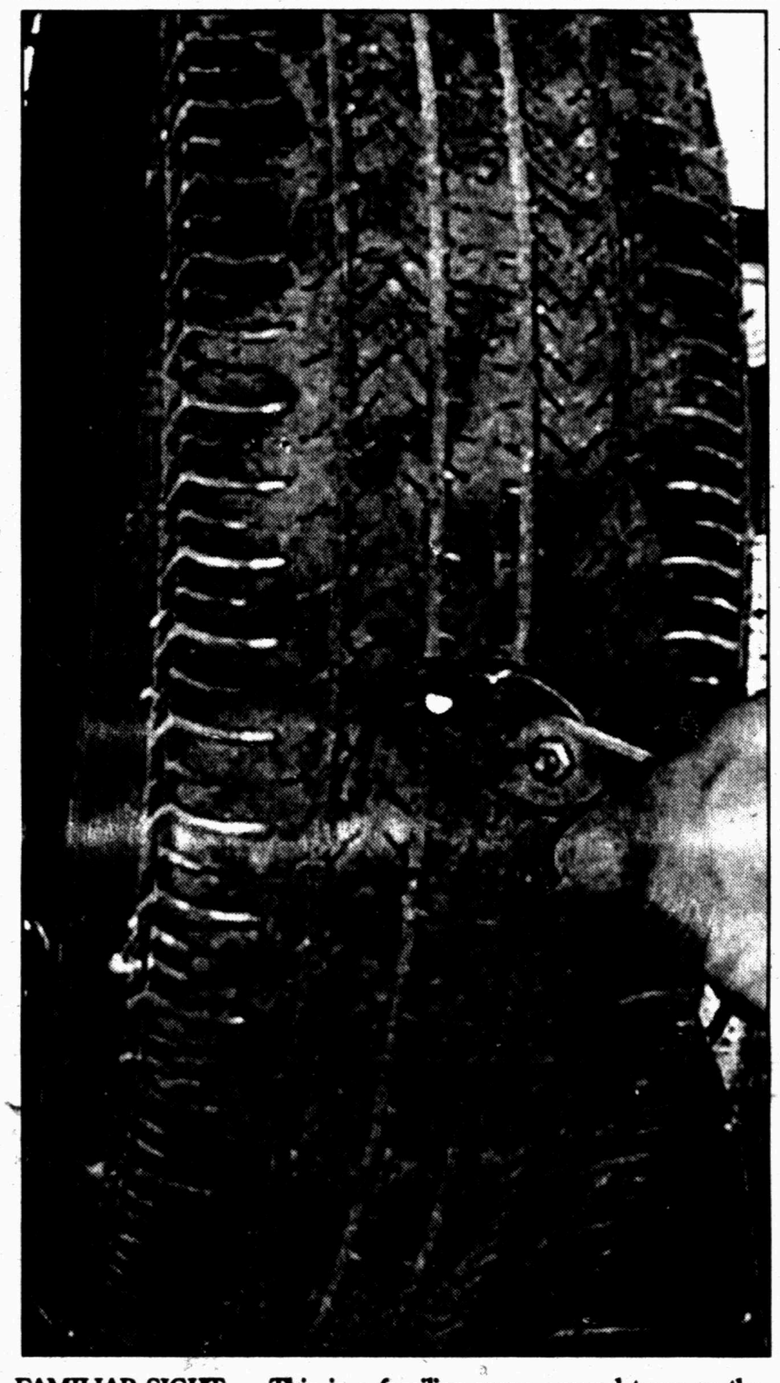

FAMILIAR SIGHT — This is a familiar scene around town as the booming roofing business has made errant roofing nails and flat tires common. (SDN Staff Photo)

Roofing nails a problem...

Local tire business is 'flat'

For the last three months, it's certainly not been unusual to see a pallet of shingles, rolls of roofing paper and buckets of roofing nails sitting in driveways waiting to be placed on hail-damaged roofs.

Another common sight has been trailers of all sizes and descriptions hauling old roofing material to the city's landfills.

And an all-too-familiar sight for many people has been a flat tire as a result of an errant roofing nail.

"In the last three months, 75 percent of the flats we've fixed have been from roofing nails," said George Scifres, owner of Scifres Tire and Auto.

"A good average is between 5 and 10 a day. It varies. Some days we will do 20, some days 5," said Scifres.

"I've joked around saying I didn't know a hail storm was going to be good for our business also."

Jeff Lowrance of Western Auto said the roofing business has caused his flat-fixing business to pick up as well.

"I would say it has doubled my flat business."

While tire repair is not the main order of business at Nix's Auto, they do sell tires and repair them as well.

"The last couple of months we've seen an increase in our flat-fixing business," said Nix's manager Lane Beaty.

"Sometimes the business is doubled, while other times it is about normal for us."

Beaty said the flat business increases following a rain.

"I guess the water running down the side of the road washes the nails back on the roadway," said Beaty.

Nix's also sells new tires, but Beaty said he hasn't seen a big increase in tire sales as a result of the flats.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time we can repair them," said Beaty.

"I would advise people to keep an eye on their tires and if one appears to be losing air...get it checked," he said.

"The roofing business has been good for us too," said Tommy Fletcher of Fletcher's 66. "We're fixing from 8 to 10 flats per day since the roofing business picked up."

Fletcher said he has noticed that his flat repair business picks up on Monday.

"I don't know if it is because there's not many places to get a flat fixed over the weekend, or what," said Fletcher.

Fletcher said he really hasn't been able to tell if most of the flats are from old roofing nails or newer ones.

"Most are pretty well worn off by the time they get the tire to us," he said.

One of the few full-service stations left in town, Fletcher said they have had several instances where a nail has been in a tire but not far enough in to cause a flat – yet.

"We've spotted a lot of nails in tires doing service work," said Fletcher.

Fletcher, like other tire dealers, urges everyone to keep a close check on their vehicle's tire pressure and if one tire looks low, have it checked by someone.

"It's a lot easier to change a flat with professional equipment," said Fletcher, who said the entire process of fixing a flat takes about 10 minutes at his station.

Once abandoned industrial building now a plus for TDCJ

When an abandoned industrial building was included in an incentive package to help locate a prison unit in Snyder, no one could really envision what benefits the community would eventually reap.

In 1987, Snyder was seeking location of a 1,000-bed unit that would employ 300 persons. Advised of a impending board vote that would be close, Snyder upped the ante to include a full section of land and the 75,000-squre foot industrial building located on the U.S. 84.

Used as a warehouse for the past 10 years, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has turned the facility into a winning situation for both Snyder and the state.

The recently-enlarged warehouse, now called a regional distribution center, will be open to the public for tours Monday, Oct. 18.

Those attending the function can see the additional 60,000 feet that includes 20,000-square feet of cold storage.

The facility serves the 22 units located in West Texas and is projected to save the agency more than a $1 million annually in transportation costs.

The day begins at 11 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the TDCJ warehouse and distribution center, located in the former Wickes building.

Elected representatives and TDCJ officials from Huntsville will be present for the building dedication and open house.

Also planned that day is the observance of the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Price Daniel unit.

Those attending the full day of activities are also invited to attend the annual law enforcement banquet in the Scurry County Coliseum that evening.

The Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet is set for 6:30 p.m. and is sponsored by State Rep. David Counts. The banquet's featured speaker will be Col. Dudley Thomas, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Invited to the banquet are area residents involved in law enforcement, courts and the correctional facilities. The event is co-hosted by the Texas Association of Electric Cooperatives.

The steak dinner will be prepared by Jerry Baird, and Cindy Nix will perform Patsy Cline numbers.

The enlarged distribution facility employs 57 people, including 30 truck drivers, with an annual payroll of more than $1 million. Cost of new construction was $4.9 million.

Expected for the warehouse dedication are Rep. Counts, Sen. Tom Haywood and Wayne Scott, TDCJ executive director. Other state and agency officials have been invited.

Dale Story, assistant director of TDCJ for transportation and supply, will be on hand along with Robin Smauley, Snyder distribution center manager.

Following the dedication ceremony, TDCJ officials will conduct tours of the facility.

Visiting TDCJ officials will have lunch with Snyder community representatives prior to a re-dedication ceremony at the Price Daniel unit at 2:30 p.m.

The PDU event will mark the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Price Daniel unit as a 1,000-bed facility. Some 330 dorm-style beds were later added.

Wilhelmenia Howard, PDU's fourth warden, will host the event which will be attended by Scott, Regional V director John Gilbert and other TDCJ officials.

Past TDCJ board members as well as the current nine-member board have been invited. Also invited are the three former Price Daniel wardens, including Les Woods of Wichita Falls, Robert White of Karnes County and T.J. Medart of Sugar Land.

Columbus Day closings

Students in the Snyder Independent School District will not attend class Monday in observance of Columbus Day.

Teachers, however, will have a teacher preparation day.

Ira school will also be out.

Local banks will be closed as will the courthouse and City Hall.

The city landfill, however, will be open Monday.

Snyder Post Office will be closed on Monday. Mail will be put in boxes, but will not be delivered.

Local chamber plans western music event

When you've done the "dirty work" on a project for four years, working on the rest of the project might just come natural.

"Well, that's what we're hoping for," said Snyder Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Donna Fowler as she told of plans for the chamber to host its own Western Swing function in 2000.

Plans for the chamber to host its own event began turning in Fowler's head following the announcement in September that the Legends of Western Swing Festival is moving to Wichita Falls.

The event had been held in Snyder at the coliseum for the past four years after stints in Texarkana and Canton.

Lack of support from local citizens is one of the reasons the Oklahoma promoters pulled the event from Snyder.

"We're definitely going to need the support of everyone in Snyder and Scurry County," said Fowler, noting this will be the largest undertaking the chamber has had under her leadership.

The event is set for three days in May, as opposed to the prior festival of four days in June.

"The May dates will be a lot cooler for everyone involved and hopefully will mean a lower utility bill for the chamber to air condition the coliseum and the RVs on the parking lot," said Fowler

The RV patrons pay a set price, regardless of how much electricity they use, she added.

Fowler said the exact dates are May 18-20 with the event opening at 1 p.m. and shutting down at 10 p.m. The festival the prior four years opened at noon and closed at midnight.

Word of the new festival is being announced at the annual Cowboy Symposium in Ruidoso this weekend and the event already has two well-known spokespersons.

"Leon Rausch and Tommy Allsup – both former members of Bob Wills' Texas Playboys - both told me they would spread the word about our event and told me not to worry about lining up a headliner for the event."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some people believe that truth is relative, not absolute."

Snyder ISD Superintendent Gayle Lomax was in the office a few days ago. His question is being asked by lots of people.

It concerned the future of Snyder. It's a legitimate question, but one that is difficult to answer with ease and precision.

The inquiry made us think for several days. While we don't profess to see into the future, we believe we may have some ideas about Snyder and Scurry County's fortunes in years to come.

If Snyder is to remain a viable place, it needs to be the kind of place that we can not only make a living, but make a life.

We believe there is a need to return to what we call a sense of community pride – the same kind of pride that earned the All-American city distinction long before we became a resident.

Consider some of the recent trends. For the past 10 or 15 years, membership in civic clubs and other community organizations has seen a gradual decline.

You don't have to be a long-time resident of this community to remember the time when it was easy to bring members of this city and county together to work for a common goal.

Families have turned inward. Backyard block gatherings and dinner parties are almost a thing of the past. Being neighborly is no longer in fashion. Attending a community function just to be supportive isn't vogue anymore.

Church membership is down in relationship to a much higher percentage just a few years ago. Charitable giving, while up in dollars, is down in percentage of gross income.

The number of people who vote, the number who would attend a political rally or get behind a candidate has dropped substantially.

There is also declining interest in the number of people who are willing to serve on various boards or in other volunteer organizations.

We also sense a decline in pride – pride in community, in school, in relationships and even in self.

What we see is an increase in a rush to judgment, to blame the situation or problems on somebody or something else.

This and every other community's future will depend on how successfully we circle the wagons and watch each other's backsides.

Connections among citizens gives individuals the background necessary to work together to solve common problems.

Without social interaction, unified goals and collective planning, the community becomes nothing more than self-serving individuals with misguided actions.

Good schools, civic improvements and economic development is not just the task of some committee. It's everybody's business – and responsibility.

ASK US

Q - Has the time been set for the SHS band to march in Wednesday's UIL marching contest?

A - The band will march at 12:45 p.m.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 74 degrees; low, 53; 7 a.m. Saturday, 53; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.52 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low, lower 50s. Sunday, mostly sunny, warmer. High, mid to upper 80s.

Jéssica Rivera
Sunny

Sunset: 7:19 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Of 281 days in 1999, the sun has shone 274 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Difficulties mastered are opportunities won.
—Winston Churchill

Company settles defraud charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — A businessman has agreed to pay an $845,000 fine to settle charges his company mailed millions of households a $15 offer for services that the Social Security Administration provides for free.

Darrin Gleeman, president of Federal Record Service Corp., agreed to pay $195,000 of the fine within 30 days and the rest in deductions from his and his wife's earnings for the next decade, Social Security officials said Friday.

Gleeman also agreed to dissolve his company.

"This case sends a clear message to the direct mail industry: bilking consumers under Social Security's good name will not be tolerated," said Social Security's acting inspector general, James G. Huse Jr.

Gleeman's attorney, Kerry Lawrence, said the settlement was not an admission of wrongdoing.

"Federal Record Service and its president, Darrin Gleeman, continue to maintain that the business was 100 percent legitimate and aboveboard," Lawrence said. "But based on the government's actions in court and the anticipated expenses in fighting the case, Federal Record Service determined it was in their best interest to put the matter behind them."

According to the government's lawsuit, filed in May, Federal Record Service sent letters to newlyweds or families with new babies. In the letters, the company offered, for a $15 fee, to help obtain a new Social Security number and card for a newborn or an updated card for a bride who changed her name.

Forms for both purposes can be obtained for free at local Social Security offices or by calling a toll-free government number. So the company would simply mail out the appropriate free form and pocket the $15, government investigators said.

The alleged scam operated for several years out of offices in New York, also using a mailing address in Washington, D.C. A related Florida company of the same name and its operator, listed in the lawsuit as Jay Seinfeld, weren't part of the settlement.

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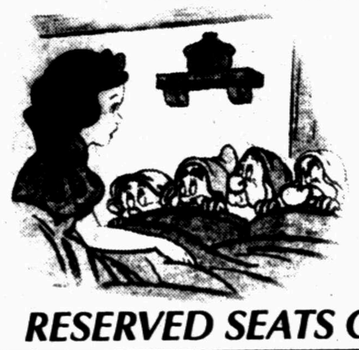
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IN APPRECIATION — Hermleigh fifth graders recently mailed a letter of appreciation to Sheriff Darren Jackson thanking him for the job he does and for Deputy Maurice Herridge, their DARE instructor. They had recently received pens from the department. Standing, from left, Nick Eaton, Brian Molina, Hank Berkley, Alicia Culp, Scotty Arellano, Jeff Bilbrey, Robert Ritch, Michael Barrera; seated, from left, Bobby Lane, Steven Hembree, Kelvin Doggett, K'Leigh Jackson, Megan Kariainen, Brittany Kelley. Cathy Beckman is their teacher. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

New documents provide most detailed glimpse of operations

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI supervisors sought to reward the tactical agents on the ground during the deadly 1993 Waco siege, proposing medals and "substantial cash incentive awards" for members of the bureau's elite Hostage Rescue Team, recently released internal documents show.

The documents are silent on the outcome of the request to reward agents who fired tear gas into the Branch Davidians' home, manned sniper positions and drove tanks.

But former FBI deputy assistant director Danny Coulson, the founding commander of the HRT and one of the top officials overseeing the Waco operation, said neither medals nor bonuses were handed out.

"It wasn't approved and they received nothing," Coulson said Friday.

The FBI documents, which were recently turned over to investigators probing the bureau's conduct during the 51-day Waco standoff, show the extensive effort to honor the agents' "brave and selfless actions."

One 13-page memo recommended the entire Hostage Rescue Team for the FBI Shield of Bravery, with individual commendations for agents who left their tank during the siege's fiery end to save a Davidian woman caught in the burning building.

Another memo proposed financial rewards for the HRT agents to recognize "their exceptional and exemplary individual efforts."

Said Coulson: "We tend to want to demonize every FBI agent who was there ... (but) the American public needs to remember that agents did risk their lives."

In recent weeks, the government's conduct at Waco has come under renewed scrutiny with the FBI's belated admission that its agents fired potentially incendiary tear-gas canisters in the hours before flames consumed the Davidians' retreat.

Sect leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died April 19, 1993.

Thousands of pages of internal documents turned over to investigators offer the most detailed glimpse yet of the FBI's inner workings at Waco.

The documents are a mix of the serious and the mundane, covering the FBI's evolving final-day tactical plan and daily intelligence reports to a local hotel's invitation to federal agents for a free Easter Sunday brunch as a "change of pace for you."

The records outline the evolution of the FBI's rules of engagement for the final assault, dictating under what conditions agents could use deadly force.

Several proposals were drafted, three of which would have permitted agents to use deadly force against unarmed Branch Davidians if they approached "friendly" positions and failed to respond to agents' commands.

The FBI has long denied that its agents fired any shots during the siege, and bureau officials stressed Friday that the final rules of engagement did not permit deadly force against unarmed Davidians.

The bureau's longstanding policy, which permits agents to use deadly force in self-defense or defense of another, applied on April 19, FBI spokesman Tron Brekke said.

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Ramsey jury end in sight

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The top prosecutor investigating JonBenet Ramsey's death hinted Friday an announcement may be imminent in the nearly 3-year-old case.

Boulder County District Attorney Alex Hunted told reporters to stay in contact with his office over the weekend. But later, his spokeswoman, Suzanne Laurion, said: "Alex told me to tell you there will be no public statements on the Ramsey case today or this weekend."

She declined further comment.

A grand jury that has been considering evidence for nearly 13 months met Friday and was scheduled to meet again Tuesday.

Earlier, Hunter said the jury was wrapping up its work, but emphasized it's only part of the case.

The normally tight-lipped Hunter also thanked other prosecutors who had helped and said his wife told him as he left for work: "Go get 'em ... go get 'em." He smiled, but offered no explanation.

Hunter has been under pressure for three years to find the child beauty queen's killer.

JonBenet was found strangled, bound and beaten in her home on Dec. 26, 1996.

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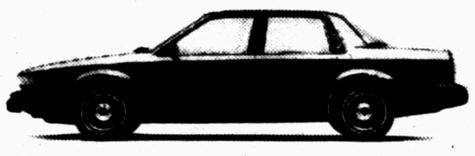
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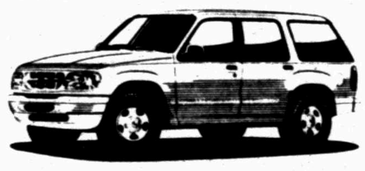
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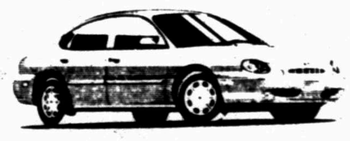
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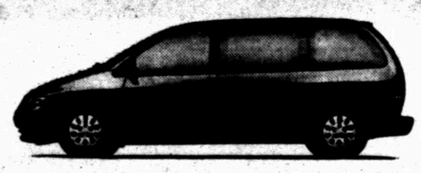
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Some air fares are going up

DALLAS (AP) — Continental Airlines and Delta Airlines have increased excursion fares requiring advance purchase by up to $20 per round trip, and American Airlines announced Friday it will join United Airlines in cutting commissions for travel agents.

The increases posted late Thursday by Houston-based Continental and matched Friday by Delta range generally from 3 to 7 percent for a round trip ticket requiring seven-, 14- or 21-day advance purchase. The increases don't apply to top-dollar business fares.

Arizona-based America West Airlines also increased its fares, but it was unclear whether other large carriers would match Continental's move. Previous Continental-led fare hikes this year have collapsed.

Repeated calls to Continental and America West were not returned. A Delta spokesman said the Atlanta-based carrier raised its fares "to remain competitive" with Continental.

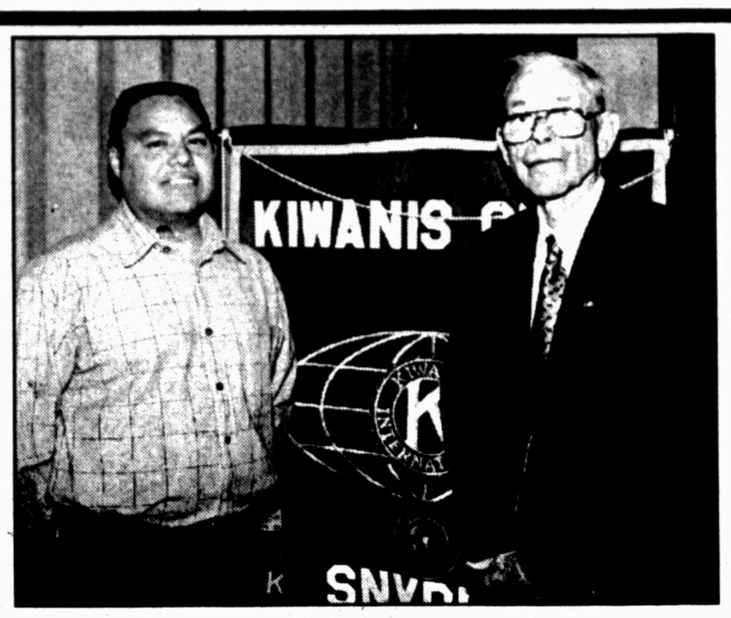
But at Dallas-based Southwest Airlines , "We don't anticipate making any fare moves in response to what Continental has done," said spokeswoman Linda Rutherford.

Samuel Buttrick, an analyst with Paine Webber, said other airlines want to raise fares, partly to cover the rising cost of jet fuel, but could find reason to hold back.

"The only impediment I see (to an industry-wide fare increase) is a decision on the part of one or two other airlines to avoid simultaneously cutting commissions and raising fares," he said.

Earlier in the week, United Airlines cut the commission it will pay travel agents who sell its tickets from 8 percent to 5 percent.

American issued a statement saying it too was cutting the commissions and capping them at $50 per round trip ticket and $25 for one-way tickets for domestic travel. American did not return phone calls.



40 YEARS PERFECT ATTENDANCE — Roy McCloskey received a certificate for 40 years of perfect attendance at the Kiwanis Club's recent annual awards banquet held at Rudy's. McCloskey, right, is pictured with outgoing president of the Noon Kiwanis Club, Henry Valdez. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Judges sentences Fortier to 12 years

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A judge went well above sentencing guidelines Friday and for a second time gave Michael Fortier 12 years in prison for not warning authorities about the plot to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building.

The new sentence — ordered by a federal appeals court — is nearly identical to what Fortier was already serving. U.S. District Judge G. Thomas Van Bebber said he could have issued a longer sentence but it would have appeared vindictive.

Fortier pleaded guilty in 1995 to failing to tell authorities about the plot, lying to the FBI, hiding evidence, and selling guns authorities say were stolen to finance the bombing.

He was sentenced last year to 12 years in prison.

But in June, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals threw out the sentence, saying the judge had used the wrong federal sentencing guidelines — those for first-degree murder rather than involuntary manslaughter.

The new 12-year sentence issued Friday — well above the four years, three months recommended in the federal guidelines — was warranted because of the terrorist nature of the bombing, Bebber.

The bombing was "widespread and far more serious" than the crimes considered by the commission that set the sentencing guidelines, he said.

Fortier's court-appointed attorney, Michael McGuire, said his client should have been released. He has filed notice of appeal.

McGuire said the government used Fortier as its star witness, then had him "cast aside conveniently" without giving him credit for his testimony against Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols.

McVeigh, who drove the fertilizer bomb to the federal building, was convicted on federal murder, weapons and conspiracy charges and sentenced to death.

Self-breast exams important link in breast cancer fight

During October which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, women are encouraged to have mammograms and conduct self-examinations of their breasts.

Personal Touch Shower Cards that tell how to conduct a self-examination are available in Snyder. Sponsored by State Farm Insurance Companies, they are available at the local State Farm office, the Health Unit, and Wal-Mart and IGA Pharmacies.

Celebrating Life (Break The Code of Silence) Super Sunday is planned this Sunday. While all women are encouraged to have regular mammograms, a special focus on African-American women is being made this year because statistics show that they have a 30 higher rate than white women over the age of 50.

More information is available from the Celebrating Life Foundation at 800-207-0992; www.celebratinglife.org or e-mail at clf@cyberramp.net.

Celebrating Life's main sponsors include State Farm, American Airlines, The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, American Cancer Society and Yoplait.

Banner ads offered on snydertex.com

Snydertex.com, the home page for Bullard's Computer Solutions, Inc. is now offering banner ads for sale.

"The ads on our page will be of local interest," said Drew Bullard, president of BCSI. "For example, our first ad enables you to order a pizza from the local Pizza Inn right off the Internet. This is one of only a few locations offering this service. Not only is it convenient, but you can see all the specials listed right before your eyes while you are making your decision of which pizza to order."

The snydertex.com web site also has links to the pages of a number of local businesses. It includes a bulletin board and links to many area organizations.

"We have tried to create a web page of interest to Scurry County," said Bullard. "You would be surprised how many visitors not only from within the area but throughout the U.S. visit our site. It's a great site to set as your home page."

Anyone interested in banner ads or web sites can contact BCSI at 573-4801 or email them at dbullard@snydertex.com

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Fraud finding boosts verdict against State Farm Insurance

MARION, Ill. (AP) — A damage award to State Farm auto insurance customers swelled to nearly $1.2 billion Friday after a judge ruled that the nation's largest auto insurer committed fraud by its use of questionable auto-body repair parts.

Friday's $730 million award of actual and punitive damages came on top of a jury's $456 million verdict Monday in the same class-action lawsuit. The initial award was already believed to be the largest ever against an insurer.

At issue is the use of "aftermarket" auto parts — modeled on those made by the manufacturer but made without access to factory specifications — to repair the cars of State Farm policyholders.

Critics say aftermarket parts are not as good as those made for automakers. The lawsuit accused State Farm executives of concealing that information while flooding customers with brochures promoting the parts as a high-quality, low-cost alternative.

The jury's award to 4.7 million State Farm policyholders was based on a claim that the insurer breached its contract with customers by failing to restore their cars to their pre-accident condition.

On Friday, Judge John Speroni of Williamson County Circuit Court ruled separately that State Farm violated Illinois consumer fraud law by using substandard parts and concealing that fact from customers.

Current and former policyholders who could have claims against the company would get an average of $100 each under the breach-of-contract judgment. It was unclear how many plaintiffs are affected by the consumer fraud judgment, or what their average share would be.

State Farm promised to appeal both verdicts and emphatically denied committing fraud.

"The verdict simply ignores the evidence presented at the trial, and it ignores the fact that we comply with the laws and regulations in every state," said company spokesman Dave Hurst.

The award approved by Speroni is $130 million in actual damages and $600 million in punitive damages. The plaintiffs had sought nearly $4 billion in actual and punitive damages, but their attorneys said they were satisfied with the decision.

"Hopefully we have State Farm's attention," said Trish Littleton, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

Industry analysts said the verdicts could increase insurance premiums and the cost of auto-body repairs if allowed to stand. The insurance industry offered scathing criticism of the ruling.

