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HERMLEIGH NOMINEES — Nominees for football sweetheart at Hermleigh High School from left are Christy Garcia, Brittany Kelley, Brittainy Jones, Alana Culp and Alicia Culp. This picture was taken Wednesday, "Hawaiian Day." Hermleigh's homecoming is set Friday and Saturday. See football hero candidates on page 10. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Hermleigh Cardinals homecoming scheduled for Friday and Saturday

The Hermleigh Cardinals are gearing up for homecoming Friday and Saturday.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. Friday in the high school. At 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hermleigh hosts Loop in a non-district gridiron match. The football sweetheart and hero will be crowned at halftime.

Sweetheart candidates include Brittany Kelley, Alana Culp, Christy Garcia, Brittainy Jones and Alicia Culp.

Hero nominees are Justin Williamson, Dustin Williamson, Joakim Lundvik, Keenon Garcia and Robby Anderson.

A pep rally will begin at 5:45 p.m. in the gym. The varsity cheerleaders will lead the event with a special appearance by the "mini cheerleaders."

Saturday events begin with 9 a.m. registration at the high school. A share-your-memories program is planned for 10 a.m. The undefeated 1960 regional champions will be recognized as well as the pep squad.

Special recognitions are also on the agenda. Officers will be elected during the business meeting.

The junior and senior classes will sponsor a brisket meal from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the cafeteria. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children eight and under.

Snyder doctors favor forming hospital district

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

A resolution signed by seven Snyder doctors favoring the establishment of a hospital district in Scurry County was presented to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers this morning.

Chief of Staff Dr. Bid Cooper read the resolution that also was signed Drs. Tom Kerr, Robert Rakov, James Burleson, Paul Thompson, Clinton Wolboldt and Marcia Odal.

The resolution states the medical staff recognizes the changing healthcare industry and its effect on rural healthcare facilities like Cogdell Hospital, and that the lack of funding/reimbursement will directly impact services.

The final paragraph states that the medical staff recognizes the need for additional funding and supports the establishment of a hospital district in the county to assure the healthcare services continue at the same level of quality as is currently being experienced.

Dr. Cooper's reading of the resolution prefaced a long discussion concerning petitions that are currently being circulated to call for a vote on a taxing district.

Board chairman Carl Williams said his original thoughts were that the hospital board would not take a formal position on the formation of a district, or what the tax rate should be.

Williams said his thinking had changed and informally polled the board as to what the members thought a realistic tax rate should be.

"I think it is important to tie this down for the public," said Williams.

Most board members indicated a tax rate of 15 cents per $100 valuation would be sufficient to fund the hospital if it also gains sole community provider status from the federal government to increase its Medicare reimbursements.

Board member Terry Williams expressed concern that a 15-cent rate might be insufficient, especially if the hospital did not get the new rating.

Dr. Cooper said the rate should be sufficiently set not just to get by, but also to build back the hospital's reserves. This point was echoed by trustee Bill Voss.

The maximum rate called for in the petition is 50 cents per $100 valuation, a figure that Williams said he wished was half that amount.

No actual vote was taken but the discussion on the tax rate did not set well with board member Dink Foree.

"It doesn't matter what the number is, this is just propaganda for the people," said Foree.

Chairman Williams responded that he did not think information given to citizens should be called propaganda.

Foree said the hospital needed to have an operational solution instead of funding it with more tax money.

"The bad debt is one problem and the other is the low use of the hospital," said Foree. "We don't control the number of patients, the doctors do."

Dr. Cooper responded. "We don't send people away from the hospital that we can treat here."

Hospital administrator George Parsley said bad debt at the hospital is a lingering concern.

"If our patients don't pay, our bad debt number could grow to $3 million," said Parsley.

In action items this morning, the board approved a quarterly safety report and changes in the health information management manual, plus appointed banker Darryl Calley to the hospital's foundation board.

The board also agreed to outsource transcription services with hopes of saving more than $22,000 yearly, and heard the monthly financial report from Chief Financial Officer Jared Squires.

Squires said the current cash balance at the hospital is $644,707.

After bills are paid this week, Squires said he expects the balance beginning next week to be around $400,000.

Carl Williams presided at the 2½-hour meeting and all board members were present to include Foree, Voss, Terry Williams and Charles Church.

Congressional redistricting goes to conference committee

AUSTIN (AP) — The GOP won a victory when the Senate gave final approval to a redistricting plan, but now Republicans must settle a dispute among themselves over how West Texas districts are drawn.

"I'm kind of an optimistic," said Republican Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock, who is at the center of the clash with Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick over the districts. "I think some end game will be reached."

The bill emerged from the Texas Senate on Wednesday after four turbulent months, two Democratic walkouts and three special sessions. It passed on a 18-12 vote mostly along party lines. One Democrat, Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, voted for the plan, and Sen. Teel Bivins was the lone Republican against it.

Democrats fought the GOP push on redistricting at every step, arguing that the current lines shouldn't change. They repeatedly said the effort was nothing more than a partisan power grab led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land.

"It's about power, the raw naked grab for power," said Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso.

Republicans control the Texas House and Senate and occupy every statewide elected office. They say voting trends show the state should have more GOP representation in Washington and the changes were necessary.

Under the Senate map, Republican say the GOP could win as many as five seats in Texas' congressional delegation, which is now controlled 17-15 by Democrats.

In a map approved last week by the House, Republicans could pick up as many as six additional seats in the congressional delegation.

The differences between the two maps will be worked out in a conference committee before a final map is passed by both chambers. Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, said Duncan and Sen. Todd Staples, a Republican from Palestine who sponsored the map, will sit on the committee, but Dewhurst has not named any other senators to the committee yet.

Rep. Phil King, a Weatherford Republican who authored the House map, and House Redistricting Committee chairman Joe Crabb, R-Atascocita, will be among the House conference committee members, Craddick has said.

The biggest hurdle the committee likely will face is settling the dispute between Senate and House Republicans over how to configure districts in rural West Texas.

Cotton crop okay despite late rains

Scurry County extension agent Greg Gruben says that cotton crops will still be good, but the rains didn't come soon enough to make for an impressive yield.

"If the rain had come just two or three weeks earlier, it would have made a lot of difference," Gruben said. "It's a little more positive than it was, with the rain we've gotten." He also said that no new bolls are being set, and "what's there is what we've got." Any more rains will help to fill the bolls.

Gruben said that he had spoken to the extension's entomologist and they would begin a defoliation trial this week. "It's just going to depend on Mother Nature and the temperatures as to when this cotton starts opening," he said. Nov. 6 is the average frost date in this area.

In the cattle market, Gruben said prices are extremely high, which is good, but the cattle numbers are low for Scurry County. "The fact that the numbers are down is what's driving the prices up," he said. "Everyone sold when it got dry, and now their trying to restock."

Putin criticizes U.S. action

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin implicitly criticized the United States today for launching a war on Iraq without U.N. approval and demanded "direct participation" by the United Nations in rebuilding the country.

As the world body tries to grapple with the violence and instability in post-war Iraq, Russia, France, Germany and other opponents of the U.S.-led war have been pressing for a timetable for the United States to hand over power to Iraqis and a much greater role for the United Nations in overseeing the political transition.

Putin did not mention a timetable in his speech on the third day of the General Assembly's annual ministerial meeting, focusing instead on the demand for U.N. action on many problems facing the world today and stressing that the world body is "clearly irreplaceable."

"This is made abundantly clear by the following important fact. Despite sharp differences about how to resolve the Iraq crisis, the situation ultimately is coming back to the legal sphere of the United Nations," Putin said.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Leslie Schmidt



What is it that makes a home town?

We recently had our 20-year reunion. We didn't go, but thanks to technology, we've received pictures and emails from former classmates who did attend.

Messages to other classmates who did or did not go to the reunion have spider-webbed and once more we have access to all those people we went to school with through the years. It's almost like we were walking down the hallways again, taking for granted those faces we saw daily.

We feel fortunate to have gone to school from kindergarten to 12th grade with many of the same people. At the time we couldn't appreciate it, but now we value that steady and predictable time.

It's so reassuring to live in a small town where you can recognize other people's children by the identical caste to the face that nature has provided the offspring.

"That must be a Jones" or "There's one of those Smith kids" is a comforting phrase for those that have stuck around long enough to see the evolution of the inhabitants of the place they've grown up in.

It makes us feel like we fit somewhere in the world and have inside information on life, when everything else outside of the community seems topsy-turvy.

We might not know the specific name of the roads in the county, but we could drive you anywhere you would want to go inside this hometown world.

Country kids have to entertain themselves, and driving every road within a 100-mile radius is one way to do it. Good music, conversation and friends make up most of the amusement for a small-town teen-ager.

We're quite a ways past that age, but we figure things haven't changed that much, and dirt road cruising is a good way to kill time for anyone living in West Texas.

We've seen vacant lots, or just plain pasture, turn into businesses and residential areas. People who looked like they were born losers end up being more successful than anyone could ever imagine.

We see booms come and go. We feel drawn to the home place, even after we've finally achieved leaving. The sure sign of a good hometown is a place that can lure you back after you think you've gone into the big wide world and shown that you can make it outside of the protected nest.

It's a place where you can return and pick up where you left off without missing a step, no matter how many years have passed.

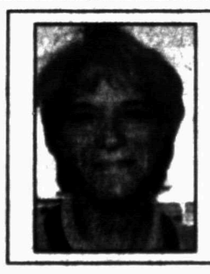
Snyder is one of those special places on earth that many people call their hometown. In the "Meet Your Neighbor" section of this paper, we run across a lot of folks who are lifers.

Those are people who like living here so much that they never want to go anywhere else.

ASK US

Q—Is there an ordinance about the number of vehicles parked at a single residence?
A—No, but all vehicles must be in running condition and legally parked.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Becky Cottrell

... moved back to Snyder three months ago from Jacksboro and is a counselor for Snyder Junior High School. She and her husband, Rod, have three children — Jake, Allison and Trent. Hobbies are skiing, reading and watching her kids at their events.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

No matter how long you live, die young.
—Elbert Hubbard

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Stanfield cookie dough

Cookie dough orders can be picked up between 4 and 6 p.m. today and 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. Friday in the gym. Money should be turned in by Oct. 3.

East Elementary parent council meeting

East Elementary will have a parent council meeting at 6 p.m. today in Room 2 in the library.

Cub Scout bike rally

Cub Scouts will have a bicycle rally beginning at 6:30 this evening in the coliseum parking lot. For more information, call Rhonda at 573-6090 or Chris at 573-5183.

Antique Tractor, Equipment Club

Scurry County Antique Tractor and Equipment Club will meet at 7 tonight at Jack's Road Boring on the Colorado City Hwy. For more information, call 573-4414.

Bake sale

Snyder Church of God will have a bake sale beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. There will be sugar-free and regular baked goods.

Trap shoot

The Scurry County Rodeo Association will hold a trap shoot starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the rodeo grounds on Gary Brewer Road. Everyone is invited. Concession available. For more information call 573-3712.

Brisket meal fundraiser

Hermleigh junior and senior classes will host a brisket meal fundraiser from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday in the high school cafeteria. Cost is $6 a plate and $3 for ages eight and under.

Annual Jamaica

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church's annual Jamaica is Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Besides food, DJ and live music, the event will also feature volleyball, horseshoe and washers tournament and a talent show for all ages. Folkorico Dancers will perform and there will also be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Ira Masonic Lodge

50-year pins will be presented by the Ira Masonic Lodge at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the lodge. All Master Masons are invited. RSVP by today by calling 573-6733.

Special church services

Word is Life Deliverance Church at 312 Coliseum Dr. will host Pastor Fred Adams of San Angelo during the Sunday morning service. Pastor Adams will bring his anointed youth dance group. Lunch will be served after the service.

First Christian Church

Dr. Jim Clifton, dean of student services at WTC, will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at First Christian Church, 37th and Austin.

Candelight pep rally

SHS Student Council will have a candlelight pep rally following the annual homecoming parade Monday. Plastic milk jug cartons are needed. Bring to SHS office.

