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Deadlines near for fall voting

Monday is final day to register in order to vote in November's general election

County Clerk Joan Bunch reminds Scurry County citizens of two important voting deadlines over the next few days.

Bunch said Friday is the last day to change your address in order to vote in the correct precinct in the November general elections.

"If someone has moved since the last time they voted, they have to let us know what their new address is so they can vote in the right precinct," she said.

The clerk also said Monday is the final day to register to vote in the November election.

Several local political races are to be decided, as are state and national races.

Vying for the County Judge's post being vacated by Ricky Fritz is Republican Rod Waller, ex Snyder mayor, and former Snyder ISD trustee Janet Stribling, a Democrat.

Two commissioners' seats also are on the November ballot.

In Precinct 2, Republican Robbie Floyd will face off against Democrat Jerry House for the seat being vacated by Roy Idom.

Local merchant and Republican Keith Hackfeld challenges incumbent Chloanne Lindsey, a Democrat, in Precinct 4.

For state representative, Scott Campbell of San Angelo is the Republican nominee against Democrat Jeri Sloan of Christoval. The two are seeking the seat being vacated by Rob Junell.

Longtime incumbent U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm, a Democrat, is challenged by former Abilene city councilman Rob Beckham, a Republican.

Early voting begins Oct. 21 and continues through Nov. 1 and the date of the general election is Nov. 5.

Bunch also said now is a good time to request ballots by mail due to the length of time required for sending the forms and receiving them back.

The county clerk's office is located on the third floor of the courthouse. Early voting also will take place on that floor.

DIG IT — Snyder Lady Tigers Kelsi Johnson, left, and Chaelyn Robinson work the court Tuesday night against the Brownfield Lady Cubs. Snyder swept the match 15-10, 15-5, winning the second game with a decisive 8-0 run to finish. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lili heading for Gulf Coast

NEW IBERIA, La. (AP) — Packing 110 mph wind, Hurricane Lili gained strength and churned today toward the Gulf Coast, where residents braced for the second major storm in a week.

About 330,000 people in Texas' Jefferson and Orange counties were told to evacuate early today after a tidal surge of more than 9 feet was expected to pound the surf.

Evacuations were ordered today along the low-lying areas southwest Louisiana.

Coastal residents of Louisiana also scrambled for higher ground and barricaded their homes and businesses, and Louisiana Gov. Mike Foster declared a state of emergency, less than a week after Tropical Storm Isidore blew through the region. That storm flooded hundreds of homes and caused an estimated $100 million in damage.

"We're as ready as we can be," Foster said early today. "But you're never fully prepared. There's only so much you can do."

Lili, which was expected to make landfall Thursday, entered the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday as a Category 2 hurricane with wind of 110 mph. Forecasters said it could strengthen to Category 3, with wind up to 130 mph, today.

Earlier, Lili barreled through the Caribbean, killing seven people in Jamaica and St. Vincent and driving tens of thousands of Cubans from their homes.

Accident results in $2 million settlement

A $2 million settlement was reached in 132nd District Court in September in a lawsuit filed as a result of a fiery highway accident last year.

The accident, involving a B & F Well Servicing vehicle and an 18-wheeler carrying $80,000 in newly-minted pennies, resulted in the deaths of Isidro Villareal, 55, and Rogelio Martinez, 27. Both were residents of Snyder and employees of B&F Well Serving.

The majority of the $2 million went to the families and attorneys of the deceased victims.

The family of Villareal and their attorneys received $845,873.63, while the Martinez family and their attorneys received $802,250.

Andres Escareno, 49, who was a passenger in the pickup and who sustained injuries, also received a settlement. He and his attorneys received $150,000.

Money awarded to the minor children of the deceased was placed in trusts.

B & F Well Servicing and their attorneys and insurance company was awarded $30,000 for damage to a pickup and trailer.

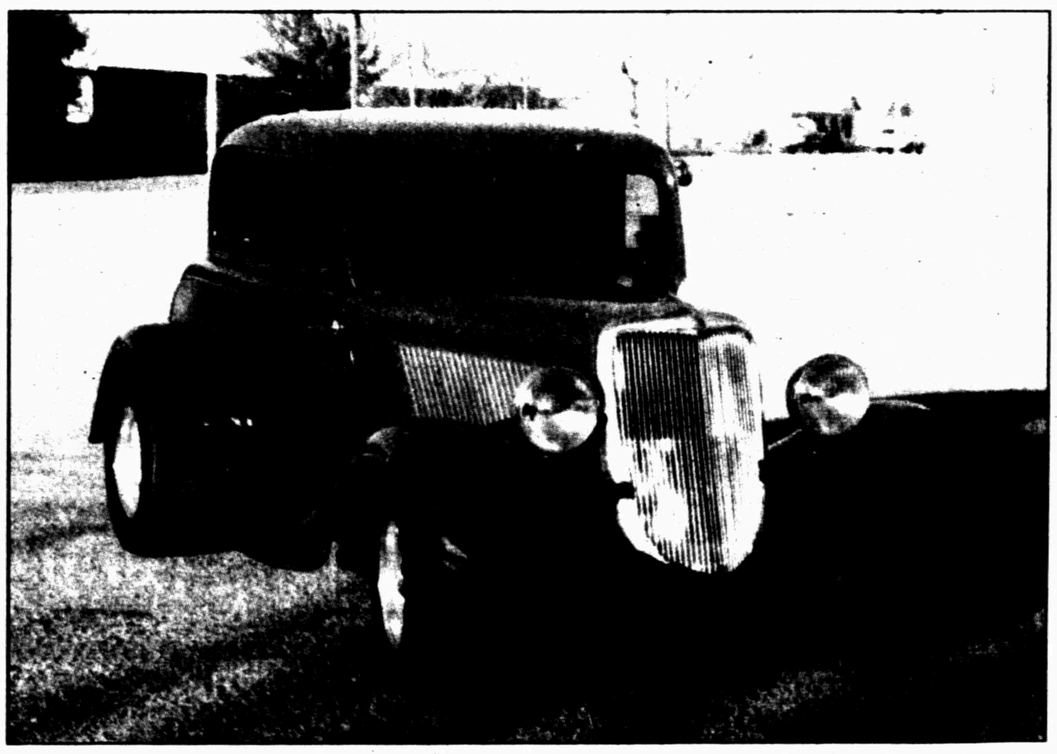
According to Texas Department of Public Safety reports, Villareal was the driver of a 1993 GMC pickup and Martinez was a passenger in the vehicle that was pulling a trailer.

The trailer was struck in the rear by the tractor-trailer unit driven by Howard Robert Geller of Westminister, Colo.

Geller also was seriously injured and was transported from the scene by an AeroCare helicopter.

He spent numerous weeks in the burn center of University Medical Center in Lubbock but is now back in Colorado.

The accident occurred last Oct. 4 some 10 miles north of Snyder on U.S. 84.



RED HOT — Vehicles like this 1934 Ford owned by David and Julie Strunk will be entered in the Snyder Wheels car show planned Saturday, Oct. 12, in conjunction with the annual White Buffalo Festival at Scurry County Coliseum. There is no entry fee and winners will be chosen by those attending the show. (Contributed Photo)

DCOS board discusses sale of Lorber's mill facilities

The board of directors of the Development Corporation of Snyder (DCOS) met for about an hour in closed session Tuesday afternoon, recessed and continued the meeting for almost an hour this morning.

The board was discussing pending negotiations with a firm interested in buying the vacant Lorber Industries of Texas facility located in the industrial park.

DCOS executive John DeLille said this morning that no action was taken.

"Basically, we discussed the parameters for negotiating with the interested firm," said DeLille.

The DCOS also had a meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday, but that has been postponed until Tuesday.

Board vice president Mike McWilliams presided and members present were Dayton Robertson and James Brown. Also present was Chairman Emeritus Roy Baze. Mark Cypert was absent.

President David Cotton, whose term expired at the end of September and has asked not to be reappointed, was absent.

A replacement for Cotton is pending appointment by Mayor Francene Noah.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Jo Ann Nunley

The police reports printed during the course of a month testify that domestic violence is rampant, even in our town.

After attending training as a board member of Gateway Family Services Monday, we felt compelled to share the good and the bad of family violence.

The good news: There is help for victims of family violence

The bad news: Since last October, the police blotter shows there have been 131 cases of family violence. Many incidents go unreported and their victims without help, all within our neighborhoods.

Help is offered in Snyder by Gateway Family Services that began in 1984, then known as Noah Project-West. Its purpose is to reduce the effects of physical, psychological and sexual abuse among victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through crisis intervention and public education.

Gateway is located in Snyder, but also serves Nolan, Fisher, Mitchell and Kent counties.

Lyndia Allen, executive director; Tiffany Rule and Victoria Jimenez, sexual assault victims advocates; Shari Jamison, caseworker; and Sherry Autry and Debra Fletcher, children's caseworkers, strive to educate citizens that help is available. The staff also is available to give programs to civic clubs and organizations.

Snyder citizens can be proud they have a unique facility built in 1998 under the guidance of former director Dee Wilson, now director of Noah Project in Abilene, and project chairman Tom Holcomb, current out-going president and board member.

During the building project, Denise Brown, sister of Nicole Brown Simpson, was guest speaker at a dinner to raise awareness of family violence issues. The facility was then housed in the old jail on College Ave.

The goals remain unchanged:

- Providing shelter for victims of family violence or sexual assault, without regard to background.
- Providing individual and group counseling for victims and their families.
- Helping victims regain their self esteem and remain self-sufficient, self-supporting and improve their lives by providing quality service.
- Providing services to batterers, promoting safety for victims, and affecting social change leading to cultural values that prohibit rather than support abuse within intimate relationships.
- Preventing or reducing incidents of injury to relatives, friends, neighbors and law enforcement officers through community education regarding family violence and sexual assault issues.

There is a 24-hour crisis hotline and victim assistance that includes rape crisis counseling, providing safe shelter for victims with counseling and support, and providing transportation.

A resale shop at 1503 26th St., Noah's Attic, furnishes clothing for victims with vouchers given to them when entering the shelter. Noah's Attic is open to the public on Fridays where items of all kinds may be purchased. This is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this heinous crime. The hotline number is 1-800-578-8054.

ASK US

Q—When does Daylight Saving Time end?

A—Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday morning, Oct. 27. Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, Oct. 26.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Cassie Callaway...

...a sophomore at Western Texas College, works part-time at A-1 Air Conditioning. Nineteen years old, she graduated from Snyder High School in 2001. Callaway likes being with her friends. New interests include hunting and fishing.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Don't believe there's plenty of time for everything. There isn't.

—Lillian Hellman

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

West Elementary open house

West Elementary will hold an open house from 4-5:30 p.m. today. Six weeks report cards will be handed out, as well as student awards in the classroom.

Ira First Baptist Church revival

Ira First Baptist Church revival concludes at 7 tonight. Murlyn Keller is the evangelist.

GED pre-registration and test dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday at the GED testing center, building 7B, WTC. The math segment begins at 8 a.m. For more information, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext 297, or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

Snyder Garden Club

The Snyder Garden Club will meet at 4 p.m. Thursday at Maribeth Vestal's home at 2901 35th St to plan the flower show in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival.

SHS open house

Snyder High School will have an open house from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Thursday. Parents may pick up their child's report card in their second period classroom. Maps of the school will be available in the foyer.

2003 Tiger Lair

Orders for 2003 Tiger Lair yearbooks will be taken beginning Thursday at Snyder High School's open house. From Thursday through Oct. 11, the book will cost $40. After that week the price will increase to $45. For more information, call 574-6138.

FBC services televised

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

Support groups

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

Trains and things

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

June 2003 tour meeting

A meeting set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the junior high library will discuss plans for a June 2003 tour. The trip will include visits to Washington, D.C., New York City, Philadelphia and Boston. The trip is open to students, adults and families. For more information contact Charlotte Clifton at 573-2430 or Darlene Robbins at 573-0795.

Bible study

An introductory meeting for Meyer's Bible Study, *Battlefield of the Mind*, is set for 8:15 a.m. Sunday at Thee Place, 904 26th Street. For more information, call Dorothy Petersen at 573-7044.

Overtime!

Overtime, featuring games and snacks, will be held Friday, Oct. 11, (after the Sweetwater game) in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Overtime is for all area junior high and high school students.