"I think this is not a good day for anybody but a handful of plaintiff lawyers and major stockholders in the three major car companies," said Kirk Hansen, director of claims for the Alliance of American Insurers, a trade association.

The judge said State Farm violated its trust with policyholders by deliberately adopting a "misleading term" — "quality replacement parts" — to refer to aftermarket parts.

But he declined to issue an injunction sought by the plaintiffs to order State Farm to better notify customers of the use of aftermarket parts, saying they could bring a lawsuit if the company continues to violate the law.

Much of the plaintiffs' case against State Farm centered on internal memos questioning the parts' quality.

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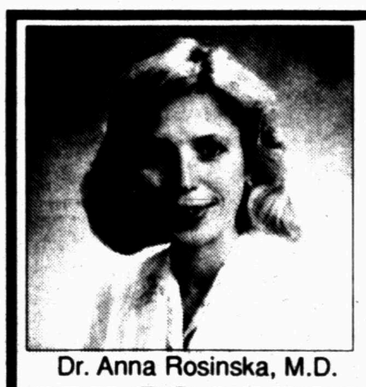

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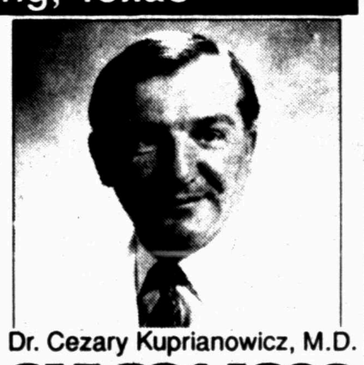

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RECEIVES AWARD — Von Dale Race has received the Recreation Program Specialist of the Year Award for Region 5 in the Windham School District. (Photo By Jo Ann Nunley)

Von Dale Race earns award

Von Dale Race has received the Recreation Program Specialist of the Year Award, for Region 5 in the Windham School District.

Race, recreation specialist-coach for Region 5, is a 1982 graduate of Hermleigh High School and 1992 graduate of Angelo State. She and her two children. TJ Jones, a Snyder High School freshman, and Troy Henry, a first grader at West Elementary, reside in Snyder but Race is employed at the Preston E. Smith Unit in Lamesa.

Among many job duties, she supervises the program, logging the offenders' required recreation time. "Offenders must be provided two hours recreation time per day, but it is the offenders choice to participate or not," she said. "They are also provided supervised tournaments in handball, basketball, volleyball, flag football, softball and several board games including chess, checkers and dominoes," she said.

Race began working for TDCJ in February of 1997 and said she enjoys her work. "They (co-workers) at the unit are great people to work with."

Russian general dies in contract killing

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian general who commanded a communications school was shot to death in an apparent contract killing, according to a news report Friday.

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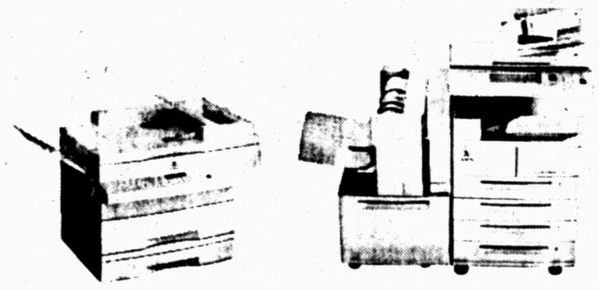

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Astro-graph
By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Oct. 10, 1999

In the year ahead you're likely to become more involved than usual in partnership arrangements. As a Libra, you'll fit into these new developments with surprising ease.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Swallow your pride, step to the rear and let your mate call the shots financially today, because this will be one area where you'll not be at your best at this time. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't take to heart any big promises made to you today, because if the person doesn't come through for you, you might be setting yourself up for a hard fall.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Strive to be productive today and don't leave anything up to chance. Nothing is going to come to you without putting forth the necessary effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Where you lack personal control today, matters could quickly go awry. Don't allow yourself to overindulge in anything, be it gambling, socializing, drinking or overeating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Should you find yourself in a one-upsmanship game with someone today, don't think that embellishing the facts a bit won't hurt. You're wrong, it will.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be attentive today so that key points don't get past you. Keep this in mind when involved in an important discussion where critical information is needed to function properly

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try not to get involved in a situation today where you have to overextend yourself financially. Conditions are a trifle tricky and you could get caught up in the mess.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Just because you resent someone trying to tell you what to do today, you could ignore your better judgment and do something unwise in order to spite this person. Don't be foolish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What you allow to pile up work-wise today could cause you problems all week. Devote the necessary time and attention to taking care of tasks as they arise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Should you treat propitious developments indifferently today, you could let opportunities slip past you. Upon reflection, you'll regret that you didn't capitalize on your breaks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you are more concerned about appearances than about doing a job properly today, you'll not receive the applause you seek, only criticism. Reverse the order and you'll be a hit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In the final analysis, it's modesty that makes one look superior. Even if you're in the company of someone today who lays things on thick, don't start to exaggerate accomplishments.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Oct. 11, 1999

Although success may not be instantaneous in the year ahead, your progress should be steady in two separate, important achievements you're hoping to undertake. Keep moving forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Instead of receiving gratitude for suggestions about what benefited you in the past, you might just receive grief for your efforts should things not work for your listeners. Keep mum. Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't get angry today should someone not be too cooperative with you because of something you did to this person in the past. Learn to accept your previous mistakes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Should you take on a burden for someone today which is beyond your scope, both you and the party you're trying to assist could have more trouble. You might not be doing any good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If possible today, avoid getting in political or philosophical discussions with people who have opposing views. Emotions can quickly get hot and sparks could fly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Keep outsiders, especially in-laws or relatives, out of your family's affairs today. Their input could flare up old issues instead of calming the waters.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's foolish not to listen to the suggestions of someone who you may think is mentally inferior to you. Gems of wisdom can come even out of the mouths of babes. Be open-minded.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Lay out a blue-print and list in detail the materials you need to carry out a new project, but hold off purchasing anything until another day. You're not a sharp shopper today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) When it comes to mental endeavors, this might be one of those days where you should take a back seat to the ideas of associates or partners. Their thoughts could be more constructive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) No one can accuse you of lacking keen observation of analysis of others. Today, however, you may see only the faults in others and not their virtues. Keep your criticism to yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you need a little socializing today, it's best that you stick to activities with tried and true buddies. New people could want to get involved in things you don't like.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The most important thing you can do today is be true to yourself. Don't engage yourself in that which you believe is acceptable to others, while ignoring what you know to be right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A discussion that starts off in a convivial fashion today could suddenly turn hostile should someone make a wrong remark. Be extremely watchful of what you say in front of others.

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Financial Focus

Not that long ago, investment strategies were pretty simple. As recently as the 1970's, many people took the fixed-income approach. They put their money in passbooks and certificates of deposit, and made their big gains in the appreciation of their homes.

Obviously, things have changed considerably since then.

Today, "speculators" are attracting all the attention. As they chase after "hot" stocks, they frequently ignore fundamentals, such as a company's profits. Instead, they will try to "time the market" by buying a fast-rising stock and holding on to it only until they think it's about ready to drop. The most extreme examples of this type of mindset are the so-called "day traders," whose idea of long-term investing may be an hour or two.

Of course, there still are "passbook" investors around, people who fear the markets and are reluctant to take any chances with their money.

It's clear that neither the speculators nor the passbook savers have all the answers. Poeple who try to time the market will eventually get burned — repeatedly. Conversely, those investors who stick with fixed-rate vehicles will not see much growth in their money. Furthermore, fixed-income investments carry with them a different type of risk — the risk of losing purchasing power to inflation.

If you're either a passbook saver or a speculator, then you can benefit by expanding your horizons. If you're risk-averse, consider investing in a diversified portfolio of high-quality stocks — and hold them for the long term. Established companies may not soar like today's hot Internet stocks, but they generally don't crash and burn, either. And they will certainly provide you with a higher return than a portfolio composed solely of bonds, CDs, money-market accounts and Treasury bills. If you have trouble shaking your fear of price volatility, take comfort in this fact: Studies have shown that the longer you hold a portfolio of stocks, the less chance you have of ever losing any money.

On the other hand, if you are more of a speculator, and you never met a risk you didn't like, you could still pick up a thing or two from the passbook savers. Remember, many of yesterday's "hot" stocks are today's unhappy memories. You, too, can benefit from building a diversified portfolio — even one that contains decidedly "unglamorous" investments such as large-company stocks and bonds.

The passbook saver and the speculator each represent an important goal — security and growth. And we all need elements of both in our investment portfolios. The challenge is to go beyond our natural preferences and see what we can learn from those people walking on the "other side of the street."

NEW PASTOR, WIFE — Bobbie Woods is the new pastor at Snyder's Church of God. He and his wife, Mary, recently moved from the Pacific Northwest. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Snyder's Church of God welcomes pastor & wife

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Bobbie and Mary Woods thought they never wanted to live in West Texas, but now they don't want to live anywhere else.

He is the new pastor of Snyder's Church of God, located at 21 St. and Ave. O. He replaces Bro. Vernon Groce.

"We like being here. It already feels like home to us," Woods said. "Everyone is so friendly. I'm still looking for my first grouch."

He noted that he is "looking forward to revival" and not just the series of meetings. I want to see family units restored in revival. God led us to this area. He wants us to be here. I expect great things to happen here."

Woods said, "the family of God means so much to me." He noted that his mother was mentally ill during The Great Depression years and he and two brothers were placed in an orphanage.

The Woodses moved here from Lewiston, Idaho where they pioneered a church. He has also pastored churches in Texas including Ore City, Simms and Henderson.

When they returned from the Northwest, he said, "I put in for a church in West Texas and the state overseer kept me in mind." He called Woods when Snyder's Church of God had an opening.

Woods came to the ministry late in his life. He said he wasn't saved until the age of 50. He credits the Lord with delivering "me from alcoholism and other things." He had also smoked for 35 years.

Before being saved he described himself as "broke, disgusted and ashamed." He has been in the ministry for 10 years. He also ministered in a nursing home for five years before being licensed in a church.

Woods and his wife completed a one year MIP (Ministers Intern Program) for pastors and their wives. During that time, they studied 26 books and the Bible.

Then living in Kilgore, they traveled to Weatherford once a month to be tested over the previous month's lessons and to receive the next month's assignment.

They also attended a weekend seminar once a month.

Between them, the couple has nine children and one adopted child, all grown, as well as 36 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Woods had studied at the University of Maryland but did not earn a degree. He is retired from the U.S. Army, having lived in most states in the U.S. and 13 different countries during his military career. He also played football in the Army for two years, but it wasn't the West Point team.

After he retired, he spent 15 years working in the oil fields of Texas and Louisiana.

Woods still enjoys watching football today. Mary likes to fish but hasn't had much opportunity to do so in recent years.

He is a Texas native but had never lived in West Texas before moving to Snyder. Mary was reared in Odessa.

Bomb kills 5 people

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — A bomb ripped through a mosque in southwest Bangladesh on Friday, killing at least five worshippers, police said.

Another 20 people were injured in the blast at the tin-and-brick mosque in Khulna city, 85 miles southwest of Dhaka, the Bangladeshi capital.

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Wednesday
Chicken fried steak w/cream gravy, baked potato, asparagus, sunny salad, peach pizza

Thursday
Pinto beans & ham, boiled okra, parslied potatoes, sliced onion, banana pudding

Friday
Fried fish, cream style corn, glazed carrots, coleslaw, bread pudding

Senior Center News

The AARP "55-Alive" course is scheduled for Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until finished. This course costs $8 and in some cases auto insurance companies will give a 10 percent discount. Call 573-5301 for more information.

New picture identifications cards for seniors will be made Oct. 21-22. Seniors should check the information on their card and if anything has changed they are encouraged to have a new card made.

These cards have health status and phone contacts in case of an emergency. There are some businesses that will give a senior discount if you have a senior I.D. card.

Scurry County citizens are asked to consider volunteering some of their free time at the center which has a daily need for help with the home-delivered meals program and serving the congregate meal. Call the center at 573-4035 for more information.

Local transportation to the center, clinics, hospital and grocery store are available at the center. It also has Lifeline Units that provide longer independence for seniors living alone. This program provides assistance in emergency situations. Call the center for more information.

Daily exercise begins at 11 a.m. and swimnastics at Western Texas College is offered from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. The Line Dancers will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 1 p.m.

Tuesday
"88" play begins at 10 a.m. and the Golden Kiwanis Club will meet at noon. Social Security agents will be at the center from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday
The Kitchen Band will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. Anne Gregory will play the piano at 11:30 a.m. The Advisory Board will also meet at 11:30 a.m. Normal Laywell was recently elected by senior citizens to serve on the board. Line dancers will practice at 1 p.m. and cloggers at 2 p.m.

Thursday
The Sunshine Choir will be entertaining at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m.

Game night begins at 6 p.m. "80/88" are the favorite games but seniors are encouraged to bring their Skip-Bo or Uno Cards or just play dominos.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and the bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play "80/88" at 10 a.m. and join the sing-long at 11:30 a.m. Defensive driving will start at 9 a.m. and continue until the noon break. The class will resume at 1 p.m.

'Survivor' to strand contestants on island

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cross MTV's "Real World" with "Lord of the Flies" and what do you get?

A new CBS game show that will strand 16 Americans on an uninhabited island in the South China Sea to fend for themselves among the pythons and other wild animals — including each other. The last contestant on the island wins $1 million.

Not even the network is sure how the players on "Survivor" will cooperate or compete.

"It's a double-edged sword," CBS spokesman Michael Naidus said Friday. "They need each other to survive, but they know only one can win."

Sixteen men and women, to be selected from applications filed through CBS's Web site through Nov. 16, will be filmed round-the-clock during as much as seven weeks on Pulau Tiga island off Malaysia's Borneo coast.

Imagine "Gilligan's Island" where the stakes and the setting are genuine.

The players must work together to survive, but every three days they will hold secret ballots to expel a fellow contestant. When the group is whittled down to the final pair, those most recently kicked off the island will decide who ends up the winner.

The criteria are up to the participants, said producer Mark Burnett. Those voted out early on will be returned home, while those who will be casting the final ballots will remain in Malaysia, keeping an eye on the contestants through videotape.

A Swedish version of the show has been on there for three years and is a smash ratings hit. Charlie Parsons, a veteran British TV producer who created the idea, sold the U.S. and Canadian rights to Burnett.

"Imagine the chance to take seven weeks out of your life, all expenses paid, get a leave of absence from work," said Burnett. "It's like living a National Geographic experience."

In a fishbowl.

Burnett called it fair to draw comparisons to "Real World," which puts young people's unguarded daily lives on camera, and to "Lord of the Flies," the 1954 William Golding novel about kids who survive a plane crash only to descend into barbarism on an island.

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Several NFL players allegedly bilked

AUSTIN (AP) — Several National Football League players apparently were victims of a high-roller accused by federal investigators of bilking investors for at least $31 million in a pyramid scheme, the Austin American-Statesman reported Friday.

FBI agents believe the players, including three members of the Arizona Cardinals and a Cleveland Browns player, contributed to a $5.5 million investment wired to Brian Russell Stearns by Los Angeles sports agent Robert Caron.

Stearns, 29, was arrested at his $2.2 million Lake Austin home last month. The FBI seized the house, two jets worth more than $10 million, a $2 million helicopter and $800,000 in vehicles, plus undisclosed amounts of money in bank accounts.

According to investigators, Stearns conned a Georgia man out of $3.3 million, a New York man for $26 million, and and may have conned more than $4 million from about 100 residents of Brady, Texas.

According to court documents unsealed Thursday, Arizona Cardinals players Eric Swann, Johnny McWilliams and Larry Centers, who now plays for the Washington Redskins, all invested money with Stearns.

Cardinals wide receiver Chad Carpenter, who was propositioned to join the investor group, told Internal Revenue Service investigators that Cleveland Browns offensive lineman Lomas Brown invested $300,000 to $400,000.

The newspaper reported that FBI agents believe the players gave Stearns the money through Caron.

Caron told the Statesman he knew Stearns but had nothing to do with the investments.

"I don't think right now would be a good time to comment," he said. "It is a complete surprise to me."

According to the Austin American-Statesman, Stearns paid $1,000 in May to attend a fundraiser for President Clinton in Austin, then paid $1,000 in August when Hillary Clinton visited Austin to raise money for a possible U.S. Senate campaign in New York. Stearns sat at the head table with the First Lady, the newspaper reported.

Stearns met Reagan Martin, 19, in Austin last year when she was Brady's reigning Miss Heart of Texas, and they married shortly thereafter.

Residents of Brady dipped into their retirement savings or even maxed out credit cards for investments they thought were can't miss. On Sept. 15, the day their investments were to pay off, the town of 6,000 buzzed with talks of riches as investors struggled to conceal their excitement.

The big day came and went with no word from Stearns. Ten days later, they heard the FBI had arrested Stearns on charges of selling $3.3 million in bogus securities to a Georgia man.

Rick Copeland, head of the FBI's white-collar crime unit in Austin, said the investigation continues. "There are other victims out there," he said.

John Smith was elected governor in 1608 of the Jamestown colony of Virginia.

NASA delays Hubble repair

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA has bumped space shuttle Discovery's flight to the Hubble Space Telescope to December so workers can complete wiring and valve repairs.

Shuttle managers said Thursday they're targeting a Dec. 2 launch date for Discovery. The telescope-repair mission had been scheduled for mid-October, then mid-November.

A radar-mapping mission by Endeavour, meanwhile, has been moved to January. And the next flight to the international space station, by Atlantis, is now set for February.

The missions were delayed following Columbia's marred launch in July. A short circuit five seconds into the flight knocked out computers for two of the three main engines; defective wiring was to blame. Wiring defects subsequently were found in the other shuttles.

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SPORTS

In District 5-4A opener...

Tigers harness Mustangs, 39-8

Everywhere the Snyder High School football team looks, it sees three initials — T.M.E.

The letters are printed on their uniforms and T-shirts, and plastered all over the field house walls to remind the team of the three ingredients needed to win a ballgame, technique, morale and execution.

In the District 5-4A opener Friday night, the Tigers used all three to record one of their biggest wins in recent years.

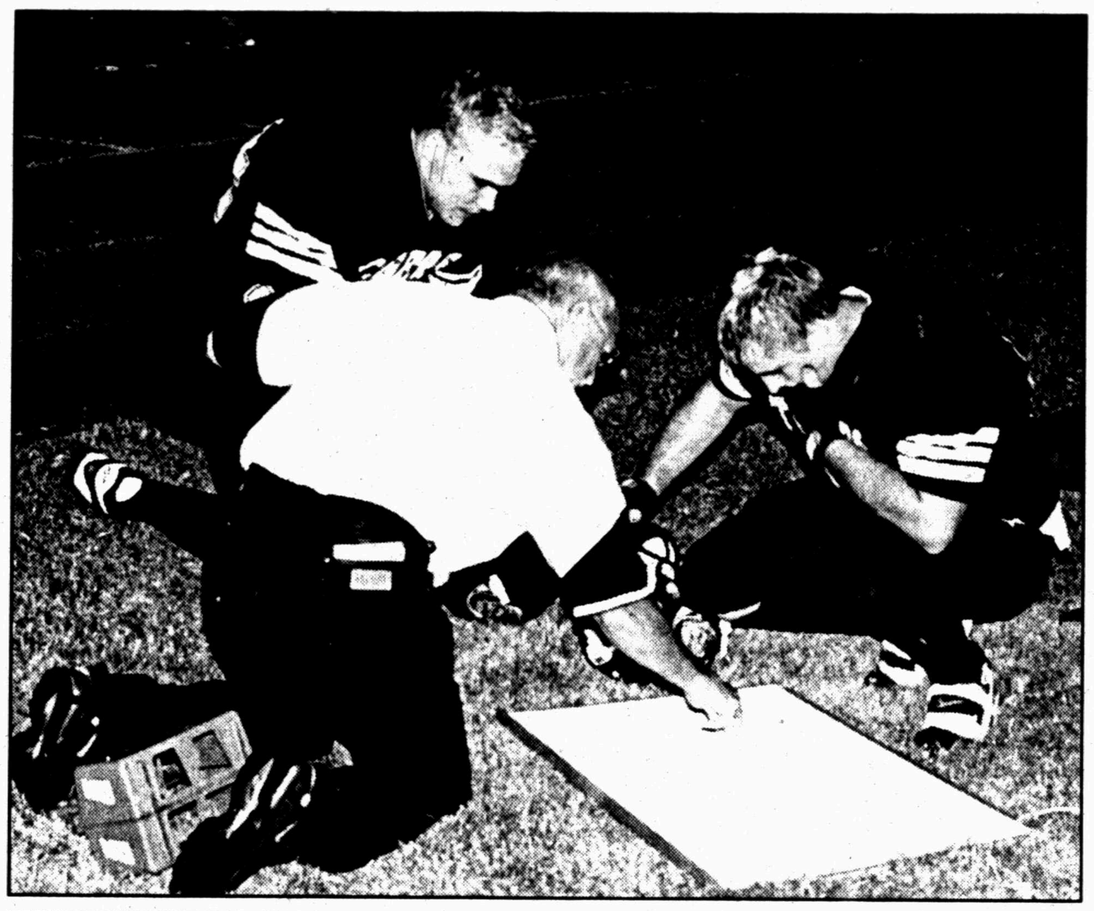
Snyder turned in playoff-caliber performances on both sides of the ball Friday, embarrassing the Andrews Mustangs, 39-8, at Tiger Stadium.

The victory improves Snyder's record to 4-2 on the season. But more importantly it sets up a showdown for district supremacy next week with undefeated Big Spring.

"We've never handed it to Andrews like this," Snyder coach David Baugh said following the 31-point rout. "We've beaten them by a point or two a couple of times, but I never expected this. They're a good football team. Our kids were just pretty determined that they weren't going to get run over tonight."

Running over the Tigers is just what the Mustangs had in mind, as they brought Geremy Woods, the state's seventh-ranked rusher, to town.

But Snyder's defensive unit never let Woods get on track, limiting the Andrews star to just 57 yards on 19 carries. Woods tallied just 40 yards in the first three quarters before breaking loose for 17 yards in the fourth quarter when the outcome was already decided.



THE BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS — Snyder defensive coordinator Joe Granato shows Michael Loper (left) and Max Blackwell how to adjust to Andrews' offense Friday night during the district opener at Tiger Stadium. Granato's defense limited the Mustangs to under 200 yards in the Tigers 39-8 victory. (SDN Photo by Laura Canada)

With Woods getting pounded by a host of Tigers on each carry, the Mustang offense was stymied, unable to move the ball with any consistency.

Andrews had the ball just three times in the first half, then had to turn to their passing game in the second half, which the Tigers snuffed out with three interceptions. The Mustangs finished the night with a measly 186 yards of total offense.

"The big key for us was to limit Woods' production," Baugh said. "We wanted to keep him from turning up field. We wanted to make him run east and west, and we did that. Our coaches did a super job this week of getting the kids prepared for the ballgame. And the kids executed almost flawlessly on both sides of the ball."

After a scoreless first period, Snyder struck early in the second quarter. A pair of Sonny Cumbie passes to Matthew Grimmett and Justin Phillips netted 54 yards, as the Tigers moved the ball to the Mustang 6-yard line. Josh Arizmendi carried it in from there, and Ralph Ramon booted the extra point for a 7-0 Snyder lead.

Anxious to strike back, Andrews marched deep into SHS territory on its next drive, before the Tiger defense made a stand that turned the tide in Snyder's favor for good.

Andrews had a first down at the Snyder 16, but could only move backwards from there. Three plays later the Mustangs were facing fourth-and-19 from the 25. Grimmett and Brady Hackfeld broke up the fourth-down pass in the endzone to kill the Andrews threat.

With momentum clearly on their side, the Tigers marched 75 yards in just six plays. Edwin James gained 25 of his 62 yards on the drive, with Cumbie capping the possession on a 39-yard scoring toss to Tovares Brandon. The PAT sailed wide left for a 13-0 advantage.

Snyder put the nail in the Mustangs' coffin just before halftime, as once again the Tiger defense gave its offense a chance to put some points on the board.

Snyder stooped Woods for no gain on back-to-back plays, forcing Andrews to punt with 25 seconds left on the clock.

From their own 37, the Tigers went up top. Grimmett hauled in a 52-yard spiral from Cumbie to put Snyder in business at the Mustang 11-yard line. Two plays later Brandon took the ball on a draw play, bounced to his left, and scooted into the endzone, sending a stunned Andrews squad to the locker room with a 19-0 deficit.

"Getting the big lead early was big for us," Baugh said. "We felt that if they had to throw the ball, then we had a good chance of stopping them. The last score before the half was a big one. Tovares had a good game, and our line did a great job of blocking the whole night."

Snyder's first-half work against Woods paid off in the second half, as the Mustangs were forced to put the ball in the air.

The Tiger defense was prepared, containing the Andrews aerial attack with the same aggressive style it used to make Woods a non-factor.

On the fourth play of the third quarter, Grimmett picked off a Jamie Bueno pass and returned it 56 yards for an apparent touchdown. A clipping penalty nullified the score, but Snyder's offense got the points back on the ensuing possession.

A 21-yard jaunt by Arizmendi, and a 13-yard reception by Brandon helped move the ball to the Mustang doorstep. Cumbie leaned across the goal line from two yards out, increasing the margin to 25-0.

Grimmett halted the Mustangs' next drive just three plays in, snaring his second interception of the evening.

Cumbie stretched the tally to 32-0 in the fourth quarter, when he plunged in from a yard out to cap a nine-play drive.

John Ortegon gave the ball back to his offense when he notched the Tigers' third interception of the night. James streaked 21 yards to paydirt just over two minutes later for Snyder's final points.

Andrews finally managed to find the endzone with 30 seconds left in the game. Woods carried the ball twice to pick up the final six yards. The two-point conversion resulted in the 39-8 final outcome.

"We needed this win in a bad way," Baugh remarked. "With a tough game coming up next week at Big Spring, this starts us off in good shape to try and get in the playoffs. I just can't explain how well our guys played and well our coaches coached. It was an all-around effort on everybody's part."

The Tiger offense churned out 426 total yards, including a season-high 228 yards on the ground.

Cumbie finished the night with 198 yards passing on eight completions. Grimmett hauled in three receptions for 98 yards.

Snyder, now tied atop the district standings with Big Spring and Sweetwater at 1-0, will kick off Friday's battle at 7:30 at Steer Stadium.

Game Summary

Andrews	00	00	00	08 — 08
Snyder	00	19	06	14 — 39

Second Quarter

Snyder — Josh Arizmendi 6-yard run (Ralph Ramon kick), 10:51.

Snyder — Tovares Brandon 39-yard pass from Sonny Cumbie (kick failed), 2:26.

Snyder — Brandon 11-yard run (pass failed), 0:05

Third Quarter

Snyder — Cumbie 2-yard run (pass failed), 8:43.

Fourth Quarter

Snyder — Cumbie 1-yard run (Ramon kick), 7:54.

Snyder — Edwin James 21-yard run (Ramon kick), 2:50.

Andrews — Gereny Woods 3-yard run (Tyson Dever pass from Scott Kello), 0:30.