Homecoming parade

The lineup for SHS' homecoming parade, hosted by the student council, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Monday. The parade begins at 7 p.m. It will start at the old IGA parking lot, come down 42nd Street and end at the football stadium, concluding with a candlelight pep rally, also hosted by the student council and the cheerleaders. To participate or enter a float, call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Genealogical Society to meet

The Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the library. The program will be a continuation of stories of childhood pets.

Thee Place Women's Ministry study

Thee Place Women's Ministry will begin Beth Moore's study, "A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place" Wednesday at 6 p.m. To order a workbook at $15, contact Melissa Petty at 573-0455 before Friday. Thee Place is located at 904 26th St.

Important GED dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be next Thursday at the GED testing center, Western Texas College, Building 7B, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The math segment of the GED will begin promptly at 8 a.m. on the following day, Friday, Oct. 3. For more information about the GED test, call Betty Thompson, 573-2310, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

First Christian fajita dinner

First Christian Church, 37th and Austin, has set its annual park and eat fajita dinner for Friday, Oct. 3, from 5-7 p.m. Call 573-6115 or 573 6877 for advance tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Homecoming floats

Any club or organization that would like to enter a float or vehicle in the homecoming parade should contact Christy Smith at 573-6301. Fees: Floats, $15; vehicles, $10 and golf carts $5. Also, freshman students and parents are needed to work on the homecoming parade float, this week at 5:30 p.m. at Keith Matthies Construction's building, 1706 30th St.

First Baptist support group

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

Quilt showing

Quilts are needed for the quilt display during White Buffalo Days Oct. 10-11 at the Scurry County Coliseum. Persons wishing to put a quilt on display should call Joan Bunch at 573-7404. After 5 p.m. call 573-0047.

Addresses sought

E-mail addresses or phone numbers are still needed for members of Snyder High School class of 1963 to plan a reunion. Information may be sent to t.dolan@mail.utexas or call 325-207-1718 and leave a message.

Punishment trimmed for 2 DNA analysts

HOUSTON (AP) — Two DNA analysts received lesser penalities from the Houston Civil Service Commission, which rescinded the workers' 14-day suspensions and pay loss that resulted from troubles at the Houston Police Department crime lab.

The panel made its decision Wednesday after hearing appeals from the analysts at the lab where problems have led to retesting in hundreds of criminal cases.

The panel said there was no "sufficient basis" for the pair to be suspended without pay, but said written reprimands were warranted.

Former Houston Police Chief Clarence Bradford, who retired earlier this week, announced the two-week suspensions of Christy Kim and Joseph Chu in June. At the same time, two top crime lab officials resigned rather than face termination and three other lower-level employees received one-week suspensions.

Both Kim and Chu served the suspensions, which came in the wake of an internal investigation into the lab, but both appealed and now will have their pay restored for that period, attorney Fred Keys said Wednesday.

Keys said Chu has returned to work at the crime lab, where the DNA section was shut shortly after an outside audit last December uncovered serious deficiencies, including a lack of training, insufficient documentation and possible contamination of DNA samples.

Kim has yet to return as she awaits the outcome of a pre-termination hearing last week with her department head based on other alleged department violations, which Keys declined to discuss.

"This is the first time that they have had a chance to tell their side of the story," Keys said of the analysts. "They rebutted almost point-by-point each of the allegations that was in the letter of suspension.."

According to the letters of suspension given in June, Kim was punished for failing to conduct and record accurate analysis of a DNA profile, failing to report the full set of DNA results in a rape case, making an incorrect data entry in a capital murder case and incorrectly documenting the results of DNA profiles. Chu was suspended for incorrectly reporting statistics in a capital murder case and incorrectly documenting results and statistics in two rape cases.

"These analysts, who are at the lower rung of the totem pole, had been trying since 1999 and actually before that .... to get more training, to get the roof leak fixed, to get accredited," Keys said. "The one thing that they really asked for was a supervisor to oversee their work. It is so important and it is so technical and tedious that you need someone who is qualified to look at your work after it is done."

Keys said the two had worked without a supervisor to oversee and train them since 1996. When they took their concerns to Bradford in 1999, they were told there wasn't enough money to fill the supervisory post.

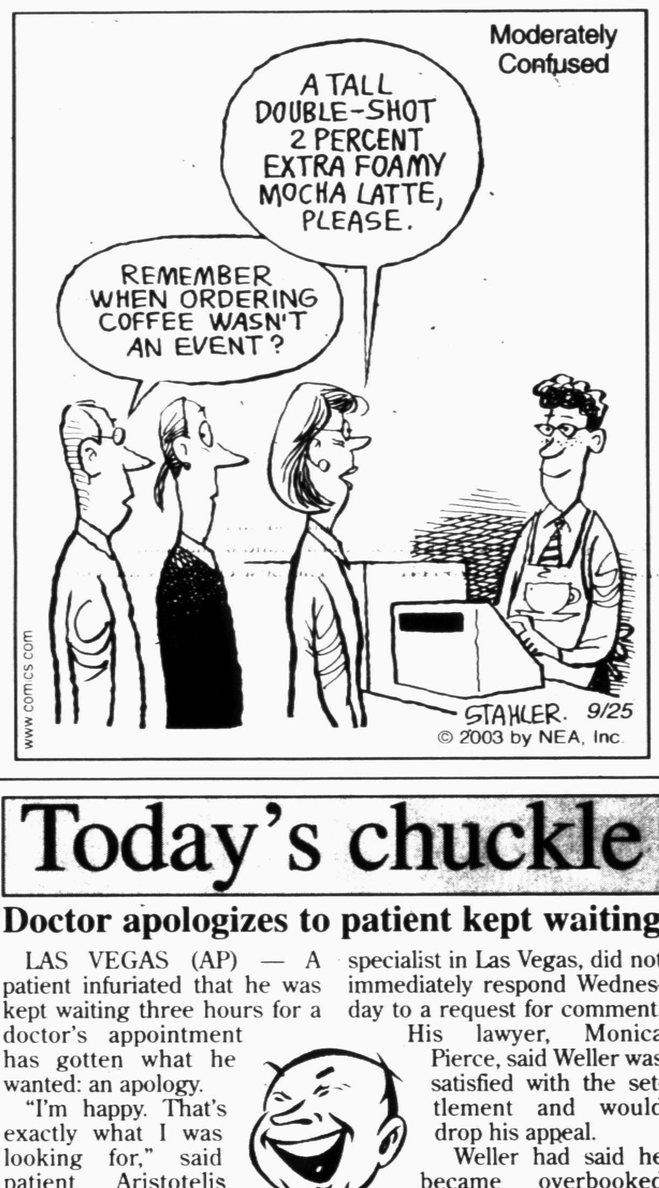
"What more could you do than go to the highest level?" Keys said of his clients' efforts.

Assistant City Attorney Marcus Dobbs referred all questions about Wednesday's ruling to police department spokesman Robert Hurst, who said the department does not react to such rulings.

Retesting in hundreds of DNA cases first analyzed by the department's DNA section has been under way since March.

The first retest returned excluded Josiah Sutton, sentenced to 25 years in prison for rape, as a contributor to the DNA evidence in his 1998 case. He was freed on bond days after the retest and now is seeking a pardon.

Of the 370 cases sent for retesting, 49 have been returned. Of those, 36 confirmed previous results, one defendant's DNA was excluded as contributing to the evidence against him and the other 12 are pending.

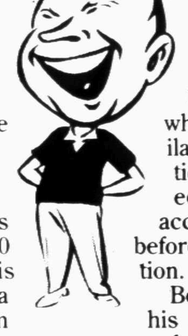


Today's chuckle

Doctor apologizes to patient kept waiting

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A patient infuriated that he was kept waiting three hours for a doctor's appointment has gotten what he wanted: an apology.

"I'm happy. That's exactly what I was looking for," said patient Aristotelis Belavilas, 58. "He should have apologized in the beginning."



Belavilas, of Las Vegas, won a $250 judgment earlier this year after filing a $5,000 small claim against Dr. Ty Weller.

The case sparked a national debate about waiting room etiquette, and fueled physician concerns that it would set a costly precedent.

Weller, a pain management specialist in Las Vegas, did not immediately respond Wednesday to a request for comment.

His lawyer, Monica Pierce, said Weller was satisfied with the settlement and would drop his appeal.

Weller had said he became overbooked when he scheduled Belavilas for a back pain injection on Feb. 25. He insisted he was trying to accommodate Belavilas before Belavilas left on vacation.

Belavilas complained that his appointment was for 2 p.m., but Weller didn't show up until 5:15 p.m.

In a letter to Belavilas, Weller said he was sorry he missed the appointment and apologized for not appearing more sensitive when he arrived.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SNYDER ISD'S
State Financial Accountability Rating

Snyder ISD will hold a public meeting
at 6:00 pm, October 9, 2003
in the Boardroom at the
Administration Building,
2901 37th St., Snyder

The purpose of this meeting
is to discuss Snyder ISD's rating
on the state's financial
accountability system.

UT gift grows to $232 million

AUSTIN (AP) — A generous gift from Dallas oilman John A. Jackson has multiplied to $232 million windfall for the University of Texas.

Today, UT officials were expected to announce the donation as one of the largest in the nation to a public university.

The money will go to the geosciences department that bears Jackson's name.

Jackson bequeathed the estate gift to the Austin campus a year before his death in March. Then estate was estimated to be worth of about $150 million, but now UT officials say its worth at $232 million.

UT officials say the contribution plus an earlier gift from the geologist and his wife total $272 million.

"Mr. Jackson always said that he and his wife, Katie, were not donors, they were investors in the future of Texas," said UT President Larry Faulkner.

"They also wanted their estate to be used to assure that Texans continue to have access to water, energy and a clean environment. We intend to fulfill that desire," Faulkner said.

The geosciences college — now ranked 11th nationally — is expected to become one of the best in the nation thanks to Jackson's deep generosity.

The money will be used support research in geology, geophysics, energy, mineral and water resources, earth sciences and the environment.

Jackson almost didn't get into the geosciences department at UT.

He enrolled at UT in 1935, but wasn't a good student. He took the advice of his university advisers and transferred to Temple Junior College, where he took some basic coursework.

He later returned to UT and was successful.

After he graduated in 1940, Jackson enlisted in the Navy for World War II. The government put the geologist to work locating bauxite, a basic ingredient for gunpowder.

A year later, he married his wife, Katherine, and after the war applied what he had learned from hunting bauxite into finding oil.

He went to Wise County, where others had discounted the discovery of oil, and tapped into one of the largest reserves in North America, which are still producing today.

Jackson later invested in farmland from Dallas to Frisco, including much of what is now the Dallas North Tollway.

"He was a keen businessman, but first and foremost he liked to think of himself as a scientist. And he felt UT gave him the training to accomplish what he did," said Dr. William Fisher, director of the Jackson School of Geosciences.

Date Book

Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003

Today is the 268th day of 2003 and the third day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1926, Henry Ford announced the eight-hour work day and the five-day work week.

On this day in 1957, nine black students entered all-white Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., under escort from the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

On this day in 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Faulkner (1897-1962), author; Shel Silverstein (1930-1999), author; Barbara Walters (1931-), newscaster, is 72; Michael Douglas (1944-), actor, is 59; Will Smith (1968-), actor, is 35; Catherine Zeta-Jones (1969-), actress, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1882, Providence and Worcester played baseball's first doubleheader.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Given the choice between grief and nothing, I'd choose grief." — William Faulkner

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Sept. 18) and new moon (Sept. 26).

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Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-29-30-37-39. Bonus Ball: 10.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.

Number matching five of five: 0. Prize: $0.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 15. Prize: $1,666.

Number matching four of five: 437. Prize: $123.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 418. Prize: $114.

Number matching three of five: 18,615. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 5,707. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 25,911. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $8 million.

Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 6-8-16-24-36.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $21,302.

Winning tickets sold in: Baytown,CSI No. 543, 4503 Garth Road.

Matching four of five: 161. Prize: $119.