Worship workshop

Generation Praise from Dallas will be in Snyder Oct. 11-12 to hold a worship workshop, including classes on tambourine, streamers, basics of worship, prophetic worship, and Hebrew and Greek words for praise and worship. It is sponsored by His Joy Ministries and Word is Life Church. Discounted registration available before Friday. Call 573-9799 for more information.

MAWC bake, garage sale

Martha Ann Woman's Club will hold a bake and garage sale from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the clubhouse, 1600 Martha Ann Blvd.

Relay for Life training

Team captains for the 2002 Scurry County Relay for Life are encouraged to attend a training session from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Ramada Limited in Plainview. RSVP by calling 806 792-7126.

Retired teachers meeting

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday, Oct. 14, at The Shack. The program will be presented by Sherry Faulkenbery with Gateway Family Services.

Scurry Cancer Board

The Scurry County Unit of the American Cancer Society is seeking information on upcoming events that may be opportunities to provide cancer awareness facts and prevention information to the community. Those interested may contact president, Terrisu Mann, at 573-1031.

District auxiliary meeting

Cogdell Hospital auxiliary will host the District 6A and 6B of the Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries convention Thursday, Oct. 17, at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Ennis Creek reunion

Ennis Creek reunion will be held Oct. 19 at the home of Chuck and Velma Lou Lear, 8558 N. Ennis Creek Road. For more information call 573-8335 or 573-9478.

WTC Lions Club fundraiser

The new Western Texas College Lions Club is selling $5 chances on a new Gateway 500S computer with printer. The drawing will be held Oct. 26. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 230.

Call to poets

Mesquite Country Writers Guild, publishers of the poetry newsletter, *Bards of a Feather*, request poems for publication in the Winter issue 2003, one poem per contributor, 20 lines or less. Theme: Winter, New Year, Valentine, March winds. Deadline is Nov. 1. Payment, one copy of *Bards*. Send poem to Pam Mauldin, Box 237, Ira, 79527 or e-mail to upside@netwest.com.

Milwaukee neighborhood where man beaten to death struggles with crime

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Erinn Payne has lived her entire life around the corner from where a mob of youths beat a 36-year-old man to death. She says crime is common and that she didn't do anything when she saw part of the attack because she thought the children were beating an animal.

"I'm not going to say you get used to it, but you deal with it and you have to just move on," said Payne, 22.

Residents of the north side neighborhood were shaken by the assault but said crime there is a fact of life.

Police said 16 children struck Charlie Young Jr. with rakes, milk crates, bats and boards after he punched one of them for throwing an egg at him. Ten of the assailants, ages 10 to 18, are in custody. Police are seeking six more.

The severity of the beating left blood spattered on the ceiling of Anthony Brown's porch. Young, desperately trying to escape the mob, had scrambled up to Brown's house.

Although Young fought his way inside Brown's house, the youths blocked the door and broke windows so they could rush into the living room and stop Brown from locking Young safely inside, police said. The beating then grew more intense.

"They were pounding on him and hollering, saying 'Hey, let me use that,'" Brown said Tuesday. "It was like a game to them."

The group continued to pummel Young until police responded to a neighbor's 911 call. Young suffered severe brain injuries and was declared dead Tuesday, Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital spokesman Mark McLaughlin said.

Although neighbors said the youths should be harshly punished, they said they weren't any more worried about living in their neighborhood than usual. Some already keep their windows shielded with wooden boards so children can't break them.

Four of the attackers — three 13-year-olds and a 15-year-old — appeared in court Tuesday evening, where a court commissioner ordered them held in a detention facility until they are charged.

Milwaukee District Attorney E. Michael McCann has until Thursday to file charges against the 18-year-old and those in court Tuesday. His office will pursue homicide charges, but McCann would not say if the children would be charged as adults or juveniles.

Police said the children were not part of an organized gang and did not know Young.

Residents milled around the cracked streets Tuesday, stopping to talk to friends on porches and point at the television news vans that lined the block.

"It ain't nothing new," said William Kennedy, who was visiting friends in the neighborhood and lives a few blocks from where the beating happened. "I just watch the news at night to make sure it ain't anyone from my family."

Residents say one reason for the neighborhood's decline is that police don't patrol enough. Keith Martin, who lives two blocks from the scene of the attack, said he has not seen a beat cop walking in the neighborhood in three years.

But Milwaukee Police Chief Arthur Jones said at a news conference Tuesday that police frequently patrol the area.

"That's a neighborhood where we concentrated a large number of our enforcement efforts," Jones said.

Payne blames the attack on parents who let their children run around at 11 p.m. on Sunday. She said she's glad police have taken most of them into custody.

She also said she would like to move as soon as she can.

Hurricane threat to Texas delays space shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — For the first time, a hurricane threat to Texas, and not Florida, has prompted NASA to delay a space shot.

Shuttle Atlantis was supposed to blast off here today and end a four-month grounding of the fleet. But NASA did not want to have the ship in orbit with Hurricane Lili possibly bearing down on Mission Control in Houston, and so the launch was postponed Tuesday by at least one day.

The mission to deliver another girder to the international space station is already six weeks late because of cracked plumbing that needed to be repaired.

This is the first time in 41 years of human spaceflight that a launch has been delayed by the possibility of bad weather 900 miles away in Houston. Severe tropical weather has postponed shuttle missions before, but only when it threatened Florida.

"The hurricane threat is usually here, it's not in Houston. We kind of feel like, been there, done that," said NASA spokesman George Diller. "In a way, it's kind of paradoxical to see this going on in Houston when it's usually the cape that has the problems."

If Houston becomes Lili's target, NASA would put off the launch until the hurricane passes. In addition, nearly 30 Johnson Space Center employees in Cape Canaveral for the launch would be sent back home to Houston to prepare for Lili. That might even include the six astronauts assigned to the mission.

Shutting down Mission Control and reactivating it is a lengthy, complicated affair. If an evacuation were ordered, it would take at least a few days to bring the Houston control center back up and Atlantis' launch could slip into next week.

Late Tuesday, NASA began turning off nonessential systems in Mission Control and gave the team there the option of going home and preparing for the possible severe weather.

NASA can run a space shuttle flight from a launch control room at Kennedy Space Center. But it would be impossible to manage a space station docking from there or the three spacewalks planned for Atlantis' mission, shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said.

Russia's Mission Control could take over all space station monitoring if Houston's flight controllers had to leave.

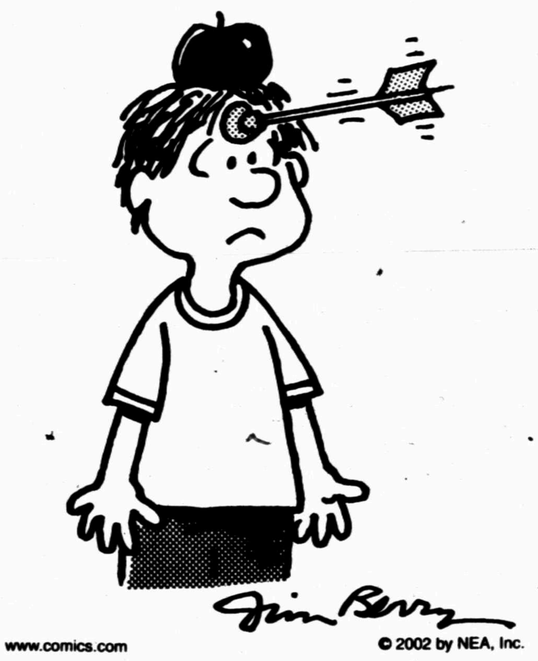
Atlantis will deliver a 45-foot-long, 15-foot-wide girder to the space station. The aluminum structure contains three radiators that, when fully extended, are about the size of a tennis court.

The last shuttle flight was in June. Launches were put on hold after cracks were found in fuel lines across the fleet.

What's Up moved to page 2 Tuesday

Beginning Tuesday, What's Up now appears on page 2. Anyone with items for the column is encouraged to notify the SDN the day before. However, the final deadline is 10 a.m. on the day the item is to run.

Berry's World



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"OOPS!" — WILLIAM TELL

Date Book

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2002

Today is the 275th day of 2002 and the 11th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1836, naturalist Charles Darwin returned to England aboard the HMS Beagle, thus concluding a five-year surveying expedition that would culminate in his 1859 scientific work "The Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection."

On this day in 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as a justice of the Supreme Court. He was the first African-American to sit on the high court.

On this day in 1985, Rock Hudson died at the age of 59. Hudson was the first celebrity to publicly announce his battle with AIDS. Sadly, ignorance, discrimination and poverty (both in America and abroad) continues to dampen the efforts to wipe out this highly preventable disease that infects and kills millions upon millions of people.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Richard III (1452-1485), English king; Nat Turner (1800-1831), slave-revolt leader; Mohandas K. Gandhi (1869-1948), Indian leader; Wallace Stevens (1879-1955), poet; Groucho Marx (1890-1977), comedian; Graham Greene (1904-1991), writer; Rex Reed (1938-), film critic, is 64; Don McLean (1945-), singer-songwriter, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, Bill Stoneman of the Montreal Expos pitched a no-hitter against the New York Mets. The Expos won the game 7-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The most beautiful thing in the world is, of course, the world itself." — Wallace Stevens

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Sept. 29) and new moon (Oct. 6)

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Cheerleading camp set in Ira Saturday

A mini-cheerleading camp for girls age 3 through the fifth grade is planned from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Roy Sallee Gym in Ira.

The cost is $20 for each girl or $15 each for families with two or more girls participating.

Each participant will receive a snack, drink and T-shirt.

The girls will perform at the Ira homecoming pep rally on Oct. 11 and on the field at the homecoming game on Oct. 12.

Forms can be picked up at Ira School, or call 573-2628 and ask for Kim Allen or Christy Goodwin.

The deadline to enter is Thursday.

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Father of slain girl remains angry as killer put to death

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The death of his daughter's killer failed to ease the pain of Mike Van Winkle.

"An innocent child is dead, and I remain angry," Van Winkle said Tuesday night after watching the execution of James Rexford Powell, convicted of the abduction, rape and strangulation of 10-year-old Falyssa Van Winkle a dozen years ago.

Powell grinned broadly, mouthing "Love you" to his wife and other friends and relatives, and had only a brief comment when asked by the warden if he had a last statement.

"I'm ready for the final blessing," he replied.

Eight minutes later, he was pronounced dead.

Powell, 56, was convicted of snatching the Louisiana girl from a Beaumont flea market where her mother and stepfather were vendors.

Powell occasionally showed up to peddle items there and knew the Lake Charles, La., couple and their daughter.

He became the 29th condemned Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this year and fifth in the past three weeks. At least six more are on the execution schedule through the end of the year.

The punishment came about four hours after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Powell's final appeals.

The girl was with her mother and stepfather when she disappeared 12 years ago this week after telling them she was going to buy some peanuts.

Five hours later, the girl's body was found 55 miles to the north, face down under a bridge over a muddy creek in Newton County, along the Texas-Louisiana state line.

After thanking Texas for having the "courage and conviction" to execute Powell, Mike Van Winkle lashed out at death penalty opponents, calling them "well-intentioned fools who think that creatures like Powell deserve to be a continued drain on the taxpayers.

"I say spend your energy stopping these vermin from senseless killings," he said. "Powell deserves the compassion of a cockroach."

Powell was arrested Oct. 8, 1990, two days after the killing, at his home in Mauriceville, northeast of Beaumont.

Man accused of posing as Rice student

HOUSTON (AP) — Rice University authorities are investigating possible security lapses after discovering a man issued a campus identification card by officers was not a student.

Rodrigo Fernando Montano was charged with a misdemeanor theft count, accused of eating meals on campus and not paying for them.

The ruse was uncovered Sept. 19 when Montano tried to open a university e-mail account and school officials found he wasn't a registered student.

"He's a con artist," campus Police Chief Bill Taylor told the Houston Chronicle on Tuesday. "If he showed up at your office, you would feel compelled to help him. He's a nice guy and soft-spoken."

Montano, 20, posed as a student and worked out with the track team. He also allegedly persuaded two women to allow him to live in their dormitory room, the newspaper said.

Police said Montano got Rice officers to issue him a university ID card.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Single mom stumped by son's questions about absent dad

DEAR ABBY: My son was conceived when his father and I were married to other people. He is now 3 and starting to ask questions about his daddy.

I have since divorced, but my child's father has not. His wife and other children are not aware that my son exists. His father pays child support, but has made it clear he wants no relationship whatsoever with our son.