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First Downs	12	18
Rushes-yards	32-107	38-228
Passing yards	79	198
Comp-Att-Int	7-14-3	8-12-0
Punts	3-31.6	1-39.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	2-10	5-45
Time of poss.	22:56	25:04

RUSHING — Andrews: Woods, 19-57; Bueno, 4-22; McCain, 3-16; C. Nunez, 4-8; Rex, 1-4; J. Nunez, 1-0. **Snyder:** Arizmendi, 11-75; James, 6-62; Brandon, 11-55; Highfield, 3-23; Pruitt, 3-13; Loper, 1-4; Cumbie, 3-minus 4.

PASSING — Andrews: Bueno 2 0f 5 for 4 yards, 2 int.; Kello 5 of 9 for 75 yards, 1 int. **Snyder:** Cumbie 8 of 12 for 198 yards, 1 TD.

RECEIVING — Andrews: Huddleston, 4-55; Haygood, 1-26; McCain, 1-2; Dever, 1-minus 4. **Snyder:** Grimmett, 3-92; Brandon, 2-52; Phillips, 2-45; Loper, 1-9.

District 5-4A Football

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Snyder	1	0	4	2
Big Spring	1	0	6	0
Sweetwater	1	0	2	4
Andrews	0	1	4	2
Lake View	0	1	2	4
Fort Stockton	0	1	2	4

Friday's results: Snyder 39, Andrews 8; Big Spring 59, Fort Stockton 7; Sweetwater 44, Lake View 20.

Next week's games: Snyder at Big Spring; Andrews at Lake View; Fort Stockton at Sweetwater.

At Vernon rodeo...

Western Texas squads ready for final round

VERNON — Heading into Saturday night's final round of the Vernon rodeo, Western Texas College is in a familiar position — poised to post another pair of top finishes.

Western Texas had 15 competitors scheduled to ride in Saturday's short round, as the WTC men seek their third consecutive team title of the year, while the Lady Westerners look to remain near the top in the regional standings.

"Everybody is doing real well," WTC coach Greg Rhodes said. "The men's team is continuing to have success. We'll just have to wait and see how things turn out in the short round."

The WTC men's squad advanced nine competitors to the finals.

Wes Stephenson was fourth in his first ride of the bareback event, while Rawley McFarland was fourth win the saddle bronc with a score of 61. Jeff Cavey was just one point behind McFarland in the fifth spot.

Cimmaron Boardman, who won the first round of the calf roping with a time of 9.3 seconds, entered the short go in the second slot. Tike Salazar was a close third at 9.6

Salazar also found success in the team roping competition as he and his partner notched the second-best time of 7.3. Ryan Brewer was sixth with a 7.6, while Cody Lawrence was seventh with an 8.0

Sophomore Luke Richards also advanced to the short round, after sitting third in the steer wrestling with a time of 5.0

For the WTC women's squad, it was Kacy Henard leading paving the way into the finals. Henard tied down the rodeo's fastest time in the breakaway roping with a 2.6. Tibba Smith was fourth at 3.1.

In the goat tying, Snyder native Tara Bynum grabbed the third slot with a 9.3, while Tracy Brooks was fourth with a 9.4.

Two Lady Westerner barrel racers were to have competed in the short round. Brandee Brock's 17.71 had her in fifth place, with Jamie Standifer sitting in eighth with a 17.80.

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SPORTS

Ira falls in battle with Mustangs

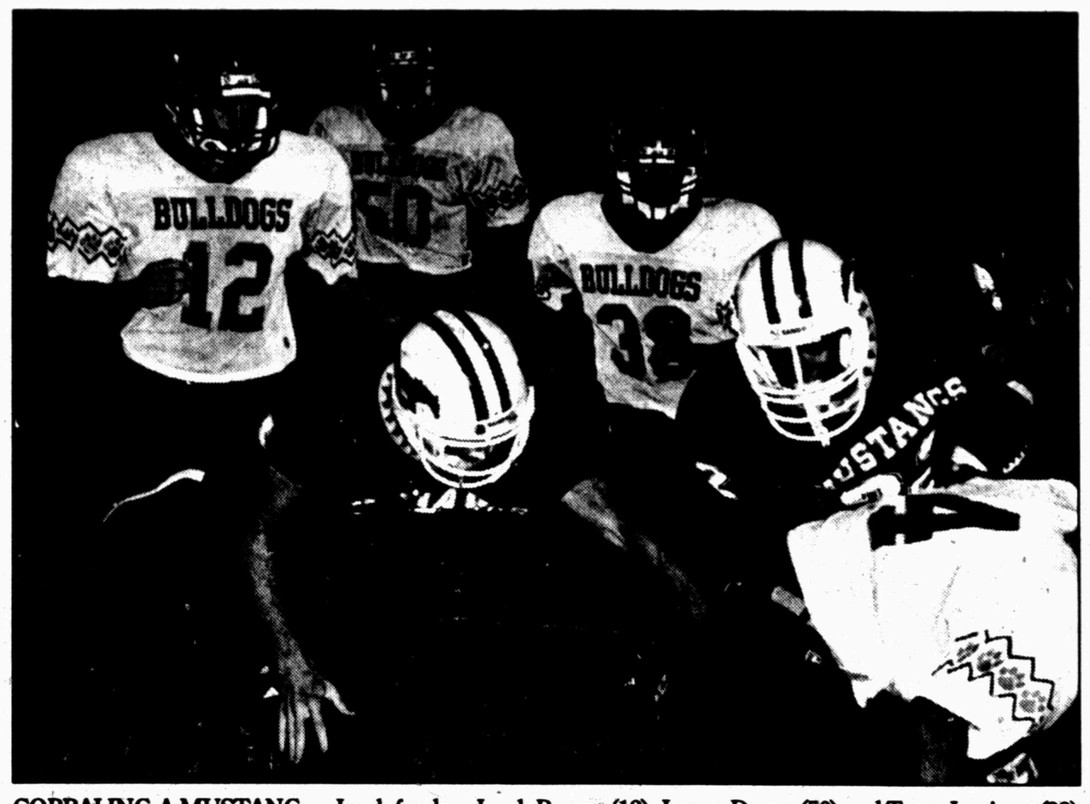
ACKERLY — After registering a perfect 5-0 mark in non-district play, the Ira Bulldogs ran up against a powerhouse Friday night.

The state-ranked Sands Mustangs handed Ira its first setback of the season, knocking off the Bulldogs, 53-24, in the league opener for both teams.

Ira's sophomore quarterback Nathan Smith tried to spur the Bulldog attack. Smith was 8 of 12 for 90 yards in the contest, including a pair of touchdown passes.

But the Mustangs' power running game wore down the Bulldog defense. Sands tallied 364 yards on the ground. Cesar Martinez churned out 110 of them and notched four touchdowns.

The Bulldogs, now 5-1 on the year, will try to even their district mark Friday when they visit Grady at 7:30.



CORRALING A MUSTANG — Ira defenders Jerek Brown (12), Logan Daves (50) and Terry Jamison (33) come to the aid of a teammate attempting to bring down a Sands ball carrier Friday night. Ira suffered its first setback of the season in the district opener, falling to the Mustangs, 53-24. (SDN Staff Photo)

Wildcats overcome early Cardinal surge

LENORAH — Riding the confidence gained from three consecutive victories, the Hermleigh Cardinals came out on Friday night like gangbusters.

But with offensive surges in the second and third quarters, the Grady Wildcats busted the Cardinals' bubble in the district opener for both teams.

Grady scored 40 of its 52 points in the middle two quarters Friday to claw past Hermleigh, 54-38.

The setback drops the Cardinals to 3-3 on the season and 0-1 in league play.

But early on it looked as if Hermleigh would notch its fourth straight win, thanks to big plays by running back David Digby.

Digby registered the Cardinals first two touchdowns, sprinting in from 50 yards out, before streaking 58 yards later in the first period. Both extra points failed, as Hermleigh clung to a 12-8 lead first quarter lead.

But the Wildcats' offense turned up the heat in the second quarter, led by Frankie Garza. Garza, who finished the night with 245 yards, scored his second of five touchdowns to give Grady a 16-12 advantage.

The Wildcats would find the endzone twice more in the second, with Hermleigh' Caleb Callaway also scoring twice before halftime.

Callaway hauled in a 68-yard touchdown toss from Chris Doggett, before racing 27 yards to paydirt to close out the half.

Grady managed to build its lead to 42-24 in the third period, before Andy Luna answered for the Cardinals with a 12-yard dash.

However, the Wildcats turned to its punishing running game in the second half to secure the victory. Garza carried Grady to three second-half scores, including the Wildcats' final two of the evening.

Hermleigh's Alfonso Rangel capped the scoring with a five-yard plunge in the final period.

The Cardinals will look to even their district record Friday when they host Westbrook at 7:30.

Rangers hope to get on track in Game 3

ARLINGTON (AP) — Watching from home last October, Rafael Palmeiro couldn't understand how a power-hitting team like the Texas Rangers could score just one run in three playoff games against the New York Yankees.

Palmeiro has figured it out this October, now that he's part of a Rangers lineup that has scored just one run in two playoff games against the Yankees.

"When you think about the hype, the pressure, not scoring runs — then you come to the plate and everything is so huge," Palmeiro said, spreading his arms wide and leaning back as if he'd been shoved. "Everyone wants to win and is trying to do their best. But you can't because there's a big gorilla on your back and it's getting heavier."

The Yankees will try to wrap up the best-of-5 AL divisional series tonight at The Ballpark. Should the Rangers win, Game 4 would be Sunday in Arlington.

New York has won eight straight playoff games against Texas since losing the first meeting in 1996. The Rangers have scored two runs in their last 52 postseason innings against the Yankees.

"Everybody is getting on Texas for not scoring runs, but they're playing a pretty good team and facing a pretty tough pitching staff," New York first baseman Tino Martinez said. "I think it's more of a matter of us playing well than them choking."

Roger Clemens will try to continue the Yankees' run.

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Vernon Regional College rodeo, Vernon.

Volleyball: Andrews at Snyder JV and varsity, 1 p.m.

Volleyball: Snyder 9th at Lamesa tourney.

Volleyball: Snyder 7th and 8th Grade at Greenwood Tourney, 11:30 a.m.

Tennis: Andrews at Snyder varsity.

Golf: WTC at Andrews Collegiate-Amateur.

Basketball: WTC at McKinney scrimmage.

SUNDAY

Golf: WTC at Andrews Collegiate-Amateur.

MONDAY

Volleyball: Midland at Snyder 7th and 8th, 5:30.

TUESDAY

Volleyball: Sweetwater at Snyder, 9th, JV and varsity, 6 p.m.

Tennis: Snyder varsity at Abilene High.

THURSDAY

Football: Big Spring at Snyder JV, 5:30.

Football: Snyder 9th at Big Spring, 5:30.

Football: Big Spring at Snyder 7th, 5 and 6:30.

Football: Snyder 8th at Big Spring, 5 and 6:30.

Tennis: Abilene Wylie at Snyder JV.

Football: Grady at Ira JH, 6 p.m.

SJHS squads fall to Andrews

Two Snyder Junior High football teams ran up against a pair of stingy Andrews defenses.

Snyder eighth grade black fell to the Mustangs, 30-0, while Snyder seventh grade gold dropped a 54-0 decision Thursday night.

Victor Terrazas led the eighth grade squad with 109 yards rushing, 40 of which came on a fake punt.

Terrazas posted the Tigers touchdown last week in their 22-6 setback to Sweetwater when he raced 65 yards to paydirt.

Both squads will be in action again Thursday against Big Spring.

Coyotes rip Westbrook, 62-8

GAIL — In search of their third district consecutive district title, the Borden County Coyotes got back on track Friday night.

After suffering its first loss of the season last week, Borden County answered back with a 62-8 whipping of Westbrook in the district opener.

Ed Rodriguez paced the Coyotes' attack, rushing for three scores and throwing for another.

The speedy tailback opened the scoring with a one-yard dive, and an extra-point kick.

Rodriguez then went to the air, hitting Joseph Hardman with a four-yard touchdown strike, before booting the PAT.

The Coyote defense got in on the scoring act when T.J. Sharp picked off an errant Westbrook pass and raced 28 yards to paydirt. The Rodriguez kick stretched the margin to 24-0.

Borden posted their 32nd of the first quarter when Rodriguez scampered in from 11 yards out, then kicked his fourth straight PAT.

The deficit was extended to 38-0 in the second period on an 11-yard blocked punt return by Rodriguez.

Hardman posted his second TD of the night on a 25-yard sprint, before Dale Grant raced in from 24 yards out.

Westbrook managed its only points of the evening on a 37-yard pass play, before Sharp capped the scoring with a 15-yard jaunt.

The contest was stopped at halftime on the 45-point mercy rule.

The Coyotes, now 5-1 on the season and 1-0 in district play, travel to Ackerly on Friday for a first-place battle with the state-ranked Sands Mustangs. Kickoff is slated for 7:30.

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(Best-of-5)
American League
New York vs. Texas
Tuesday, Oct. 5
New York 8, Texas 0 ***Thursday, Oct. 7***
New York 3, Texas 1, New York leads series 2-0
Saturday, Oct. 9
New York (Clemens 14-10) at Texas (Loaiza 9-5), 7:40 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Oct. 10
New York at Texas, 4:09 p.m. (ESPN) or 7:50 p.m. (FOX), if necessary
Monday, Oct. 11
Texas at New York, 8:17 p.m. (FOX), if necessary

Cleveland vs. Boston
Wednesday, Oct. 6
Cleveland 3, Boston 2
Thursday, Oct. 7
Cleveland 11, Boston 1, Cleveland leads series 2-0
Saturday, Oct. 9
Cleveland (Burba 15-9) at Boston (R.Martinez 2-1), 4:17 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Oct. 10
Cleveland at Boston, 1:09 p.m. (ESPN) or 7:50 p.m. (FOX), if necessary
Monday, Oct. 11
Boston at Cleveland, 4:09 p.m. (ESPN) or 8:17 p.m. (FOX), if necessary

National League
Atlanta vs. Houston
Tuesday, Oct. 5
Houston 6, Atlanta 1
Wednesday, Oct. 6
Atlanta 5, Houston 1
Friday, Oct. 8
Atlanta 5, Houston 3, 12 innings, Atlanta leads series 2-1
Saturday, Oct. 9
Atlanta (Smoltz 11-8) at Houston (Reynolds 17-14), 1:09 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday, Oct. 10
Houston at Atlanta, 4:09 p.m. (ESPN) or 7:50 p.m. (FOX), if necessary

Arizona vs. New York
Tuesday, Oct. 5
New York 8, Arizona 4
Wednesday, Oct. 6
Arizona 7, New York 1
Friday, Oct. 8
New York 9, Arizona 2, New York leads series 2-1
Saturday, Oct. 9
Arizona (Anderson 8-2) at New York (Leiter 13-12), 1:09 p.m., (ESPN2)
Sunday, Oct. 10
New York at Arizona, 7:50 p.m., if necessary (FOX)

JV netters rout C-City

COLORADO CITY — Snyder's junior varsity tennis team dropped just four matches on Thursday, en route to a 26-4 drubbing of Colorado City.

The Snyder girls posted a perfect 16-0 mark against the Wolves, while the SHS boys won 10 of their 14 matches.

Snyder will be in action again Thursday when it hosts Abilene Wylie.

Snyder JV def. C-City 26-4

Boys doubles: Hall-Rodgers lost to Gross-Moreno, 6-2, 6-2; Lee-DePaz def. Raymond-Hurst, 4-6, 6-2, 8-6; Haire-Kubena lost to Morales-Taylor, 3-6, 6-3, 7-9; Gorman-Dennis def. Hembree-Hiepler, 8-5; Hall-Rodgers def. Molina-Crawford, 8-0; Gorman-Dennis def. Bullock-Cox, 8-0.

Boys singles: Gorman def. Gross, 8-3; DePaz lost to Moreno, 8-4; Hall lost to Raymond, 8-5; Lee def. Hiepler, 8-3; Rodgers def. Morales, 8-5; Dennis def. Taylor, 8-0; Kubena def. Hembree, 8-1; Haire def. Hurst, 6-7, 7-5, 7-6.

Girls doubles: Brumley-Casas def. Jackson-Wilking, 6-4, 6-4; Ornelas-Eckert def. Hull-Overby, 6-2, 6-1; Ornelas-Eckert def. Callaway-Mayberry, 8-2; Cantu-Kruger def. Thackerson-Hoback, 6-1, 6-1; Hagar-Hartzog def. Andrews-Shorweid, 6-0, 6-2; Eckert-Ornelas def. Cox-Chambers, 6-1; Cantu-Beccue def. Bradley-Stahl, 6-1, 6-0.

Girls singles: Ornelas def. Jackson, 8-1; Cantu def. Wilking, 8-4; Brumley def. Callaway, 8-1; Beccue def. Mayberry, 8-3; Eckert def. Overby, 8-1; Casas def. Bradley, 8-1; Hartzog def. Chambers, 8-5; Kruger def. Andrews, 8-1; Hagar def. Shorweid, 8-2.

SDN Sports Briefs

Tuesday play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format will be queen of the hill.

MGA business meeting

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its final business meeting of the year following Saturday's play, which begins at 12:30. Officers will be elected. Hamburgers and refreshments will be served.

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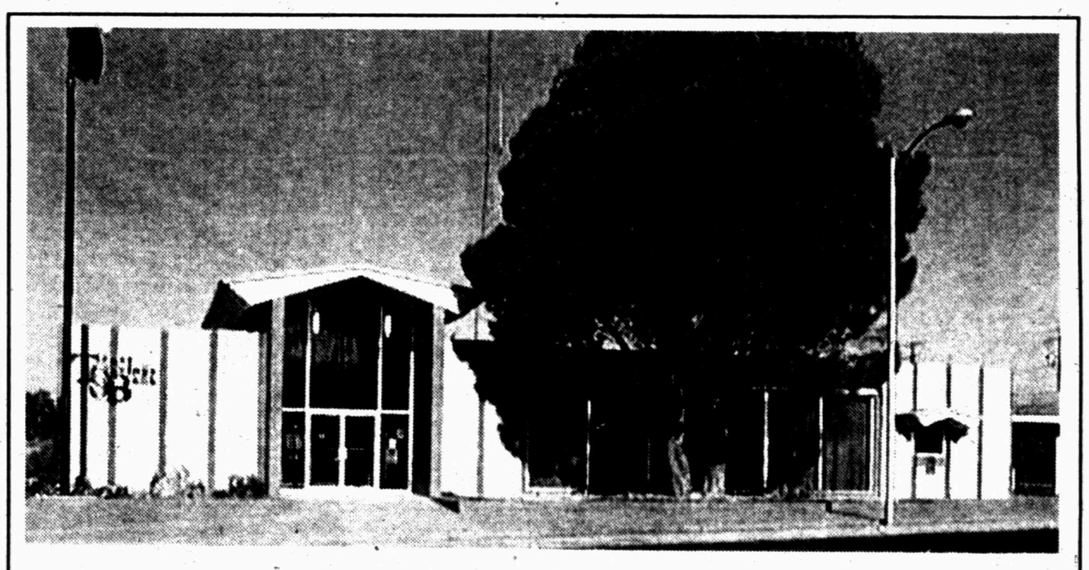

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Stagnant Eagle offense could struggle in Dallas

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Cowboys-Eagles rivalry has produced some extraordinary games. Emmitt Smith's two failed dives on fourth-and-1, Troy Vincent's 90-yard touchdown and Chris Boniol's botched kick are just part of the lore.

Unless Philadelphia remembers how to find the end zone, Sunday's game doesn't figure to add much to it. Instead, it could be another forgettable afternoon at Veterans Stadium, the NFL's new home office for losing.

The dreadful Eagles (0-4) have lost 20 of 23 games since late in the 1997 season, including two straight against Dallas. The Cowboys are going for their first 4-0 start since 1995, the last time they won the Super Bowl.

The Eagles, by the way, have never won one of those, either.

Dallas has won five of seven and 13 of 17 against Philadelphia, none of which coach Chan Gailey wants to hear.

"They're a professional football team with professional players," Gailey said. "It's not like we're picking on Floyd Junior High."

Shutting up those who thought their aging stars were past their prime, the Cowboys have their sights on a 5-0 start for the first time since 1983 under Tom Landry. They've won 10 straight against NFC East opponents; Gailey has never lost to a division opponent.

"It's a little early to say right now, but being 3-0 really doesn't mean a whole heck of a lot," quarterback Troy Aikman said.

In his brief tenure as coach of the Eagles, Andy Reid has evoked memories of neither Landry nor Gailey, but rather Ed Khayat. He's the last Eagles coach to win fewer than three games. The Eagles could be headed in that direction unless they get their offense fixed fast. With Doug Pederson still starting at quarterback, they haven't scored an offensive touchdown in 15 quarters.

"They're going to have to win some games," linebacker Randall Godfrey said. "We just hope it's not against us."

After a loss to Arizona in the NFC wild-card game last year, the Cowboys have shown their time may not have passed. Aikman, Smith and Michael Irvin are far from finished.

"I think a lot's been talked about as far as the three of us getting older," said Aikman, 32. "I look around and see quarterbacks six and seven years older than I am. I certainly feel that I am productive, can be productive and will be productive for a number of years."

The offense has gotten a big jolt from Raghib "Rocket" Ismail. Greg Ellis has scored in the fourth quarter each of last two weeks on long interception and fumble returns.

Then there's Deion Sanders, the NFL's king of ostentatious dashes to the end zone. He's back from a toe injury and promises to show off his new "Ghost Dance" when he scores a touchdown.

The way the Eagles offense has been playing, Deion had better make sure he has the choreography straight. Pederson, signed by Reid to groom McNabb for the presumed stardom that awaits him, has been missing receivers, rushing throws and misreading defenses all season.

"The offense has been struggling," Reid said. "I make no bones about that."

Reid is still new to Philadelphia, and it showed this week when he told reporters the offense was "improving." Let's just say the obvious follow-up questions were, "Where? How?"

But to his credit, Reid showed he already senses the importance of the Dallas game. He gathered his team, which has mostly new faces from last year's 3-13 squad, and said, "For those of you guys who don't know, this is a really big rivalry."

"When I got drafted, the first question I got was, 'Do you like the Cowboys?' " McNabb said. "I said, 'Yeah, I like them.' And they said, 'Well, people in Philadelphia don't like the Cowboys.' So I guess I don't like them now."

Class 5A
Abilene 37, Odessa Permian 22
Abilene Cooper 27, Midland 10
Alief Hastings 35, Terry 7
Allen 14, Plano 7
Amarillo 23, Monterey 12
Angleton 53, Alvin 0
Arlington Lamar 27, Mansfield 10
Arlington Martin 48, Duncanville 41
Arlington Sam Houston 37, Arlington 13
Austin Bowie 8, Austin Crockett 0
Austin Westlake 51, Austin Anderson 0
Baytown Sterling 27, Beaumont West Brook 6
Bryan 34, Round Rock McNeil 13
CC Carroll 28, Victoria Stroman 14
CC Ray 14, CC King 12
Clear Brook 14, Pearland 7
Clear Lake 28, Clear Creek 14
Conroe 42, Huntsville 0
Converse Judson 20, SA Lee 12
Copperas Cove 42, Leander 10
Cy-Fair 21, Jersey Village 7
Dallas Skyline 55, North Dallas 0
DeSoto 47, Arlington Bowie 0
Deer Park 31, Pasadena Rayburn 7
Del Rio 31, SA O'Connor 17
EP Americas 16, Socorro 8
EP Coronado 63, EP Austin 21
EP Eastwood 33, EP Del Valle 20
EP Franklin 30, EP Andress 0
EP Irvin 28, EP Jefferson 13
Eagle Pass 18, Laredo Martin 7
Euless Trinity 41, Haltom 6
Fort Bend Clements 16, Fort Bend Dulles 6
Galveston Ball 28, Brazoswood 0
Garland 38, North Mesquite 3
Garland Naaman Forest 28, Rowlett 12
Georgetown 17, Round Rock Westwood 14
Grand Prairie 28, Carrollton Turner 21
Houston MacArthur 49, Spring Woods 0
Houston Memorial 21, Aldine Eisenhower 16
Houston Milby 49, Houston Austin 0
Houston Sam Houston 21, Houston Reagan 10
Houston Sterling 6, Houston Sharpstown 0
Houston Westbury 30, Houston Madison 24
Houston Yates 42, Houston Davis 0
Hurst Bell 10, Richland 6
Irving Nimitz 7, Irving MacArthur 0
Katy 28, Mayde Creek 0
Killeen Ellison 38, Killeen 7
Klein Forest 49, Klein Oak 10
La Porte 35, Houston Washington 21
Lake Highlands 9, Richardson 3
Laredo Alexander 23, Laredo Nixon 13
Laredo United 13, Zapata 7
Lewisville 18, The Colony 8
Longview 14, Marshall 0
Lubbock Coronado 49, Amarillo Tascosa 0
McKinney 21, Flower Mound Marcus 12
Midland Lee 31, Odessa 6
Nacogdoches 27, Tyler Lee 9
New Braunfels 38, Seguin 15
North Garland 43, Lakeview 12
Pasadena 24, Houston South Houston 14
Pflugerville 24, Round Rock 14
Plano East 22, Rockwall 20
Plano West 13, Dallas Bishop Lynch 7
Richardson Berkner 37, Richardson Pearce 31
SA Brackenridge 17, SA South San 14
SA Harlandale 26, SA East Central 9
SA Holmes 42, SA Clark 28
SA McCollum 15, SA Southwest 14
SA Roosevelt 35, SA Churchill 0
SA Sam Houston 27, SA Edison 3
SA Taft 34, SA Jay 7
San Angelo Central 56, Lubbock 28
South Grand Prairie 52, Carrollton Smith 20
Spring 21, Cypress Springs 17
Sugar Land Willowridge 26, Fort Bend Kempner 6
Temple 10, Waco 7
The Woodlands 42, A&M Consolidated 10
Victoria 31, CC Moody 21