Matching three of five: 4,410. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 42,081. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

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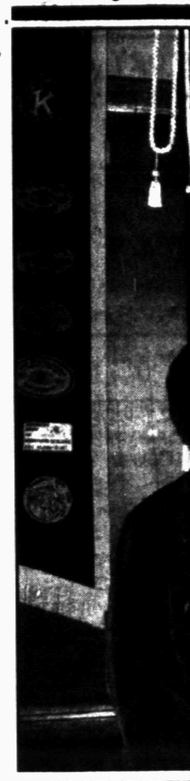
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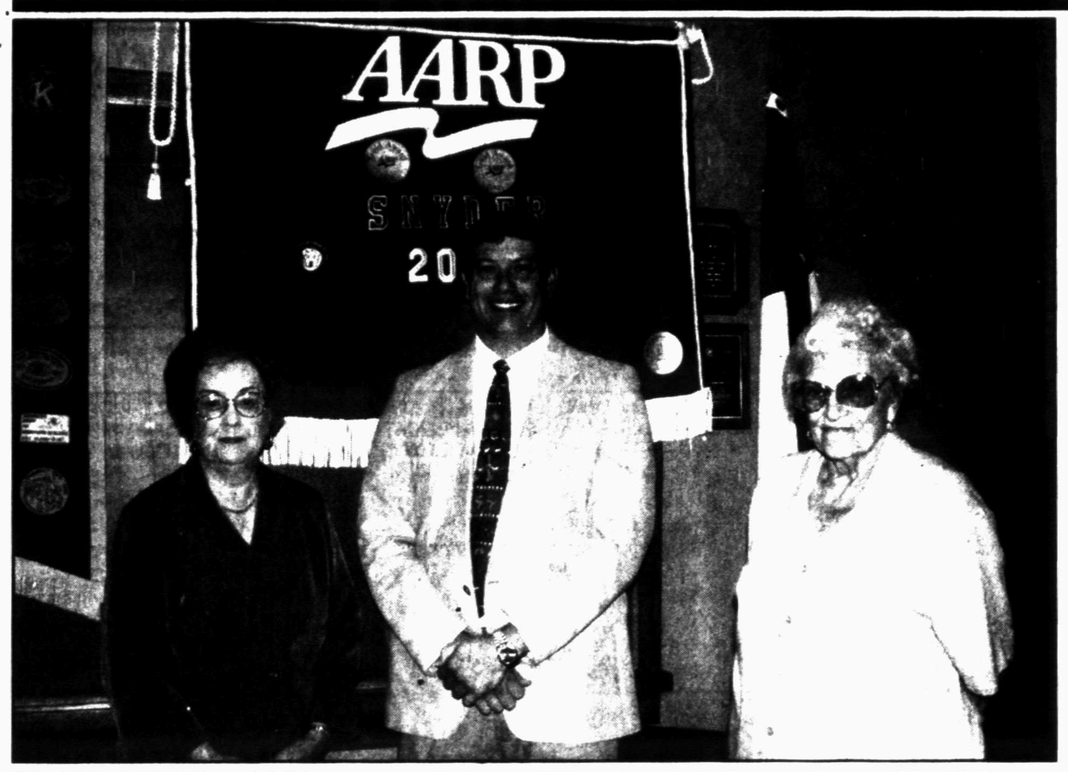


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SENIOR SAFETY — AARP program chairman Velma Lunsford, Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson and AARP president Marie Armstrong, from left, visit before Jackson presents a program on senior safety. The main topic of discussion was identity theft and how to protect against it. (SDN Staff Photo)



FAMILY DAY — The Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection and Pizza Inn sponsors Family Day. Amy Fogleman, left, daughter of Thomas and Kem Fogleman, won the drawing for a free dinner at the Pizza Inn. "Statistics show that spending quality time with your children will help them make the right choices when they are asked to try alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Sharing meals, going to sporting events, a walk in the park — it's the simple inexpensive things that provide the opportunity for you and your children to talk, and listen to each other about what is going on in your lives," advises Angela Velasquez from the Drug Connection. Restaurants interested in this project may call 574-1931. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♥ J 7 2
♦ Q J 10 9 8
♣ 9 5

West
♠ 8 5 2
♥ 6 3
♦ A 6 5
♣ A 10 8 7 4

East
♠ 10 9 6
♥ K Q 10 9
♦ 7 3
♣ Q 6 3 2

South
♠ K Q 7 3
♥ A 8 5 4
♦ K 4 2
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Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 7

Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003

A discard can be the same as a lead

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I mentioned that you (a defender) shouldn't play third hand high when it can only benefit declarer. Here is an example: Your partner leads the club nine, dummy displays the doubleton 7-4, and you have K-8-6-5-3-2. Since a nine-lead is always top of nothing, you know partner has led a singleton. This leaves declarer with A-Q-J-10, and if you play the king, he is presented with four tricks on a plate with fresh fruit around. Instead, play low, holding declarer to three tricks.

Two days ago, I pointed out that if you lead an unsupported ace and continue the suit at trick two, you next lead either the higher of two or the lowest of three remaining cards. This agreement also applies to a discard in a played suit — as in this deal. How should the defenders defeat three no-trump?

Even opposite a 15-17 no-trump, that North hand, with its good five-card suit, is worth a jump to game.

West leads the club seven: five, queen, king. When declarer attacks diamonds, West should hold up his ace until the third round so that he can get some help from his partner. What should East discard on the third round of diamonds?

The best choice is the club two. This present-count card — lowest from three — announces that East started with either two or four clubs. And since East wouldn't discard his last card in partner's long suit, West should assume that East began with four clubs, which means that South has only the club jack left. It shouldn't be impossible for West to place the club ace onto the table.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man's tongue will never rip over girlfriends'same names

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Wife No. 2 in Texas," who gets upset when her husband slips and calls her by his first wife's name, reminded me of an old boyfriend of mine.

After calling his girlfriend "Diane" by his previous girlfriend's name, he decided it would be easier to only date girls named "Diane." I was Diane No. 2. He is now married to Diane No. 3. — **DIANE NO. 2, IN OHIO**

DEAR DIANE THE SECOND: I told "Wife No. 2" to buy some "Hello, My Name Is (___)" stickers and plaster one on her shoulder and one on her nightie, and that would get her message across without being heavy-handed.

Her husband's lapse is very common. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: Brains are complicated organs and get "wired" after years of marriage. That old linkage doesn't just disappear, and on rare occasions when a neuron misfires, the old name may get inserted into a sentence. It's unintentional, almost impossible to avoid and doesn't mean a blessed thing. I hope the wife lets go of her resentment and forgives her husband before she damages the relationship. — **BRUCE IN EVANSTON, ILL.**

DEAR BRUCE: So do I.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has made these slips of the tongue for almost 35 years. His first wife died long before I met him. I have called him by my first husband's name, too. I think it's only natural.

One of our sons is divorced and remarried, and he has done the same thing. It's just force of habit. My advice to "Wife No. 2" **is ... get** over it! Don't sweat the small stuff. — **BEEN THERE, DONE THAT ... MANY TIMES!**

DEAR BT, DT, MT: You're right. I have done it too — and so has MY husband. We laugh about it when it happens.

DEAR ABBY: Until I was 8 years old, I shared a bed with my brother, Arthur. From then on, I slept alone until I was married. On a few occasions, usually when I was half-asleep, I called my beloved young wife Arthur. I'm happy to say she took it with good humor.

You suggested a light-hearted solution, and that's the key. To become furious over such a trivial offense is bad both for her marriage and her health. — **M.L., M.D. IN N.Y.**

DEAR DOCTOR L: Laughter is the best medicine. And it's a prescription everyone can afford.

DEAR ABBY: I was raised by parents who often called our female dog by my name, and me by hers because we were always together. I adore my two daughters, but I sometimes draw a blank on their names. It has become a family joke. I am not old or senile, but name confusion is not all that uncommon. And it's certainly not meant to be a slight. — **DERRY, N.H., READER**

DEAR READER: It used to happen to me occasionally when I was dating. I know first-hand how embarrassing it can be. The only thing that's worse is to completely draw a blank.

DEAR ABBY: I am Wife No. 4. My husband's first wife and I have the same first name. His second and third also had the same first name. He calls me "Hon." — **LINDA IN COVINGTON, IND.**

DEAR LINDA: Now there's a sweet — and safe — solution.

DEAR ABBY: I was married for nearly 20 years. I know from experience that what happened to Wife No. 2 is simply the result of a deeply ingrained habit. After my wife and I divorced, I met a wonderful, kind man. We have been together nearly five years. As dearly as I love him, I have called him by my ex-wife's name. — **GAY AND HAPPY IN N.C.**

DEAR G AND H: Thank you for some straight talk on a sensitive subject.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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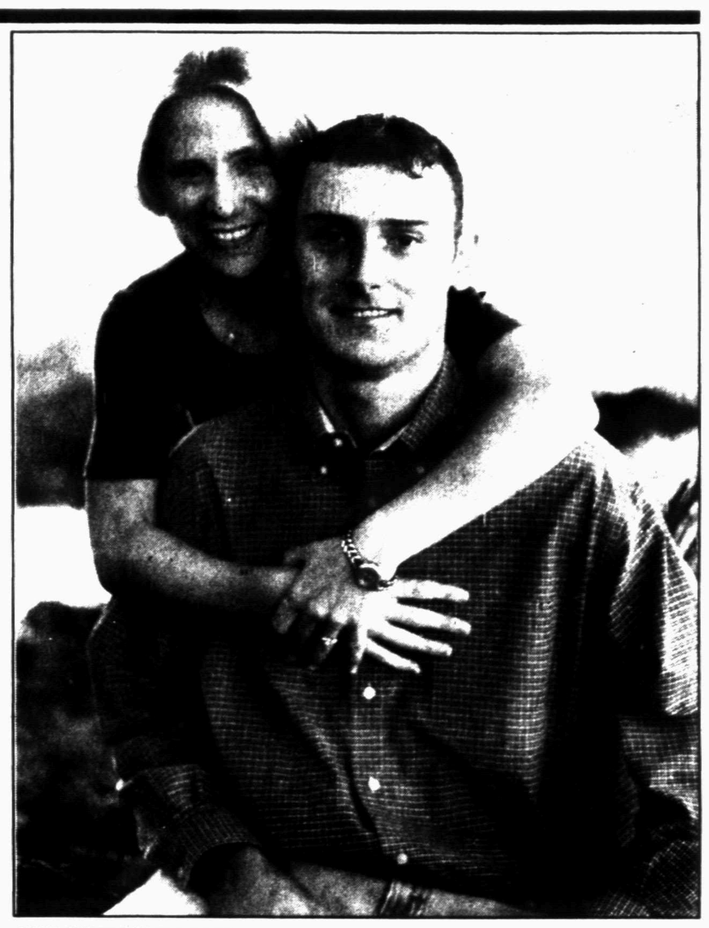
Births

Marsha Baker of Snyder and Rick Moreno of Abilene announce the birth of their son, Kayden Ryan Moreno. He was born at 1:25 p.m. on Sept. 21 in Abilene Regional Hospital in Abilene. Kayden weighed five pounds 5.9 ounces and was 17¾ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Moira Lindsey of Lamesa and Mike Lindsey of Snyder and paternal grandmother, Lupie Moreno of Abilene.

Annie Martinez of Snyder announces the birth of her son, K'din Grant Martinez, at 6:38 p.m. on Sept. 23 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, seven ounces and his maternal grandmother is Anita Martinez.

Montana is the 41st state.



GULSETH-WRIGHT TO MARRY — Dennis and Carolyn Gulseth of Snyder announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Mary Christina Gulseth, and Randy Luther Wright Jr. He is the son of Randy and Marie Wright of Jewett, Ohio. They will marry at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Calvary Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Pumpkin farmer pays tribute to baseball

LITCHFIELD, Minn. (AP) — Pumpkin farmer and baseball fan Don Nelson took a chance this spring when he created a corn maze paying tribute to the Minnesota Twins.

Now that the Twins have clinched the American League Central Division, he's glad he did it.

The maze in Nelson's cornfield features a huge baseball with "Twins" written across it and "Minnesota" written above it. The field also has six smaller baseballs and the team's logo carved into it.

Nelson said the maze might be hard for people on the ground to identify, but it looks impressive from the air.

He said visitors attending his Pumpkin Patch Festival the next five weekends and during the Education Minnesota [illegible] to go on a scavenger hunt through the corn maze looking for answers to trivia questions about the Twins.