How do I begin to explain to my little one where his father is and why he's not a part of our family?

I also worry about how my son will handle the truth when he's older. I'm afraid he'll have a real issue with the fact that he was conceived during an affair. Please advise me, Abby. — **CANADIAN MOM**

DEAR CANADIAN MOM: Honesty is the best policy — but it should be given in small doses in an age-appropriate manner. Tell your son that his father lives "elsewhere," with his "other family." He can learn more details later.

It would be very helpful if you could get a father substitute involved in your son's life. A trusted male friend or relative could spend time with the boy. If you don't have one, Big Brothers Big Sisters may be able to match your son with a caring male adult who can serve as a mentor and role model. In Canada, call (800) 263-9133 or visit the Web site at www.bbsc.ca. (There is no national 800-number in the USA at this time, but readers who are interested in Big Brothers Big Sisters of America can visit www.BigBrothersBigSisters.org for information.)

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DEAR ABBY: Six weeks ago, I met "Rod" through an online singles ad. He lives one village over from me. We met after five "chats" and hit it off. He's an easygoing gentleman. We enjoy many of the same interests (hiking and bird-watching, for example) and have a great time together. However, I fibbed and said I am 51, when in fact I'm 62. Rod is 49. I look great for my age and I'm in excellent health.

Rod said our "small" age difference doesn't mean a thing to him. (But I wonder if he'd feel that way if he knew that it's really a 13-year span?)

Too many people know my age for him not to find out eventually. Try as I may to hide the truth, it's bound to come out. He's starting to get serious about me, and I'm afraid if I level with him now, he'll quit liking me — not only for fibbing, but for being too old for him. I only stretched the truth because I thought my age might be a barrier, and he's so attractive I wanted a chance with him.

Abby, what am I going to do now? Help! — **THE OLDER WOMAN IN ENGLAND**

DEAR OLDER WOMAN: Unless Rod dreams of starting a family, your age shouldn't matter much to him. Regardless of the numbers, he's already attracted to you.

One evening, after fixing him a delicious dinner, ask him, "Would you still be attracted to me if I were five years older than you?" (Of course, he will say yes.)

A few weeks later, ask if he would like you if you were, say, 10 years older.

A month after that, ask if he'd still be attracted to you if you were 12 years older.

If he keeps saying "yes," 13 could be your lucky number!

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Innocent plea entered for man who killed his family

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — In his first court appearance, a man accused of slaying his wife and three children and then dumping them into coastal waters before fleeing to Mexico declined to enter a plea, prompting a judge to enter an innocent plea on his behalf.

Christian Longo's court appearance Tuesday came about nine months after the bodies were discovered in two shallow inlets stuffed into suitcases and sleeping bags weighted with rocks.

The case unfolded in quick succession last winter, after 5-year-old Zachery Michael was found floating in an ocean inlet near Waldport just before Christmas. His sister, 3-year-old Sadie Ann, was found three days later, cocooned inside a sleeping bag, a floral print pillow case containing a rock tied to her ankle.

A few days later, police began an international manhunt for Longo after the bodies of his wife, 34-year-old MaryJane, and their 2-year-old daughter Madison were found inside a suitcase in shallow water in a Newport marina.

His lawyer, Ken Hadley, questioned the details of Longo's arrest, extradition from Mexico and indictment in court Tuesday.

He argued that Longo had been deprived of the chance to visit a Mexican lawyer before volunteering to return to the United States to face trial. Mexico does not allow extradition if the accused may face the death penalty.

"He didn't know (what) he was doing," Hadley said.

Today's chuckle

Runaway goat gets nabbed

MONACA, Pa. (AP) — A 20-pound goat on the lam for more than two weeks was captured during a weekend roundup.

"We had all the neighbors going 'Baaaa' in the woods last night, if you can imagine that," said Center Township Police Chief Barry Kramer. "I was finally able to get close enough to get the net over it."

The animal — believed to be a domestic pygmy goat — was being put up temporarily at Kramer's house until the chief locates the owner or finds it a new home.

Kramer was trying to track down the owner of the gray and white goat through a metal Ohio Department of Agriculture tag in its ear.

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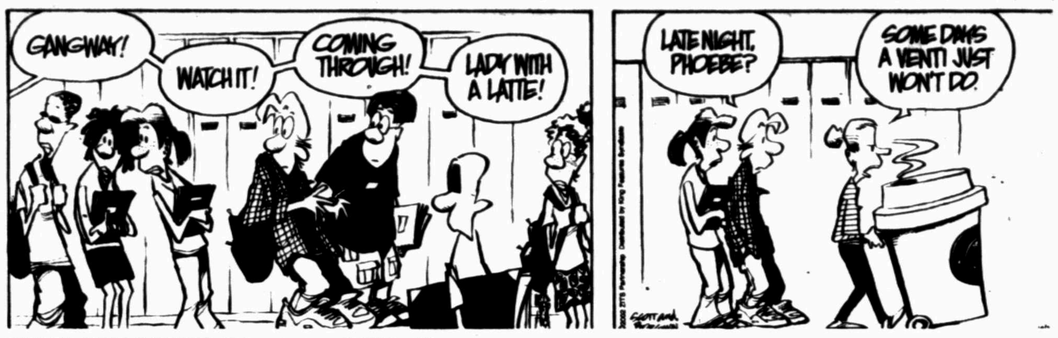

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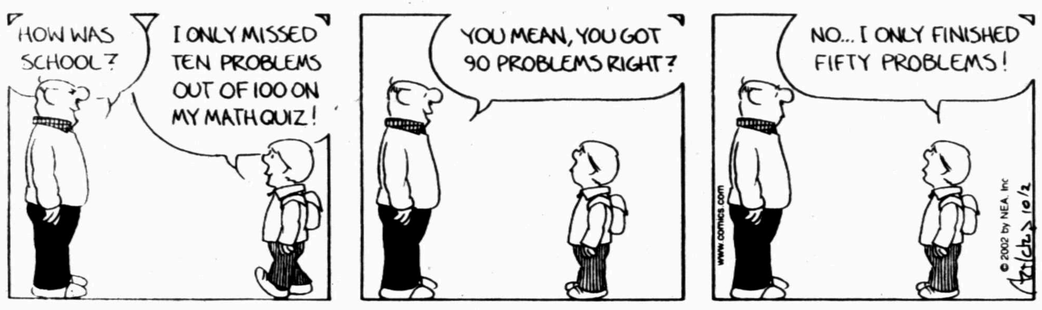

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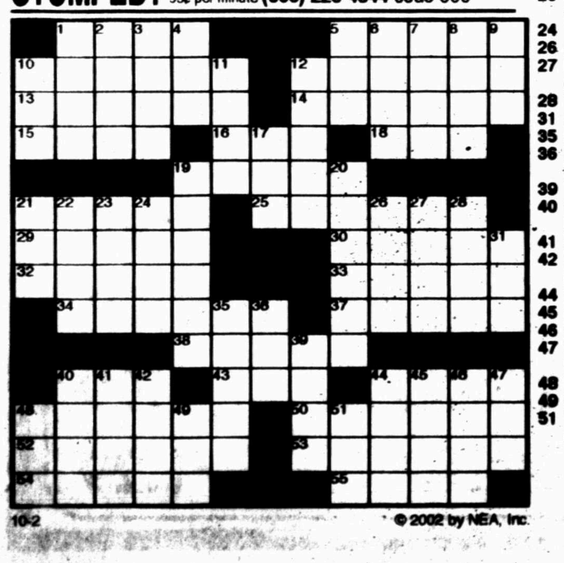

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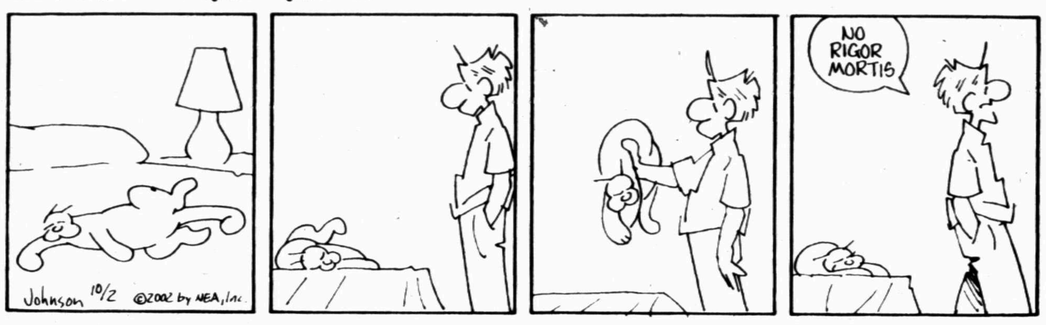

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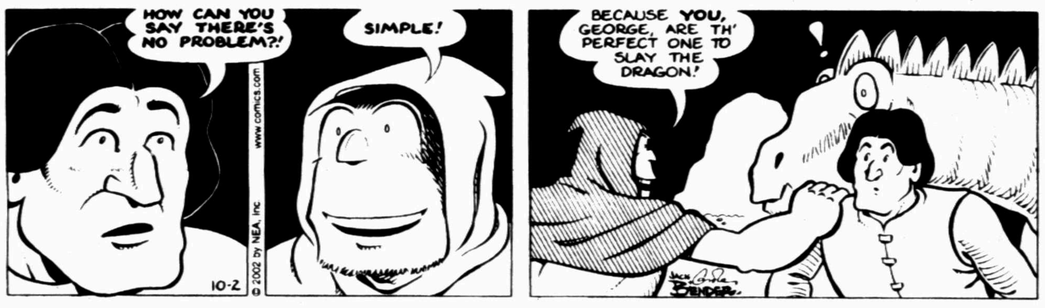

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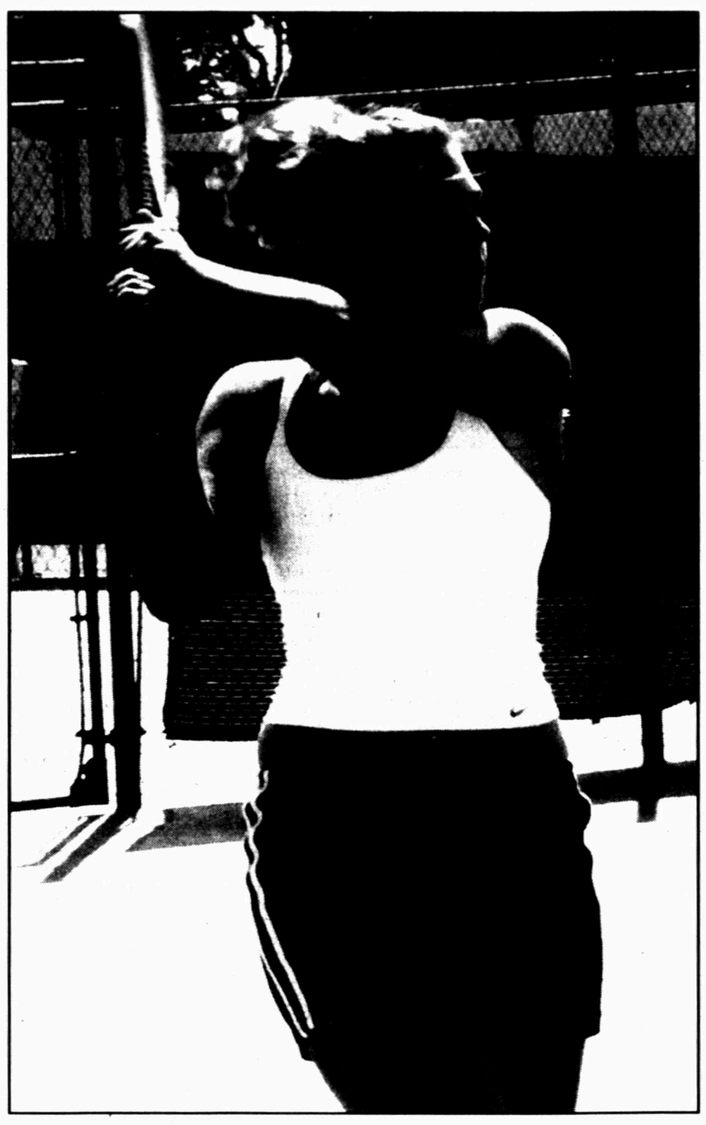

BACKHAND WINNER — Cozy Jones smashes a volley during doubles play Tuesday against Frenship. She and Kara Brumley won their match in three sets. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady spikers edging closer to .500

The Snyder varsity volleyball team took a step closer to reaching .500 in district play, beating Brownfield in two games, 15-10 and 15-5.