Class 4A
Alice 19, Gregory-Portland 0
Austin Reagan 43, Austin Travis 27
Azle 13, Bowell 10
Bay City 48, Wharton 26
Beeville 21, Floresville 20
Belton 35, Lake Travis 7
Big Spring 59, Fort Stockton 7
Boerne 24, Fredericksburg 23
Borger 28, Palo Duro 0
Brazosport 13, Lamar Consolidated 7
Brenham 38, Willis 0
CC Calallen 28, CC Flour Bluff 0
Canutillo 26, Clint 21
Canyon 21, Estacado 0
Cleburne 31, Everman 7
Columbia 24, Calhoun 0
Corsicana 55, Palestine 0
Crosby 33, Smiley 13
Crowley 28, Burleson 7
Dallas Jefferson 35, Dallas Wilson 7
Dallas Roosevelt 26, Dallas White 11
Dallas Samuell 40, Dallas Smith 6
Dallas South Oak Cliff 39, Pinkston 6
Dayton 38, Livingston 7
Del Valle 17, Austin Johnston 6
Denton Ryan 42, Burkburnett 25
Dripping Springs 26, Pflugerville Connally 14
EP Parkland 42, El Paso 0
EP Riverside 69, EP Bowie 16
EP Ysleta 27, EP Burges 3
Ennis 12, Terrell 10
FW Dunbar 36, FW Trimble Tech 0
FW Eastern Hills 28, FW Poly 0
FW Western Hills 34, FW Arlington Heights 0
Frenship 47, Randall 8
Friendswood 31, Galena Park 6
Grapevine 41, Coppell 28
Hays Consolidated 34, Lockhart 9
Hereford 42, Dumas 14
Highland Park 42, Denison 13
Houston King 7, New Caney 0
Houston Scarborough 7, Houston Kashmere 6
Houston Wheatley 57, Houston Furr 6
Jacksonville 28, Tyler Chapel Hill 21
Joshua 21, Granbury 7
Justin Northwest 24, Springtown 0
Keller Fossil Ridge 28, Keller 13
Kerrville Tivy 24, Uvalde 23
Kingsville 53, Robstown 6
La Marque 42, Dickinson 0
Lancaster 38, Athens 14
Magnolia 44, Montgomery 12
Marble Falls 35, Lampasas 24
Mesquite Poteet 39, Wylie 10
Midlothian 6, Waco University 0
Mineral Wells 17, Castleberry 0
Mount Pleasant 35, Sulphur Springs 14
Nederland 63, Bridge City 0
Paris 22, North Lamar 19
Pecos 6, Fabens 0
Plainview 31, Levelland 6
Pleasanton 35, SA Kennedy 0
Red Oak 50, Cedar Hill 48
Rockport-Fulton 42, CC Toloso Midway 6
SA Alamo Heights 10, Medina Valley 7
SA Southside 28, SA Memorial 23
San Elizario 34, EP Mountain View 20
San Marcos 49, New Braunfels Canyon 42
Schertz Clemens 41, Fox Tech 6
Seagoville 21, Madisonville 12
Sherman 56, W. Mesquite 14
Silsbee 25, Lumberton 0
Smithson Valley 37, Bastrop 6
Snyder 39, Andrews 8
Southlake Carroll 31, Colleyville Heritage 20
Stephenville 28, Brownwood 14
Sweetwater 44, San Angelo Lakeview 20
Texas City 50, Santa Fe 0
Texas High 31, Greenville 28
Vidor 22, West Orange-Stark 17
Waco Midway 31, Waxahachie 14
Weatherford 31, Brewer 7
West Columbia 24, Calhoun 0
Wilmer-Hutchins 54, Kaufman 21

Class 3A
Abilene Wylie 41, Clyde 0
Aledo 23, Lake Worth 7
Alvarado 25, FW Carter-Riverside 12
Atlanta 52, New Boston 0
Barbers Hill 17, Huffman Hargrave 0
Bellville 31, Smithville 16
Bowie 22, Graham 16
Brady 21, Ballinger 14
Breckenridge 46, Glen Rose 12
Brownsboro 35, Quitman 7
Buna 32, Kountze 19
Burnet 41, Bandera 20
Caldwell 27, Taylor 26
Childress 14, Iowa Park 10
China Spring 36, West 14
Cleveland 21, Corrigan-Camden 18
Clifton 10, Dublin 7
Columbus 12, Hempstead 6
Comanche 21, Eastland 20
Commerce 34, Princeton 14
Crockett 63, Huntington 0
Cuero 35, Hallettsville 21
Daingerfield 14, Mount Vernon 7
DeKalb 26, Texarkana Pleasant Grove 20
Denver City 21, Colorado City 0
Devine 30, Cotulla 0
Diboll 41, Center 6
Fairfield 36, Groesbeck 21
Falfurrias 22, San Diego 12
Ferris 38, Canton 12
Forney 34, Crandall 14
Friona 32, Shallowater 7
Gainesville 35, Decatur 15
Gatesville 54, McGregor 9
George West 21, Goliad 14
Gladewater 16, Tatum 12
Gonzales 17, Luling 14
Hitchcock 35, Needville 12
Hondo 50, Carrizo Springs 12
Hooks 30, Queen City 0
La Grange 21, Giddings 14
La Vernia 57, SA West Campus 9
Lake Dallas 23, Bridgeport 21
Lamesa 35, Slaton 7
Liberty 61, Anahuac 14
Liberty Hill 21, Ingram 18
Lindale 50, Emory Rains 0
Littlefield 13, Muleshoe 7
Llano 29, Wimberley 14
Lorena 16, Cameron 13
Mabank 35, Eustace 6
Manor 34, Hearne 14
Marion 31, Poteet 2
Marlin 30, Waco Robinson 7
Mathis 47, Bishop 13
Merkel 30, Grape Creek 15
Midland Greenwood 56, Presidio 0
Mineola 28, Van 21
Newton 21, Woodville 7
North Crowley 18, Kennedale 8
Odem 51, Taft 14
Pearsall 41, Crystal City 0
Perryton 20, Dalhart 6
Pittsburg 21, Linden-Kildare 6
Rockdale 26, Elgin 2
Royse City 42, Quinlan Boles 21
Sanford-Fritch 14, Tulia 7
Sanger 34, Little Elm 26
Sealy 57, Stafford 6
Seminole 28, Brownfield 0
Shepherd 28, Splendora 0
Sinton 28, Ingleside 7
Somerset 33, Lytle 13
Sweeny 41, Rice Consolidated 13
Tarkington 28, Coldspring 20
Teague 12, Mexia 7
Trinity 41, Haltom 6
Vernon 13, Henrietta 7
Wills Point 28, Kemp 21
Yoakum 35, Industrial 7

Class 2A
Alto 27, Shelbyville 0
Banquete 6, Ben Bolt 0
Bells 42, Wolfe City 27
Big Sandy 26, Hawkins 15
Blanco 41, Poth 6
Boling 19, Brazos 13
Bovina 20, Morton 10
Boyd 43, Nocona 0
Brackett 25, Center Point 20
Brookshire Royal 28, East Bernard 7
Celina 45, Prosper 0
Coleman 20, Bangs 17
Comfort 56, Jourdanton 0
Community 49, Alba-Golden 0
Cooper 46, Roosevelt 0
Crawford 47, Bruceville-Eddy 21
DeLeon 40, Godley 6
Dilley 43, Natalia 0
East Chambers 35, Warren 6
Edgewood 51, Caddo Mills 26
Electra 19, Holliday 13
Farwell 22, Hale Center 6
Floydada 27, Ralls 0
Frankston 37, Crossroads 0
Freer 30, La Villa 12
Ganado 30, Danbury 0
Garrison 48, Joaquin 0
Goldthwaite 13, Mason 9
Grand Saline 6, Farmersville 0
Grandview 13, Venus 6
Hamilton 22, Early 21
Hamlin 27, Anson 12
Hemphill 30, Hull-Daisetta 21
Hico 21, Cisco 19
Holland 14, Florence 7
Howe 27, Van Alstyne 7
Hutto 18, Franklin 14
Jacksboro 20, Lindsay 7
Jewett Leon 15, Groveton 8
Jim Ned 22, Albany 6
Kenedy 16, Karnes City 13
Kerens 33, Cayuga 12
La Villa 30, Freer 12
Leon 15, Groveton 8
Leonard 10, Tom Bean 6
Lexington 28, Thrall 7
Little River Academy 21, Salado 19
Lockney 27, Abernathy 26
Mart 63, Hubbard 6
Moody 20, Valley Mills 13
Navarro 38, Poth 7
New Deal 39, Idalou 0
Nixon-Smiley 15, Yorktown 14
Olney 40, Haskell 0
Pilot Point 44, Aubrey 0
Post 55, Tahoka 2
Premont 42, Santa Maria 0
Quanah 10, Amarillo Highland Park 7
Refugio 62, Three Rivers 0
Riesel 54, Blooming Grove 0
Rogers 39, Somerville 14
SA Cole 20, Stockdale 0
Scurry-Rosser 20, Palmer 19
Seagraves 32, Coahoma 7
Seymour 13, Archer City 9
Shiner 39, Bloomington 19
Sonora 56, Junction 12
Stamford 21, Hawley 20
Stanton 32, Plains 8
Thorndale 36, Rosebud-Lott 8
Tidehaven 34, Van Vleck 14
Troup 20, Malakoff 14
Troy 29, Johnson City 8
Union Grove 20, Winona 14
Van Horn 54, Tornillo 0
Weimar 14, Schulenburg 12
West Hardin 18, Deweyville 14
Winters 35, San Saba 16
Woodsboro 22, Skidmore-Tynan 14

Class 1A
Alvord 13, Petrolia 10
Anton 38, Smyer 16
Apple Springs 55, High Island 6
Aspermont 48, Throckmorton 0
Baird 34, Miles 7
Bartlett 54, Chilton 6
Blue Ridge 16, James Bowie 6
Bremond 51, Granger 12
Bronte 28, Santa Anna 0
Charlotte 33, Agua Dulce 7
Chico 19, Windthorst 14
Dawson 54, Axtell 7
Detroit 34, Celeste 29
Eden 24, Cross Plains 7
Era 13, Saint Jo 7
Falls City 27, Bruni 0
Gorman 41, Santo 12
Gunter 50, S&S Consolidated 14
Harper 34, Nueces Canyon 29
Iola 14, Flatonia 7
Itasca 21, Frost 14
Jarrell 55, Bosqueville 3
Kress 30, Hart 6
La Pryor 26, Leakey 7
Lorenzo 35, Crosbyton 34
Louise 7, Normangee 0
Maud 18, Fannidel 12
May 35, Evant 6
Medina 19, D'Hanis 0
Menard 45, Christoval 7
Meridian 48, Kopperl 0
Mildred 40, Rice 0
Muenster 28, Collinsville 8
Munday 27, Knox City 0
Nazareth 44, Vega 22
O'Donnell 32, Ropesville 25
Paducah 40, Crowell 6
Perrin-Whitt 30, Bryson 7
Petersburg 34, Spur 6
Quinlan Boles 34, Oakwood 19
Ranger 19, Lometa 0
Roby 13, Water Valley 8
Rocksprings 34, Irion County 16
Roscoe 6, Robert Lee 0
Rotan 20, Sterling City 14
Runge 58, Pettus 12
Springlake-Earth 23, Happy 14
Sudan 55, Whiteface 6
Sundown 23, Olton 16
Tolar 35, Rising Star 14
Union Hill 34, Carlisle 12
Valley 26, Motley County 19
Valley View 55, Savoy 12
Wortham 69, Fruitvale 9

Six-Man
Aquilla 36, Buckholts 34
Blackwell 68, Victory Christian 20
Borden County 62, Westbrook 8
Calvert 47, Oglesby 36
Coolidge 71, Abbott 34
Dell City 63, Buena Vista 14
Gordon 62, Morgan 10
Grady 54, Hermleigh 38
Guthrie 58, Patton Springs 26
Highland 60, Midland Trinity 40
Lazbuddie 56, Amherst 8
Loraine 55, San Angelo Christian 8
Lueders-Avoca 51, Paint Creek 6
McLean 66, Vernon Northside 16
Meadow 51, Klondike 30
Milford 45, Bynum 26
Panther Creek 78, Rochelle 12
Rule 64, Jayton 16
Samnorwood 39, Harrold 6
Sands 53, Ira 24
Strawn 63, Iredell 34
Three Way 72, Silverton 26
Trent 58, Paint Rock 34
Walnut Springs 52, Blum 6
Whitharral 34, Cotton Center 16
Wilson 62, Southland 15

Private Schools
Addison Trinity 37, Cedar Hill 0
Arlington Grace Prep 62, WF Notre Dame 26
Arlington Oakridge 42, FW Calvary 6
Austin St. Michael 23, Houston Lutheran North 14
Bay Area Christian 40, Westbury Christian 7
Canyon Creek 16, Tyler Gorman 13
Carrollton American Heritage 35, Muenster Sacred Heart 0
Dallas Christian 41, Garland Christian 0
Dallas Jesuit 55, Dallas Sunset 8
Dallas Lakehill 14, Hilltop Baptist 7
Dallas St. Mark's 38, Tulsa Holland Hall 7
Denton Liberty 62, Carrollton Christian 0
EP Cathedral 7, New Mexico Military Institute 6
FW Nolan 51, FW All Saints 15
FW Southwest Christian 40, FW Temple Christian 6
Houston Kinkaid 39, FW Country Day 3
Houston Second Baptist 40, Concordia 0
Houston St. John's 46, Houston Episcopal 28
Houston St. Thomas 33, SA Holy Cross 14
Irving Cistercian 20, Dallas Greenhill 17
Pantego Christian 49, Dallas Episcopal 14
SA Central Catholic 27, Victoria St. Joseph 0

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
New England	4	0	0	1.000	96	77
Buffalo	3	1	0	.750	80	52
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	86	64
Miami	2	1	0	.667	75	60
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	.250	72	87
Central						
Jacksonville	3	1	0	.750	99	46
Tennessee	3	1	0	.750	104	87
Baltimore	2	2	0	.500	66	73
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	79	66
Cincinnati	0	4	0	.000	55	135
Cleveland	0	4	0	.000	26	105
West						
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	85	72
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	74	48
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	88	72
Oakland	2	2	0	.500	91	84
Denver	0	4	0	.000	54	98

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Dallas	3	0	0	1.000	100	49
Washington	3	1	0	.750	150	118
N.Y. Giants	2	2	0	.500	68	94
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	58	102
Philadelphia	0	4	0	.000	44	86
Central						
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	72	66
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	66	67
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	64	65
Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	75	73
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	59	53
West						
St. Louis	3	0	0	1.000	100	27
San Francisco	3	1	0	.750	79	94
New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	50	52
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	93	82
Atlanta	0	4	0	.000	41	95

Sunday's Games
Dallas 35, Arizona 7
Baltimore 19, Atlanta 13, OT
Jacksonville 17, Pittsburgh 3
New England 19, Cleveland 7
Chicago 14, New Orleans 10
New York Giants 16, Philadelphia 15
St. Louis 38, Cincinnati 10
Minnesota 21, Tampa Bay 14
Washington 38, Carolina 36
San Diego 21, Kansas City 14
New York Jets 21, Denver 13
San Francisco 24, Tennessee 22
Seattle 22, Oakland 21
OPEN: Detroit, Green Bay, Indianapolis

Monday's Game
Buffalo 23, Miami 18

Sunday, Oct. 10
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
New England at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Detroit, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Tennessee, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.
OPEN: Carolina, Seattle, Washington

Monday, Oct. 11
Jacksonville at New York Jets, 9 p.m.

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SUMMER TOUR — Snyder students and adults toured the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. during the June, 1999 trip. Back row, from left, Taylor Cotton, TJ Jones, Lili Valdez, Emily Long, Debra Bollinger, Whitney Jones, Jamie Burleson, Terri Williams, Betsy Griffin, Stuart Long, Janeen Patterson, Cristen Curry, Clark Reed, Jessie Keller, Sterling Millhollon, TJ Jones, Taylor Cotton; front row; Gerrico Greenlee, Stacy Bunch, Sarah Bolen, Henry Dominguez, Brandon Gonzales, Jackie Beccue, Erin Burleson, Jacinda Judah, Amanda Hartzog, Jeffrey Scott, Josh Green, Shell Hembree, Jennifer Williams, Jordan Dea. Kristen Mayer. (Contributed Photo)

Sign ups due now yearly summer trip

An educational and fun experience awaits any student or adult who participates in the summer 2000 annual trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City. A large number of students have combined learning with fun over the past 15 years. Some have even gone more than once, said Betsy Griffin who is helping to coordinate the forthcoming trip.

Applications are currently being taken for the 16th annual trip being co-organized by Janeen Patterson. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to attend a special meeting Sunday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. at Snyder Junior High School. Deadline for signing up is Nov. 1.

The $1,500 cost per person covers all of the expenses from food to transportation to lodging. Griffin said they also have 40 tickets to see "The Lion King," which will be given to the first 40 people who sign up. In June, the group had tickets to "The Beauty and the Beast."

Following the June, 1999 performance, they were able to meet two of the actors as well as the stage manager.

Griffin noted that the Fourth of July will occur during the trip, adding that "there is no better place to be than Washington, D.C. for the Fourth."

Next July, the group will stay in a hotel in Times Square, located next to the studio where ABC's "Good Morning America" is broadcast. They will also appear on NBC's "Today Show" as they did this summer.

U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm also provides a "grand tour" of the Capitol, Griffin said.

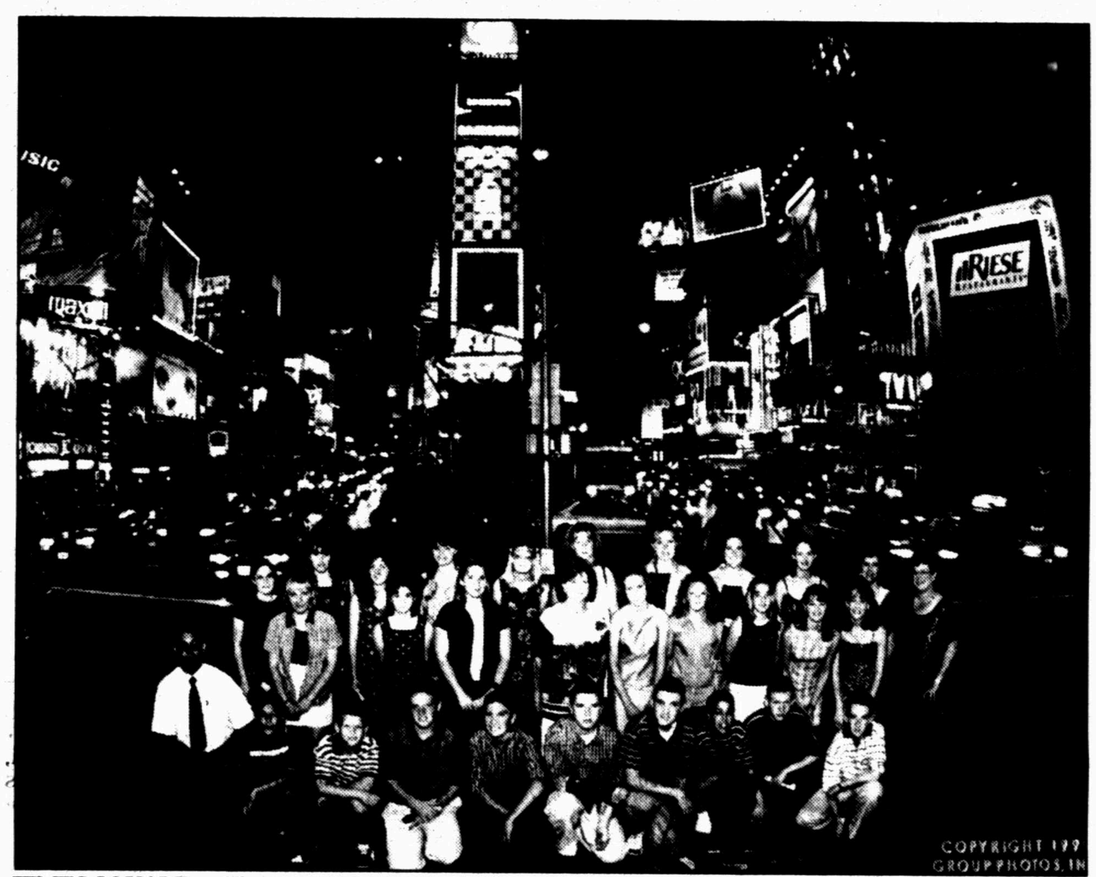
The annual tour is sponsored by Lakeland Tours of Charlottesville, Va. Griffin said they are a very responsible organization and she noted that they have never had any trouble on any of the trips she has taken. A strict 11 p.m. curfew is observed, she added.

Participants will get to choose their itinerary from a host of activities available in both Washington, D.C. and New York City.

The group will travel by chartered bus to DFW Airport where they will board a flight to Washington, D.C. They will be picked up by a chartered bus at the airport and it will remain with them throughout their stay, Griffin explained.

She said some 30-35 students usually participate each summer. Several adults also accompany the group. The first time Griffin went, she did so because she could take her three sons with her. She thought it was just going to be that one time, but then the week in Washington, D.C and New York City became a tradition.

For more information, contact Griffin at 573-6936 or Patterson at 573-4314.



TIMES SQUARE — Those participating in the June, 1999 tour had just seen "The Beauty and Beast" when they posed for this picture in Times Square. Back row, from left, Sarah Bolen, Lili Valdez, Jacinda Judah, Debra Bollinger, Emily Long, Whitney Jones, Jamie Burleson. Cristen Curry, Jessie Keller, Terri Williams, Betsy Griffin; middle row, Jennifer Williams, Kristen Mayer, Shell Hembree, Janeen Patterson, Erin Burleson, Gerrico Greenlee, Stacy Bunch, Jackie Beccue, Amanda Hartzog; front row, Stuart Long, Henry Dominguez, Jordan Dea, Clark Reed, Brandon Gonzales, TJ Jones, Taylor Cotton, Josh Green, Sterling Millhollon, Jeffrey Scott. After the performance, they were able to meet two of the actors and the stage manager. (Contributed Photo)

NEA endorses Gore for 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's largest teachers' union endorsed Al Gore for president Friday, saying he "understands what children need to start school ready to learn."

The endorsement by the National Education Association was the second of its kind in three days for the vice president, who is running against former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley for the Democratic presidential nomination. On Tuesday, the American Federation of Teachers, the second-largest teachers union, announced its support for Gore.

The vice president is still courting the endorsement of the AFL-CIO, the federation backed by 13 million labor members. Gore was once thought to be assured of the endorsement, but Bradley has been aggressive in seeking its backing and some of the federation's member organizations have questioned Gore's ability to win in a general election.

Outwardly optimistic but privately nervous that the odds of an AFL-CIO endorsement were no better than 50-50, Gore campaign chairman Tony Coelho asked House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt to use his labor ties on Gore's behalf, labor and political operatives said Friday.

Gephardt made several calls in the last week to union presidents asking them to support an early AFL-CIO endorsement, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The AFL-CIO is holding its biennial convention next week in Los Angeles.

MEMORIAL — While in Washington, D.C. for the 1998 tour, a group from Snyder laid a wreath at the Vietnam Memorial. Cristen Curry is pictured. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Charges against Thai woman are reinstated

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court reinstated false-statement charges Friday against a Thai businesswoman accused of funneling foreign contributions to the Democratic National Committee and other political committees.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia reinstated the charges against Pauline Kanchanalak and her sister-in-law and business associate, Duangnet "Georgie" Kronenberg.

Scientists investigate 42 dead dolphins

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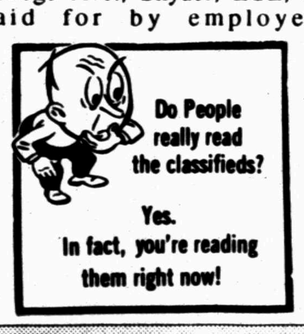

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of FRANCES ANNETTE HAZLE, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,540:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of FRANCES ANNETTE HAZLE, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by Ricky Fritz, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 7th day of October, 1999, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to James William Hazle, 8301 Boat Club Rd. #1421, Fort Worth, TX 76179, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 7th day of October, 1999.

(s)JAMES WILLIAM HAZLE,
Independent Executor
of the Estate of
FRANCES ANNETTE HAZLE
deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF SCURRY §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of BILLY GLEN BANKS, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,539:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of BILLY GLEN BANKS, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by Ricky Fritz, Judge of the County Court of said County, on the 7th day of October, 1999, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to Ruth Ann Dole Banks, 2707½ 28th St., Snyder, TX 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

EXECUTED this 7th day of October, 1999.

(s)RUTH ANN DOLE BANKS,
Independent Executrix
of the Estate of
BILLY GLEN BANKS
deceased

NOTICE TO BIDDERS:
Scurry County Commissioners' Court will receive and open bid proposals for two new vehicles for the Scurry County Sheriff, Monday, November 1, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., during Special Session of Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of THOMAS JEFFERSON DeSHAZO, Deceased, were issued on September 30, 1999, in Cause No. 5493, pending in the County Court of Scurry County, Texas, to: GERALDINE M. DeSHAZO.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas; the post office address is:

Geraldine M. DeShazo
957 James St.
Hermleigh, TX 79526

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 30th day of September, 1999.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

By Order of the Community Supervision and Corrections Dept., Scurry County, Snyder, Texas sealed proposals will be received for: Outpatient Sex Offender Treatment Services including individual and group counseling. Proposal specifications, as well as criteria of evaluation, may be obtained at Scurry County C.S.C.D. 1911 27th Snyder, Texas 79549. Proposals are to be submitted to 1911 27th Snyder, Texas 79549. Deadline for RFPs to be received is 10-15-99, 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TAA PETITION CERTIFICATION

All Workers of the Snyder Area Contractors, Inc., in Snyder, Texas, who became totally or partially seperated from employment due to a lack of work on or after July 12, 1998, are elegible under petition number-TA-W-36,603 to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance. The petition was certified August 27, 1999, and will expire August 27, 2001. Workers should contact the nearest Texas Workforce Commission office for assistance in filing for the following services: weekly trade readjustment allowance, job placement, employment counseling, vocational training, and financial assistance for job search and job relocation.

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On TAAS program...

MALDEF presses curriculum director

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A civil rights lawyer pressed the state's public school curriculum director on how fair the state's standardized testing program is to minority students seeking high school diplomas.

Associate state commissioner for curriculum Ann Smisko testified Friday as trial continued in San Antonio in the federal lawsuit challenging the state's testing of high school seniors.

Smisko said that because the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills is based on the state's curriculum standards, it helps ensure that all students learn the same material.

"It's our way of measuring whether or not the curriculum is being delivered to students," she said.

However, Javier Maldonado, an attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said the fact that minorities fail the test disproportionately suggests they're not getting the same education as Anglo students.

"Wouldn't you agree that if a student hasn't had an opportunity to learn the state-mandated curriculum, that students will perform poorly on the TAAS?" Maldonado asked Smisko under cross-examination.

After a long pause, she replied: "I guess that's probably true."

Later, Smisko added, "If students are not passing, it means students aren't learning (the curriculum), but it doesn't necessarily follow that teachers didn't try to teach it."

State leaders say passing scores on the TAAS prove students have been exposed to the curriculum.

However, they say that it's up to local school systems to ensure that their students learn the material sufficiently to pass the tests and earn a diploma.

"It's the district's decision," Smisko said on the stand. "And of course, teachers ultimately decide how to work with their classes of students."

MALDEF attorneys contend black and Hispanic students attend schools with less qualified educators, low expectations for students and a curriculum diluted by rote teaching.

On Friday, Maldonado presented charts that showed that seniors who took the TAAS in the 1997-98 school year. The chart showed the gap between minority and Anglo scores has grown since those students were in the third grade.

In 1990, 43 percent of African-Americans, 45 percent of Hispanics and 69 percent of Anglos passed all three parts of the third-grade TAAS.

Seven years later, 55 percent of African-Americans, 59 percent of Hispanics and 85 percent of Anglos in the same class passed the "exit-level" TAAS the first time they took it as sophomores.

"Wouldn't it suggest to you that minority students have not had an opportunity to learn from 1990 to 1997?" Maldonado asked.

"I would not agree that that means they haven't had an opportunity to learn the knowledge and skills," Smisko said.

Smisko also presented state-approved textbooks that indicate to teachers what test objectives are covered when they teach certain lessons.

The trial enters its fourth week Monday.

Gregg County Commissioners threaten to revoke funding

Kilgore College will proceed with play

KILGORE (AP) — An East Texas college has decided to proceed with the staging of a controversial Pulitzer Prize-winning play, despite threats by local governments to withdraw financial support.

"Angels in America, Part 1: Millennium Approaches" is scheduled for performances Thursday through Friday at Kilgore College, produced by the school's drama department.

However, Gregg County commissioners have threatened to revoke a $50,000 grant, and Kilgore officials threatened to withdraw a $15,000 donation from city hotel-motel taxes.