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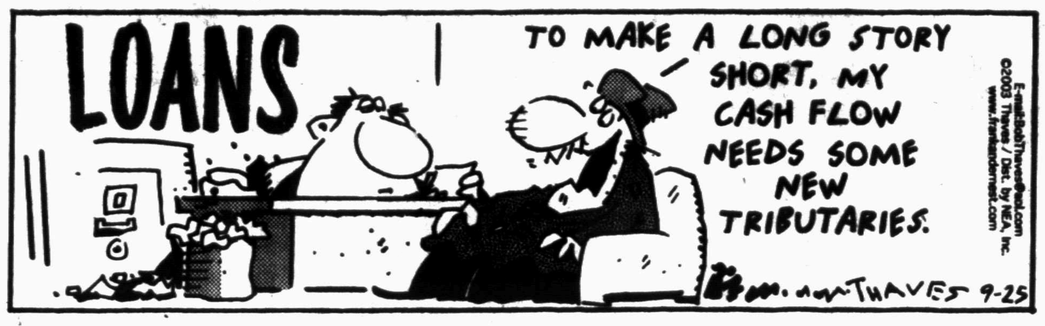
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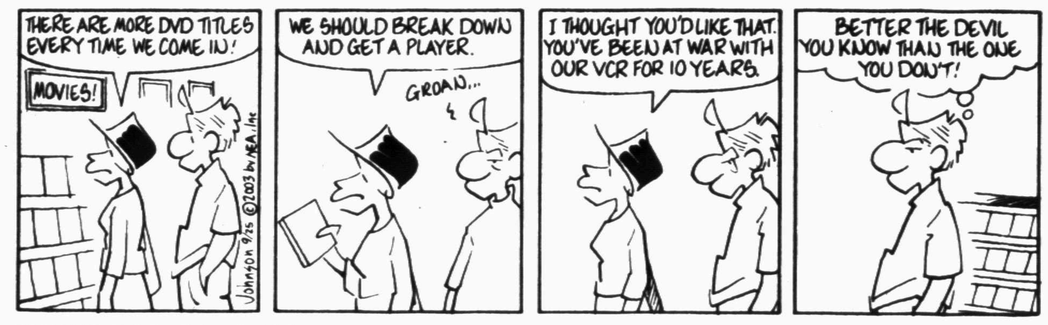
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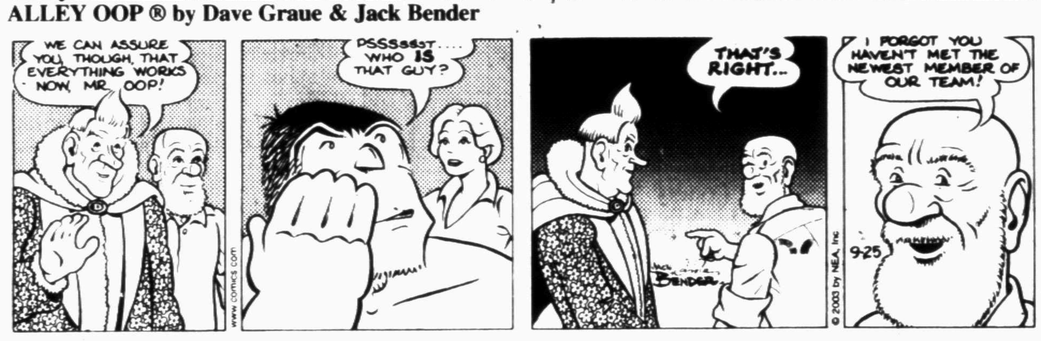
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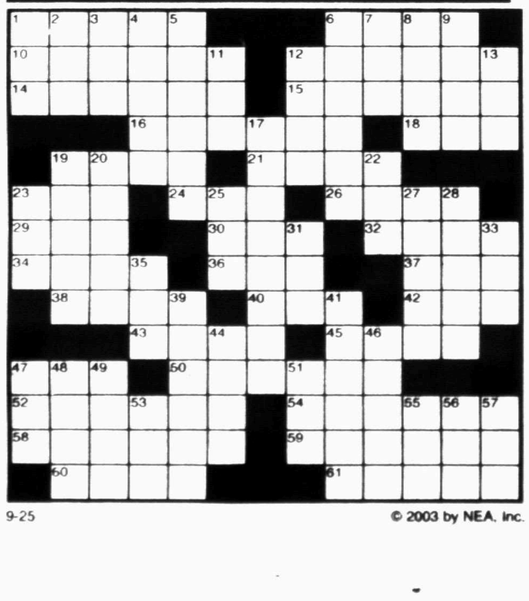
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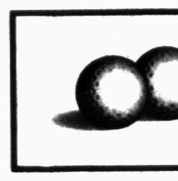


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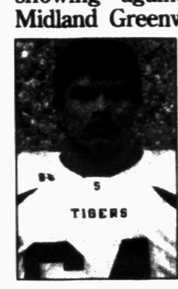
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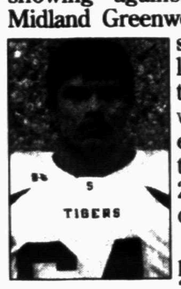
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SPORTS

Tigers seek first win Friday

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers will look to build off last week's impressive showing against third-ranked Midland Greenwood and halt a season-opening losing streak at three games when they travel to Fort Stockton to face the 2-2 Panthers Friday.



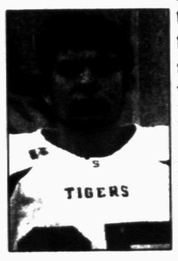
Gutierrez

The Tigers played well in a 22-18 loss to the Rangers at home, outgaining Greenwood 291 to 277 in a performance that put the Abilene Wylie debacle light years behind them.

"Every team finds their niche and what things they can do well," Snyder head coach Chad Rogers said. "I think we got closer to finding it (against Greenwood)."

Rogers said the personality of his team is aggressive play, which he said was not as evident against Wylie as it was against Greenwood.

The Tiger defense will face a much different type of offense than they have seen this season when they face Fort Stockton.

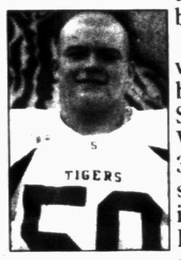


Kemp

The Panthers run an offense that is based on the shotgun formation, an offense perfected by 5A schools like Ennis and South Lake Carroll. Almost every play is run from that formation.

"It's the new wave of offense," Rogers said. "If we use what we do best — running the ball — that will be our best defense. The key is to eliminate big plays. You have to cover people because one play could be six points. But they run a lot out of that formation, too."

Of primary concern for the defense will be quarterback Wayne Jefferson, the Panthers' leading rusher and primary threat out of the backfield.



McNatt

Fort Stockton, which was blown out by San Angelo Lake View last Friday, 30-7, also has skilled receivers in seniors Vic Lujan and Jeremy Velasquez.

On offense, Rogers said the Tigers want to get back to the power running game, to chew up clock and control the line of scrimmage.

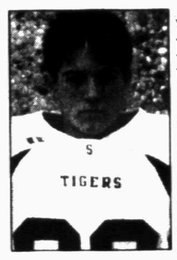
"I would like to see us perform in the running game," he said. "I think if we do that, our passing game will be there."

Against Greenwood, Isaac Ramon and quarterback Boicy Martinez combined for 125 yards rushing, and Rogers said he would rotate Ramon, Jacob Rodriguez and Malcom Wells in an effort to keep everyone fresh for the latter stages of the contest.

Snyder will face a quick, athletic and experienced Panther defense that crowds the line of scrimmage, often bring nine players into the box.

The team runs a "50" defense — the same defense Snyder ran last year, with five down linemen and two linebackers.

Ends Mark Harral and Matt Garvin are good pass rushers who will try to use their quickness to counter Snyder's size advantage at tackle.



Castillo

Lico Castillo will take over kicking duties this week. Rogers said the move is designed to give Ramon fewer responsibilities, given his involvement on both offense and defense.

The Tigers will be without center Matthew Vasquez, who is expected to be out for three weeks with a sprained knee.

Left tackle Sid Gutierrez will move to center, with Ricky McNatt coming over from the defensive side to man right guard, and starting right guard Josh Kemp moving to the left tackle position.

Rogers said the offensive line, which has jelled into a cohesive unit, should have no problem with the adjustment, as each player knows how to play every position. Gutierrez has experience as the snapper, having played center as a sophomore.

"It will be different, because I'm so used to Matthew," Martinez said of the switch. "It's adversity that we have to handle and overcome."

Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.

Teaff to address Tigers



Grant Teaff

Former Baylor head coach and Snyder native Grant Teaff will speak at 4 p.m. today to the Snyder Tigers as they prepare for Friday's game against Fort Stockton.

Head coach Chad Rogers said Teaff, who is the director of the College Football Coaches Association, is coming through town on his way to another engagement.

"We are really excited he is coming," Rogers said. "To have someone of his stature speak to the team is an honor."

Teaff will address the team in the film room.

Girls cross-country has top 10 finish at Abilene

The Snyder girls cross-country team scored a 10th-place finish out of 17 teams at the McMurry meet last Saturday, with three Snyder runners receiving individual medals.

"I was very pleased," said coach Todd Pollard. "Everyone's time improved. It's a good starting point."

Candace Chandler earned a medal, taking 10th in the field with a time of 13:59.

On the boys side, Arthur Hernandez ran the three-mile course in 18:27 to secure a medal by finishing 14th.

Junior Tiger Emmanuel Hernandez placed fourth with a time of 6:41 to earn a medal in the junior high division.

The girls got a strong showing from Terann Ragland, who placed 29th with a time of 14:38.

Destiny Proctor was 53rd, coming in at 15:45. and Tamara Taylor took 63rd place, crossing the line in 16:06.

April Lollar (74th) finished in 17:04, Ricia Gordon (78th) posted a time of 17:04, Glyn Wright (84th) finished in 17:18 and Starla Bruton (88th) improved her time to 17:28.

Jeremy Torrez took 16th, running the course in 18:33, while Chris Vera finished 45th with a time of 21:23.

Pollard said some runners were missing from this weekend's event, but that the full squad would be ready to compete this weekend at May Simmons Park in the Lubbock Invitational.

He said there will be roughly 250 to 300 runners in each division.

Marlins take 3-game lead in wild card race

MIAMI (AP) — The Florida Marlins held on and beat the slumping Philadelphia Phillies 6-5 Wednesday night.

Phillies third baseman Placido Polanco scrambled to avoid a broken bat. Florida's Jeff Conine homered, Juan Encarnacion also homered and Josh Beckett took a two-hit shutout into the eighth inning.

The Phillies scored five times in the eighth after falling behind 6-0.

Ugueth Urbina got the save.

Beckett (9-8) allowed six hits and four runs.

Florida led 2-0 early, then added four runs in the sixth. Ivan Rodriguez singled and scored on Derrek Lee's triple.

Miguel Cabrera broke his bat bouncing a grounder to third, and the barrel flew toward a startled Polanco. As he moved to avoid the bat, the ball rolled past him and Lee scored.

Brett Myers (14-9) departed, and Carlos Silva retired Encarnacion, then gave up a homer to Conine to make the score 6-0.

Myers gave up five runs and seven hits in five-plus innings.

Astros stay one game back

HOUSTON (AP) — Jose Vizcaino drove in two runs with a pinch-hit single in the seventh inning as the Astros beat a lineup of San Francisco substitutes 2-1 Wednesday.

Houston snapped a four-game losing streak, its longest of the season, to remain a game behind first-place Chicago. The Astros also are three games behind Florida in the wild-card race.

"This was huge for us. It was make or break for us," said Billy Wagner, who closed with a perfect ninth for his 44th save.

"We've got to win out and hope they lose one or two. If they win out and we win out, then so be it. You get out there and the adrenaline is pumping. We've got to win this game."

A loss would have dropped the Astros two games behind the Cubs with four to play.

"If we lost today, we were in serious trouble, but we live to fight another day," Craig Biggio said.

Roy Oswalt (10-5) won his fourth straight start since coming off the disabled list, allowing three hits in eight innings, including Pedro Feliz's second-inning homer.