Head Coach Laura Moses said the team gave away some points in the first game against the Lady Cubs, but that overall the team played well.

"We had good defense and the footwork was better than it has been," she said. "Kelsi Johnson really came on and played a great all around match — hitting and defense."

Moses said she had made a few changes in the rotation, and "hopefully we have found a group that can mesh."

Johnson led all scorers with 10 service points, and Missy Vasquez added seven, including three aces. Chaelyn Robinson and Dara Chambers added key points for the Lady Tigers, and Johnson, Afton Schwertner and Sarah Crawford contributed timely kills.

Shelley Fisk had another good match defensively, with six digs and two blocks.

The varsity squad will play at Sweetwater — 0-5 in district play — Saturday, and Moses is looking to take the match and some momentum.

"Hopefully, we can make our district record even in Sweetwater," she said. "We'd like to come back and get on a roll and stay on it."

The junior varsity lost two tough games in falling to Brownfield, 12-15, 13-15. The JV's district record is now 1-3.

JV coach Wendi Parks said the team played cohesive team volleyball but, "We just had some mental mistakes and some missed serves at the end of both games that hurt us."

Parks said no one individual stood out in the match.

"Everybody played hard," she said. "It was a total team effort."

The JV squad will travel with the varsity to Sweetwater Saturday.

The freshmen dropped to 0-3 in district play, losing to their Brownfield counterparts 9-15 and 12-15.

Shaela Thompson and Emily Jones led the Lady Tigers in scoring, with seven and six points respectively.

The freshmen will travel to Lamesa for a tournament Saturday.

Tennis dominates Frenship

The Snyder high tennis team thumped class 4A Frenship Tuesday, with the girls team sweeping every match, and the boys taking all the doubles matches en route to a 16-3 win.

Despite the lopsided score, SHS tennis coach Ted Phillips said the match was tougher than it appeared in the final tally.

"It wasn't that easy," he said. "They had one really good girl, who played Andra (Dunham) tough, and their top four boys are as good as Vernon's."

Those top four boys split with Snyder's top four, with Horacio de Paz winning 6-1, 6-3, and Tanner Reed taking a 6-2, 7-6 win.

Curt Phillips and Adam Rodgers lost tough matches, as Phillips fell to Craigen Nes 4-6, 5-7, and Rodgers losing to Brandon Armour 6-7, 3-6.

Joseph Ynguanzo won in three sets, and Matt Hale dropped his match in other singles play.

In girls singles play, Dunham was stretched to three sets by Frenship's Trish Moceo, losing the first set 4-6 before rallying in the last two sets, 7-6, 7-5.

Pat Vargas made quick work of her Frenship foe, dealing out a 6-0, 6-0 win.

Afton Sutter won 6-3, 6-1, while Jackie Beccue rolled to a 6-1, 6-0 win.

Kara Brumley and Stephanie Williams also won their matches in straight sets.

Snyder swept the doubles play, which put them on track to need only three singles wins to take the tournament.

"After we won the seven doubles matches, it put us on cruise control," Phillips said.

Vargas and Dunham won easily, 6-1, 6-3, while Beccue and Sutter and Brumley and Cozy Jones needed three sets to take their matches.

Phillips and Rodgers helped the boys sweep in doubles play, winning in two sets 6-2, 7-6.

Reed and de Paz needed three sets to dispatch Frenship, and Hale and Kenny Alcala won in straight sets in the other doubles matches.

Ynguanzo and Williams won the mixed doubles match, bursting out with a 6-0 win in the first set before hanging on 7-5 to win the second.

The tennis team's fall season is winding down, with the team traveling to Sweetwater next Tuesday to face the Mustangs.

Playoff roundup...

Cardinals rough up Unit, Twins and Yankees rally for comebacks

By the Associated Press

The St. Louis Cardinals battered four-time Cy Young Award winner Randy Johnson for six runs on 10 hits — the most hits Johnson has allowed this season — in six innings and pounded the Arizona Diamondbacks 12-2 in the opener of the NL division series Tuesday night.

"We don't have anything on Randy," manager Tony La Russa said. "What we've got is a bunch of good hitters who respect him and try as hard as they possibly can and today we got some hits."

Matt Morris gave up two runs in the first three innings, then shut down the Diamondbacks in Arizona's most one-sided loss in its three postseason appearances.

"La Russa handed me the game ball, which I haven't had in two years," Morris said. "You know, it's all exciting."

Jim Edmonds and Scott Rolen each hit monster two-run homers off Johnson, who was gone 5-0 in September with an 0.66 ERA and was 13-1 in his last 15 outings.

"I've gone against Randy when he was throwing 95, 96, 97 mph," Rolen said. "Tonight he was throwing 92 or 93."

Morris, the number "57" and initials of late teammate Darryl Kile written on his hat, got the support that was sorely lacking in last year's division series, when he lost to Curt Schilling and the Diamondbacks 1-0 and 2-1.

"Today's game was our offense," Morris said. "Every one of the position players battled every at-bat."

With Kile's widow, Flynn, among the capacity crowd of 49,154, Edmonds launched a 424-footer to right in the first inning and Rolen hit a 427-foot shot to left-center in the third.

"This whole year is for Darryl," the Cardinals' Fernando Vina said. "(His death) crushed us all, and we're still crushed."

Johnson, No. 4 on the career strikeout list, managed to fan only four, two of them on foul third-strike bunt attempts by Morris.

Yankees 8, Angels 5

Jason Giambi hit a tying single with two outs in the eighth inning and Bernie Williams followed with a three-run homer, providing another stunning Yankee Stadium comeback as New York beat the Anaheim Angels 8-5 Tuesday night in Game 1 of the AL division series.

Showing the dramatics that fueled last year's postseason run to Game 7 of the World Series, the Yankees rallied to win in the eighth inning to spoil the Angels' first postseason game in 16 years.

Troy Glaus' second homer put Anaheim ahead 5-4 in the top of the eighth.

Giambi hit a hard one-hopper in the bottom of the inningthat deflected off first baseman Scott Spiezio's glove into right field, scoring Soriano with the tying run.

Williams worked the count to 1-2 against Brendan Donnelly and then hit a drive to right field for his 17th career postseason home run and Yankee Stadium began rocking again as it did last fall.

The thunderous ovation continued as closer Mariano Rivera came in from the bullpen to his heavy metal anthem "Enter Sandman." It was a comforting sight for the Yankees after their most indispensable player spent three stints on the disabled list this season.

Rivera worked through an easy ninth, showing no effects from his blown save in Game 7 of the World Series to Arizona last year.

Steve Karsay pitched a hitless eighth for the win.

Game 2 in the best-of-five series is Wednesday night. Kevin Appier, Anaheim's only playoff veteran, pitches against Andy Pettitte.

Twins 7, A's 5

The Minnesota Twins needed two jittery innings of bad throws, misplayed popups and other defensive bloopers to shake off 11 years of playoff rust.

Then their young offense warmed up, their bullpen shut down the Oakland Athletics and the Twins recovered from an early four-run deficit to win the opening game of the AL division series.

Corey Koskie homered and drove in three runs, and A.J. Pierzynski had four hits, as the Twins overcame three errors in the first two innings to beat the A's 7-5 Tuesday.

"We don't make three errors, we just don't do that. At one point early in the game it kind of was comical," said Twins manager Ron Gardenhire. "The game was getting a little crazy on us.

Game 2 in the best-of-five series was set for Wednesday afternoon in Oakland, with Mark Mulder pitching for the A's against Joe Mays.

The Twins, making their first postseason appearance since winning the World Series in 1991, allowed four unearned runs in the first two innings.

Koskie began the revival with a two-run homer off the second deck in right field in the third. Doug Mientkiewicz led off a three-run sixth with another homer as the Twins took a 6-5 lead.

Junior high football...

Snyder 7th splits with Levelland

Both Snyder seventh grade teams played host to Levelland Tuesday evening, with the Gold team winning 14-6 and the Black team dropping its contest 12-8.

Ryan Claxton rushed for 104 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown scamper, and added a two-point conversion for the home team.

Dustin Merdock boasted 53 yards rushing, 30 of which came on his touchdown run.

The Gold defense played exceptionally well, with key contributions from Amanda Martinez, Brooks Gafford and Will Clay from the defensive end position.

"It was an overall great effort by the team," coach Key said.

The Black team lost a close contest, with Josh Ornelas bulling his way for a 3-yard touchdown.

Brandon Jones, who added a two-point conversion, and James Castro ran hard for the squad.

The Black team lost more than the game to Levelland, with Cord Welsh suffering two broken bones in his lower leg, a severe injury that required early morning surgery.

Welsh was placed in an air cast in Snyder before being transferred to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, where he is in stable condition.

Welsh's mother, Misty Syler of Odessa, said Cord was still in a lot of pain following the one-hour surgery at 1 a.m. today.

"He's not doing too well," she said. "They got the bones set, but he's on Morphine every two hours."

Welsh bones were broken at the point where the foot meets the leg, and Sylar said doctors inserted a rod into the bones.

"Right now he can't move his leg," she said. "The doctor said if he couldn't walk on crutches today he would not be released."

Cord's father, Chad, who helps run the Snyder Boys and Girls Club, was in Lubbock with his son.

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Sports Briefs

Hermleigh games in Loraine

Both Hermleigh games will be played at Loraine Thursday. The junior high kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m., with the varsity game immediately thereafter.

WTC golf tournament

The second annual WTC SGA four-man select Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at the WTC Golf Course. Shotgun starts are slated for 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is $160 per team and cash prizes will be awarded. Proceeds will benefit the Student Government Association.

Couples golf tournament

The second annual Putters and Duffers couples golf tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Scurry County golf course. Cost is $140 per couple. To register contact Xalyn Palacios at 574-3343.

Hunter education course

A Texas parks and wildlife hunter education course is scheduled for Oct. 12 at the SHS agriculture building for a fee of $10. To register, call 574-6046.

Booster club raffle

The SHS football booster club is selling chances for a $10,000 CD. Cost is $25 per ticket. Drawing will be held Nov. 1. Contact Steve Rich at 573-4800, or any booster club member for more info.

Rangers, Mets fire managers

Manager Bobby Valentine was fired by the New York Mets, two days after they finished last in the National League East and two seasons after the team reached the World Series.

The Mets finished 75-86, in last place in the NL East for the first time since 1993 and below .500 for the first time in six years. Jerry Narron was fired as manager of the Texas Rangers after the team's third straight last-place finish in the AL West.

Narron went 134-162 after taking over in May 2001, including a 72-90 mark this season.

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Watson asked to release lawsuit list

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Greg Abbott's campaign wants his Democratic opponent for state attorney general to release a list of "all doctors, hospitals and health care providers he and/or his law firm has sued and how much they profited from the lawsuits."

Kirk Watson's campaign refused to respond to Abbott's request. The former Austin mayor has said he's represented people with legitimate complaints at a law firm that had a broad clientele, including doctors.

Abbott's campaign released a statement Tuesday characterizing Watson as a trial lawyer who pursues frivolous malpractice lawsuits.

"It is primarily litigation that is driving doctors out of business, increasing medical malpractice premiums and making health insurance unaffordable and unavailable to Texans," said Jason Johnson, campaign manager for Abbott, a former Texas Supreme Court judge.

"If Kirk Watson has not filed frivolous or meritless lawsuits then what is he hiding?" Johnson said.

"Shame on Greg. He knows that not all lawsuits are frivolous," said Watson spokeswoman Margaret Justus. "He is simply trying to divert attention from the fact he was caught, just yesterday, deceiving Texans about being a lawyer for big insurance companies."

On Monday, Watson said Abbott's work as an appeals attorney for American National Property and Casualty Co. is a potential conflict of interest.

Abbott works as an appeals attorney for Bracewell & Patterson LLP, which does legal work for insurance companies, including Farmers Insurance Co., which last week said it would leave the Texas homeowner insurance market.

Abbott's camp said Watson is misrepresenting Abbott's work, which accounted for a fraction of the total work the Republican has done for the law firm Bracewell & Patterson.

Akins proposes business investment fund

Democratic comptroller nominee Marty Akins laid out a plan Tuesday to create a $1 billion fund that would be used to invest in new and promising businesses in Texas.