The county and city officials aren't alone in protesting the production in the longtime East Texas oil center of about 12,000 residents, about 115 miles east of Dallas.

Local ministers have railed against the 1993 Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Tony Kushner because of its strong language and a story line based on the lives of five homosexuals. Hundreds of Kilgore residents have signed a petition against the play to show their opposition.

Nevertheless, the college's trustees have backed President Bill Holda's decision to proceed with the production, board President Fred Parsons told the Kilgore News-Herald.

The board decision was not unanimous, Holda said.

"It's unnerving to think that because the government doesn't agree with a position or idea they can attempt to shut off expression," said Jay Jacobson, director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas.

Jacobson told the Tyler Morning Telegraph for a story in Saturday's editions that the ACLU does not plan to intervene legally in the dispute, but it strongly objects to repealing the grants.

In 1996, a panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco struck down a federal law that required the federally funded National Endowment of the Arts to use "general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public" when making grants.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Driving Under the Influence Covers More Than Alcohol

DEAR ABBY: I don't drink and have always despised alcohol and drunk drivers. On New Year's Eve in 1982, my 26-year-old brother was killed by a drunk driver.

Well, to my shock, I had a terrible car crash that has left me hospitalized for the last three weeks. I am missing one-third of the muscle and tissue in my leg. I cannot get skin grafts and reconstructive surgery for several more weeks.

The reason for the car crash was that when I decided to run to the store late one night, I misjudged how my tranquilizer medication would affect me because I was unusually tired.

Now I am charged with DUI! Not only am I in excruciating pain, I am emotionally devastated about being charged with a DUI. I never would have thought in a million years that something like this could happen.

Please print this, Abby, so people will realize that you can get a DUI for reasons other than drunk driving, and that the warning labels on your prescription bottle are there for a reason. If even one person is spared what I'm going through, it will be well worth sharing what I endured.

I thank God every day that I didn't kill someone or hurt anyone else.

PAINFULLY WISER
IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR WISER: You are generous to want others to learn from what could have been a fatal error, and I hope your recovery is swift and complete. Those little labels on prescription bottles warning consumers not to take the medication in combination with driving or operating heavy equipment are there for a reason, as your experience clearly illustrates.

DEAR ABBY: I am the owner of a beautiful 1-year-old St. Bernard. She is very loving, playful, protective and weighs approximately 140 pounds. She stays indoors the majority of the time, but we allow her to run in a fenced-in yard.

Yesterday, while she was in the yard, three children were walking down the street. Two of the children were about 14 years old and the third child was about 8. The older children were laughing because we have a sign posted on the fence that says, "Beware of Dog." The youngest child picked up a long stick and started swinging it at the dog inside the fence. Luckily, this story has a happy ending. The dog just barked at the children and we took her back into the house.

Abby, I am pleading with parents to teach their children never to tease an animal. My dog is 140 pounds. A dog that size can cause a lot of damage. A dog bite from even a small dog can be serious. Children should be taught *never* to approach any animal (especially one that is barking or growling); never swing a stick at an animal, or bark back — even if the dog is fenced in, because it could jump over. One should just walk away.

I realize this is long, but I hope you'll print this important message.

CONCERNED DOG OWNER,
MARYVILLE, TENN.

DEAR CONCERNED: Your message is well deserving of space in my column. I would like to add that small children should be warned never to play with a dog who is eating, because the animal may think the child is trying to take its food away. Also, a dog who is nursing should be approached with care, because of her maternal instincts to protect her young.

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DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "Ruth in Virginia Beach," about long-winded people accepting awards. There is another solution. Write a letter! Don't know the address? That's OK. There's bound to be a Web site for either the group or the record label they record for. You don't even have to use an envelope or a stamp anymore. Use e-mail.

It's time for those of us who provide paychecks for the stars to let them know what we think. I hear people complain about all the sex and nudity in films. Write a letter! There is a Web site for just about every film out there. Let's start letting our feelings be known.

Don't have a computer? Not on the Internet? Go to the library or an Internet cafe. I never used to write because I never knew the addresses. Now, it takes less than 15 minutes to get online, find a site and send a letter.

On the other hand, let's also be sure to write letters when we are really pleased with something. I believe if more people start sending letters, those who produce, direct, record, etc., will start paying attention.

SUZETTE BOUCHER,
SPANAWAY, WASH.

DEAR SUZETTE: I agree with you. A letter-writing campaign can be a powerful force for achieving change. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Ruth W., Virginia Beach" suggested in her letter that program committees should make rules that would prevent microphone hogs from going on and on.

One story tells of a committee that did this, telling the master of ceremonies to warn speakers that if they went past the allotted time, they would be mowed down with a sharp bang of the gavel.

The warning didn't register with one windbag, and the committee members signaled the emcee to gavel the person off the dais. He took up the gavel, but in his nervous state about performing such a gutsy move, he gave the person sitting next to him a mighty blow on the head. The injured man was heard to say, as he slipped under the table, "Hit me again. I can still hear him talking."

BERNARD BRUNSTING,
STUART, FLA.

DEAR BERNARD: Thanks for the laugh. That's an unusual cure for a pain in the neck — and in the future, if I'm sitting next to the emcee and see him or her reach for the gavel, I'll duck.

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DEAR ABBY: I have noticed the discussion of using whistles for safety and thought I had better write to you.

My daughter had one with her the other night and when I tried to blow it, she told me it didn't work anymore. It was a full-size, chrome-plated brass, police-style whistle. Upon closer examination, I noticed it had lint in the throat from carrying it around. I used a toothpick to clean it out and, lo and behold, it nearly broke our eardrums!

Abby, you would be wise to remind people to *test* these things periodically. I, for one, did not realize that maintenance was necessary.

RALPH E. FLORI SR.,
CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

DEAR RALPH: Neither did I — until you and a few other caring individuals wrote to point it out. One of them also cautioned that the little ball inside the whistle can sometimes deteriorate, rendering it useless, so it's a good idea to check the whistle periodically.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Test ban vote process debated

CHICAGO (AP) — President Clinton Saturday said a landmark test ban treaty is America's best chance at nuclear security for the future. Rejecting the pact, he said, would prevent the United States from taking the lead in halting the global spread of nuclear weapons.

"The stakes are high," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, delivered before he spoke to Hispanic leaders.

A day after acknowledging he lacks the votes in the Senate to ratify the treaty, Clinton again urged the Senate to delay Tuesday's scheduled vote.

"America has been the world leader against the proliferation of nuclear weapons for more than four decades," Clinton said Saturday. "If our Senate defeats it, we won't be anymore."

Conservatives are still pressing for a chance to kill the pact outright.

"The Senate should go on record as planned," the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Republican Jesse Helms of North Carolina, said Friday. "The Senate should vote this treaty down."

Supporters concede they cannot come close to the 67 votes, a two-thirds majority, needed for ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

Democrats and some influential Republicans suggest that rejection of the treaty could bring international condemnation and complicate efforts to reduce the spread of nuclear weapons.

But efforts to negotiate a way out of next week's vote have failed so far.

On Friday, Clinton bowed to Republican demands that he request a delay. "I have asked them to put it off because we don't have the votes," he told reporters in Ottawa, where he met with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Hunger, thirst new worry in Mexico during flood cleanup

TEZIUTLAN, Mexico (AP) — Even as rescuers pulled dozens of bodies from mudslides across southeastern Mexico, the lack of food and clean water after a week of relentless rain began to make life for the survivors ever more agonizing.

"We need food!" a woman screamed at President Ernesto Zedillo as he toured one of the flooded areas, Jalapa, on Friday. "Ask for foreign aid!"

But Zedillo said it was unnecessary.

"No sir, the Mexicans can do it alone," Zedillo told one man in the flooded town of Gutierrez Zamora, news media reported Saturday.

The flooding and mudslides have killed at least 293 people, and authorities expect to find many more bodies as they dig into the soft mud that in some cases covers entire neighborhoods, and as reports come in from remote mountain areas where the rains have been hardest.

In one town, the earth cracked open and swallowed a school filled with a dozen young children and their two teachers. In another, some rescuers believed hundreds of people could remain in the mud that covered a neighborhood when a cliffside cemetery came crashing down.

The number of dead "is rising by the hour," Zedillo said during a visit to Teziutlan, 110 miles east of Mexico City. Calling it "the tragedy of the decade," Zedillo promised government help for families who have lost homes.

But many of the survivors were pleading for more immediate help.

Obituaries

Callie Hudman

Callie Hudman

1901-1999

Callie Leslie Hudman, longtime resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Oct. 7, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Service for Mrs. Hudman, 98, is set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Born on Jan. 13, 1901 in Caradan, Tex., she married Luther E. Bynum in 1922. He died in 1937. She married Zay Hudman in 1942 in Weatherford. He died in 1962. Mrs. Hudman was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was a member of 37th Street Church of Christ.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Glendon Bynum on Dec. 23, 1972, and by three sisters.

Survivors include a grandson and his wife, Harley and Judy Bynum of Snyder, two great-grandchildren and their spouses, Becky and Allen Martinez of Midland, and Jason and Julie Bynum of Snyder; a daughter-in-law, Betty Boyd of Snyder; and one great-great-grandchild. The family suggests memorials to the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW and American Legion.

Mrs. Featherston

1937-1999

Elizabeth Featherston, longtime Snyder resident, died Friday, Oct. 8, at her home after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Featherston, 62, is set for 4 p.m. Sunday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home. The Rev. "Bear" Williams, retired minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born on Sept. 14, 1937 in Del Rio, she married Gus Dwayne Featherston in 1956 in New Mexico.

Survivors include her husband, Dwayne Featherston of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Marcie Featherston of San Antonio; three daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa and Larry Williams, Debbie and Ricky Williams and Michelle and Terry Williams, all of Snyder; two sisters, Renee Logston of Snyder and Sandra Guthrie of Belton; three brothers, Billy Perry of Quemado, Tex., Jack Perry and Wendell Perry, both of Alvin; her mother-in-law, Bernice Featherston of Snyder; three sisters-in-law, Billye Fae Cooley of Snyder and Ann Hough and Nancy Freeman, both of Corpus; and grandchildren, Misty Williams, Brooke Williams, Dustyn Williams, all of Snyder, and Allison Featherston and Conner Featherston, both of San Antonio.

Glenys Tobin

1929-1999

Glenys Ware Tobin, former Snyder resident, died last week at her home in Houston.

Interment for Mrs. Tobin, 70, will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Tobin was born on Oct. 2, 1929.

Living most of her life in Snyder, she was employed as secretary in the physical education department at Western Texas College from 1977-1984. Mrs. Tobin had moved to Houston 10 years ago.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Fae Ware.

Survivors include a son, David Templeton of Houston; two sisters, Trula Mae Stidger of Lubbock and LaNelle Hammond of Odessa; a brother, Philip Ware of Nice, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Geneva Blackard

1922-1999

COLORADO CITY — Graveside service is set for 3 p.m. in Colorado City Cemetery for Geneva Blackard who died Friday, Oct. 8, in a local hospital. Dr. Ted Spear will officiate and arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born in 1922 in Sulfur Springs, she has been a resident of Colorado City for 74 years. She married Joe Leonard Blackard in 1940 in Dunn. He died in 1980.

Mrs. Blackard had worked at the Buford Gin for 27 years and the Mitchell County Library for 18 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Wayne Blackard of Austin; a daughter, Sue Blackard of Round Rock; and seven grandchildren.

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Three people receive probation following guilty pleas Friday

Three people received probated sentences following guilty pleas Friday in 132nd District Court.

Richard Charles Clayton, 31, of 1925 Garden Lane was sentenced to eight years probation for driving while intoxicated. He was arrested on the offense on June 20.

Clayton has prior convictions for DWI in Ector and Winkler counties.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong also assessed a $1,500 fine, 240 days in Scurry County Jail and ordered Clayton to attend a court-approved substance abuse program.

Angela Shea Morris, 23, of 700 East 37th, Apt. 210, was sentenced to two years in a state jail facility with probation set for five years.

She also received a $750 fine and order to serve 160 hours of community service. She was also ordered to participate in a treatment alternative to incarceration program.

She also must make restitution to Tiger Mart for $24.98, Snyder One-Stop for $24.73 and United for $34.65.

She was also assessed $45 charge to the check collection fund.

Donna Rena King, 26, of 716 79th St. in Lubbock was sentenced to two years in a state jail facility with the term probated for five years for forgery.

She was also fined $750 and must make restitution to IGA for $168.39 and pay $40 to the check collection fund.

She must also participate in the alternative to incarceration program.

Alcohol-related arrests logged

As the weekend began, five subjects were taken into custody on alcohol-related charges.

A 20-year-old male was arrested by officers at 8:30 p.m. Friday in the 5400 block of College for driving under the influence of alcohol by a minor.

A report of a possible intoxicated driver led to the arrest of a 67-year-old male for DWI. Department of Public Safety troopers arrested him near Dunn at 10:23 p.m. Friday on South Hwy. 208.

At 1:52 a.m. Saturday, a 17-year-old male was taken into custody by officers in the 1200 block of 36th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Public intoxication sent two female subjects, ages 20 and 24, to jail at 5:08 a.m. Saturday. Officers arrested them in the 100 block of Milburn.

In other activity, officers filed a hit and run accident report at 8:45 a.m. in reference to a truck with a flatbed trailer striking a traffic light at 25th Street and Avenue Q and not stopping. Officers were unable to locate the truck.

David Beard of 3901 Avenue O reported the theft of CDs and a case from his vehicle at 6:41 p.m. Friday. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

At 6:20 a.m. Saturday, a gas drive-off in the amount of $22.23 was reported from Allsup's in Hermleigh.

Forgery gets one woman year in jail

A 40-year-old Snyder woman was sentenced to one year in a state jail facility following her guilty plea Friday for forgery.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Trina Denese Fitts of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 2B3 to the 12-month sentence for forging two checks this month to United and Lawrence IGA.

The total amount of the checks were $280, but Fitts had a prior conviction in Lubbock County in 1997 for forgery.

Besides restitution to the two Snyder grocery stores, Fitts must also pay $75 to the Scurry County District Attorney's check collection fund.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Minnie Darden of Hermleigh; Henry Lofton, Rebecca Moncevais, Barbara Allen and Zelma Wemken.

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Crystal River concert set

Crystal River of Lubbock will be in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Word is Life Deliverance Church, 602 30th St.

Retired Teachers

The Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Mrs. Willeen Roberts, TRTA district 14 president, will be the speaker.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "What the Devil Wants You to Believe," followed by "Choosing in Crisis."

Snyder baseball boosters

The baseball booster club will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the SHS student center. All parents of prospective players are invited to attend.

Social Security reps

Representatives of the Social Security office in Big Spring will be in Snyder at the Senior Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday.

4-H Horse Club

The 4-H Horse Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the East Elementary cafeteria.

Northeast family night out

Northeast Elementary will have their family night out at College Ave. Dairy Queen on Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. Please bring your coupons and you may dine in or carry out.

Support groups

Support groups for Cancer, Grief and Divorce Recovery meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church. For information call 573-263. A new group for sexual assault survivors will meet at a confidential time and location. For information call 573-1822. Child care is provided.

Fluvanna homecoming planning

A Fluvanna community homecoming planning session is set for 7 p.m. Thursday in the community building. Anyone interested is invited.

3 on 3 basketball

The Boys and Girls Club will sponsor a 3 on 3 cage tourney for teenagers only starting at 8 p.m. Friday. Cost is $20 per team and there will be a three-point contest plus a slam dunk contest. Call 573-3344 to enter. The club is also sponsoring an "old school" – 19 and older three-on-three tourney on Oct. 16 for men and women. Cost is $30 per team.

His Joy Ministries Conference

The conference will be held in Snyder Friday and Saturday at Family Life Community Center, 904 26th St. Mercy and Truth of Rockwall will lead the worship and Barbara Murrell of Mesquite will be the speaker. To pre-register or for more information, call 573-8401 or 573-9812.

Book fair

"Books are Fun," a one-day book fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Oct.18, in the board room at Cogdell Hospital. Sponsored by the hospital auxiliary, proceeds will be used for the hospital.

Inmate art show

The third annual Inmate Art show continues through Oct. 21 at the Scurry County Museum on the campus of Western Texas College.

Fajita cookout

The annual fajita cookout sponsored by First Christian Church will be before the Sweetwater game on Oct. 22. The fajitas will be served before the game beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets will be available after Friday.

Glass donations sought

The Ira senior class is seeking donations of drinking glasses (any type) for the fall festival. Call the school at 573-2628 and the glasses will be picked up. Deadline is Oct. 27.

WTC Fallfest

Fallfest at Western Texas College will be held from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, in the courtyard. Sponsored by the Student Government, all proceeds will help fund their trip to the state convention.

WTC planetarium open

The planetarium at Western Texas College is now open with its fall lineup of new programs, developed for specific age groups: pre-K and kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, and grades 7 through adults. The 60-seat planetarium is open for group showings, by reservation, for Friday morning and afternoon programs. It is also available, by reservation, for group showings Thursday through Saturday evenings. For reservations, call Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Lord's Acre Festival

First United Methodist Church will host its annual Lord's Acre Festival Nov. 13 in the Scurry County Coliseum, featuring a variety of specialty items for the holidays, home-made goodies, an auction and a barbecue dinner.

Tiger Times yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Nov. 23. Copies may be ordered by paying $14 now, or paying a deposit of $7 with the balance due when the yearbooks arrive in the spring. Orders will be accepted in the school office or room 110. There will be no extra copies.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 18-19-20-80

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-8-5

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

5-6-7-9-20

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've had red rings on my legs and arms that my doctor diagnosed as ringworm. She said to get rid of my cat. Fine, except that I have no cat. However, my neighbor's eight cats use my garage for a restroom and I'm in and out of there several times a day. How can I solve the problem?

DEAR READER: The ringworm problem can be solved by using any one of a variety of anti-fungal skin preparations, including Tinactin, Desenex or Lamisil. Ringworm is a harmless but annoying skin affliction in domestic animals; humans can catch the affliction from affected dogs and cats.

I believe that your skin condition is going to prove to be less of a problem than your neighbor's eight cats. Allowing them to use your garage is inappropriate, unsanitary and probably places a lot of social pressure on your relations with your neighbor. I suggest that you close your garage door; the honeymoon is over. Inform your neighbor that you're no longer in the business of operating a public feline restroom. If your neighbor has such a hankering for cats, let him or her assume the responsibility for their care. It seems to me that your garage could be put to better use.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 6-month-old son wakes up screaming three or four times a night. He takes his pacifier and eventually goes back to sleep. However, this is stressful for our family. The pediatrician says it's "stranger anxiety." What is this?

DEAR READER: I'm not sure. Young children are almost always wary of unfamiliar situations and people. This is a natural tendency that they usually outgrow.

Parents and doctors are well aware that youngsters may have nightmares, which can be truly frightening. Also, children experience stress and separation anxiety (from a caretaker) the same way adults do. Are there tensions in your family that could contribute to your child's awakening? Is life relatively stable and quiet? Has he been upset on awakening to find a stranger, rather than a parent?

Physical causes are common factors in the situation you described. Colic, urinary infection, cold or wet diapers could be factors leading to your son's periodic fretfulness.

I hope that you haven't misinterpreted your pediatrician's attitude as uncaring. I am sure that he or she would be willing to meet with you to explore your concerns. When children wake up screaming, parents need reassurance and advice, as well as a reasonable guarantee that the infants are not sick or in pain.

Ask the pediatrician exactly what is meant by "stranger anxiety" in the context of your own family. At the same time, question him or her about what can be done to make your child more comfortable.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a doctor who disagrees with many of your columns. Why don't you open an office with Ralph Nader and turn in your medical license? We really don't need negative press by one of our own.

You always imply that doctors are crooks and you are a saint. I doubt that your ethics are so great, or the subject of medical ethics wouldn't be so prevalent in your writings.

I suspect that you are grossly overpaid for your column or you would be much more attuned to the realities of medical practice. I'd like to contact some of your patients to see if they think you are God's gift to mankind. Your articles go beyond self-scrutiny and make you look like a real jerk.

My grandfather used to say: "Paper will sit still and let you put anything on it." This certainly applies to most of your articles.

I'll bet all of my integrity in 30 years of practice that you don't have the courage to answer this letter.

DEAR DOCTOR: I'll cover your bet and raise you.

Rule No. 1: Don't ever bet your integrity — or the homestead. As you now know, I not only answered you personally but am doing so publicly as well.

I doubt that Ralph Nader would open an office with me; he has far more important things on his mind than the flamdoodle of medical practice. Anyway, who is more credible as a critic of medicine, a consumer-advocate attorney or a practicing doctor?

I don't "always" imply that doctors are crooks. Some doctors are crooks most of the time; most of us are crooks a little bit of the time. I write about medical ethics because the subject concerns me and I am alarmed at the direction many physicians are taking. We should not deny or ignore such topics.

I think that I am underpaid for my columns, but that is something neither you nor I have much control over. I hope that you never contact any of my patients because they are well aware of my faults and quirks and would be the last people to give a God's-gift testimonial. My children might — might, I said — but not my patients.

Sometimes I look like a real jerk. Sometimes I am a real jerk. That's the way it is. How about you?

In my columns, I try to be a patient advocate by giving advice and, when appropriate, criticizing my colleagues. In the process, I usually criticize myself as well. I believe that this is appropriate; self-criticism is a trait becoming to any doctor — or should be.

Far be it from me to judge your grandfather's witticism. It's cute. Next time, write me your letter on cellophane.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I was told that a drop of hydrogen peroxide once a week in each ear will keep a person from catching a cold. What do you think?

DEAR READER: Pure hogwash. Colds are caused by viruses that enter the upper respiratory tract. However, hydrogen peroxide is a good way to break up ear wax that may be blocking the canal.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Ear Infections & Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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U.S. intelligence may have played 'unfortunate part' in journalist's death

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. intelligence may have played an "unfortunate part" in the death of an American journalist at the hands of Chilean security forces in the days following a 1973 military coup in Chile, according to a declassified State Department document released Saturday.

The CIA denied any involvement in the journalist's death.

The document was made public just hours after a British magistrate in London ruled that former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet be extradited to Spain to stand trial on charges of torture and human rights offenses during his rule.

Talking to reporters, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the United States had condemned actions by Pinochet's government when it was in power and supports efforts to achieve justice and "accountability." She said the legal process is likely to be a lengthy one and she would not comment specifically on Saturday's ruling.

The 23-year-old State Department document is part of a larger release of 1,100 U.S. government records Saturday related to the 1973 coup. The CIA has been accused of withholding some records on its covert activities in Chile.

At a news conference in Ottawa, President Clinton said he supports the release of other U.S. documents concerning America's actions at the time. "I think you're entitled to know what happened back then and how it happened," Clinton said.

The document released Saturday relates to the killing of freelance journalist Charles Horman. He was apprehended at his home about a week after the Sept. 11, 1973, coup and transported to a stadium where suspected leftists were harbored in the chaotic aftermath of the coup that landed Pinochet in power.

"U.S. intelligence may have played an unfortunate part in Horman's death," the document said.

It said that at best, the U.S. intelligence community's role in Horman's death "was limited to providing or confirming information that helped motivate his murder by the government of Chile.

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said, "The CIA played no role in the death of Mr. Horman."

Horman was the subject of a 1982 movie, "Missing," which suggested American complicity in his death and drew vigorous objections from State Department officials, including Nathaniel Davis, U.S. ambassador to Chile at the time of the coup.

Horman's widow, Joyce Horman of New York City, received the two-page document Saturday from the National Security Archive, a research group at George Washington University. It was written Aug. 25, 1976, by the head of the State Department's office of Chilean affairs, Rudy Fimbres along with R.S. Driscoll and W.V. Robertson, two other State Department officials who were not further identified.

"This case remains bothersome," the State Department document said. "The connotations for the executive (branch) are not good.

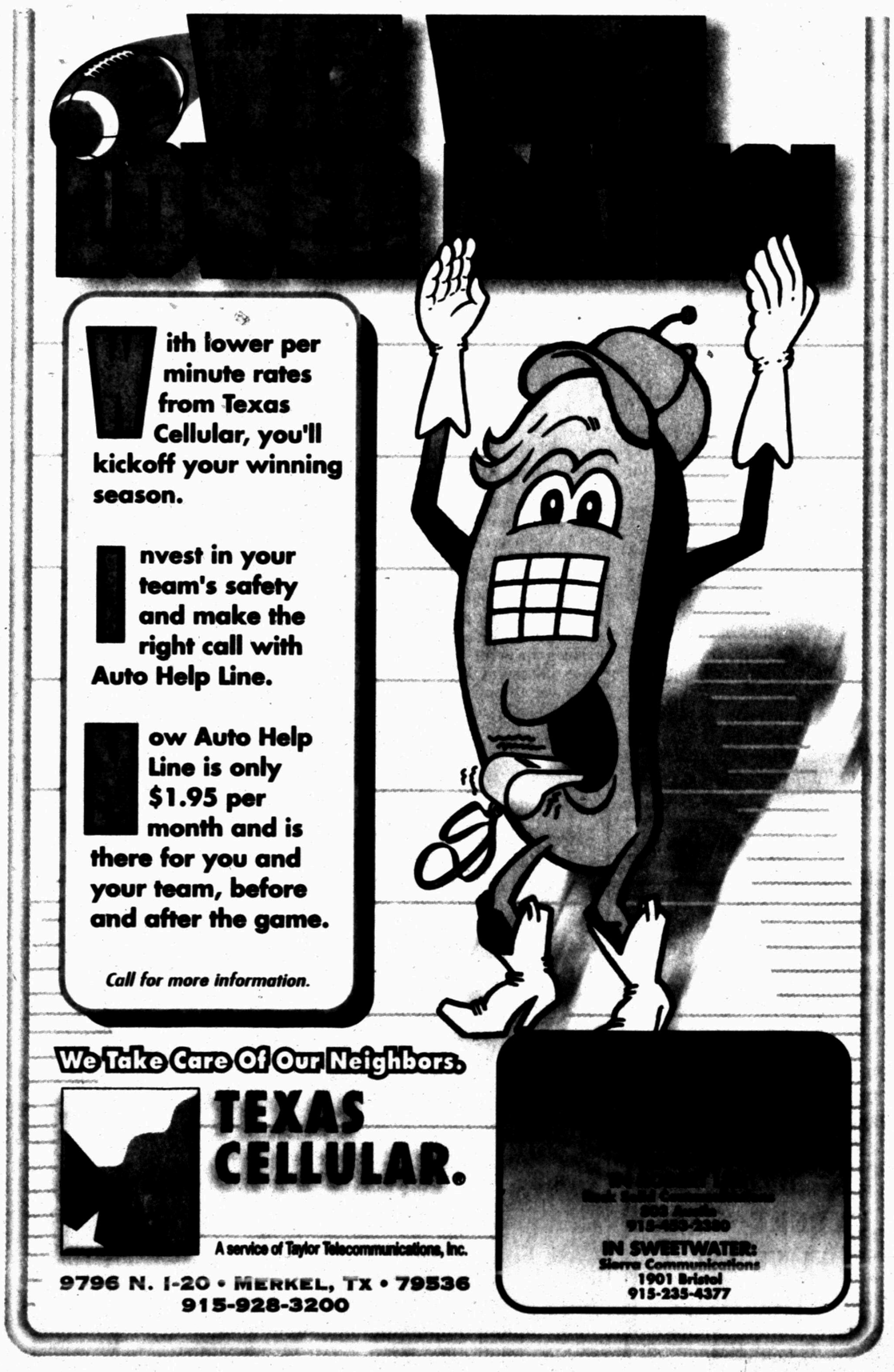
FALLEN POLICEMEN — Snyder residents who were in Washington, D.C. the summer of 1999 for the annual tour paid homage to this memorial for policemen killed in the line of duty. Stuart Long and his daughter, Emily, are pictured. (Contributed Photo)

Fatal fire truck accident investigated by Texas Department of Public Safety

TEXAS CITY (AP) — State investigators believe mechanical failure or driver error aboard a Texas City fire truck may have contributed to a collision this week that killed one firefighter and injured two others.