San Francisco's Sidney Ponson (3-6), backed by three double plays, allowed just two singles in the first six innings, but got in trouble in the seventh.

Ponson hit Jeff Kent with a pitch with two outs and Lance Berkman followed with a double off the left-field scoreboard.

Iverson signs extension

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Allen Iverson signed a four-year contract extension through the 2008-09 season, passing up a chance at free agency and avoiding a big distraction during the season.

"I always wanted to be a Sixer. I always wanted to finish my career as a Sixer," Iverson said.

Terms were not announced, but a team source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday the extension would pay Iverson $76.7 million over the four years.

"Allen said he always wanted to be a Philadelphia 76er and, with this contract, we're telling him we always want him here as well," team president Billy King said.

Iverson, who will be 33 when the deal expires, has one year plus an option remaining on the $71 million contract he signed after the 1997-98 season.

Sosa ties Mantle; Cubs roll

CINCINNATI (AP) — Sammy Sosa, Shawn Estes and the Chicago Cubs turned off the television and kept themselves in control of the NL Central.

Sosa tied Mickey Mantle for 10th place on the career home run list, Estes pitched a shutout and the Cubs rolled past the Reds 8-0 Wednesday.

Before the game, Cubs players watched Houston rally for a 2-1 victory over San Francisco, meaning Chicago would have to win again to remain one game ahead on clubhouse TV sets.

Chicago took advantage of three errors by the majors' worst defense.

Estes (8-11) shut out Cincinnati with a four-hitter.

In addition to his eighth career shutout, Estes matched his career high with two singles.

Sosa jump-started the offense by leading the third inning with his 37th homer of the season and 536th of his career.

Sports Briefs

Tiger Sharks start practice Monday

The Snyder Tiger Sharks swim team will begin practice Monday. Contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8697 for more information.

Youth bowling league

Youth bowling will begin Saturday at Snyder Lanes for ages 3 to 21. Registration will start at 10 a.m. and bowling will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Alumni hats

The SHS football booster club is selling hats for Snyder alumni for $30 for homecoming week. The caps feature the name, class and organization, if any. All orders should be put in by Friday for the Oct. 3 homecoming game against Levelland. Contact Mike Tyrrell at 207-2315 for more information.

15th annual Blowout Partnership on tap

The Scurry County golf course will host the 15th annual Blowout Partnership Saturday and Sunday. Cost is $300 per team, and all participants must be 21 or older. The field is limited to 56 and the first 56 paid teams will determine entries.

Shotgun will start at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. both days of the tournament, with scramble being the first round format and lowball the format for the final round. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. There also will be a welcome and registration date Friday, with a practice round available. Call Rick Mammolite at the pro shop at 573-7101 for more information.

Jamaica volleyball tournament

Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hosting the Jamaica Volleyball Tournament Sunday. Call Louis at 573-7321 for more information.

WTC golf tournament

The third annual Western Texas College Student Government Association Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 4 at the WTC golf course. Format is four-person scramble, and cost is $120 per team. Shotgun will start at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three teams, and deadline to register is 5 p.m. on Oct. 3. Contact the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Putters and Duffers tournament

The 3rd annual Putters and Duffers tournament will be held Oct. 4-5 at Scurry County Golf Course, with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. both days. Entry fee is $150 per couple and includes lunches, dinner and mulligans. For more information or to register, contact Xalyn at 574-3343 or Judy at 573-0637.

Memorial golf tournament

The 4th annual Lou Loper/Mike Clifton Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 4 at the Jayton golf course. Tee-off will be at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded and a raffle will be held for various prizes. Format is four-person scramble and cost is $120 per team, with proceeds going to benefit the cancer relief fund. Contact Susie Scott at 325-574-7098 or 573-0720 for more information.

WTC GLT tournament

Western Texas College will host the golf and landscape technology tournament Oct. 11. Format is nine-hole lowball-daylight and nine-hole select shot glow ball-dark with tee-off at 5 p.m. Cost is $70 per team with cash prizes. Contact the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

NCAA lifts ban on Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — The Michigan basketball team has won its appeal and will be eligible to play in the 2004 NCAA tournament, according to a newspaper report.

The school has been informed that its appeal of the NCAA's postseason ban was successful, a person at the university familiar with the situation told the Detroit Free Press.

An announcement was expected to be made today.

Michigan spokesman Bruce Madej and NCAA spokeswoman Kay Hawes declined comment. Coach Tommy Amaker, athletic director Bill Martin did not immediately return phone messages.

The decision was made by the NCAA's infractions appeals committee, which overturned the postseason-related portion of the infractions committee's May ruling, the newspaper said.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	98	60	.620	—
Boston	93	65	.589	5
Toronto	83	75	.525	15
Baltimore	70	87	.446	27½
Tampa Bay	61	97	.386	37

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	89	69	.563	—
Chicago	83	75	.525	6
Kansas City	82	76	.519	7
Cleveland	67	92	.421	22½
Detroit	40	118	.253	49

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oakland	96	63	.604	—
Seattle	90	69	.566	6
Anaheim	75	84	.472	21
Texas	70	89	.440	26

x-clinched division

Wednesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 9, N.Y. Yankees 4
Oakland 5, Texas 3
Anaheim 4, Seattle 0
Baltimore 7, Boston 3
Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 3, Cleveland 2
Detroit 4, Kansas City 3

Today's Games

Baltimore (Daal 4-10) at Boston (Lowe 16-7), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sosa 5-12) at Toronto (Walker 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Santana 12-3) at Detroit (Robertson 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Wright 1-6) at Kansas City (B.Anderson 13-11), 7:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	99	60	.623	—
Florida	88	70	.557	10½
Philadelphia	85	73	.538	13½
Montreal	81	78	.509	18
New York	65	92	.414	33

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	86	72	.544	—
Houston	85	73	.538	1
St. Louis	83	76	.522	3½
Pittsburgh	73	85	.462	13
Cincinnati	67	91	.424	19
Milwaukee	66	92	.418	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Francisco	97	60	.618	—
Los Angeles	84	73	.535	13
Arizona	82	76	.519	15½
Colorado	72	86	.456	25½
San Diego	62	96	.392	35½

x-clinched division

Wednesday's Games

Houston 2, San Francisco 1
Atlanta 9, Montreal 1
Florida 6, Philadelphia 5
N.Y. Mets 5, Pittsburgh 3
Chicago Cubs 8, Cincinnati 0
St. Louis 8, Milwaukee 4
Arizona 6, Colorado 3
Los Angeles 2, San Diego 1, 11 innings

Today's Games

Arizona (Batista 10-9) at Colorado (Elarton 4-4), 2:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 16-9) at Florida (Penny 13-10), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (M.Torres 6-5) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 9-14), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 13-10) at Cincinnati (Van Poppel 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (D.Davis 3-1) at Houston (Redding 9-14), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 16-12) at San Diego (Lawrence 9-15), 9:05 p.m.

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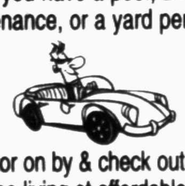
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By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Sept. 26, 2003
You may become involved in several small activities in the year ahead designed specifically for the purposes of generating career opportunities. Individually they might not look like much, but collectively they could pack a wallop.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Just because the week is ending and decisions need to made, don't let yourself be rushed into making a promise today to back someone who is championing what may be an unpopular cause.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Dealings you have with either friends or business associates today must be kept out in the open. If they think you are withholding information or facts from them, it'll cost you their support.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Associates who are usually easy to get along with might start out the day on a sour note. Give them time to get their acts together and they'll become their old pleasant selves once again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A disagreement you have today with any important relationship should be resolved as promptly as possible. If you let the issue fester, it could magnify in intensity and importance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — No matter how unpleasant the task, get your duties and responsibilities out of the way early in the day. It'll leave you free to enjoy more pleasant activities with friends or family.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Wait until later in the day when people are gearing down and are in a more relaxed mood before asking any favors of anybody. It'll be easier for them to comply when they don't feel overwhelmed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Those you're hoping will back you up are not likely to be there for you today. To make certain you accomplish your aims, rely more on yourself and less on others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Taking the path of least resistance isn't apt to accomplish much of substance today. You have the determination and staying power needed to yield the high rewards.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Getting careless over handling the management of your resources could hurt you today. Stay on top of things, and be prudent and cautious in all financial dealings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Although you could get off with a bang today, chances are you might not be as strong of a finisher as you should. It could cost you if you get careless and leave loose ends hanging.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be careful about how you go about accomplishing your aims today, because even if what you do today is done for the good of all concerned, others may not appreciate your tactics.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This is not a good day to bring to the attention of friends an activity you're sponsoring if it is going to cost them money. Pals are likely to be on an austerity program at this time.

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Thousands party with Dave Matthews

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dave Matthews band kept tens of thousands of fans on their feet at a free concert in Central Park as part of a fund-raiser for music programs in the nation's largest public school system.

The concert was sponsored by America Online, which has held other fund-raisers and donated $1 million to New York City schools. AOL handed out 70,000 free tickets before the concert through its Web site and on the streets.

With its brand of funk, jazz and worldbeat fusion, the band entertained the crowd with hits like "Where are You Going" and "Two Step." The concert Wednesday followed in the tradition of Diana Ross, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, Barbra Streisand and Garth Brooks, who also performed for free at the park.

The band opened with "Don't Drink the Water," a 10 top hit in 1998. The group has released a dozen albums and has had 10 top 10 singles.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	12.45	11.60	11.96	—.28
AOL TimeWrn	15.95	15.58	15.72	—.04
AT&T Corp rs	22.38	21.97	22.02	—.04
Albertsons	21.04	20.78	21.00	+.24
Alltel	45.98	45.50	45.85	+.39
AmEl Pw	29.08	28.77	29.00	+.35
AndarkPtr	43.73	42.69	42.76	—1.40
ATMOS Egy	24.38	24.07	24.09	—.01
Aviall	12.95	12.60	12.65	—.12
BP PLC	43.15	42.91	43.15	+.50
BakerHughes	30.98	30.51	30.66	—.21
Bank of Amer	79.04	78.52	78.85	+.45
BellSouth	23.95	23.55	23.77	—.02
BurlNoSFe	29.20	28.88	28.92	—.08
Caterpillar	70.87	68.97	69.18	—1.26
CenterPoint	9.15	9.01	9.07	—.03
ChevronTex	72.88	72.13	72.41	+.08
Citigroup	46.79	46.20	46.49	—.04
CocaCola	43.25	42.89	43.01	+.02
ColgatePal	55.90	55.40	55.49	—.08
CmclMetals	18.87	18.52	18.53	—.25
ConocoPhill	56.08	55.59	55.60	—.15
Cooper Inds	48.93	48.31	48.87	+.22
DaimlrChry	35.83	35.39	35.79	
DeltaAirl	14.07	13.60	13.80	—.17
Dillards Inc	15.15	14.93	15.02	+.02
DowChem	32.80	32.26	32.26	—.44
DuPont	40.30	39.60	39.81	—.47
EastmanChem	33.70	33.15	33.21	—.42
EstKodak	25.35	22.80	23.39	—3.60
EDS Corp	20.49	20.25	20.35	—.12
Entergy	54.15	53.63	53.90	—.18
ExxonMobil	37.17	37.00	37.12	+.22
FootLocker	16.48	16.25	16.34	+.04
GenDynam	77.47	75.59	75.80	—1.67
GenElec	30.90	30.52	30.79	+.17
GenMills	47.65	47.26	47.36	—.04
GenMotors	41.00	40.01	40.12	—.70
GaPacific	24.28	23.50	23.56	—.64
Goodrich	24.32	23.93	24.12	—.20
Goodyear	7.14	6.83	6.87	—.27
GtAtlPac	9.34	9.12	9.13	—.10
Halliburtn	25.10	24.85	24.94	—.07
Hanson ADS	32.24	31.83	32.00	—.35
HarteHanks	18.90	18.65	18.78	+.18
HomeDepot	32.73	32.14	32.35	—.05
Honeywellintl	26.70	26.16	26.30	—.39
IBM	90.45	89.39	90.39	+.99
IntlPaper	39.91	39.45	39.46	—.33
JohnsonJn	49.90	49.45	49.60	+.15
KinderMorg	53.64	53.20	53.32	—.31
Kroger Co	18.70	18.37	18.67	+.26
LockheedM	44.80	44.09	44.62	—.48
Lowes Cos	53.49	52.96	53.26	+.38
Lubys	2.70	2.58	2.70	+.15
LucentTech	2.26	2.18	2.20	
MarathonOil	28.46	28.05	28.28	—.07
MayDeptStr	25.07	24.88	25.00	+.02
Medtronic	47.80	47.28	47.79	+.47
Motorola	12.40	12.16	12.31	+.05
NCR Corp	33.71	30.94	32.55	+2.86
Navistar	39.07	37.67	38.20	—.97
PNM Rescs	28.17	27.75	27.95	—.07
Penney JC	22.80	22.20	22.40	—.55
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Scripps EW	85.83	85.20	85.65	+.52
SearsRoeb	45.73	45.32	45.53	—.20
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TexasInst	23.29	22.74	23.12	+.04
Textron	41.11	40.50	40.64	—.47
TrinityInds	26.94	26.45	26.59	—.31
TylerTech	7.35	6.63	6.97	—.35
UnionPacif	58.75	58.26	58.46	—1.22
USSteel	20.01	19.43	19.60	—.41
UnitedTech	78.26	76.97	77.96	—.28
Unocal	31.78	31.52	31.59	—.10
VerizonComm	32.80	32.40	32.58	—.02
WalMart	57.17	56.59	57.11	+.49
WellsFargo	50.93	50.70	50.79	+.05
WstnGasRs	38.65	38.43	38.43	—.06
WinnDixie	10.15	10.00	10.00	—.06
Xerox Cp	10.60	10.42	10.47	—.05
YumBrands	30.37	29.94	29.94	—.43