A spokeswoman for Akins' Republican opponent, incumbent Carole Keeton Rylander, said the state already has a fund that invests in Texas companies.

Akins' Invest in Texas Fund would create a partnership between the state and financial institutions that would be overseen by the comptroller and an 11-member board, which would contract venture capital firms to find businesses in Texas, invest in them and share ownership as a general partner.

Texas would contribute $100 million in seed money for the "Invest in Texas Fund" from an existing fund, such as the Tobacco Settlement Fund or the state's emergency fund called the Rainy Day Fund, Akins said. The rest of the money would be raised by large investment banks that would partner with the state.

Akins said 20 percent of the investment money will be used in underserved rural and urban centers.

"Most of the venture capitol monies for new and start-up businesses are located in the major urban areas," Akins said. "But there are great small companies in rural Texas, too."

The program would create more jobs and if the companies get sold, go public or begin to generate profits that are paid to investors, the money will go back to the state as general revenue, Akins said.

Rylander campaign manager Tracy Wurzel said the Texas Growth Fund already invests in Texas companies. "His new idea is one that is already in place," she said.

Akins said his plan is wider in scope and will empower the entire venture capital industry, such as the Texas Growth Fund, to seek out and grow promising new businesses.

Group asks Dewhurst to pull campaign commercial

A group of retailers called on Republican lieutenant governor nominee David Dewhurst to either change or pull a television commercial that is critical of the Lone Star Card, which former Comptroller John Sharp helped create.

Sharp is Dewhurst's Democratic opponent in the race. The card, which was phased into Texas starting in September 1994, allows food stamp benefits to be transferred electronically.

"The plan was so bad, the Houston Chronicle said 'several grocers complained of lost sales, and customers went home with less food...'" the commercial says. The newspaper article was from 1996, Dewhurst spokesman Nick Voinis said.

Joe Williams, president of the Gulf Coast Retailers Association which said it worked with Sharp to develop and implement the program, said the system has been hailed as the most successful in the nation.

"The only people who think the Lone Star Card is a failure are the criminals who used to rip off the old paper coupon system and were put out of business by the Lone Star card," Williams said.

Dewhurst is not going to pull the ad, Voinis said.

"It's just another attempt by the Sharp campaign to mislead Texas about his record," Voinis said.

The Texas Retailers Association also called on Dewhurst to stop running the ad.

Fear, rational thinking drives markets

WASHINGTON (AP) — These days, the exuberance seems irretrievable.

The stock market is higher than when Alan Greenspan warned about "irrational exuberance" six years ago, but the feel-good factor feels gone, gone, gone.

The market is shaped by measurements, mood, some would say madness. It moves, but seems stuck.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average finished down 17.9 percent for the most recent, third quarter — the sharpest decline since the fourth quarter of 1987, the year of Black Monday.

It's been a journey of calm and chaos and permutations in between — the pulse-taking market having at least something to say about each of them. There have been so many magic moments since Greenspan warned about all that exuberance — a comment that caused the market to drop, after which it blithely grew and grew and grew.

Up it went past 10,000 points, back in the spring of 1999, making a presidential candidate's ideas about putting Social Security money into private investment accounts look so appealing.

It dips these days below 7,500, making that same plan look iffy at best. It closed Tuesday at 7,938.79, a 340-point lurch analysts said was a temporary reaction to its sharp decline.

Some things the market takes in stride, other things make it jumpy, and figuring out which is which is a life's work for analysts and a question vital to the life savings of millions of Americans.

"Fear and greed" — not just a clearheaded analysis of a company's prospects — are the motors that drive the market place, according to Richard Linowes, a management expert at American University's Kogod School of Business.

On one hand, a troubling economic indicator can knock the numbers out of whack. On the other hand, analysts think the market could bear another catastrophic event like Sept. 11 without going haywire.

"We can measure growth, we can see interest rates, but it's impossible to measure risk," said Randy Woolridge, a finance professor at Penn State's Smeal College of Business.

"You see fluctuations daily, hourly, even minutes before, during and after a news event," said Richard Edelman, an American University finance expert who has analyzed the relationship between news and the markets for 20 years. "It shows the market isn't as efficient in the short term as it is over the long run."

Other moments:

—July 16, 1997: Investors buoyed by the economy closed the Dow over 8,000 for the first time. The same day, the nation at peace, police were closing on Andrew Cunanan, the killer of designer Gianni Versace.

—Jan. 23, 1998: Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin is not among a group of four Cabinet members who met with reporters and said they believed President Clinton was innocent of wrongdoing in the Lewinsky matter. Rubin is so respected by Wall Street that his mere absence sparks a stock price plunge.

—March 20, 2000: A presidential campaign light on issues is just beginning to chug along, sharing headlines with the search for a road-rage dog killer. The only predator in sight has been dead for millions of years — the bones of a meat-eating dinosaur have been discovered in Patagonia. The high-tech heavy Nasdaq has popped 5,000, closing at 5,048.62, its all-time high.

Calm seas, but trouble is in the offing, and the Dow — having peaked at over 11,000 just two months earlier — is back below 10,000, reflecting an emerging lack of confidence in the same high-tech stocks that have inflated the Nasdaq.

—July 22, 2002: Almost exactly five years after it broke 8,000, the Dow flutters around that benchmark again — this time headed south. It closes below that figure for the first time in four years, prompted by WorldCom's Chapter 11 filing.

—Sept. 19, 2002: President Bush wants Congress to give him the authority to wage war on Iraq, a suicide bomber shatters two weeks of relative calm in Israel, and the government warns that the fearsome West Nile virus can be transmitted by transfusion. The Dow continues sliding well below the 8,000 mark, and the Nasdaq? It struggles at the 1,200 mark, losing an astonishing 75 percent in barely 18 months.

The nonfinancial news was similarly unsettling: Afghan President Hamid Karzai asked for a U.S. bodyguard, a telling reminder of the threat al-Qaida still posed, and the government had acknowledged that its anthrax tests were unreliable.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 10-02-02
♠ Q 8 6
♥ Q J 7 4 3
♦ 6 4
♣ 8 5 2

West
♠ 10 2
♥ A 10 9 2
♦ J 7 2
♣ J 6 4 3

East
♠ 9 4 3
♥ 5
♦ A K 9 5 3
♣ A K Q 9

South
♠ A K J 7 5
♥ K 8 6
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 10 7

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			1 ♦
1 ♠	Pass	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	Pass	2 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

After East's opening and South's overcall, West might make a negative double, promising four hearts (or perhaps five or six if too weak for a two-heart response). And it is surprising that West didn't compete to three clubs, which makes comfortably with an overtrick. But she did better.

West, Marianne Serf from France, led the diamond two. East, Francois Stretz, won with the king and cashed the ace. West carefully followed with the diamond jack, her higher remaining card sending a suit-preference signal for hearts, the higher-ranking of hearts and clubs. East cashed the club queen, then led his singleton heart. West won with the ace and returned the heart two, the lowest card being a suit-preference signal for clubs. Getting the message, East, after ruffing, led the club nine to his partner's jack. West delivered a second heart ruff: two down. This gave East-West 200 points, which outscored all those pairs who made 130 in clubs.

That excellent defense required precise carding, careful observation, interpretation of those cards, and trust in partner to make the right plays. This last point was especially true at trick six, when East underled his club honors.

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Top defense needs precise carding

By Phillip Alder

When you watch experts defend, you will see them produce a lot of signals. This deal, from the European Mixed Pairs Championship in Ostend, Belgium, last March, highlights what one can do. It features the suit-preference signal, when an unnecessarily high card asks for the higher-ranking non-trump suit and the lowest card asks for the lower-ranking one.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	4.74	4.40	4.60	—.05
AOL TimeWrn	12.99	11.84	12.20	+.27
AT&T Corp	12.34	12.15	12.22	—.18
Albertsons	24.86	24.34	24.63	—.17
Alltel	42.20	41.52	41.78	—.52
AmEl Pw	29.92	29.50	29.75	—.23
AndarkPtr	46.46	45.50	46.30	+.62
ATMOS Egy	21.99	21.70	21.93	+.19
Aviall	10.60	10.46	10.60	+.20
BP PLC	41.30	40.14	41.23	—.66
BakerHughes	29.98	28.87	29.83	+.02
Bank of Amer	66.02	64.10	65.37	—.78
BellSouth	20.00	19.40	19.55	—.51
BurlNoSFe	25.10	23.95	23.95	—1.40
Caterpillar	38.50	37.70	38.15	—.52
CenterPoint	8.95	8.70	8.80	—.15
ChevronTex	72.83	71.28	72.64	+.53
Citigroup	30.69	30.05	30.40	—.60
CocaCola	50.54	49.92	50.30	+.24
ColgatePal	54.50	53.87	54.32	—.48
CmclMetals s	18.65	18.45	18.62	—.03
ConocoPhill	48.80	47.80	48.65	+.54
Cooper Inds	31.73	31.11	31.11	—.29
DaimlrChry	35.77	34.90	35.56	—.79
DeltaAirl	9.75	9.16	9.30	—.55
Dillards Inc	21.12	20.16	20.47	—.79
DowChem	29.80	27.00	27.50	—2.30
DuPont	38.50	37.52	37.86	—1.77
EastmanChem	39.53	38.40	38.40	—2.13
EstKodak	27.95	27.60	27.86	—.07
EDS Corp	14.50	13.40	13.52	—1.57
Entergy	43.10	42.35	42.70	
ExxonMobil	34.18	33.10	34.01	+.09
FootLocker	9.60	9.30	9.56	—.18
GenDynam	85.40	83.66	83.92	—.06
GenElec	25.97	25.39	25.71	—.49
GenMills	45.82	45.05	45.20	—.33
GenMotors	40.37	39.14	39.96	—.68
GaPacific	14.28	13.65	13.75	—.52
Goodrich	20.00	19.39	19.70	—.48
Goodyear	9.23	8.75	9.00	—.34
GtAtlPac	8.40	8.25	8.25	—.23
Halliburtn	14.10	13.71	13.95	—.10
Hanson ADS	25.70	25.41	25.48	—1.47
HarteHanks s	18.81	18.05	18.48	—.54
HomeDepot	26.20	25.30	25.80	—.58
HoneywellIntl	22.95	22.35	22.60	—.34
IBM	61.46	60.10	60.63	—.54
IntlPaper	34.45	33.83	33.95	—.77
JohnsonJn	58.80	50.30	58.35	+2.05
vjK mart	.51	.49	.50	—.02
KinderMorg	35.83	35.60	35.72	+.04
Kroger Co	13.80	13.52	13.55	—.30
LockheedM	65.00	64.51	64.55	—.25
Lowes Cos	42.25	41.15	41.31	—.89
Lubys	5.00	4.85	4.88	—.16
LucentTech	.86	.75	.82	+.06
MarathonOil	23.29	22.84	23.21	+.16
MayDeptStr	23.64	23.08	23.47	—.48
Medtronic	43.59	42.85	43.10	+.08
Motorola	10.59	10.34	10.50	—.04
NCR Corp	20.85	20.37	20.70	—.15
Navistar	21.49	20.72	20.99	—.65
PNM Rescs	20.10	19.71	20.01	—.14
Penney JC	16.01	15.42	15.63	—.77
PepBoys	11.65	11.18	11.18	—.47
PepsiCo	38.67	37.52	38.49	+.79
Pharmacia	41.75	41.10	41.29	+.29
PhelpDodge	26.90	26.50	26.60	—.47
PilgrmPrd B	9.25	8.88	9.19	—.41
Praxair	51.74	50.85	51.23	—1.57
ProctGamb	90.98	90.01	90.11	—1.06
RadioShack	19.80	19.30	19.45	—.52
RoyalDut	43.37	42.44	43.18	+.53
SBC Comm	20.61	20.01	20.12	—.70
SaraLee	19.49	19.13	19.38	+.36
Scripps EW	70.16	69.35	69.75	—.32
SearsRoeb	39.96	38.90	39.18	—.99
SherwinW	24.10	23.52	23.73	—.52
SouthernCo	29.18	28.80	29.08	—.10
SwstAirl	13.40	13.08	13.25	—.18
SprintFON	9.03	8.85	8.96	—.04
SprintPCS	2.25	2.11	2.17	+.01
Sunoco Inc	30.63	30.10	30.53	+.19
TXU Corp	39.67	39.12	39.29	—.45
TempleInland	40.17	38.91	39.15	—1.08
TexInd	24.70	24.20	24.66	+.16
TexasInst	16.56	15.85	16.39	+.27
Textron	36.88	36.20	36.41	—.36
TrinityInds	17.43	16.77	16.97	—.46
TylerTech	4.40	4.30	4.35	+.01
UnionPacif	59.34	57.40	57.40	—2.88
USSteel	12.19	11.93	12.04	—.10
UnitedTech	58.95	57.31	58.25	—.81
Unocal	31.88	31.47	31.78	—.27
VerizonComm	30.50	29.40	30.31	+.73
WalMart	51.75	50.68	51.50	—.21
WellsFargo	48.30	47.40	47.94	—.87
WstnGasRs	32.41	31.60	32.41	+.64
WinnDixie	13.64	13.39	13.43	—.17
Xerox Cp	5.10	4.97	5.07	+.05
YumBrands s	29.45	28.82	29.01	—.37

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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Drought and Frost-Induced Prussic Acid Poison Potential on Sorghums and Sorghum/Sudans

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The first cold fronts that sweep the Texas Panhandle and South Plains typically raise concerns among farmers and livestock producers about frost-induced prussic acid potential, which can quickly kill livestock if consumed. Less known among producers is the potential prussic acid threat of drought-damaged forages of the sorghum family.