Texas Department of Public Safety Cpl. Juan Rodriguez said the fire truck was going about 40 mph through a red light and its left rear wheel locked up prior to the crash with a passenger car Tuesday.

"The fire truck should have slowed down at the intersection," Rodriguez told the Galveston Daily News in Friday's editions. "At the intersection, the driver realized the car was not stopping, and he applied his brakes. It skidded across the roadway after impact and lost control."



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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Scurry County welcomes four foreign students

Hosting students from another country is a way of life for Scurry County. This school year, two boys from Germany and one from Russia are living with Scurry County families and attending Snyder High School.

A girl from Germany lives in Hermleigh and is attending high school there.

Janna Hinz of Hamburg, Germany is living with Clarence Spieker, principal, and his wife, Mary, who teaches science.

Morten Edzards of Norden, Germany is currently living with Marvin and Julie Sentell.

Greg Knirsch of Chemnitz, Germany lives with Richard and Debra Hester and their sons, Jared and Matthew.

Sasha Danilov of Irkutsk, Russia is staying with Robert and Maria Patterson.

Morten and Sasha's visits are arranged through the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Sasha's stay in Snyder is arranged through a Future Farmers of America exchange program. Janna's visit is courtesy of the AISI organization in the U.S.

While Sasha and Morten will live with other host families as the school year progresses, Greg and Janna will remain with their host families for the entire school year.

Janna recently visited with Joyce Lionberger's third grade students and Lori Williamson's first graders, where she answered their questions about her homeland.

The third graders have been studying about the continents.

Mrs. Lionberger, who has traveled to Germany twice and brought back many mementos, including a cuckoo clock which is her favorite, arranged the visit.

Janna, 16, said she loves being in Hermleigh where she is a member of the high school drill team. She will also participate in basketball and cross country - activities her school in Germany doesn't offer. Sports are only available with after-school clubs, Janna said.

This is her third visit to America, and it will be her longest stay. She visited once with her parents and then as part of a language program where she also lived with host families. She participated in English lessons and specially planned activities every day.

She has completed the 10th grade in Germany and will have two more years of high school to finish when she returns home.

Janna's dad is an engineer and her mother is a teacher. She has one older brother.

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Sasha arrived in the "big town" of Dallas a few weeks ago on a Friday night. He was amazed at the number of cars he saw, but by Sunday, he said all of the cars at the airport were gone.

This is Sasha's first trip to the U.S. The Pattersons said his command of the English language is improving rapidly. Robert said they are currently trying to install a Russian keyboard on their computer so that Sasha will be able to send e-mail to his parents who don't know English as well as he does.

VISITOR FROM GERMANY — Morten Edzards of Norden, Germany is staying with Marvin and Julie Sentell. More photos are on page 4B. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

At SHS, Sasha, 16, plays basketball and is taking classes under Jerry Worsham, drama director, and David Frazier, ag science instructor.

He enjoyed Snyder's homecoming celebration, something that was new for him since schools in Russia focus on academics alone, rather than sports.

He has sampled many different types of food since arriving, including hamburgers, milk shakes, chicken fried steak and Dr Pepper - which he really likes.

Before he came to Snyder, Sasha said he had a different image of what Texas would be like. He had somewhat expected the state to consist of cowboys, dirt streets and saloons, just like in the movies and on television.

Since arriving though, he said he has observed that Snyder people are friendly and have "good families living here."

Sasha likes to play billiards and go sailing. He played volleyball for two years in Russia.

Sasha has already finished his junior and senior grades in Russia and will study at the Institute of Languages when he returns home, sometime after the school year ends.

Irkutsk, where Sasha lives in Russia has a population of one million.

His father is a banker and his mother a homemaker. Sasha has a brother, 12, and a sister, two.

Before moving to Irkutsk, Sasha's father was the director of a fabric company. He had run for mayor of the small city where they lived at the time, Sasha said, but when he lost the race he said the family decided to move to Irkutsk where his dad found a job with a bank.

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Morten, 17, speaks English very well, something he attributes to studying it from the fifth grade. He has come to understand people with a Texas accent better than when he arrived in the state.

He related this incident which incurred at the Dallas airport. He could understand what the people were saying at the airport, but when it came to the bus driver he was questioning, Morten kept nodding but didn't really understand a word the man said.

Favorite foods he has discovered since arriving in Snyder are United's apple fritters and enchiladas. But he doesn't care for broccoli or Dr Pepper. Nor does he like popcorn because it is too salty. In Germany, popcorn is

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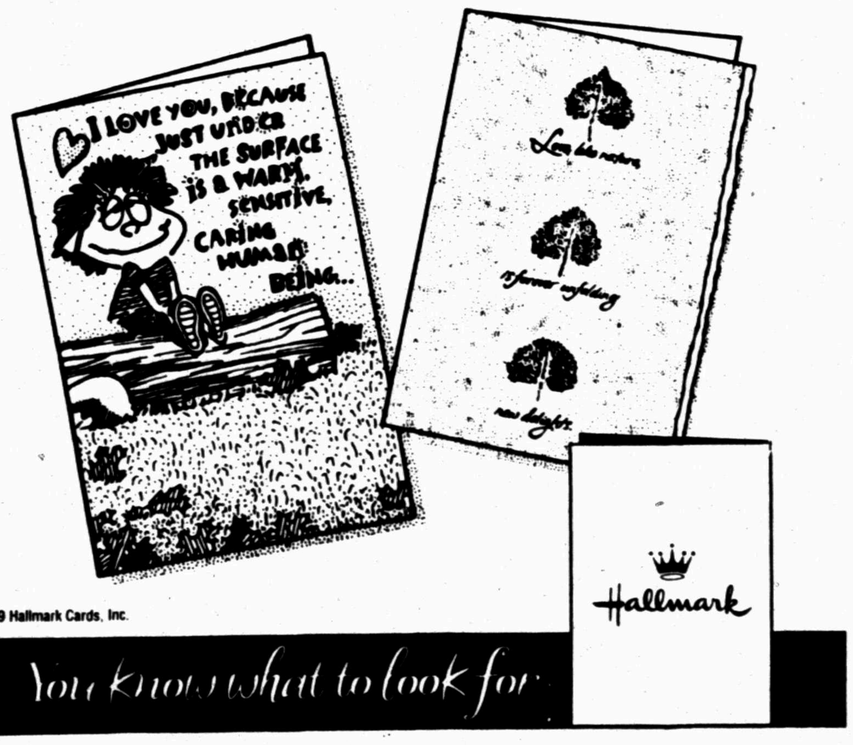

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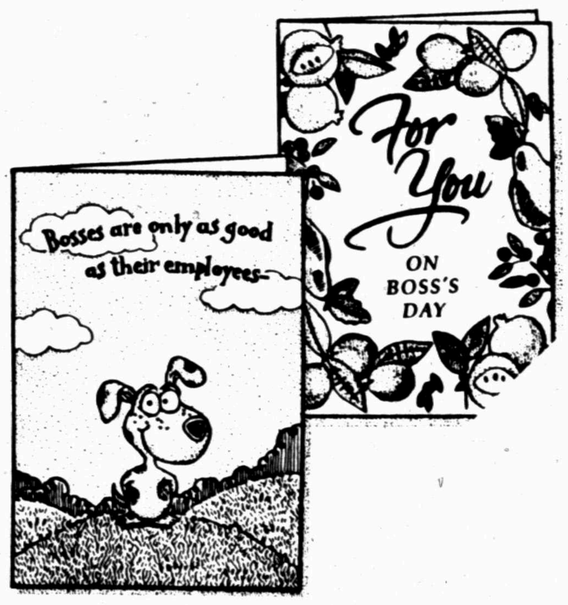

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Kristi Carter and Jay Smith, both of Nashville, Tenn., announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Kristi is the daughter of Joe and Carolyn Carter of Ira, and Jay is the son of Carl Smith of Madison, Tenn., and Charlene Smith of Nashville. Kristi and Jay are planning an 11:30 a.m. ceremony on Oct. 30 in the Christ Community Church in Franklin, Tenn. (Contributed Photo)

Tattoo cost teenager first place prize at Minnesota State Fair

FALCON HEIGHTS, Minn. (AP) — A tattoo on a lamb's ear cost a teen-ager a big payday.

Rachel Trihus, 18, of Blooming Prairie, was stripped of her first-place prize at the Minnesota State Fair and $2,500 in winnings after officials discovered a lamb she claimed to have raised was actually one she bought after it won an award at another fair.

"She denied the facts. She said she had the lamb since May," said Steve Pooch, assistant manager of the Minnesota State Fair.

Officials took away Trihus' award and prize money after discovering the lamb was purchased two weeks after it won at the Iowa State Fair by Trihus' brother. The lamb aroused suspicion when officials spotted the tattoo.

Trihus and her family members have also been barred from competing at the Minnesota State Fair for 10 years.

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
4 ♠	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 7

The spoils to the cautious

By Phillip Alder

Confucius, who lived from 551 to 479 B.C., said, "The cautious seldom err." (This comes from "The Confucian Analects, book 4:23," translated by James Legge. What do you know about that word "analects"?)

The great thinker could have been commenting on top bridge players. Whenever possible, they always assume bad splits and try to find a line to overcome them. This deal is an errant — or quixotic — example. How would you try to land six spades after West leads the club seven?

South's four-spade opening is preemptive, suggesting a weak hand with an excellent eight-card suit. (However, as it is a game bid, the hand might be stronger when South wants to try to keep the opponents quiet and is willing to risk missing a slam if partner passes with a suitable collection.) North's raise asked his partner to bid six with at worst a one-loser trump suit. South was happy to oblige.

After winning trick one with dummy's club queen, declarer immediately called for a trump. However, it wasn't hard for East to return a club at trick three, West's ruff killing the contract.

South should have wondered what could go wrong. And a defensive ruff was the obvious answer. So, just in case, South should have taken dummy's ace-king of diamonds, discarding his remaining clubs, before tackling trumps. Here, the contract cruises home. South's heart loser disappears on dummy's club ace once trumps have been extracted.

Apparently, analects — a plural word with no singular — are collected literary fragments. (An alternative preferred by some is "analecta.")

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Bridge Scores

FRIDAY

Oct. 1 — Jane Hinton directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

Group A.

1. Martha Fagin, Nonnie Ward tied with Peggy Hardin, Louise Thompson.
2. Peggy Hardin, Louise Thompson.
3. Nona Morrison, Christine Stuard.

Group B.

1. Martha Fagin, Nonnie Ward.
2. Nona Morrison, Christine Stuard.
3. Mippy Brownlee, ElWanda Nall.

SUNDAY

Oct. 3 — Jane Hinton directed.

1. Margaret Birdwell, Mippy Brownlee tied with Nina Nesbit, Louise Thompson.
2. Pat Floyd, Margaret Presswood tied with Jane Hinton, Martha Fagin.

TUESDAY

Oct. 5 — Monte West directed.

1. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson.
2. Doyle Fowler, Christine Stuard.
3. Jane Hinton, Dorothy Rosson tied with Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.

Rosson, Squiers pledge vows in 37th Street Church of Christ

Monica Susanne Rosson and Louis Scott Squiers, both of Lubbock, were united in marriage at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 31, at 37th Street Church of Christ. Roy Rosson, father of the bride, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Roy and Susan Rosson of Snyder. The bridegroom is the son of Kim and Choyda Squiers of Blanco. Her grandparents are R.J. and Dorothy Rosson and Selma Brown, all of Snyder, and the late Leslie F. Brown. His grandparents are Jean and Melva Lyles of Brady, Coleta Squires of London, Texas, and the late Curtis Squiers.

Guests were greeted by Jennifer Early of Dallas at the registry table covered with a white cloth and draped with white tulle bows centered with pink roses and pearls. It held a bouquet of pink roses, a framed picture of the couple and an antique candle holder with pink tapers, a gift from the groom's aunt, Nikki Martin.

The setting for the vows was draped with white and pink wisteria. A double heart candelabrum entwined with English ivy and pink bows stood on each side of the unity candle table. It was designed by Amy Hardy, aunt of the bride. The table was covered with a navy cloth overlaid with antique white lace. White tulle pew bows were centered with pink roses and pearls.

Candlelighters were Philip Ratliff, longtime friend of the bride from Lubbock, and Brent Mills, cousin of the groom from Cisco. As candles were lit, the groom; Joe Squires, the groom's brother; Matt Preston; and Brandon Lacey, cousin of the groom from College Station, sang "I Do."

Ross and D'Ann Preston performed the wedding music a cappella. "A Long Line of Love" was sung as the grandparents were being seated. As the parents lit the unity candle, Ross and D'Ann sang "Somewhere in the World." Bridal attendants entered to the singing of "The Rose." "I Do Cherish You" was sung during the lighting of the unity candle. The couple exited to "From This Moment."

The bride, escorted down the aisle by her father as "Faithful and True" was sung, wore a white satin wedding gown. The Duchess satin A-line gown adorned with Venice lace-covered wide shoulder straps featured a low back cathedral train. Venice lace outlined the hem and adorned the bodice and skirt. She wore a pearl necklace, earrings, and a bracelet borrowed from her aunt, Melissa Rosson. Her Pink and white rose bouquet held a bride angel charm, a gift from the groom's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scott Squiers
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Maid of honor was Christa Rosson, cousin of the bride from Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Mandy Carr from Lubbock, Emily Hardy, cousin of the bride from Ira, and Brooke Wright, cousin of the bride from San Marcos. Junior bridesmaid was Jessie Hibbitt of Snyder.

Attendants' dresses were floor-length, short-sleeved princess style gowns of navy blue crepe with jewel necklines. Each carried a nosegay bouquet of pink roses and baby's breath and wore a necklace that was a gift from the bride.

Best man was Joe Squiers, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Chad Collum, Tim Burrow, both from Lubbock, and Justin Rosson, brother of the bride from Snyder. Junior groomsman was Chance Squiers of Blanco. Ushers were Phillip Ratliff, Matt Preston, Seth Rosson, cousin of the bride, and Brent Mills, cousin of the groom. Male attendants were dressed in Oscar de la Renta contour tuxedos with navy vests and ties.

The reception was held in the Family Center following the ceremony. The bride's table featured four floating cake tiers, pink roses, stargazer lilies, and English ivy adorned the top of three layers. The fourth layer was topped with a Precious Moments bride and groom figurine. The bridesmaid's bouquets surrounded a Precious Moments cross-stitch of a bride and groom, a gift to the couple from Debby Sandefur. Michelle Roemisch of Snyder and Angi Cavender of Lubbock served the bride's cake. Punch was served from a table featuring a brass fountain and coffee was served from a brass service. Three tall pink candles entwined with English ivy centered the table. Serving the beverages were Michelle Martin and Courtney Evans, both of Dallas.

The groom's table was also covered with a floor-length white cloth and held an octagon shaped chocolate cake topped with a Precious Moments figurine, a brass fountain, and an asparagus fern. Samantha Mills and Tanner Squires, cousins of the groom, attended the groom's table.

The wedding coordinator was Meloney Early. Reception hostesses were Deborah Boyd, Kay Brown, Amanda French, Deborah and Jenise Judah, Barbara Preston and Paula Unruh.

The couple have made their home in Lubbock where Oliver Landscape employs the groom, a Snyder High School graduate. He is a student majoring in architectural landscape. The bride, also an SHS graduate, is a senior at Lubbock Christian University and is majoring in elementary education. She is employed at Bright Beginnings Pre-School.

Infant mortality rates have dropped

ATLANTA (AP) — Infant and maternal mortality rates have dropped by more than 90 percent since 1900, according to federal officials who called it one of the century's most significant advances in public health.

The rate of infants who die before age 1 went from 100 per 1,000 live births in 1915 to fewer than 7.2 per 1,000 in 1997. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the decline was unparalleled by other mortality reductions this century.

"When you look at the number of babies that have been saved during the 20th century, it's enormous," said Dr. Solomon Iyasu of the CDC's Division of Reproductive Health. "At the beginning of the century, 10 percent of all babies were dying. Now it's less than 1 percent."

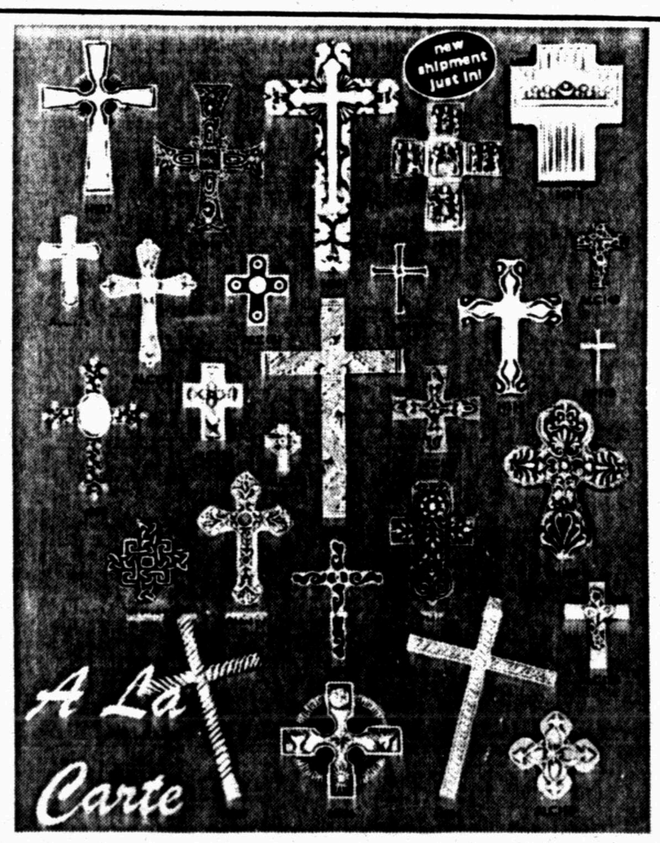
At the turn of the 20th century, six to nine out of every 1,000 women died of pregnancy-related complications. The rate was less than 0.1 per 1,000 in 1997.

Early efforts to combat infant mortality focused on improving living conditions in urban areas, such as establishing safe drinking water and sewage and trash disposal. Rising standards of living, educational levels and access to health care also contributed to the decline. In addition, women started having fewer children and spacing them further apart.

But there wasn't much decline in maternal mortality rates during the first three decades of the century, not until health care providers shifted their focus from infant health problems to a more holistic approach that included the mother, Iyasu said.

Delivery practices were the main factor in the high number of deaths among pregnant women — most births were in the home and obstetrics was a specialty shunned by many physicians.

The death rate began decreasing during the 1930s and 1940s with the introduction of penicillin and other antibiotics.



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READYING FOR TABLESCAPES — Glenda Glasscock, owner of Countrytime, picks several items to use in arranging a display for Martha Ann Woman's Club's Tablescapes set for Oct. 30 at the clubhouse. Many table settings by club members, individuals and several businesses will be decorated in holiday fashion. Many decorated trees will be viewed. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased by calling 573-6443, 573-6717 or leave a message at 573-3427. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk; the breakfast menu offers a choice — assorted dry cereal, toast and jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Teacher Workday
Tuesday
Scrambled Eggs
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Syrup
Thursday
Breakfast Pizza
Friday
Biscuit w/Sausage

LUNCH
Tuesday
Hot on a Bun or
Beef Nachos
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad
Brownie
Wednesday
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
And Texas Toast
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Orange Half
Thursday
Burrito or
Barbecued Beef on a Bun
Baked Beans
Potato Salad
Pudding
Friday
Corn Dog or
Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
W.K. Corn
Applesauce Cake

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk
BREAKFAST
Monday
Fruit
French Toast Sticks
Tuesday
Juice
Blueberry Muffins
Wednesday
Fruit
Cheese Toast
Thursday
Juice
Buttered Grits
Toast
Friday
Fruit
Fried Ham
Toast
LUNCH
Monday
Swiss Steak
New Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Pink Applesauce
Tuesday
Lasagna
Buttered Carrots
Hot Rolls
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Sloppy Joe
Relish Cup
Potato Chips
Orange Slices
Thursday
Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Carrot Sticks
Hot Rolls
Jell-O
Friday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Refried Beans
Shredded Lettuce
Rice Krispie Bars

Ira

All meals served with choice of milk.
Tuesday
Burritos
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Cake
Wednesday
Flame Broiled Beef Patty
Baked Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Jell-O/Fruit
Thursday
Quesadillas
Vegetable Salad
Refried Beans
Crackers
Peaches
Friday
Sandwiches
Chips
Fruit

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Defensive Driving Course, Monday and Tuesday; 6 to 9 p.m. both days; Texas Savings Bank; for more information call 573-2850.

Al-Anon, Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

Delta Kappa Gamma; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room at Texas Snyder National Bank; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

DAR; Snyder Country Club; 11:30 a.m.

Plainview Family Community Education Club; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; program by Jo Thrower; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi, Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Altrurian Daughters Club; 11:30 a.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Palette Club; meeting room at Winston Airport terminal; Joy McGlaun, hostess; bring painting of family memorabilia; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., lunch break.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; senior Citizens Center; 9;30 to 11 a.m.

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information cal 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m. p.m.

Elvis Presley's home for sale

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — It's a house fit for a King.

The home Elvis Presley had while he was a soldier at Fort Hood is for sale again on the Internet auction site eBay. The auction closes Saturday.

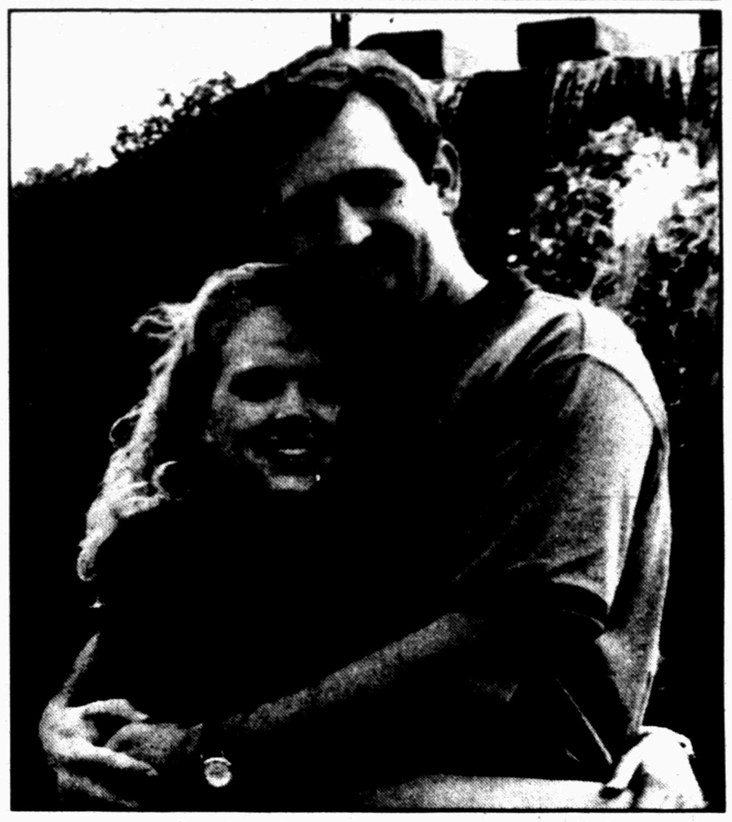
One prospective buyer already has matched the minimum bid of $200,000, said the home's owner, M.J. Craig.

Ms. Craig said two previous auctions closed with high bids of $126,100 and $75,000 — not enough to part with the one-story, three-bedroom brick home she's lived in since 1987.

Presley was stationed at Fort Hood when he was 23. He lived in the home for 25 weeks, said Deborah Garrell, Ms. Craig's daughter.

Ms. Garrell said Presley's parents also lived there for a time.

Under Muslim rule in the early 10th century, Spain's Cordoba became the largest city in western Europe and one of the great cultural centers of the world.



WINKLES-SCULL TO WED — Wayne and Cheryl Winkles of Midland, formerly of Snyder, announce the engagement of their daughter Valarie to Thomas Scull, son of Ms. Catherine Scull of Bradford, Penn., and the late Mr. Billy Scull Sr. Valarie and Thomas are planning a 3 p.m. ceremony on Nov. 27 at First Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

Caroline Kennedy speaks at anniversary of JFK library

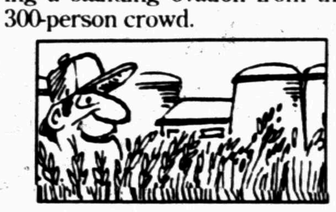
BOSTON (AP) — In her first public appearance since her brother's death, Caroline Kennedy made only a brief reference to John F. Kennedy Jr., honoring his commitment to public service.

Caroline Kennedy expressed thanks to her brother, who died in a plane crash this summer with his wife and sister-in-law.

"There are a few people I'd like to salute. The first is my brother, John, who brought his own sense of purpose and idealism to public service which I wish we can all continue," she said Monday at a dinner marking the 20th anniversary of the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum.

Retired Gen. Colin L. Powell, one of the evening's guest speakers, offered a more extensive remembrance of the 38-year-old founder of George magazine.

"I also feel the presence of John Kennedy Jr.'s legacy, who dedicated himself to the proposition that we owe so much to our country. And let's make sure we keep that truth alive and burning in our hearts," said Powell, drawing a standing ovation from the 300-person crowd.



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Foreign students enjoy Snyder, Hermleigh life

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sweetened rather than salted.

At SHS, Morten is studying drama, among other courses. He said he likes Snyder High and noted that it has more school spirit than the schools in Germany because of sports and extracurricular activities. Classes in Germany usually start at 7:50 a.m. and conclude around 1 p.m., sometimes later.

He noted several cultural differences between Germany and the U.S., noting that Americans drive everywhere, but in his country, walking and bike riding are common since teens can't drive before they are 18.

Also, a German Mars Bar is what the U.S. considers a Milky Way bar.

Another cultural difference — Morten follows the European style of eating, where the fork is always in the left hand and knife in the right hand.

He said people here are more open and friendly. He noted that foreign exchange students attending German schools hardly cause a stir. But in Snyder, he said everyone takes the time to talk to him and the other exchange students.

Two years ago, when his dad first mentioned the Rotary Youth Exchange program to him, Morten said no. But after he met someone who had been an exchange student and who liked it he changed his mind. He said his mother wasn't "too excited" at first, but then warmed to the idea.

His family is currently hosting a girl from Thailand.

Like Sasha, Morten based his conception of what Texans might be like on television and movies. He thought most people might be farmers.

Norden is 15 minutes away from the North Sea. He said Germany has lots of agriculture and flat land but it is greener than this area because they have more rain.

His father owns a butcher shop where his mother works two days a week and he has a sister, 13.

When Morten returns to Germany, he will have three years of high school to complete, plus military service. However, he can substitute community service or helping out in another country for military service.