Public Notice

Notice of opportunity to comment or request information is given by South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. 411 Austin Street, Levelland, Texas 79336 on a proposed application for approximately $5,000 in federal funds to provide services to the elderly and persons with disabilities within Scurry and Mitchell counties. Financial assistance is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation under the Section 5310 grant program. Funds for additional vehicles to provide the service are not being requested in this grant application.

Requests for information or comment can be forwarded to Debra Rector, Public Transportation Coordinator with the Texas Department of Transportation - Abilene District, P O Box 150, Abilene, TX. 79604-0150, (915)676-6811.

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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Spider Lilies, Oxblood Lilies, & Rain lilies

One indication of an eventual end to our long, hot summers is the emergence of several bulbous perennials. Spider lilies (*Lycoris radiata*), oxblood lilies (*Rhodophiala bifida)* and certain rain lilies (*Zephranthes*) species suddenly appear and add color and interest to our tired, heat-weary gardens. These plants are not natives, but they appear to be, since they often come back year after year and slowly increase in numbers and flower production.

All three plants have in common that they produce most of their foliage during the winter and spring, go dormant during the heat of summer, then flower in early fall. They actually require a dormant period during the heat of summer when little or no water is needed. Artificial watering during this period may be harmful to these plants. Spider lilies and oxblood lilies are especially sensitive to over watering during their "baking period"; therefore, it is best to plant these tough and hardy bulbs where they are out of reach of normal sprinkler systems or artificial watering.

Spider lilies are a novelty in the world of ornamental plants. Each spring the strap-shaped foliage appears, ripens, then dies down with the heat of summer. In September, usually after a soaking rain, clusters of red, pink, white or yellow flowers suddenly spring forth from the ground. Stems may reach 18 to 24 inches, and they are topped with spidery-like flowers with wavy-edged segments and long stamens. They are very easily grown, especially in the eastern third of the state. The red form (*Lycoris radiata*) is much more common than the others and is the easiest to grow.

Oxblood lilies are another introduction from Argentina. They were introduced by a German-Texas plants man named Heinrich Oberwetter, an early colonist in central Texas. Oxblood lilies appear to be equally well adapted to heavy clay or deep, sandy soils. The flowers resemble small red amaryllises and are borne several to a stem. Foliage is strap-like and emerges after flowering to flourish through the winter, and then it yellows and disappears by summer.

Among the large and diverse group of plants known as rain lilies, the most common cultivated form is *Zephranthes candida*, the white rain lily, which is sometimes called "Autumn Crocus" because of its tendency to bloom profusely in the fall. It somewhat resembles monkey grass and is useful as an edging plant in the garden during the fall, winter, and spring when its foliage is most abundant and attractive. White rain lilies are native to the shores of Rio de la Plata, the River of Silver, in Argentina. Flowers appear mostly in late summer and fall, usually beginning with the first autumn showers.

Rain lilies, oxblood lilies and spider lilies are all propagated by dividing mature clumps of bulbs. This can be done successfully at any season, but transplanting just after the foliage starts dying down in late spring or early summer is less likely to interrupt their bloom cycle. Commercial availability is limited on all three of these plants although it appears to be improving.

Fall 'Quail Odyssey' set in West Texas

Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a "Quail Odyssey" through eight top West Texas quail-producing counties each Thursday in October.

Dates and counties involved include: Oct. 2, Scurry/Fisher Counties; Oct. 9, Coke/Tom Green Counties; Oct. 16, Coleman County; Oct. 23, Stonewall County; and Oct. 30, Shackelford/Taylor Counties.

Dr. Dale Rollins, San Angelo-based Extension wildlife specialist and odyssey coordinator, said the five tours are intended as a series. To entice return attendees, participants completing the entire odyssey will be eligible to win a donated shotgun or a guided Fisher County quail hunt.

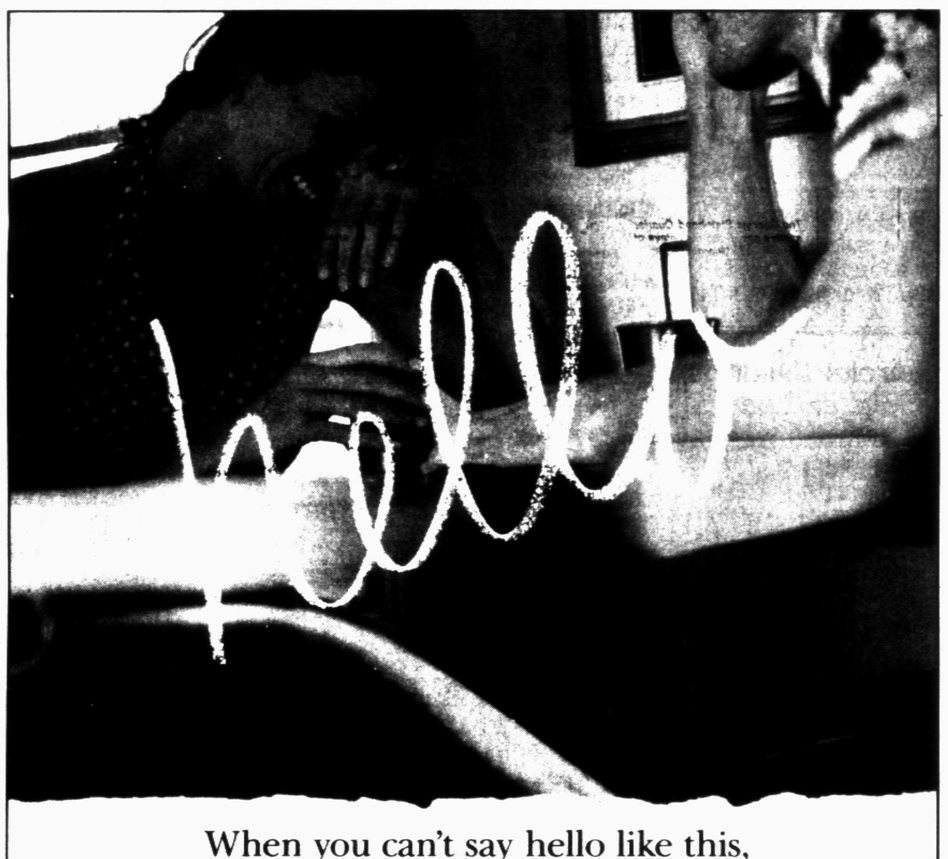
"We'll be touring some of the best quail properties anywhere in the U.S.," said Rollins.

"Quail management is an art based on scientific principles. We'll see various landowners' creativity in habitat management, including Brush Sculpting, prickly pear management, and grazing management.

Rollins said the series is intended to be a "brown-bag" affair. As such, there won't be any registration fees. Donations to support ongoing quail research efforts and the Bobwhite Brigade Wildlife Leadership Camp will be accepted. Participants are asked to bring along their lunch, refreshments, and a folding chair.

"Quail numbers are up nicely over most of West Texas this year," said Rollins. "This may be the best year we've seen since 1987". Ranches on the tour include: Wild Wings Ranch, Scurry County; Aiken Ranch, Fisher County; Bond Ranch, Coke County; Angelo State University Management Instruction and Research Center, Tom Green County; Codorniz Ranch, Tom Green County; Brown and Big 6 Ranches, Coleman County; Snipes and Box P Ranches, Stonewall County; Rio 42 Ranch, Shackelford County; Ramsey Ranch and Hailey Ranch, Taylor County.

For specific meeting times and locations for each of the odyssey tours contact Greg Gruben, Scurry County, 325-573-5423; Steve Estes, Fisher County, 325-776-3259; Tommy Antilley, Coke, 325-453-2461; Dale Rollins, Tom Green, 325-653-4576; Lance Rasch, Coleman, 325-625-4519; Rebel Royall, Stonewall, 940-989-3510; Rocky Vinson, Shackelford, 325-762-2233; or Gary Bomar, Taylor, 325-672-6048.



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?Weather Whys?

Topic: A Blue Moon

Q: Is there really such a thing as a 'blue moon?"

A: Although the moon itself is never blue, there are rare times when the moon does seem to have a bluish color, says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University.

The blue-like appearance of the moon is caused by numerous dust particles in the atmosphere, and these in turn tend to scatter light.

"When this happens, the result is that the dust on the light coming from the moon may appear to look somewhat blue," Odins explains. "The moon does not generate light on its own, but reflects light from the sun.

"But the scattering of light particles can do strange things. After large volcanic eruptions, when dust particles are thrown many miles into the sky, there can be some weird light effects.

"When Krakatoa erupted in 1883, one of the largest explosions on record, it supposedly produced a 'blue moon' and even a 'green moon' because of the variance of light striking the dust particles, and this blue-green moon lasted for months and could be seen from just about any place in the world."

Q: So is that where we get the expression "once in a blue moon?"

A: Perhaps, because these types of occurrences don't happen very often, Odins adds. "But the expression 'once in a blue moon' may mean something else. Some of the old farmer's almanacs, and these go back several hundred years, referred to a 'blue moon' as the third full moon in a season that had four full moons, or another way of saying that something does 'not happen very often' or 'rarely.'

"Scientists know that over the next 20 years, there will be a total of 17 blue moons, with the last one occurring Nov. 30, 2001. There will be no blue moon in 2003, 2006, 2011, 2014 and 2017, the figures show."

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Scurrying Around Snyder

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Early Dental Health A Healthy Start

Dental care begins before birth and before teeth erupt.

Giving a child a healthy start on strong teeth can begin in utero. Good health habits are important for development of the unborn child. Between the third and sixth months of pregnancy, a child's teeth begin to form.

That's why it is especially important for women to consume dairy products during pregnancy (unless otherwise instructed by a doctor). Dairy products, such as milk, cheese, and yogurt, are the best sources of calcium, which is the main building block for teeth and bones (American Dental Association, 2003k).

At birth a baby already has 20 primary teeth (also called "baby" teeth), some of which are almost completely formed in the jaw. Baby teeth help your child chew food, speak clearly, and leave space so the permanent teeth can grow in straight. Although you can't yet see the teeth at birth, it is important to keep the gums free of plaque, residual food, and bacteria that can harm erupting teeth later.

Thus, you should start caring for your child's gums and teeth at birth. To clean baby's gums, simply wipe them with a soft, wet cloth or clean gauze pad after each feeding to keep them free of plaque and bacteria.