Prussic acid after frosts and freezes

For frost/freeze conditions there seems to be a two-phase zone where prussic acid poisoning is a potential problem. First, a freeze on plants, particularly if there is a lot of young and new growth (prussic acid does not affect older growth very much), disrupts plant cells and can bring about prussic acid immediately as enzymes catalyze reactions producing prussic acid.

According to Dr. Ted McCollum, TAEX-Amarillo Beef Specialist, this early phase is usually only a problem with a freeze rather than a frost, but it is better to err on the side of caution if the low temperature is not known. Many producers prefer to pull their livestock off of sorghum and sorghum/sudans even after a frost to be safe. Dr. McCollum considers a minimum of three days for not grazing freeze-injured sorghum and sorghum/sudan forage.

The second and more serious phase for prussic acid potential is the occurrence of rapid growth of young forage and new tillers due to warm temperatures after a frost or light freeze. These small shoots are very dangerous because of their potentially high prussic acid content and appeal to livestock. Producers are advised to wait a minimum of 7 days or more after new growth begins before grazing the forage again to avert potential poisoning. Prussic acid poisoning can often be confused with nitrate poisoning, but at any time, if a sick animal is observed on sorghum or sorghum/sudan forage all grazing animals should be pulled off immediately.

Prussic acid dissipates from properly cured hay and should not be a problem (3-4 days, maybe 5 days just to be safe). If forage is cut as green chop the prussic acid potential remains, and prussic acid does not dissipate in silage. For producers who must know if prussic acid is actually present, forage samples may be tested by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab for Texas A & M in either Amarillo (888-646-5624) or College Station (979-845-3414). Call for instruction on how to overnight forage samples for quick testing (else prussic acid levels could change). Or more information may be obtained from the "Nitrate and Prussic Acid Poisoning" (L-5231) published by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and available either via the Internet at or your local county extension office. TVMDL can also test samples for nitrate at the same time. In general, prussic acid tests over 200 ppm are considered lethal, and 100-200 ppm is not safe for unhealthy livestock or if hungry livestock ingest a large amount of forage.

What about summer prussic acid potential?

Prussic acid problems can also occur in the summer after drought-stressed plants resume rapid growth due to recent rain or irrigation.

Similar to frost or freeze damage in the fall, a minimum of one week before grazing after the initiation of rapid growth is suggested to minimize the potential for prussic acid poisoning.

Finally, hybrid pearl millet, is not a member of the sorghum family, and it does not develop prussic acid. This leafy, drought-tolerant forage does not produce as much forage yield as conventional sorghum/sudan although forage quality tends to be higher. Hybrid pearl millet might be of interest, however, to producers who need fall grazing after initial frosts and light freezes. Also, hybrid millet is tolerant to iron (Fe) deficiency common to the chalky or caliche soils of West Texas thus forage yields on caliche soils may be comparable to sorghum/sudans.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 660 head of cattle for the Wednesday, Sept. 25, sale. Compared to last week: Heifers calves were steady, steer calves were steady, bull calves were $1 to $2 lower Packer cows were $1 lower, old Shelly were $27 to $33. Cutter cows were $1 lower. Bone and utility cows were $1 lower with 5 packer cow buyers present. Packer bulls were steady. Trade was active and demand good.

Heifer calves:
200-300: 75-96
300-400: 74-95
400-500: 75-82
500-600: 74-79
600-700: 68.50-72.50

Steer calves:
200-300: 90-117
300-400: 65-110
400-500: 78-95
500-600: 74-82.50
600-700: 72-82

Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 550-700

Packer bulls:
High yield bulls: 48-52
Lower yield bulls: 43-47

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 854 head of cattle for the Thursday, Sept. 19, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 33-39
Canner and low cutters: 27-34
Slaughter bulls: 42-51
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 90-110
400-500: 85-100
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 75-80
700-800: 69-77
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-100
400-500: 77-91
500-600: 74-80
600-700: 70-75.50
700-800: 65-73
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 72-84
700-800: 65-75
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 700-800
Grade: 550-675
Springers: 350-625
Baby calves: 100-175
Doodlers: 150-250

High toxin levels eyed

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — As if low yields weren't enough, Illinois farmers are now finding another problem with this year's harvest: high levels a toxin in their corn.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture sampled 37 sites across the region last week and found eight with higher levels of aflatoxin than is considered safe for human consumption, said Jeff Squibb, an Agriculture Department spokesman.

Officials will likely have a better idea of the extent of the problem after more sampling this week at elevators, warehouses and unharvested fields, he said. It appears to be more of a problem in southern Illinois.

The aspergillus fungus produces aflatoxin during the kind of drought conditions that were most severe in southern Illinois.

Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Dannheim, CEA—Family and Consumer Science, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

Know the Truth about Tobacco

Understanding the facts about tobacco and it's ill effects on health is paramount in helping to educate those in our community. It is important to understand what tobacco is and the effects it can have on one's health.

Tobacco — What it is?

Tobacco is a plant. It's brown-colored leaves are cured and dried to be used in differing products. Tobacco can be smoked in the form of a cigar, cigarette, or pipe. Tobacco can also be chewed or snorted as snuff (smokeless tobacco).

Tobacco is also a drug. A drug is "a non-food substance that can cause changes in the functions of the body and/or mind. Tobacco leaves contain a complex mixture of chemicals that affect the body in many ways." Nicotine is one of the main ingredients in tobacco, and is responsible for the addiction to or craving for the product. Nicotine is a stimulant, which means it speeds up bodily functions. In particular, nicotine causes the heart to work harder to circulate blood. Nicotine, however, is not the only harmful ingredient in tobacco. In fact, tobacco smoke contains at least 300 different toxic chemicals. Here is a short list of some of the chemicals found in tobacco products:

Cigarettes

• Propylene Glycol — The tobacco industry claims they add this to keep the tobacco from drying out.

• Benzo[a]pyrene — Found in coal tar and cigarette smoke, • Benzopyrene is one of the most potent cancer-causing agents (chemicals) in the world.

• Arsenic — A deadly poison which can cause diarrhea, cramps, anemia, paralysis, and malignant skin tumors, arsenic is also used in pesticides.

• Acetone — Acetone is one of the active ingredients in nail polish remover.

• Lead — Lead poisoning can stunt growth, cause vomiting, and brain damage.

• Formaldehyde — Formaldehyde causes cancer and can damage your lungs, skin, and digestive system. It is also used by embalmers to preserve dead bodies.

• Toluene — Toluene is highly toxic and commonly used in paint thinners.

• Phenol — Phenol is often used in chemistry tests, such as those done in a laboratory.

• Butane — Butane is a key component used in gasoline and is highly flammable.

• Cadmium — Cadmium can stay in the body for years and causes damage to the liver, kidneys, and brain, it is also used in car batteries.

• Ammonia — Scientists have discovered that ammonia allows the body to absorb more nicotine, which can aid in keeping one hooked on smoking.

• Benzene — Benzene is found in pesticides and gasoline.

Smokeless Tobacco

Cadium, formaldehyde, and lead (as noted in cigarette ingredients).

• N-Nitrosamines — a cancer-causing chemical.

• Polonium 210 — nuclear waste.

• Acetaldehyde — an irritant.

• Hydrazine — a toxic chemical.

• Benzopyrene — a cancer-causing chemical.

• Uranium 235 — used in nuclear weapons.

• Sodium — salt, can cause high blood pressure.

• Sugar — can cause cavities.

• Fiberglass and Sand — abrasives

Tobacco — Health Effects

In light of all the chemicals found in tobacco and tobacco products, it is not so hard to understand tobacco's harmful effects on health.

Cigarettes

Cigarette smoke contains carbon monoxide.

Quitting smoking now greatly reduces serious risks to your health.

Immediate Health Effects

Nicotine narrows the blood vessels and puts added strain on the heart. After smoking one cigarette, the heart beats faster, blood vessels constrict, and blood pressure goes up. Cigarette smokers have a lower level of lung function and reduced oxygen available to the muscles.

Long-term Health Effects

Smoking is also the major cause of bronchitis and emphysema, and the most important preventable cause of heart disease; 30-40% of deaths related to the heart or circulatory system are attributed to tobacco use. Between 80 and 90% of all deaths from lung, mouth, and larynx cancer, and from emphysema and bronchitis are due to tobacco use.

Health Effects during Pregnancy

Nicotine freely crosses the placenta to an unborn child. It has been found in amniotic fluid and the umbilical cord blood. Nicotine is also found in breast milk. In fact, all the toxins in cigarette smoke that reach the pregnant woman's blood are transmitted to the fetus.

Smoking while pregnant increases the risk of having a baby with low birth weight twofold, compared to those who do not smoke. Low birth weight can lead to many complications, including infant death. Tobacco use also increases risks for birth defects.

The Co$t of Tobacco Use

Not only does tobacco cost in terms of individual health effects, it also costs the individual and society monetarily. According to the American Lung Association, the costs of smoking amount to $65 billion a year. These costs include lost productivity, health care costs in Medicare and Medicaid payments, and disability expenses. Employees who use tobacco are absent more often and cost employers higher insurance premiums. Additionally, fires started by cigarettes kill nearly 2,000 people and cause approximately 5,000 injuries each year. In 1 year, Americans lost property valued at $410 million in fires caused by smoking.

North Dakotans strike food deal

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A Cuban food trade show ended profitably for a group of North Dakota participants, who struck last-minute deals to sell dry beans, edible soybeans, pasta and flour, Lt. Gov. Jack Dalrymple said.

Shortly after the agreements were signed late Monday, the group hurriedly left Havana to stay ahead of Hurricane Lili, which was bearing down on the western half of Cuba.

Dalrymple, who is also chairman of Dakota Growers Pasta Co., said Dakota Growers and a group of seed businesses signed agreements with Cuban government officials to sell what he described as relatively small amounts of goods.

Dakota Growers, based in Carrington, sold about 45,000 pounds of vegetable-blended pasta, including spaghetti and fettucine, for Havana restaurants, Dalrymple said.

Unity Seed Co. of Casselton, Peterson Farms Seed Inc. of Harwood and Earthwise Processors LLC of Moorhead, Minn., agreed to sell soybeans to use in producing soy yogurt, tofu and other foods for human consumption, Dalrymple said in a telephone interview from Havana. In the United States, soybeans are more commonly grown for livestock feed.

North Dakota's state Mill and Elevator is selling a quantity of flour, and the Northarvest Bean Growers Association struck a deal to sell black and dark red dry edible beans, Dalrymple said.

Dalrymple described the deals as small, introductory transactions, which are likely to be followed by larger sales.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

WEEKLY LAKE AND WATER DELIVERY REPORT

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 9/30/01	LAST WEEK 9/23/02	THIS WEEK 9/3002
ELEVATION (FEET)	15.64	16.72	16.56
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	15,279	17,193	16,895
PERCENT FULL	7.62	8.57	8.42
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.30	0.00
IVIE TO LAKE THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0
SPENCE TO THOMAS (Gal.)		0	0

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT BIG SPRING/ODESSA INTAKE.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 9/30/01	LAST WEEK 9/23/02	THIS WEEK 9/30/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	43.86	39.43	39.06
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	54,189	40,056	39,001
PERCENT FULL	10.48	7.74	7.54
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.70	0.00

*RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT SPENCE PUMP STATION.