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Greg has been in Snyder the shortest amount of time. He was first assigned to a small community in New Mexico, but when that didn't work out, arrangements were made for him to come to Snyder instead.

He likes the Hesters and Snyder a lot better.

"He's one of us," Debra said. "He goes everywhere we go. He's easy to cook for and get along with. And he is ready and willing to do anything."

Greg and Jared have similar tastes in music and both like to play basketball. Jared said he likes having another brother. Greg is also studying horticulture under Frazier and will take part in a class trip to Kentucky.

He is also taking art. He enjoys volleyball and is interested in running track in the spring.

Greg is the first foreign exchange student the Hesters have hosted. They are planning several trips and activities for the next few months including Fredricksburg and New Braunfels for Octoberfest and possibly San Antonio and the Alamo.

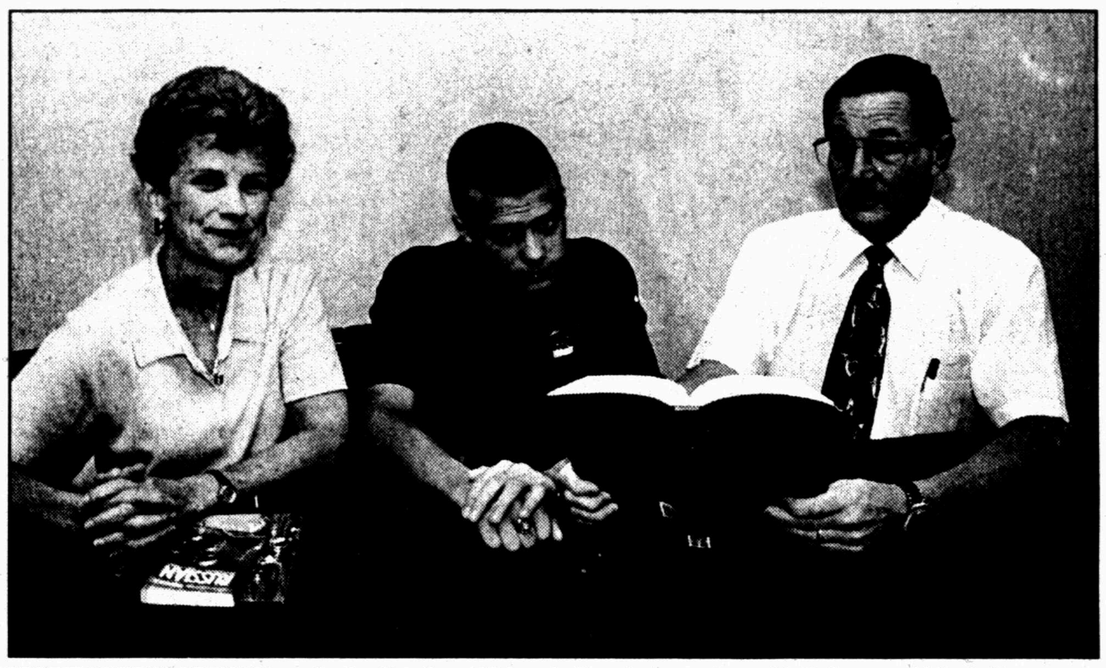
Some differences that Greg noted are that our grocery stores are bigger than what he is used to, and class periods at SHS are longer than those he attends in Germany. Also, through the 10th grade, all students follow the same curriculum but juniors and seniors get to choose different classes.

He noted too that Texas has more trucks than Germany does.

Greg's dad is deceased and his mother is an architect. He also has a brother, 21. He said his mother was happy when he decided to become a foreign exchange student.

When he returns to Germany, he said he will have two more years of high school to complete.

GUEST SPEAKER — Janna Hinz of Hamburg, Germany is staying with Clarence and Mary Spieker of Hermleigh. She is a student at Hermleigh High School where she recently visited with first and third graders. In the top photo, she shows third grader Casey Williamson where Germany is located on the globe. In the bottom photo, she answers questions about her native land. (Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)



VISITING FROM RUSSIA — Sasha Danilov of Irkutsk, Russia is staying with Robert and Marie Patterson. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

GERMAN VISITOR — Greg Knirsch of Chemnitz, Germany, far left, is staying with the Hester family, continuing from left, Jared, a senior at Snyder High School, and Debra and Richard. Another son, Matthew, is not pictured. (Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Jacksons to divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After three years of marriage and two children, Michael Jackson and his second wife filed for divorce Friday.

The couple "mutually agreed to end their marriage," Howard J. Rubenstein said. "Michael and Debbie remain friends, and they ask that the public respect their desire not to further comment or speculate upon the reasons for their decision."

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Townsend Machine and Supply Inc. and Steve Townsend, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Helen Thornburg, 2000 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Diane and Bobby Beard, 2000 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Tepco Crude Oil, 1999 Ford pickup from Charles Allen Ford.

Price Construction, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Vortech Inc., 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Tammy Lynn Davis Johnson, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Terry Eastham, 2000 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Emma G. Hopper, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Ken and Missy Craig, 1999 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Petroleum, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling Co., three 2000 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Jack F. Strickler Jr., 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Russell Chevrolet.

Bill Burns Oil Co., 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Patterson Drilling, 1999 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Orville and Nita Taylor, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Raynelle Nepper, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Randal C. Seaton, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Filed in District Court

Chrysler Financial Company L.L.C., successor-in-interest to Chrysler Credit Corporation, vs. Snyder Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge-Jeep-Eagle Inc., suit on sworn account.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Frank Maurice Herridge and Dawn Lynn Herridge, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Melissa Sue Black and Michael Bennett Black, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Manie Shann Pierce and Dannie Gene Pierce, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Gloria Enriquez Mata and Luis Guadalupe Mata, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Eldon J. Kirkpatrick to Danny E. and Marita A. Burton, the west 50 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 4 in Block 11 of the Adams Addition.

Carla Allen and Janeen Patterson to W.W. Mitchell, an 0.013-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Carla Allen and Janeen Patterson to Larry and Wynola Early, an 0.424-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Alice Kay Simpson and Marianne Russell to Randy and Barbara Weaver and Kay Bennett, Lot 3 in Block 33 of the Winston Company replat of the Colonial Hill Addition.

C. Allen and Sandra Hodges to Carlene Waters Webster, Lot 14 in Block 3 of the Park View Addition.

Wanda Cohee to Tim M. Collier, 80 acres out of the north 135 acres of the southeast one-quarter of Section 53, Block 3, H&GN survey.

S.B. and Wanda Stancell to Stancell's Dairy, the south 120 acres of the southwest one-quarter of Section 513, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Billie Ruth Stone to John Young and Jennifer Ann Stewart, Lot 10 in Block C of the West Ridge Addition.

Donald H. and Marie F. Dollins to Robert E. and Carolyn J. Barbee, 2 acres out of the southeast corner of the west one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 134, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Billie Jean Boren, independent executrix of the estate of Hugh Boren Jr., to Billie Jean Boren, Lots 5 and 6 in Block 2 of the West Side Heights Addition.

Rae Pierce Adams to J.C. Goolsby, tract one being Lot 4 in Block 24 of the W.T. Manry's Addition; tract two being Lots 2-4 and part of Lot 1 south of the P&NT Railway in Block 18 of the W.T. Manry's Addition; tract three being Lots 2-2 that lies south and west of the P&SF Railway of the W.T. Manry's Addition.

William A. Cooper to C.M. and Debra Cooper, Lots 12, 15 and 16, all in Block 17 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Darrell C. and Linda G. Mize to Brenna D. Roberson and Zelda Roberson, Lot 4 in Block 14 of the Replats of Blocks 13-16 of the Highlands Addition.

W.W. Mitchell to James W. and Barbara C. Boren, an 0.259-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Q & A

Teen Tobacco Usage Discouraged

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Kids Get the Point When Driver's Licenses At Risk

The Texas Department of Health has launched a media campaign aimed at reducing teenage tobacco use. The campaign publicizes a law passed by the Legislature last year threatening driver's licenses of minors caught using or possessing tobacco products.

Senate Bill 55 allows law enforcement officials to ticket anyone under 18 for smoking or possessing a tobacco product. The offense is a Class C misdemeanor, with a range of penalties including fines of up to $250, attendance in an eight-hour tobacco use education class, and tobacco-related community service projects.

Tough Love

A teen's license can be suspended for failure to pass the course, pay the fine, or complete community service—or for repeat smoking offenses.

Repeat offenses may result in requirements that parents also attend tobacco education classes. Lawmakers last year also approved a "zero tolerance" drinking law prohibiting drivers under age 21 from having any detectable level of alcohol in their systems, or they could lose their licenses.

"This is a tough-love law," said Dr. William R. Archer III, Texas Commissioner of Health. "We don't want teens hooked on tobacco."

The $300,000 advertising campaign is funded by the state under legislation directing the Health Department to inform the public about provisions of the new law. Health Department officials said money for the tobacco campaign comes from fees paid by retailers for licenses to sell tobacco products.

The campaign was developed by Sherry Matthews Advertising and Public Relations in Austin on the theme of "Tobacco Is a Dead End." The Matthews agency also is working with Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Partnership for a Drug-Free Texas on a statewide substance abuse prevention campaign.

The tobacco campaign includes broadcast advertising and a poster to be distributed to educational, health, advocacy, and law enforcement groups, plus driver training schools and driver's license offices.

Shattered License

Commercials range from new visual images of a judge's gavel shattering a Texas driver's license to re-runs of ads from a Massachusetts Department of Public Health campaign featuring Mack McLauren, brother of the Marlboro Man, Wayne McLauren. Wayne McLauren died of lung cancer after portraying the famous cigarette commercial cowboy.

Another ad shows Pam Laffin, who began smoking at age 10 and had a lung removed at age 24 because she had emphysema. "I started smoking to look older, and I'm sorry to say it worked," she declares in the ad.

Teen smoking profile

An estimated 400,000 of Texas' 1.57 million secondary school students surveyed in 1996 said they had used tobacco within the past month. Regular smoking among middle and high school students increased 25 percent between 1992 and 1996.

Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's 1996 public school survey revealed that 55 percent of secondary school students had used some type of tobacco product at least once in their lives, with 26 percent reporting they had used tobacco within the past month.

Some 41 percent of 7th graders had tried tobacco, with 63 percent of high school seniors reporting they had tried tobacco. The average age of first use of tobacco was 13 years and seven months, the youngest average age for experimenting with any illegal substance.

Over the past decade, the public school survey has shown a 14 percent increase in current tobacco use, due in part to increased smoking among female students, African American students, students from one-parent households, and tenth graders.

The survey showed that males were more likely to have smoked than females and that Anglo students were more likely to use tobacco products regularly than Hispanic or African American students.

The survey showed that students with poor academic records were twice as likely as students earning good grades to be current tobacco users. Students from two-parent homes were less likely to use or try tobacco products.

Campaign survey

A survey conducted by NuStats International to help develop the tobacco campaign message revealed that the threat of losing a driver's license is an effective deterrent to smoking for an estimated 64 percent of Texas teens. Some 23 percent said the other sanctions would make them cut back on smoking.

Tobacco kills more Texans than alcohol, AIDS, illegal drugs, car accidents, suicides, homicides, and fires combined, but the survey showed that most teens and adults do not believe this to be a fact.

The survey of 233 sets of parents and children also found:

About 50 percent of teens and adults were not aware of the new law.

The law has the approval of 86 percent of parents and 87 percent of teens.

The $250 fine was the second major deterrent, followed by the tobacco education class and community service requirement.

Send questions on drugs or addiction to Box 695, Snyder, 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. 24-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Floyd affects soybeans, cotton

WASHINGTON (AP) — The one-two punch of drought and then Hurricane Floyd has taken its toll on the nation's soybean and cotton crops.

The Agriculture Department Friday lowered its forecast of this year's cotton crop by 6 percent from last month to 16.4 million bales, and reduced its estimate for soybeans by 3 percent to 2.7 billion bushels.

North Carolina, which experienced severe flooding in Floyd's wake, lost significant amounts of both soybeans and cotton in addition to 30,000 acres of corn.

Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee also lost soybean production because of the drought, and cotton crops are down in Missouri, Tennessee and Oklahoma.

USDA said it expects soybean prices to be 20 cents a bushel higher than previously thought this year, reaching an average of $5 a bushel, because of the decline in production. The government is not allowed to estimate cotton prices.

Supplies of corn and wheat continue to grow, meaning there is little hope for farmers that prices for those commodities will increase anytime soon. USDA lowered its price estimates for both commodities by 10 cents a bushel.

"Overall, we've still got big production in the United States, big production around the world, and you're going to have to see some change in weather or in the farm program to reduce supply," said Don Roose, president of U.S. Commodities Inc. of West Des Moines, Iowa.

USDA increased its forecast of this year's corn crop by 1 percent although the acreage that is being harvested has been reduced because of the flooding in North Carolina. Nationally, corn yields are slightly better than previously expected.

The drought started in the East and spread across portions of the Midwest and down across much of the South. It actually turned out to be a boon for some growers in the East.

New York is expected to harvest 1.2 million pounds of apples this year, up 160,000 pounds from last year, because the drought reduced insect and disease problems and then September rains came in time to increase the size of the fruit.

Woman gets two months in jail for false subscriptions

PAINESVILLE, Ohio (AP) — If someone got Penny Page angry, she signed them up for a magazine subscription — or a hundred. A judge sent her to jail for two months on forgery charges.

Ms. Page, 46, sent a total of 350 magazine subscriptions to a job counselor, a landlord and a neighbor. She pleaded guilty last month to four felony counts of forgery for signing her enemies' names on subscriptions.

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Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

Earlier this week, the *New York Times* broke the results of a new study on marriage, based on research conducted over a period of ten years. Starting in their first year of marriage, 93 couples filled out detailed questionnaires yearly, which enabled psychology professor Dr. Larry A. Kurdek of Wright State University to chart the progress of the couples over the decade. The study showed a "steep decline" in what Kurdek calls "marital quality" after four years and again after seven years.

The worst declines were observed in those couples who had chosen to have children.

"There is ample evidence to indicate that having kids changes the overall quality of marriage," stated Dr. Kurbek. "For the most part, these couples are dealing with young kids, and they require extensive levels of supervision. You're spending less time together as a couple, may not have a lot of time and energy for sexual affection, and there's a lot more to argue about."

When my husband and I talked about this study, we agreed that it stopped too soon—that actually, those years when your kids are teenagers can be even more stressful on a marriage, especially if you have a child who is going through a troubled period, as we did. The most fighting my husband and I have ever done in our 25 years of marriage occurred when our son was a teenager. "I resented our son during those years," I told my husband, "because he was causing us to fight."

But the more I think about it, the more I think that the study really did stop too soon. I think it needs to go on for a full 25 years, because here is what I have to say about all that stress caused by kids that is supposed to decrease the level of "marital quality."

You don't remember it.

Not really. Oh, yeah, you remember difficult times. You remember how broke you were when they were little, and you remember how chaotic it was to travel with them. You remember the times they got into serious trouble or the times they wound up in the hospital. You remember how your teenage daughter always trashed out the bathroom after a shower or your son hid beer cans in his closet.

But when your kids are grown and gone, and you have weathered all the storms and endured all those declines in "marital quality,"—here is what you really remember.

You remember how, when your son was little, he would always cry, *"Watch me Mama! Watch me Daddy!"* when he played on the swing set. You remember how your daughter would scamper through the house buck-naked after her shower, giggling, long curls flying.

You remember the puppet show they put on for you from behind a blanket thumb-tacked to the door jamb, the "snow" they made of shredded paper. You remember the "carnival" they put on all over the house, where you had to play little games to win "prizes." Or the time they did a bunch of color drawings and hung them up in the hall and played "art museum."

You remember the time you tucked your son into bed at night, and he said, "Mama, when I go away to college, can I take my bear with me?" You remember the time he went fishing with his granddad and came back grumbling, "I fished and fished all day long, and all I caught was this lousy worm!"

You remember the first time your daughter came out of the shy shell she'd hidden in all through grade school and junior high—the first time you ever saw her on stage—and how her performance gave you goosebumbs all over your body and made you cry. You remember the first time you heard her singing, all alone in her room, and how, walking past the doorway, you stopped with your heart caught in your throat, and listened.

You remember how your son could take any of the most miserable experiences in his life and turn them into funny stories, and how he could sit in the living room and spin his tales and have the whole family on the floor howling. And you remember how he was surprisingly shy, so that nobody else ever got to see this side of him, like a rare and sweet family privilege.

You remember Christmas mornings at three a.m., when you'd hear the kids tip-toeing into the living room to survey Santa's splendor and then sneaking back into bed to wait for the real morning. You remember Easter egg hunts all over the house when it rained, and how six months later, you found a rancid egg in the heel of an old cowboy boot.

You remember glancing out the front window and seeing your rebellious teenage son sitting on the front porch swing, cradling a lapful of kittens and whispering to them. You remember how your teenage daughter would have rather sat home and watched TV with her parents than go out partying, how she and her daddy loved the same silly Friday night sitcoms. You watch them with him now so he won't feel so lonesome, but it's not the same.

Nothing is the same after they are gone. But I will tell young couples this: Yes, it's tough. Yes, you may fight. You may even have a "decline in marital quality" for a while. But oh my dears, do please hang in there together. Because it is so very worth it. And that's not something that can be measured by any study or questionnaire—it's something known only in the heart.

One day you, too, will look back and remember. And you will know.

Letters ToThe Editor

Best Of Small Town America

Dear Editor:

Recently I had the opportunity to see a slice of small town America at its best, and it was here in this community. We had gathered to say goodbye to a loved one. We witnessed the outpouring of caring - not only with gifts, food and flowers - but with the very presence of individuals.

People did much more than take time to drop by; they refocused and made the family their number one priority. It was awesome to watch.

We were particularly impressed with the presence of younger adults. They had grown up with our nieces and nephews. They had forged bonds on school grounds and church picnics. They had, those many years ago, spoken of leaving this little spot in the road, and heading for the bright lights and distant adventures.

Some had and some had not gone off, but they were here to forge even stronger bonds as they cried together at the graveside of a friend's father.

So, we have seen small town America at its best and we are not concerned that it is us, the blood kin, who will be afar, for we know we leave our loved ones in the hands of a community who will continue to be a presence in their lives. Thank you.

Jack and Barbara Steward

Concerning Hospital Workers

Dear Editor:

I was reading the article in the paper concerning the comment Mr. J.B. Tate made about the monies, workers, etc. that concerned the county workers and the hospital.

Well, I say it's about time someone made a stand concerning the workers at the hospital. If everyone spent as much time as I do at the hospital, you would see who does the work and who needs a stronger incentive to stay.

My name is Pam Browning. My son, Stacy, has lived at the hospital since May 12, 1989. He has a room on the fourth floor of Cogdell Memorial Hospital. I am up there several times a week. All you need to do is spend a little time up there and you can see who is doing the work.

I am assuming that the comment made by Mr. Tate was only a generalized comment as far as the workers are concerned. You do not have the kind of turnover you have on the fourth floor and not know who does the work. I could give you incident after incident of things that happen on that floor. There is no incentive for the worker to stay.

They work hard, long hours with nothing to look forward to after spending years at the hospital. Therefore, they are not going to stay. I am the first to agree that all of our county entities are important, but, the hospital should be, and as far as I am concerned, the top priority in this county. The hospital is long over due. I will be the first to agree that all county employees should be entitled to some sort of a raise because they all work hard to keep our county looking nice. But, the hospital is long over due.

If everyone in the county would take 30 minutes out of one day a week and spend some time in our hospital you would also see where the needs are. The hospital employs what they call "aides," to do the work that our licensed people are unable to get to in a day's time. I am here to tell you they work very hard for 12 hours a day, bathing, feeding and cleaning up after the patients on the fourth floor. There is a big turnover in the aide employment because they have no reason to stay if they are offered a better position somewhere else.

So, end result, you go to the fourth floor and you see new faces almost every day. If our commissioners and our county judge would spend a little time in the hospital, they would see it also. Maybe, they need to volunteer to work on the fourth floor for a day or two and maybe they would change their minds about merit raises and where they are needed most, because, the hospital is long over due.

Pam Browning

Ira Homecoming

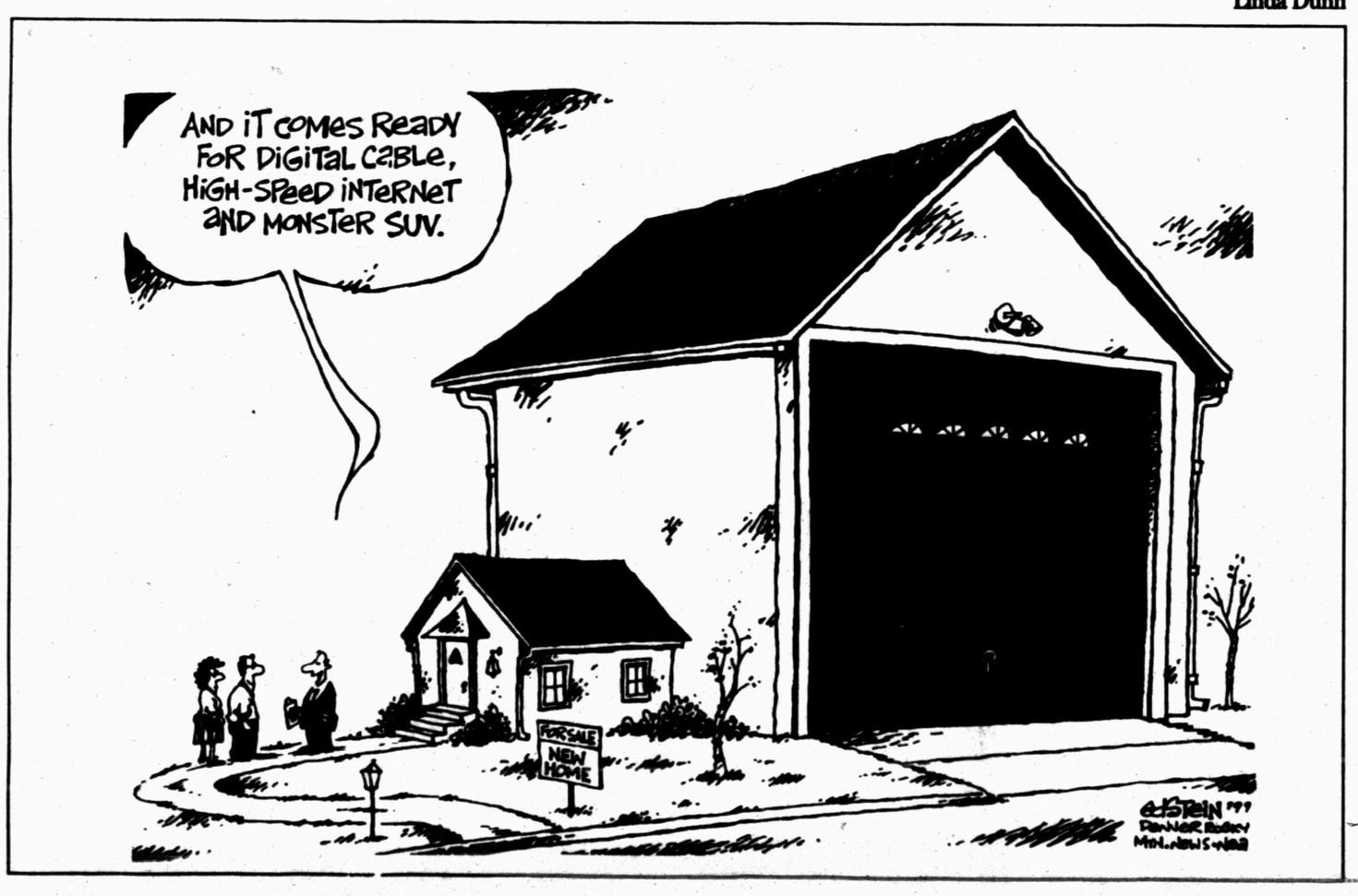
Dear Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make Ira school's 1999 homecoming a big success. Thanks to all the committees for doing their jobs and to the school personnel who were so helpful.

Special thanks to Max von Roeder for the program, Sheriff Jackson for security for the dance, Snyder Fire Department for being on hand at the bonfire and to Principal Rodney Schneider who was invaluable.

Last but not least, thanks to the Ira Bulldogs and their coaches for a winning game. Good luck to them in district play! Go Dogs!

Thanks Again,
Linda Dunn



EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Dallas Morning News on gun crimes:

Richmond police have noticed something different on the streets of Virginia's capital, U.S. Attorney James Coney says. Guns are disappearing. Homicides are down too, almost by a third. And armed robberies are dropping by about the same rate.

Police and prosecutors attribute a substantial part of the change to Project Exile, a program that a range of Richmondites founded in 1997 to curtail the city's surprisingly high crime rate. Prosecutor Coney says that criminals now even use the term "exiled" to describe the impact of running afoul of the initiative.

People around the country are noticing Richmond's change, too. Fort Worth launched a program Wednesday that hopes to emulate the genius of Project Exile, which lies in two elements.

— First, Richmond prosecutors use federal statutes that automatically add at least five years in prison without parole when they try people who get caught using a gun in a crime or who merely have one with them when violating the law. Richmond Police Department spokeswoman Cynthia Price says that officials even pursue a gun charge against a convicted felon if he gets caught running a red light and has a gun in his possession.

— Second, Richmond officials launched a massive advertising campaign to inform offenders that an illegal gun in their possession will earn them an additional five years in prison. They want perpetrators to know the risk of carrying a gun.

Fort Worth will use both these elements in its Safe City USA initiative. Officials admit the campaign may not stop the next Larry Ashbrook from randomly shooting people, but they believe the combination of added penalties for using or illegally carrying a gun and a widespread ad campaign can get more guns off their streets.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Attorney General John Cornyn support this approach, too. The pair recently announced that they will spread $1.6 million around the state to fight gun violence.

About $1.2 million of the state funds will go to local communities so they can add prosecutors. The extra lawyers will help U.S. attorneys try cases where guns are part of the criminal equation.

The remaining $400,000 will help communities launch a Texas Exile advertising campaign. As with the Richmond experiment, the intent is to let criminals know their guns will cost them extra time in prison.

These projects alone will not solve gun violence. But vigorously enforcing existing gun laws can make a difference. It makes criminals think twice.

Houston Chronicle on joint property proposal:

Texas voters will have 17 proposed amendments to the state constitution to consider on their Nov. 2 ballot. Among them will be Proposition 15, which would allow individuals in a married couple to convert property owned separately into property owned jointly. Texas law already allows the opposite conversion — community property into separate property.

The ballot proposal reads: "The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property." The Chronicle recommends voters cast their ballot in favor.

The proposed amendment would give couples greater flexibility in managing their finances. It would allow couples to even out their wealth for the purposes of estate planning, which is important if one spouse's assets exceed the amount that can be passed tax-free to heirs. And converting separate property to community property "steps up" the value of property to current market rates, which would lessen the capital gains taxes owed upon sale of the assets.

Also, allowing such conversion from separate to community property can protect spouses in marriages in which one partner is significantly less wealthy than the other in the event of divorce. Transmuting property to jointly held assets actually provides more protection to a spouse than conveying the property as a gift because the spouse can retain some control over the property and, as a surviving spouse, does not give up rights to community property.