Brushing for Beginners

Brushing should begin as soon as the first tooth erupts.

Babies' first four teeth usually begin to erupt between ages six months to one year. Typically, some of the first teeth to appear are the upper and lower central incisors (top and bottom center, respectively) and the upper and lower lateral incisors (either side of the central incisors).

As soon as the first teeth start to erupt, parents should begin to brush them twice a day with a soft, child-sized toothbrush and water. Toothpaste is not needed before the child reaches age two — if you are considering using toothpaste at this age, consult your dentist for recommendations. (Note: Some toothpastes are not recommended for children under age six. When choosing a toothpaste, read the manufacturer's label or consult your dentist.)

At age two, a child should begin using a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste. Fluoride helps make teeth strong and prevents tooth decay. Between about the ages of 2-6 years, parents should assist in brushing their children's teeth or supervise their brushing to be sure the toothpaste is spit out and not swallowed. Children should be taught to brush thoroughly, spit out the toothpaste and to rinse with water.

Swallowing too much fluoride can result in white spots on the teeth. Additionally, if the local water supply is not fluoridated, you may need to give your child a fluoride supplement (your dentist can make recommendations regarding fluoride).

As soon as two teeth touch, parents should begin to help their child floss. Cleaning between the teeth is important for removing the plaque that a toothbrush cannot reach. Parents will need to assist their children in flossing until about age seven, until they have the dexterity to do it themselves.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Constipation and abnormal discomfort

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've had recurring abdominal distress for several months. I take Nexium and Metamucil, which don't seem to improve the problem. I believe my pain is secondary to constipation. All my blood and urine tests have come back normal. Why don't I get better?

DEAR READER: Because you don't have a diagnosis and specific therapy. Your question is not detailed enough for me to come to a conclusion; however, here are some general thoughts.

Constipation can certainly cause recurring abdominal discomfort. But, depending on the type and location of your pain, so can other afflictions, such as gallstones, bowel inflammation, circulatory disturbances, peptic disease and irritable bowel syndrome, to mention a few.

Your doctor evidently believed that your symptom is caused by hyperacidity; thus, he prescribed Nexium. Since the medicine has been ineffective, he may have been mistaken and you will need further testing, such as X-rays, colonoscopy, gallbladder ultrasound and additional blood analyses to check out your pancreas and other digestive organs. You should return to your physician to re-think the problem and develop a strategy with which you both feel comfortable.

Stop taking the Nexium: It's not working and is just wasting your money.

Metamucil, a stool-bulking agent, probably plays no role in helping your constipation and is not considered to be a laxative. For your constipation, while you are awaiting your appointment, try using bran, extra roughage (salads and raw fruit) and an 8-ounce glass of hot prune juice every morning. This combination, which is "natural," may at least correct your slow bowel evacuations.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a male, 50, diagnosed with "non-specific urethritis and chronic prostatitis." I've been prescribed Cipro to no avail. Would you suggest another antibiotic, such as sulfa or doxycycline, or should I let the body's natural healing process take care of this?

DEAR READER: This is a question you should ask a urologist. The type of infection you have involves the reproductive tract and is often resistant to treatment. Therefore, while Cipro, a potent antibiotic, should do the trick, the specialist may wish to use another type that would be more effective in this situation.

For example, non-specific urethritis, an infection of the tube leading from the bladder (plus extension into the prostate gland), is often treated more successfully with doxycycline. The urologist can advise you. I believe that a "wait-and-see" approach could be dangerous because the infection you have might well spread into the bladder and kidneys.

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

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The Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter, of Snyder, of the Daughters of the American Revolution provides this announcement.

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Unclaimed valuable uncirculated State Quarters available for only the price of protective capsule – no matter what their value

All have increased substantially in value and some by over 275%

This Important Notification has been released to inform you of an opportunity for you to receive unclaimed U.S. Statehood Quarter .Dollars FREE including the fourth Quarter Dollar of 2003, Missouri.

The United States Commemorative Gallery has a number of Statehood Quarter Dollars in their vault that have gone unclaimed by a small percentage of customers. In addition, this also allows you to be among the first to receive the new Missouri Statehood Quarter Dollar FREE.

These Statehood Quarter Dollars are all uncirculated and are in special protective capsules.

All of these Statehood Quarter Dollars have already increased substantially in value and some by over 275%!

United States Commemorative Gallery Officials have decided to offer these unclaimed U.S. Statehood Quarter Dollars FREE to select regions of the country to ensure equal nationwide opportunity. Your region has been specially selected to receive these unclaimed Statehood Quarter Dollars FREE. You only need to cover the small price of the protective capsules and sealing labor for these unclaimed and Uncirculated Statehood Quarter Dollars.

Uncirculated Collector coins have the highest value because they are in mint condition. Circulated coins are usually damaged through rubbing surfaces or other coins. Also, acid from people's hands causes coin metal to corrode. This is why it is important to seal uncirculated coins in protective capsules while wearing gloves.

The United States Commemorative Gallery has put these unclaimed, uncirculated Statehood Quarter Dollars into separate lots for each year the Quarter Dollars were released. There is one Statehood Quarter Dollar for each state.

The unclaimed, uncirculated Statehood Quarter Dollar lots that are available will include the highest appreciating uncirculated Statehood Quarter Dollars - Delaware and Pennsylvania both over 275%.

The other 18 Statehood Quarter Dollars have increased substantially in value and could appreciate much more in the future. These are New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Vermont, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana and Mississippi. The newest release, Missouri, is also sure to substantially increase in value.

No matter what their value, every Statehood Quarter Dollar is FREE. All you need to do to claim them is remit the price of the protective capsule and sealing labor, which is only $2.20 each. These protective capsules are critical so that the Statehood Quarter Dollars will not be handled and therefore will maintain their highest possible uncirculated value. All of these Statehood Quarter Dollars have been placed into the protective capsules by specially-trained United States Commemorative Gallery Staff who wear special white placement gloves to insert the quarters into the protective capsules and seal them.

You may claim one or all 4 of the lots that are now available. There are 5 Quarters in each lot. The U.S. Mint only mints 5 Statehood Quarter Dollars each year. If you claim one lot, you only pay $2.20 each for the protective capsules in that lot which comes to only $11 plus $3 shipping and handling. If you claim all 4 lots of uncirculated 20 Statehood Quarter Dollars, you will get FREE Shipping and Handling and receive all 20 Statehood Quarter Dollars for only $39. If you order all 4 lots you will also get the new Missouri 2003 Statehood Quarter Dollar FREE.

IMPORTANT: You must call Toll-Free 1-800-600-3227 or return the Unclaimed Statehood Quarter Dollar Claim Form on this page immediately. You must claim your FREE unclaimed Statehood Quarter Dollars within 10 days from reading this notification, because we will then offer them to another selected region of the country.

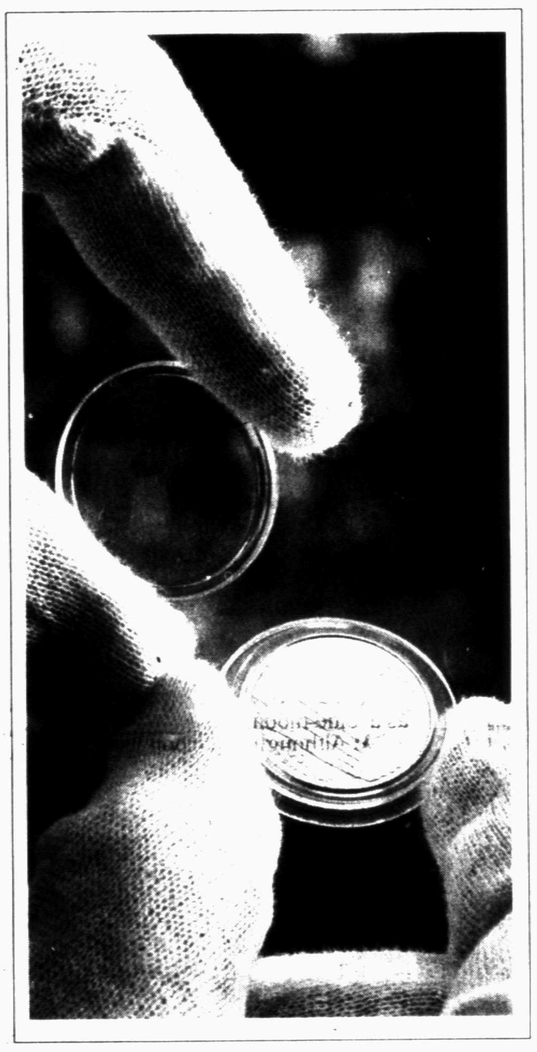
These Statehood Quarter Dollars produced by the United States Mint have been one of the biggest sensations in the history of coin collecting. We expect that they will appreciate in value substantially in the future.

Remember, each Statehood Quarter Dollar is only minted for 10 weeks of one year. After that, no more will be minted. That is another reason why they are so valuable. And the Statehood Quarter Dollars are uncirculated and, therefore, you will not be able to find them in your change. The uncirculated Statehood Quarter Dollars that have been put into a protective capsule have a greater value. They also make great gifts.

2003 Newest Statehood Quarter
Missouri



CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF EXPLORATION, THIS STATEHOOD QUARTER FEATURES THE "CORPS OF DISCOVERY", AN EXPEDITIONARY GROUP LED BY LEWIS AND CLARK. HIGH ABOVE THE ADVENTURERS IS THE GATEWAY ARCH, MISSOURI'S MOST FAMOUS LANDMARK.



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LOT 1 – 1999

Delaware



Depicted here is Caesar Rodney and his two day ride to Philadelphia. He was the decisive vote for American Independence.

Pennsylvania



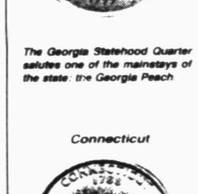
The Pennsylvania Statehood Quarter portrays an allegorical female figure of Commonwealth.

New Jersey



A portion of an 1851 Leutze oil painting is pictured with Washington crossing the Delaware.

Georgia



The Georgia Statehood Quarter salutes one of the mainstays of the state: the Georgia Peach.

Connecticut



"The Charter Oak" is struck with fine detail on the reverse of the Connecticut Statehood Quarter.

LOT 2 – 2000

Massachusetts



The Massachusetts Statehood Quarter is adorned with the famous Statue of the Minuteman.

Maryland



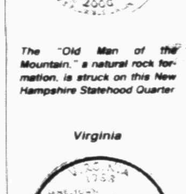
The Old State House Capitol Dome is reserved in coin history on the reverse of the Maryland State Quarter.

South Carolina



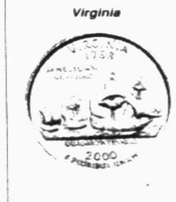
The South Carolina Statehood Quarter honors the State's bird, trees and flower.

New Hampshire



The "Old Man of the Mountain," a natural rock formation, is struck on this New Hampshire Statehood Quarter.

Virginia



Virginia, known for the first English settlers, is shown with their ships the Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery.

LOT 3 – 2001

New York



As the national symbol of freedom, the New York Statehood Quarter is adorned with the Statue of Liberty.

North Carolina



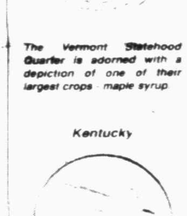
North Carolina honors the first flight with Wilbur and Orville Wright.

Rhode Island



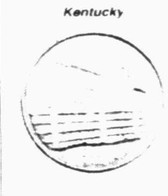
The Rhode Island Statehood Quarter is depicted with a common site in the state.

Vermont



The Vermont Statehood Quarter is adorned with a depiction of one of their largest crops: maple syrup.

Kentucky



"My Old Kentucky Home" is pictured with a thoroughbred horse on the Kentucky Statehood Quarter.

LOT 4 – 2002

Tennessee



Featured on the Tennessee Quarter is a guitar, violin, sheet music and trumpet reflecting its musical influence to American culture.

Ohio



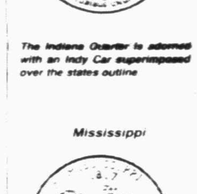
Ohio features an early Wright Flyer and the Apollo-era Astronaut over an outline of the state.