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

	ONE YEAR AGO 9/30/01	LAST WEEK 9/23/02	THIS WEEK 9/30/02
ELEVATION (FEET)	33.14	28.16	27.89
CONTENTS (ACRE-FEET)	271,994	217,717	215,009
PERCENT FULL	49.07	39.27	38.79
RAINFALL (INCHES) *		0.80	0.00

* RAINFALL MEASUREMENT AT DAM.

2002 INFORMATION BASED ON NEW AREA CAPACITY CURVE DATA

MUNICIPAL WATER DELIVERIES IN GALLONS

	LAST WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 9/23/02 9/17/02	THIS WEEKS DAILY AVERAGE 9/30/02 9/24/02	THIS WEEKS PEAK DAY 9/30/02 9/24/02
BIG SPRING	4,948,571	5,685,714	6,070,000
ODESSA	18,690,286	21,801,429	23,685,000
SNYDER	2,480,286	2,571,429	2,614,000
MIDLAND	28,572,714	29,888,571	30,792,000
SAN ANGELO	12,565,143	16,605,143	19,784,000
STANTON	85,429	40,714	56,000

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Former Bosnian Serb leader pleads guilty to war crimes

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Bosnian Serb wartime leader Biljana Plavsic, one of the highest-ranking suspects at the U.N. war crimes tribunal, pleaded guilty today to one count of crimes against humanity.

Plavsic, 72, has been named as a possible witness against other leading suspects, such as former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, now on trial for genocide and war crimes in the Balkan wars of the 1990s.

Speaking by video-link from a tribunal office in Yugoslavia, Plavsic said: "I plead guilty" to the crime of persecution.

After Plavsic changed her plea, prosecutors dropped all other charges against her.

Plavsic, who surrendered to the U.N. tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in January 2001 and was released on her own recognizance, had pleaded innocent to eight counts of war crimes, including genocide, relating to her alleged role in Bosnia's 31/2-year war.

The panel of three U.N. judges ruled that Plavsic could remain free until she is summoned for sentencing.

"Mrs. Plavsic, we are taking a wholly exceptional course in your case and for reasons of security we shall continue your provisional release," said presiding judge Richard May. But that decision, he cautioned, should not be seen as "any indication as to the sentence to be passed."

Plavsic, the only woman indicted by the court, was vice president of the Bosnian Serbs' self-declared republic during the war, led by her ally Radovan Karadzic. Plavsic joined Karadzic in rejecting a multiethnic independent Bosnia, fueling the Bosnian conflict.

She has denied allegations that she ordered the execution of thousands of Muslims and Croats in an "ethnic cleansing" campaign during the 1992-1995 war. During the war, Plavsic allegedly backed Serb purges of other ethnic groups and was seen visiting troops at the front lines.

After the war, she succeeded Karadzic as the president of the Bosnian Serb half of Bosnia, known as Republika Srpska.

Plavsic later broke with Karadzic, believing that cooperation with the United States and its allies was the best way to guarantee a future for the Bosnian Serbs. Karadzic has been indicted on the same charges but remains at large.

Plavsic was released in September 2001 after nine months of detention at the U.N. facility outside The Hague after Yugoslavia guaranteed she would return for trial.

Some 200,000 people were killed during the Bosnian war. A peace agreement divided the country into the Muslim-Croat federation and the Bosnian Serb republic, each with its own governments but linked on the federal level.

Book planned on Moxley's murder

NEW YORK (AP) — An investigative reporter and a police detective, both of whom spent years trying to solve the murder of Martha Moxley, are collaborating on a book about the case that ended with the conviction of Kennedy relative Michael Skakel.

"Conviction," by Newsday reporter Leonard Levitt and Connecticut police detective Frank Garr, is scheduled to be published by ReganBooks next summer.

"No matter how difficult the circumstances, no matter how many obstacles were thrown their way, they believed that justice should prevail. And they never sold out in the process," ReganBooks publisher Judith Regan said in a statement Tuesday.

Financial terms weren't disclosed.

Skakel, a nephew of the late Robert F. Kennedy, was convicted in June of beating Moxley to death with a golf club in Greenwich when they were 15-year-old neighbors in 1975. He was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison in August.

His attorneys have cited numerous issues they plan to raise on appeal, including a statute of limitations and the transfer of the case from juvenile to adult court.

Wall Street welcomes big rally; doubtful it will last

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest big finish on Wall Street was one of the largest single-day gains ever, but it is not likely to last.

While the market welcomed a 346-point win Tuesday for the Dow Jones industrials, their best one-day point gain in two months and their eighth-best daily advance ever, market analysts were more skeptical than excited by the upturn.

"It was a nice, strong rally, to be sure, but we have seen some strategists suggesting that this is the highest risk (for stocks) since the 1950s," said Mike Weiner, managing director of equities at Banc One Investment Advisors in Columbus, Ohio.

Analysts have been increasingly wary of Wall Street's advances, saying the market has fallen into a pattern of having one big up day for every two or three big drops. It's a trend, but not one with any upward momentum.

"We keep getting these head fakes," Weiner said.

The rally on Tuesday sent the Dow soaring to 7,938, a gain of more than 346 points.

The broader market also rose. The Nasdaq composite index went up 41.66, or 3.6 percent, to 1,213.72. The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 32.64, or 4 percent, to 847.92.

But overseas markets weren't swayed by the U.S. bounce. The Nikkei Stock Average was down 112.93 points today — its lowest closing in 19 years.

Earnings, the economy and investor sentiment all remain pretty dismal; the latest evidence is a dip in manufacturing activity during September reported by the Institute for Supply Management.

"The fundamental macroeconomic problems are still going to be there when we wake up," said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co.

And, investors know the market faces tremendous headwinds as companies prepare to release third-quarter earnings results in the coming weeks.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Oct. 3, 2002

In the year ahead you may start to place a great deal of emphasis on small details. In your case, this may be extremely helpful. Many of the things overlooked in the past can substantially enrich your life in the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — A poor attitude will make everything you have to deal with today much more difficult. Think positive and it will produce quite another situation. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — There is a fine line between business and friendship today, and it will work against you if you step over it. This may be one of those times when you should deal with outsiders instead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Seeking advice from others today may only yield conflicting opinions that further confuse you. You'd be better off thinking for yourself and making your own decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Complaining about what you had to go through in order to help another today may make the recipient sorry she or he ever asked for your help in the first place. Don't make a big deal over things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Leading others to believe you know what you're doing, when in reality you don't, could cause a great deal of harm today. Fess up to your shortcomings. No one will think less of you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be exceptionally careful not to play favorites today where your friendships are concerned. You could hurt a dear friend's feelings and lose the respect of onlookers.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Nothing will be gained today by dwelling on the shortcomings of your companions. In fact, just the opposite will occur with behavior of this ilk putting a damper on everyone else's day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If you allow foolish gambling to control your resources, don't expect to be standing in the winner's circle at the end of the day. Deadbeat deals produce deadbeat situations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's nice to go along with the group, but, today, letting others have a greater influence over the direction you take is ill advised. They could lead you down a dead-end street.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Allowing yourself to be too influenced by old memories, especially bad ones, could cause you to see only the negative side of things. Get past this and try to see the good in things.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Companions might find you a pleasant person to be around today, but not necessarily a generous one. Being too big a tightwad will reflect poorly on your reputation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Keep privileged information to yourself today, especially if it deals with career matters. If you talk too much or reveal more than you should, it could lead to your own undoing.

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Global Crossing chairman pledges $25 million of his stock gains to employees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Global Crossing Ltd. Chairman Gary Winnick is trying to stem criticism that he walked away with millions while the fiber-optics company's employees lost their retirement savings.

Winnick pledged to a congressional committee Tuesday that he would donate $25 million of his own money to employees' 401(k) retirement plans.

Winnick sold $734 million in Global Crossing stock before the company filed for bankruptcy protection in January.

His last sale — 10 million shares netting $123 million — occurred in May 2001, as senior executives were sounding warnings about the company's finances and less than two weeks before Global Crossing's top lawyer told executives they could no longer sell stock because of the company's worsening condition.

Winnick told an investigative subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee that he knew nothing of problems at the company he founded until the lawyer, James Gorton, told him.

"That's the first I heard this," Winnick said, noting that chief executive Thomas Casey never said a word about looming problems in their almost daily conversations.

Casey did not testify Tuesday because he was seriously ill, committee spokesman Ken Johnson said.

Winnick said he knew, however, that critics would infer he had early warning of trouble.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., the committee chairman, told Winnick his stated ignorance of Global Crossing's financial condition was "a little hard for us to understand."

When Global Crossing's stock collapsed, investors — including company employees whose retirement savings were invested in company stock — lost billions of dollars.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Investigate ankle-swelling

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a widow, 80 years young, and in good health. However, for the past six months I've noticed ankle swelling at the end of the day (not in the morning.) My left leg is larger than my right and both feet are red. I have no pain, shortness-of-breath or cough. Blood tests, cardiograms, ultrasound exams, and a venous Doppler were all normal. My internist and cardiologist don't know where to go from here. Help!

DEAR READER: I don't have any easy answers.

Edema, the accumulation of fluid in the tissues, can accompany a host of ailments. But before I get to that topic, let me explain how edema forms.

Blood is carried to the legs in arteries that eventually end in tiny capillary blood vessels (the level at which oxygen and nutrients are absorbed by the tissue's cells). Then the blood returns to the heart through the veins, is oxygenated in the lungs and begins its roundabout journey once again.

If, for some reason, there is a build-up of pressure in the capillary system or the small veins, blood flow diminishes and clear fluid leaks through the walls of the blood vessels. This fluid can saturate the tissues, which literally swell with the flooding. Because gravity tends to pull blood downward, edema is most common in the feet and ankles — but, as you discovered, disappears at night when a person is supine and gravity plays less of a factor.

Ankle edema is frequently caused by heart failure (which also deposits edema fluid into the lungs), venous blockage (as occurs with blood clots), kidney disorders, liver disease and any affliction that is associated with increased venous pressure in the pelvis and lower extremities. There are, of course, other causes of edema such as post-surgical arm swelling following breast operations, malnutrition and blood-protein diseases.

From your limited description, I gather that these conditions were ruled out by the testing you had. Therefore, you may have a condition called idiopathic dependent edema (ankle swelling of unknown cause) that is especially common in older adults. I don't know the reason for this but I suspect that it is due in large part to the fragility of the veins and capillaries as we age, the loss of subcutaneous tissue that helps support and protect the blood vessels, and other age-related changes in the circulation.

Such edema can be treated by elevating the legs (use a recliner when sitting), wearing elastic support stockings and avoiding excess salt in the diet. In most instances, the ankle and foot swelling is merely an uncomfortable nuisance. However, if it really becomes a problem (so that you can't get into your shoes, for instance), your doctor can prescribe diuretic pills, medicine that stimulates the kidneys to excrete this extra fluid.

The main concern, in most cases, is not the edema itself, but what is causing it. Obviously, if the cause can be discovered and treated, the edema will disappear. But, in my experience, the basis of ankle edema in senior citizens is often challenging to identify.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Kidney Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, PO Box 267. Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Ex-Enron CFO faces multiple charges

HOUSTON (AP) — The former chief financial officer of Enron Corp. was charged today with securities, wire and mail fraud, money laundering and conspiracy in a complex scheme to inflate Enron's profits and enrich himself at the expense of the company and investors.

Andrew Fastow, 40, surrendered this morning to FBI agents and had a court date later in the day. Under an agreement with his lawyers, federal prosecutors were expected to recommend that he be released on $5 million bond.

The criminal complaint charges that Fastow and others created a scheme to defraud Enron and its shareholders through transactions with off-the-books partnerships that made the company look more profitable than it was.

"Fastow and his co-conspirators systematically and thoroughly corrupted the business of one of the largest corporations in the world," Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson told a Justice Department news conference in Washington.

Justice Department officials said the case would be brought before a grand jury within the next 30 days.

With the exception of Michael Kopper, a once-trusted Fastow aide who has pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges, the complaint does not identify the others who allegedly participated in the scheme that led to Enron's bankruptcy.

Fastow, 40, arrived at the FBI's headquarters in Houston, accompanied by his lawyer John Keker, before the complaint was announced. After about 30 minutes, two agents led him out in handcuffs.