Proposition 15 deserves voters' support.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on transportation infrastructure:

Texas' transportation problems are alarming, and getting worse every day.

Texas Transportation Commissioner David Laney stood before an interim committee of the state Senate more than a year ago to lay out an agenda aimed at wrenching more highway dollars from the 76th Legislature.

"The core of our transportation infrastructure was a product of cumulative years of heavily concentrated investment in the '50s, '60s and early '70s," he said. Now, he pointed out, we're "riding our system to the point of exhaustion."

Although Texas has the largest road system of any state, it ranks 45th nationally in highway spending per capita. Traffic on Texas roads has tripled in the past 30

years. Drivers in the state's seven largest urban areas lose a cumulative 1.4 million hours every day sitting in congested traffic.

The North American Free Trade Agreement has sharply increased the number of trucks on Texas highways, especially in border areas. Almost 14,000 bridges in the state are rated deficient.

The 76th Legislature is now history, and not much has changed. Although lawmakers raised the budget for the Texas Department of Transportation to $8.6 billion (a 12.7 percent increase) for the next two years, that will allow the department to pay for only about 43 percent of the needed projects that are waiting in line for funding during that time.

So transportation advocates are already turning their attention to the day that the 77th Legislature convenes in January 2001.

"We want to make transportation the No. 2 issue in the next legislative session, right behind education," says Linda Harper-Brown, an Irving City Council member and one of the organizers of a three-day "transportation summit" attended by state and local leaders in August.

Good luck to her — but this has been tried before.

It's not hard at all to get a consensus, even among influential people in Austin, that Texas' transportation infrastructure is in sad shape and getting worse. Our air quality, aggravated immensely by all those vehicles stalled in traffic, has deteriorated to an alarming point. Efficient mass transit that would get large numbers of commuters off the highway is mostly still a dream.

Yet the cost of providing solutions to Texas' transportation dilemma is astronomical, and the state has many other pressing needs.

That's no reason to stop trying. Those who are already starting to increase awareness of transportation needs in the 2001 legislative session deserve applause.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

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IBM cutting up to 1,000 jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — IBM is cutting up to 1,000 workers from its personal computer work force in a cost-cutting effort to turn around the money-losing division.

IBM notified employees Wednesday of the cuts, and said it will offer the affected employees jobs in other divisions. The company employs 291,000 people overall.

The reduction in the 10,000-person PC division staff will mostly hit marketing employees as the company consolidates its staff for different brands — including Aptiva PCs, ThinkPad laptops and Netfinity computer servers — under one marketing umbrella.

The PC division, which sells to both consumers and businesses, lost nearly $1 billion last year.

Fierce price wars have sharply reduced profits at major computer makers.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor

Rising above the Entrepreneurial Plateaus

(Part one of a two-part series)

In simple geographic terms, a plateau is a high-level flat spot. In the Southwest, these high, flat areas are called buttes or mesas. You'll find quite a number of plateaus in Arizona, New Mexico, West Texas and Colorado.

In normal business cycles there are also plateaus of flat spots. These times of stagnation are frustrating for business owners because there is no easy or obvious answer for taking the business to a higher level.

For example, a manufacturer works hard to grow his business and maxes out his plant's production capacity. The owners can no longer meet increasing demand without a huge outlay of capital. Is the expansion risk worth the potential reward?

A service business owner provides great training and incentives to her employee, and sales increase steadily for three years. However, some employees grow weary of the steady push, push, push and relax their efforts. Sales flatten out, and stay flat. No amount of encouraging seems to help. What happened to the team?

A new-car dealership sells about 900 new vehicles each year. The owner has tried numerous growth strategies, but can't seem to quite reach the 1,000 sales mark. Is there a way?

These are typical entrepreneurs. They have a dream of building their own small businesses into great successes. I've worked with hundreds, and most of them are bright, talented, hard-working folks.

Because they are entrepreneurs they must wear all the hats. They handle the marketing for all the purchasing, keep the records, manage the finance, pay the bills and serve the customers.

If they do it well, sales grow, the workload increases, the hours grow longer, and more customers call and stress escalates. One day they simply can't do any more. They've hit the entrepreneurial plateau.

There are three entrepreneurial plateaus I want to discuss in this and next week's column: the profit plateau, the people plateau and the performance plateau. Let's start with the money mesa.

The low-profit plateau

All too often the earnings from a business don't keep pace with the growth. Many small-business owners under-price their products and services. They are so concerned that someone may complain about their prices, or that they may lose a sale because of price, that they enter the market too low and are never able to recover.

I'd like to share a five-step profit plan for rising above the low-profit plateau. It will help you find the right range for your products or services.

Step One: Know your true costs. You must include your cost of goods sold, operating expenses, your personal income needs, margin for growth and expansion and a return on investment.

Step Two: Keep your competitor's prices, products and value. Your competition may offer a lower price without delivering the same quantity or quality.

Step Three: Know the advantage and benefits you offer that no one else does. If you don't have any, find some. Otherwise you are stuck on the lower-profit plateau.

Step Four: Set a price that covers your costs and delivers real value to your customers. Then stick by it. If any customers question your price, go to step five.

Step Five: Sell the value you add. Show the customer that the quality, performance, results, etc. that you give them is worth every penny you are charging. Point out the advantage and benefits they get only from you. Yes, you may lose a sale now and then, but it is a rare customer who prefers low-price to obvious good value.

Next week I'll offer suggestions for the rising above the people and performance plateau. Don't miss "Rising above the Entrepreneurial Plateaus" part two.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, P.O. Box 67, and Amarillo, TX 79105.

Nike lists factories' locations

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) — Nike, the world's largest manufacturer of athletic shoes, disclosed the domestic and overseas factories where its college-licensed products are made after student activists fighting sweatshop conditions demanded disclosure.

Beaverton-based Nike disclosed the factory sites Thursday on its Web site, www.nikebiz.com, listing addresses where shoes and clothing are made for five universities: Arizona, Duke, Georgetown, Michigan and North Carolina.

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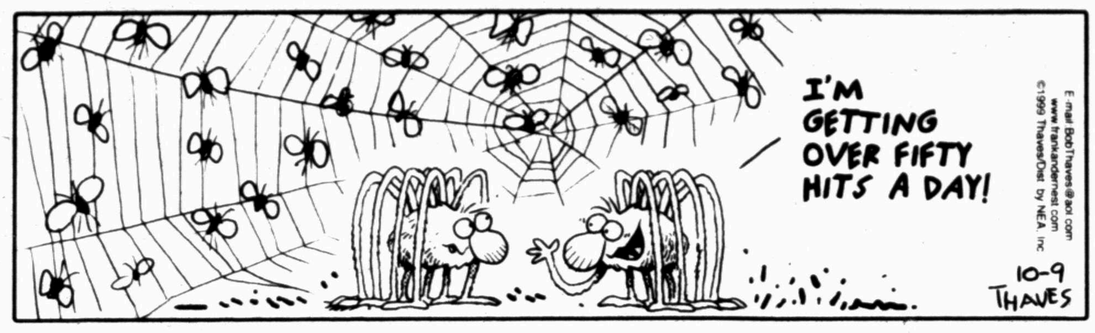

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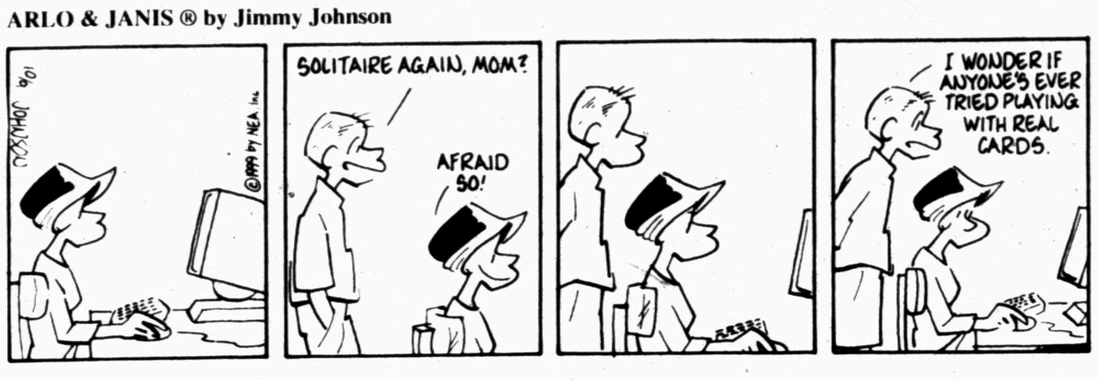

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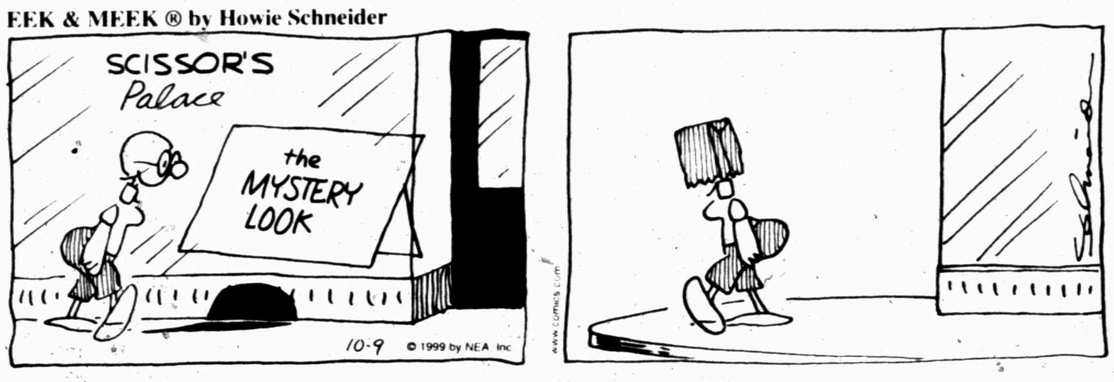

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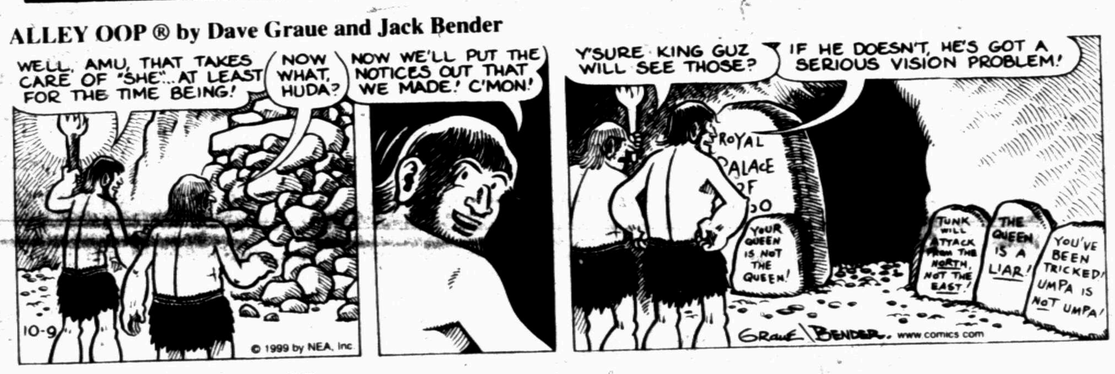

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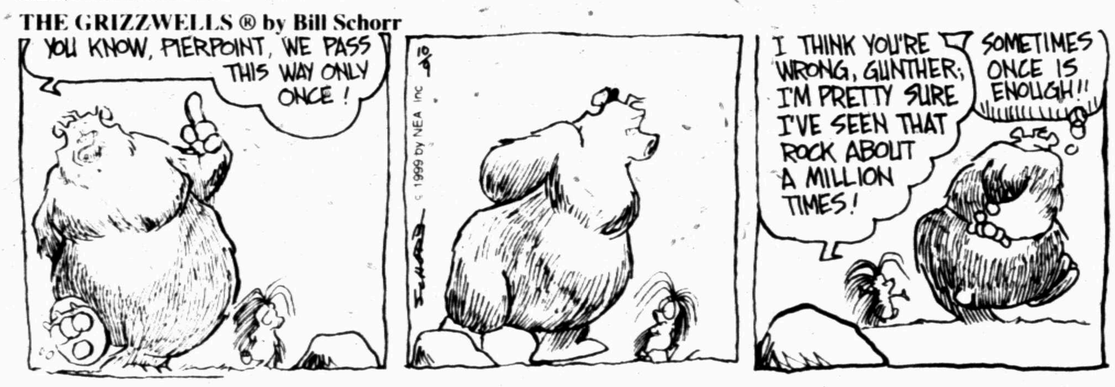

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15 Bonding material
16 Nahoor sheep
17 Burst
18 IRS employee
21 Step
23 Hundredweight (abbr.)
26 Country of Europe
28 Beget
29 Roman 52
30 Supper, e.g.
31 Most like a beet?
33 Mistake in printing
36 Actress Arlene —
37 Gun grp.
38 Small sword
40 Old dagger
41 Southeast Asian holiday
42 Pertaining to a kidney
44 Draft agcy.
45 Sea eagle
46 Foot part
48 Ocular covering
51 Published
55 Free tickets
56 Made a home
57 More likely
58 Actor Lorne —

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2 Adriatic, e.g.
3 Mercedes, e.g.
4 Hockey's Bobby and kin
5 Rider's ropes
6 Bones, to dogs
7 Overwhelmed
8 Wyatt —
9 Type of pick?
10 Genetic material (abbr.)
11 Sun. speech
13 Ruler's realm
18 Construction material
19 South Dakota capital
20 Biblical mountain
22 Male aviators
23 Dusts and vacuums
24 Desires
25 Names
27 Guido's high note
32 Ortho-dontist's deg.
34 West Highland —
35 Overturns
39 Dining
43 Last one to finish a race
45 Other
47 Actual being
48 Air-quality org.
49 Kennel sound
50 Superlative suffix
52 American Indian
53 Ending for "velvet"
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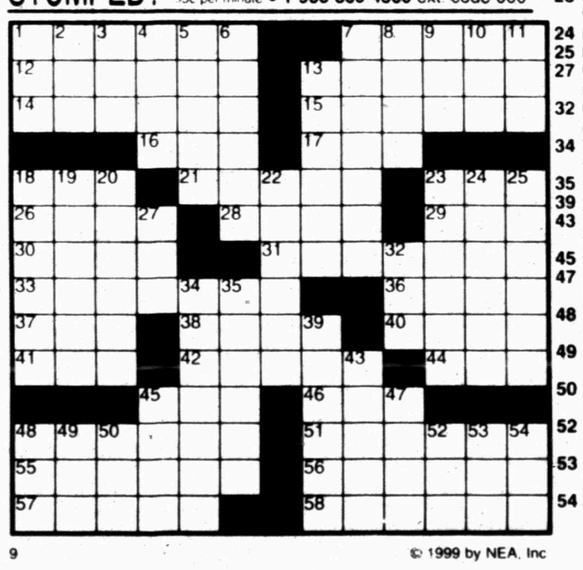

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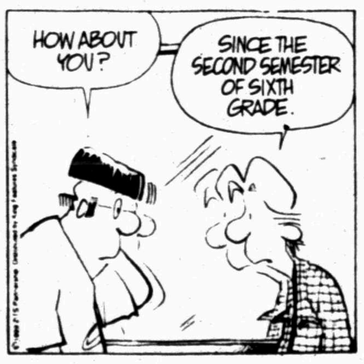

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"What?"

BONES, BONES AND MORE BONES

Cheetahs have a flexible spine and long, slender leg bones, enabling them to run very fast.

A snake can have up to 400 vertebrae in its backbone.

The weight of a whale's bones helps to counteract the bouyancy of its lungs and blubber. If a whale were a land animal, its bones would not be strong enough to support its massive weight.

The short neck of an elephant has about the same number of bones as that of a giraffe.

There are 26 bones in each of your feet.

You "grow" as much as a half inch every night because the shock-absorbing disks between the vertebrae in your spine expand when you lie down.

BABY BONES

A human baby is born with about 270 soft bones. Some of these bones will fuse together and eventually form into the 206 hard bones of an adult. This process takes a little over twenty years to complete.

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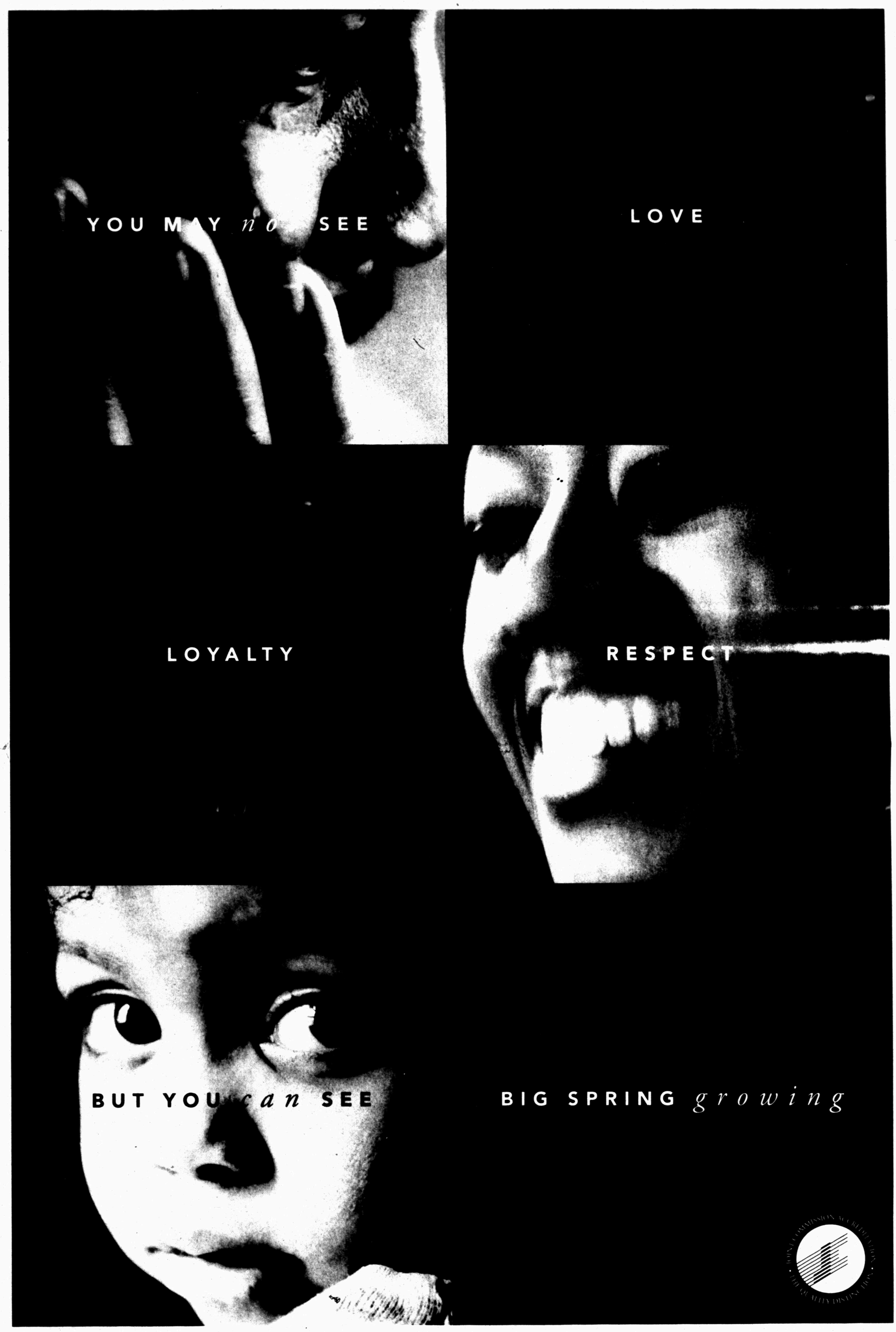
"DIDJA NOTICE I DIDN'T POP MY BUBBLE GUM TILL AFTER THE 'AMEN'?"



Some of the most important things in life are products of trust. Things like loyalty, respect. You can't always see them initially, but over time, you realize they're there.

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2 former residents to lead FBC revival

Two former Snyder residents will return to lead a revival at First Baptist Church, Sunday through Wednesday as Randy Gressett will preach at each service and Kerry Wood will lead the music.

Services on Sunday will be at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. A covered dish luncheon in the Family Life Center will follow the second service.

The 6 p.m. service will be a Bible Study Night. Other nightly activities include Children's Night on Monday, Bring a Friend Night on Tuesday; and ending with Youth Night on Wednesday. All will begin at 7 p.m.

In arranging the revival, Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, said he saw an opportunity to reunite two past church members and add a reunion- type theme to the revival in hope of reconnecting to the past and focusing on the future.

This year's message will center around the theme, "Life in Jesus: Looking Back To Launch Forward In Faith."

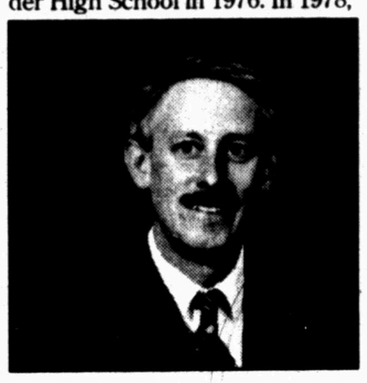
"With the dawning of a new millennium, we at First Baptist believe it's crucial to learn from history so we can step intelligently and inspirationally into the future for the Lord Jesus Christ.

"I pray that this time of revival meeting will both inform and inspire everyone of the truth that: There is Life in Jesus Christ," Akins said.

Gressett grew up in Snyder and attended First Baptist Church. He credits his strong Christian upbringing and commitment to Christ to his parents.

"I had the blessed privilege of being raised by parents who know Christ and live out their commitment on a daily basis. Due in large part to their influence, I came to a saving knowledge of Christ at the age of six and it was during those days I began to feel that God had a special plan for me," he said.

Gressett graduated from Snyder High School in 1976. In 1978,



Randy Gressett

he was licensed to the ministry by First Baptist Church in Snyder and ordained to the ministry by the same church in 1984.

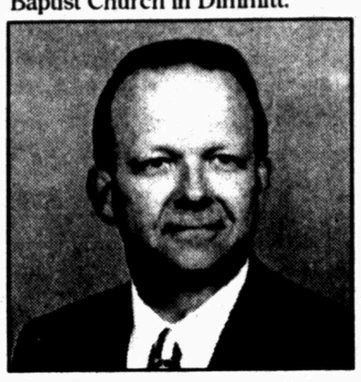
While attending Hardin-Simmons University during the summer of his sophomore year, he served as youth assistant at Snyder's FBC. It was during this time that Gressett said it became clear to him that the Lord was leading him in the direction of vocational ministry.

After he received his bachelor of education in physical education and English from HSU in 1981, Gressett served as youth minister at Snyder's FBC from 1981-1984.

During those years, he coordinated a full range of youth ministry programs and events including Sunday School, discipleship, outreach, following events, camps and ski trips.

"During my career, God has allowed me to share many meaningful experiences with people of all ages," Gressett said.

After leaving Snyder in 1984, Gressett served as youth minister at First Baptist Church in Abilene, Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving, and as minister of youth/education at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.



Kerry Wood

This past August, Gressett said God began leading him into pastoral ministry and he began serving as pastor of First Baptist Church in Munday.

"I have reached a point in my ministry pilgrimage where I have become open to the pastoral ministry," Gressett said. He noted that he reached this decision after an eight- month period where he assumed many of the pastoral duties at Dimmitt while his church was without a pastor.

"The Lord used this experience to confirm in my mind and heart the realization that He is preparing me to serve as pastor or associate pastor," Gressett said.

He has also pursued secular careers as well throughout his life. He taught English for the Crowley Independent School District during the summers from 1985-1987; he was a part-time physical education instructor for grades 2-8 at McMaster's Private School in Fort Worth, while he was a student at Southwestern Seminary from 1984-85 and from 1985-86; and from 1993-1996 he was a claims representative for State Farm Mutual Automobile Company in Dallas.

Gressett married Teresa Strickland on Oct. 2, 1982. She is also a former resident. They have a three-year-old son, Jonathan Randal.

Although Kerry Wood didn't grow up in Snyder, his time here changed the course of his life.

Wood came to Snyder as a teacher and coach at Snyder High School, but then his career took a different path.

"While I was teaching and coaching at Snyder High School, I surrendered to the gospel ministry while being a member of First Baptist Church.

"Randy Gressett and I not only worked together, we both were licensed together on the same day in August of 1978," Wood said.

He attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and he has helped serve churches in Big Spring, Abilene and Amarillo; and he is currently the minister of music and senior adults at First Baptist Church in Childress where he has been leading the music for the past eight years.

Wood is married to Beverly Duff, formerly of Snyder, and they have two children, Kurt, 11, and Deane, 14.

Wood said he is looking forward to returning to the local First Baptist Church.

"First Baptist Church, Snyder, is almost like a home church to me. I had three wonderful years there with some truly Godly people who were a very special part of the process of the Lord leading me to full-time ministry," he said.

Date Book

Saturday, Oct. 9, 1999

Today is the 282nd day of 1999 and the 17th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1002, Leif Ericsson landed in what is now called North America. He called it "Vinland."

On this day in 1983, Helen Moss of Bicester, England, at the age of 86, became the oldest person to join the Brownies.

On this day in 1990, President George Bush formally apologized to Japanese-Americans interned by the United States during World War II.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921), composer; John Lennon (1940-1980), singer-songwriter; Jackson Browne (1948-), singer-songwriter, is 51; Mike Singletary (1958-), football player, is 41; Matt Biondi (1965-), swimmer, is 34; P.J. Harvey (1969-), singer, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1958, the New York Yankees defeated the Milwaukee Braves 6-2 in Game 7 of the World Series.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Of good beginning cometh a good end." — John Heywood

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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Sunday, Oct. 10, 1999

Today is the 283rd day of 1999 and the 18th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1886, Griswold Lorillard, heir to the Lorillard tobacco fortune, shocked his acquaintances and set a trend by appearing at a ball in Tuxedo Park, N.Y., wearing a tail-less jacket, which was later known as a "tuxedo."

On this day in 1911, China's Manchu dynasty was overthrown by Sun Yat-Sen.

On this day in 1970, Fiji became independent after nearly a century of British rule.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Antoine Watteau (1684-1721), artist; Benjamin West (1738-1820), artist; Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901), opera composer; Helen Hayes (1900-1993), actress; Thelonious Monk (1918-1982), musician; Ed Wood (1924-1978), director; Harold Pinter (1930-), playwright, is 69; Ben Vereen (1946-), dancer-actor, is 53; David Lee Roth (1955-), singer, is 44; Martina Navratilova (1956-), tennis great, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1945, the Detroit Tigers won the World Series by defeating the Chicago Cubs 9-3 in Game 7.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In the long course of history, having people who understand your thought is much greater security than another submarine." — J. William Fulbright

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (Oct. 9).

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4 killed in violence

AMBON, Indonesia (AP) — Christians and Muslims clashed Friday in the latest bout of religious violence in eastern Indonesia, killing at least four people and injuring more than a dozen others, including four soldiers.

Local police chief Lt. Col. Gufron said the four were killed by gunshot wounds in a clash in Ahuru, on the southern outskirts of the Maluku provincial capital, Ambon.

Police on Friday also found the bodies of five other victims, believed to have been stabbed to death during an earlier clash in Ahuru, said Gufron, who like many in Indonesia uses only one name.

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