Louisiana



Louisiana design shows a brown pelican and celebrates the Louisiana Purchase with an outline of the United States.

Indiana



The Indiana Quarter is adorned with an Indy Car superimposed over the states outline.

Mississippi



Two magnolia blossoms and leaves which signify the colorful pastures of Mississippi.

Unclaimed Statehood Quarter Dollar Claim Form

The FREE unclaimed Statehood Quarter Dollars will be sent to you in brilliant, uncirculated condition and protected by our specially designed Protective Capsules. You only pay for the capsules and sealing labor which is $2.20 each.

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____ 2002 Statehood Quarter Dollar lot only $11 plus $3 S & H.
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Return this Claim Form to the address below. Enclose Cash, Check or Money Order. To order by Credit Card, fill out below.

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FOOTBALL HERO NOMINEES — Nominees for football hero at Hermleigh High School include front row from left, Justin Williamson, Dustin Williamson and Keenon Garcia; back row from left, Robby Anderson and Joakim Lundvik of Sweden. Homecoming is set for Friday and Saturday. Nominees are dressed for Wednesday's "Hawaiian Day." Football sweetheart nominees are on the front page. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Teenager opens fire; one killed

COLD SPRING, Minn. (AP) — A 15-year-old boy opened fire on students at their high school, killing one and critically wounding another before a gym teacher apparently talked him into dropping the gun, authorities said.

Police said the 15-year-old, who they did not immediately identify, was cooperating with authorities, but that a motive had not been determined.

Several media outlets and students identified the suspect as John Jason McLaughlin, a freshman whose father is a Stearns County sheriff's deputy. Sheriff John Sanner, whose department is involved in the investigation, declined comment when asked about the connection.

School Superintendent Scott Staska said authorities had no reason to expect that sort of violence from the student.

"There were some typical issues in the past, but nothing that would lead us to something like this," he said.

Friona man arrested for felony possession

•Arrests

Michael Eugene Lucas, 36, of Friona, was arrested at 12:52 p.m. Wednesday for felony possession of a controlled substance and on a warrant for an expired driver license.

At 5:01 p.m. Wednesday, a 24-year-old man was arrested for Class A assault family violence after a woman called police requesting an officer to standby while she retrieved her children's property. When police arrived, they found the woman had been assaulted and took the man into custody.

Wednesday at 9:10 p.m., a 38-year-old man was arrested at 3017 38th Street on a warrant for motion to revoke probation.

Wednesday at 10:16 p.m., a 31-year-old man was taken into custody at 903 30th Street on a warrant for motion to revoke probation.

•Burglary

Wednesday at 7:36 a.m., Patsy Collins was burglarized. A report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

At 7:52 a.m. Wednesday, Tracy Lambert requested officers at Weatherford International in reference to items being stolen out of a vehicle. A report for burglary of a vehicle was filed.

•Accidents

Wednesday at 4:13 p.m., several calls were received reporting a one-vehicle rollover approximately five miles south of Snyder on S.H. 350. DPS, Scurry County sheriff's department, Snyder EMS and Bill's Wrecker Service were dispatched. One person was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

At 5:14 p.m. Wednesday, a two-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of 30th Street and Crockett Ave. Involved were a 1994 Eagle Summit driven by Christopher Lee Hembree, 19, of Hermleigh and a 1990 Chrysler driven by Stacey Poe, 30, of 3120 Ave. T.

Snyder EMS was dispatched after one of the drivers complained of chest injuries caused by the air bag, but no transport was made. Nichol's Wrecker towed one vehicle. There were no passengers.

•Reckless driving

A sheriff's deputy was requested on FM 2763 and S.H. 350 regarding several people popping wheelies on motorcycles. The deputy made contact with several subjects parked alongside the road at that location and advised them of the complaint.

•Gas drive offs

Employees at Allsup's in Snyder reported two gas drive offs Wednesday, one worth $17.48 and another worth $15.09.

A Town and Country north employee also reported a gas drive off Wednesday.

•Loud music

An employee at McLeod's Jewelry reported a loud music disturbance in the Snyder Shopping Center on Wednesday. An officer was dispatched, but the subject was gone upon arrival.

Enron Corp. sues several investment banks

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp. is suing a string of banks, brokerage firms and their subsidiaries that financed its deals and partnerships, accusing them of participating in deliberately murky transactions for millions of dollars in fees that helped create the failed energy company's facade of success.

Defendants in the lawsuit filed late Wednesday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York include banking titans J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and Citigroup Inc. — two of the country's largest banks and Enron's largest creditors.

Obituaries

Dan Dever Jr.

1931-2003

E.H. "Dan" Dever Jr., a native of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Dever, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the 37th Street Church of Christ with Dale Huff, minister, officiating. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 21, 1931 in Snyder, he was reared in Scurry County and entered the military in 1952 and retired as a master sergeant in 1972. He served in both the Korean Conflict and in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal.



Dan Dever

He married Frieda Whitehurst on Oct. 6, 1953 in Snyder.

Mr. Dever joined the staff of Western Texas College in 1973 as veterans outreach officer. In 1974 he also was named WTC registrar and served in both capacities until his retirement in 1993. At the time of his death, he was serving as part-time county veterans service officer.

Mr. Dever had served as both a deacon and elder of the 37th Street Church of Christ and had been involved in the building of churches in Quito, Ecuador.

Survivors include his wife, Frieda Dever of Snyder; three daughters, Terri Williams and Sharon Wemken, both of Snyder, and Kathy Kelley of Ranger; two sons, Henry Dever of Andrews and Jerry Dever of Temple; several nieces and nephews, Gerald Bullard of Snyder, Jerris Bullard of Manassa, Va., Danny Dever of California, Jack Lambert of Amarillo, Delores Brame of San Antonio, Dean Dever, Doris Mohamed and Bonnie Dever, all of Lawton; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial may be made to the library fund, the children's fund or the Sunshine School scholarship fund, all at 37th Street Church of Christ, 2500 37th Street.

Jewel Haney

1925-2003

Jewel Morris Haney, longtime Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.



Jewel Haney

Funeral service for Mrs. Haney, 77, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and Walter McCall, Odessey Hospice chaplain, will officiate. Burial is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in Randolph/Lindsey Cemetery in Randolph.

Born Dec. 18, 1925 in Fannin County, she married Oscar Haney on March 2, 1990 in Snyder. A homemaker, Mrs. Haney was a secretary in Dallas for many years, returning to Snyder in 1988. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Haney was preceded in death by two daughters, Linda Moorman on May 19, 1988, and Donna Blair on March 18, 2001.

Survivors include her husband, Oscar Haney of Snyder; a daughter, Connie Robbins of Snyder; four grandchildren, Jackie Cribbs and Jason Moorman, both of Snyder, Shonna Boggs of Levelland and Kathryn Hall of Lubbock; and three great-grandchildren, Caitlyn, Logan and Lilli.

Family visitation will be held from 7-8 this evening at the funeral home.

Kay Sissenstein

1922-2003

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Kay King Sharp Sissenstein, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, Sept. 22, in Magnolia Rehabilitation and Care Center in Riverside.

Graveside service for Mrs. Sissenstein, 80, will be held at 1:15 p.m. Friday in the National Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Acheson Graham Funeral Home.

Born Nov. 18, 1922 in Snyder, Mrs. Sissenstein had lived in Riverside for 54 years. She was a homemaker and a member of the Wesley Methodist Church and the Riverside Garden Club.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Sissenstein of Riverside; a daughter, Mary Richey of Mt. Home, Idaho; a son James Sharp Jr. of Independence, Mo.; two stepsons, Jim and Paul Sissenstein of Riverside; a brother and sister-in law, Bill and Vondell King of Snyder; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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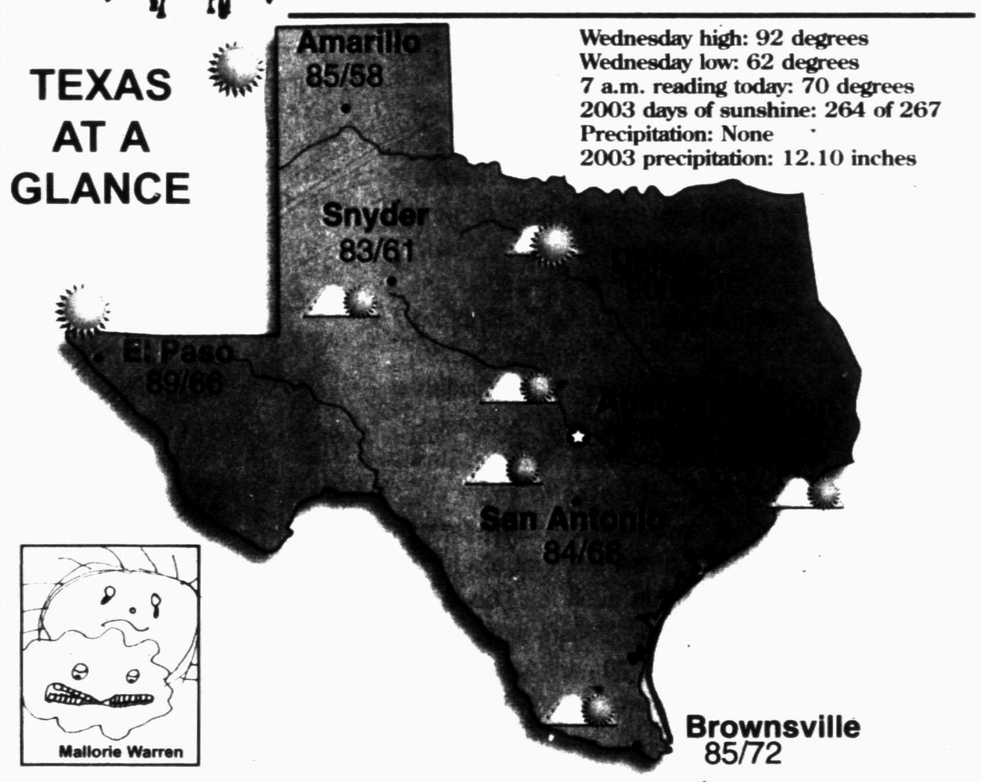
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Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals. High 83F.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.
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TEXAS AT A GLANCE



Wednesday high: 92 degrees
Wednesday low: 62 degrees
7 a.m. reading today: 70 degrees
2003 days of sunshine: 264 of 267
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 12.10 inches

Mallorie Warren

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	88	65	mst sunny	El Paso	89	66	sunny	Midland	84	64	pt sunny
Amarillo	85	58	sunny	Fort Stockton	84	63	pt sunny	Raymondville	86	69	t-storm
Austin	84	66	pt sunny	Gainesville	89	64	mst sunny	Rosenberg	88	67	pt sunny
Beaumont	87	67	pt sunny	Greenville	88	64	mst sunny	San Antonio	84	68	pt sunny
Brownsville	85	72	pt sunny	Houston	88	68	pt sunny	San Marcos	85	66	pt sunny
Brownwood	90	64	pt sunny	Kingsville	86	69	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	88	63	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	84	70	t-storm	Livingston	88	64	pt sunny	Sweetwater	84	63	pt sunny
Corsicana	89	65	sunny	Longview	87	64	mst sunny	Tyler	88	66	sunny
Dallas	90	69	mst sunny	Lubbock	86	61	pt sunny	Weatherford	89	63	mst sunny
Del Rio	83	70	t-storm	Lufkin	88	66	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	90	66	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	82	63	pt sunny	Houston	88	68	pt sunny	Phoenix	103	78	sunny
Boston	69	62	rain	Los Angeles	79	62	mst sunny	San Francisco	75	56	mst sunny
Chicago	72	52	rain	Miami	85	76	t-storm	Seattle	75	54	sunny
Dallas	90	69	mst sunny	Minneapolis	64	45	rain	St. Louis	78	58	t-storm
Denver	79	44	sunny	New York	72	65	rain	Washington, DC	76	67	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Sep 18	Sep 26	Oct 2	Oct 10

UV Index

Fri 9/26	Sat 9/27	Sun 9/28
High	High	High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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