Fastow is said to have devised the company's complex web of off-the-books partnerships used to hide some $1 billion in debt from shareholders and federal regulators. He is the most prominent Enron figure targeted so far by the Justice Department.

"We aim to put the bad guys in prison and take away their money," Thompson said. "This investigation is active and ongoing."

Kopper has been cooperating with prosecutors.

Homeland security measure in jeopardy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The odds against creation of an anti-terrorism Homeland Security Department grow greater by the hour, with some lawmakers saying a labor rights dispute could sink the measure for the year.

"I, for one, think the bill's on a life support system," said Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn. "Unless something happens in the very near future, there will not be a homeland security bill this year."

For the fifth time in recent weeks, the Senate failed Tuesday to muster the 60 votes necessary to bring debate to a close on the massive government reorganization plan. Negotiations continued in an uphill effort to reach compromise, but Republicans and Democrats were already accusing each other of jeopardizing the bill for political reasons.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle insisted that lawmakers would not abandon the bill, even raising the possibility that Congress would return after the election to complete the job.

"We're going to stay on this bill and we're going to figure out how to finish it," said Daschle, D-S.D.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said President Bush has contacted numerous Republicans and Democrats in an effort to get a deal and said the issue was to come up when legislative leaders visit the White House on today.

"It would just be unimaginable for the Senate to leave town without having taken action to protect the homeland," Fleischer told reporters.

Negotiations were making little headway, leaving little reason for optimism.

"Maybe we can't reach agreement on this," said Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. "I think it's a sad commentary on the Senate if we can't."

The dividing issues remained Bush's demands for flexibility to hire, fire and deploy the proposed agency's 170,000 workers and for continued authority to waive union bargaining agreements for national security reasons.

Bush and the Republicans say these powers are essential to create a nimble agency that can react quickly to terrorist threats.

Democrats are backing an alternative that includes much of the personnel flexibility Bush wants but imposes conditions on his use of the union national security waiver. Many Democrats say Bush's plan amounts to an assault on union bargaining rights.

Other than that, the two sides are largely in agreement on a measure that would combine 22 existing federal entities into a giant new Cabinet department.

Each side accused the other Tuesday of using the delay for political reasons in an election year in which both the House and Senate at stake. Republicans say Democrats are too closely aligned with labor unions; Democrats argue that the GOP is resisting compromise in order to blame Democrats for killing the bill.

Russia to consider new U.N. resolution

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russia said today it would consider a new resolution to govern the work of weapons inspectors if they return to Iraq, and the French called for an overhaul of the U.N. program.

Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix, who struck a deal with Iraq on Tuesday for the return of inspectors for the first time in four years, will report to a Security Council that remains at odds over the U.S. demand for authorization to use force against Saddam Hussein even before inspectors set foot in Baghdad.

In Moscow, which has opposed the use of military power to force Iraqi compliance, Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov told reporters the Kremlin welcomed the Blix-Iraq deal.

He said the Kremlin was willing to look at new resolutions on the conduct of inspections.

"If additional decisions are necessary for the efficient work of the inspectors, we, of course, are ready to consider them."

The French remain opposed to a U.S. proposal, drafted with Britain, that would link Iraqi failure to comply with a tough new inspections regime to automatic military strikes.

Paris wants a two-step approach, first defining the new inspections regime, and second — to be taken only if inspections fail, authorization of force against Saddam.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin wrote in Le Monde: "We do not want to give a blank check to military action."

He also warned "any serious failure by Iraq to comply with its obligations," would lead to an immediate Security Council meeting to "consider any measure to ensure full compliance."

Two arrested on drug charges

Scurry County deputy Kevin Roemisch had a feeling that two people in a pickup didn't belong near the Dermott Cemetery Tuesday afternoon — and he was right.

The deputy stopped the pair approximately 10 miles north of Snyder on U.S. 84 to identify them and returned to town with two subjects in custody and more than 40 grams of methamphetamine.

Trey Smith, 18, and Rhonda Griffin, 37, both of Wilson were taken into custody and charged with possession of a controlled substance, more than four ounces — a second degree felony.

Both subjects remain in Scurry County Jail and bond was expected to be set this afternoon.

Also found in the 2001 Dodge dually pickup was drug paraphernalia, undetermined medication and a small quantity of marijuana.

Roemisch said an investigation of the case is still underway and the confiscated drugs will be sent to Lubbock for lab analysis.

Two accidents investigated

•Accidents

Snyder officers responded to two accidents Tuesday.

Involved in the first at 3 p.m. were a 1997 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Harry Himes, 78, of Beulah, Colo., and a 1988 Cadillac driven by Priscilla Holden, 44, of 5367 W. FM 1606 in Ira.

The second mishap involved a 2000 Ford pickup driven by Roy Harlan, 61, of 2807 47th Street and a 1998 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Elearnor Gutierrez, 34, of 1704 Ave. N.

No injuries were reported in either accident.

•Criminal trespass

Ester Rangel reported a possible burglary at her sister's residence on 39th Street Tuesday night. Officers responded and advised an offense report for criminal trespass was filed against one subject.

•Close patrol

A man requested a close patrol at Snyder Iron and Metal Tuesday evening after experiencing several thefts recently and witnessing a pickup with two men in it driving away from the business.

•Rattlesnake

A Snyder officer advised at 12:13 a.m. today that a subject at Kingswood Apartments reported a rattlesnake on the property. The snake was disposed of.

•Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off in the amount of $12.54 and provided a description of the vehicle and its driver.

Clarification

A false address of a Snyder man charged with burglary of a habitation with intent to commit sexual assault was printed in Monday's edition of the Snyder Daily News.

Javier Alfaro provided the wrong address to police during questioning and the information was passed to the newspaper. Alfaro's correct address is 3501 Irving Ave.

Births

Cesar and Robin Valadez of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Jaci Allissa Valadez, at 10:51 a.m. on Oct. 1 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Jaci weighed six pounds, eight ounces.

Linda Proctor is her paternal grandmother. Jaime H. Valadez of Snyder and Julie Valadez of New Mexico are her maternal grandparents.

Obituaries

Kenneth Blackwell

1962-2002

MIDLAND — Kenneth Doyle Blackwell, a native of Snyder, died Sunday, Sept. 29, as a result of a motorcycle accident 2.1 miles south of Midland.

Memorial service for Mr. Blackwell, 40, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Robert Frazier officiating.

A memorial service in Snyder is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Lighthouse Assembly of God with the Rev. Danny Williams, pastor officiating.

Born May 21, 1962 in Snyder to Bonnie Johnson and Edgar Blackwell, he was reared by his mother and stepfather, Russell Carroll who died in 1999. Mr. Blackwell served in the National Guard Reserve in 1980.

Mr. Blackwell started to work in the oilfield at the age of 16 as a driller, pusher and consultant. He had driven a truck the past eight months and returned to the oilfield. He was on his way to his second day on the job at the time of the mishap.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Blackwell of Midland; two sons, Joshua Blackwell of Midland and Kenny Cave of Colorado; a daughter, Bonita Blackwell of New Braunfels; three stepchildren, Michael, Marisa Michelle and Evelyn Diese of Midland; his mother, Bonnie Carroll of Snyder, a nurse at Cogdell Memorial Hospital; a sister, Ollie Burke of Fort Worth; and a brother, Marcus Carroll of Washington, N.M.

Virginia Harris

1919-2002

TUCUMCARI, N.M. — Virgina Harris, the grandmother of Leann Rogers of Snyder, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, in Amarillo where she had been under Hospice Care.

Services for Mrs. Harris, 83, are pending with Dunn Funeral Home in Tucumcari.

Survivors also include a son, Russell Harris of Jordan, N.M.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Thu 10/3	Fri 10/4	Sat 10/5
85/58	83/50	85/54
Partly cloudy. High around 85F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise 7:39 AM, Sunset 7:26 PM	Sunrise 7:40 AM, Sunset 7:24 PM	Sunrise 7:40 AM, Sunset 7:23 PM

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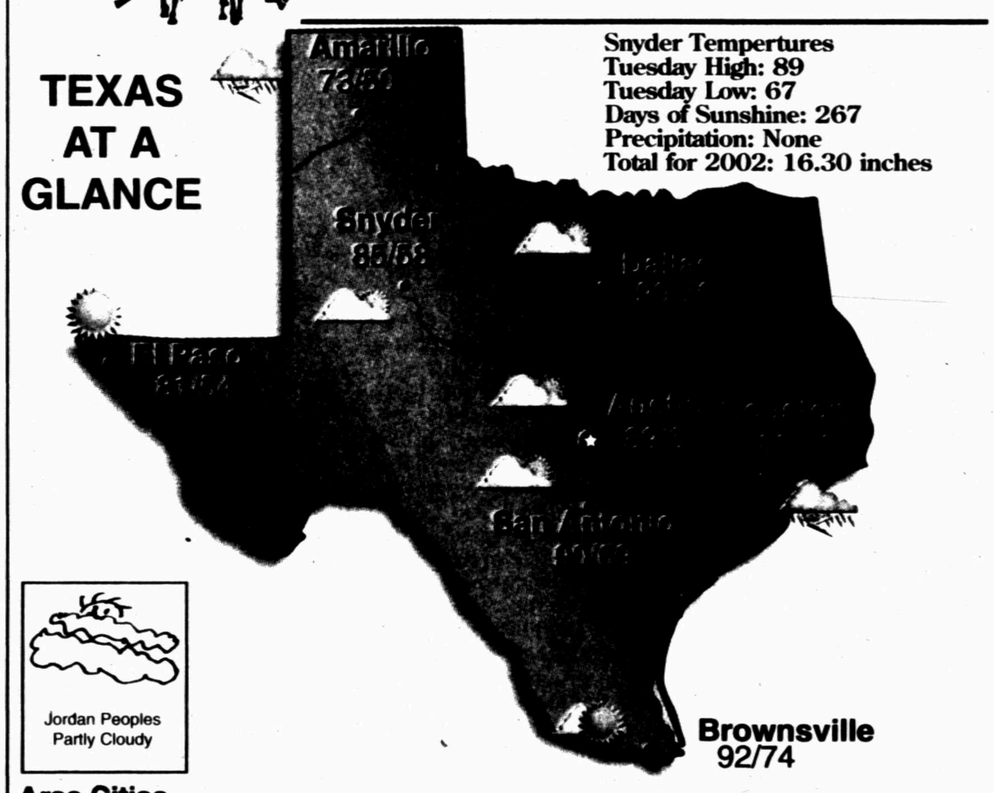

Snyder Tempertures
Tuesday High: 89
Tuesday Low: 67
Days of Sunshine: 267
Precipitation: None
Total for 2002: 16.30 inches

Jordan Peoples
Partly Cloudy

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	88	64	pt sunny	El Paso	81	54	sunny	Midland	88	61	pt sunny
Amarillo	73	50	t-storm	Fort Stockton	91	61	sunny	Raymondville	93	70	sunny
Austin	89	67	pt sunny	Gainesville	89	64	pt sunny	Rosenberg	83	70	t-storm
Beaumont	80	71	rain	Greenville	87	65	pt sunny	San Antonio	90	69	pt sunny
Brownsville	92	74	sunny	Houston	83	70	t-storm	San Marcos	90	67	pt sunny
Brownwood	90	65	pt sunny	Kingsville	90	69	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	87	65	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	88	71	pt sunny	Livingston	82	66	t-storm	Sweetwater	88	62	pt sunny
Corsicana	88	68	pt sunny	Longview	83	67	t-storm	Tyler	85	69	t-storm
Dallas	90	70	pt sunny	Lubbock	81	54	pt sunny	Weatherford	89	64	pt sunny
Del Rio	93	72	sunny	Lufkin	83	68	t-storm	Wichita Falls	89	65	pt sunny

National Cities

Atlanta	87	65	pt sunny	Houston	83	70	t-storm	Phoenix	84	63	sunny
Boston	68	51	rain	Los Angeles	73	57	sunny	San Francisco	70	54	windy
Chicago	70	63	rain	Miami	89	78	pt sunny	Seattle	63	48	rain
Dallas	90	70	pt sunny	Minneapolis	58	52	cloudy	St. Louis	82	68	t-storm
Denver	55	39	cloudy	New York	75	58	t-storm	Washington, DC	86	65	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
Sep 29	Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 21

UV Index

Thu 10/3	Fri 10/4	Sat 10/5
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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