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Home Of Jim Rosson

Mammography unit at CMH ready to open

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will open its new mammography center Tuesday and examinations appointments are now being taken.

Brian Moffett, head of the hospital's radiology department, said the new unit is top of the line. "Very few hospitals our size have a unit like this one that provides screening and is used as a diagnostic tool, as well," said Moffett.

Moffett said the unit is located in a newly-renovated suite, a project done in-house and spearheaded by maintenance employee Bob Cole.

"It's a very nice area that has its own waiting room," said Moffett.

The cost of the mammography unit, processor and the remodeling totaled $77,000 and was funded by grants, individual donations, the Cogdell Foundation, and the Hospital Auxiliary.

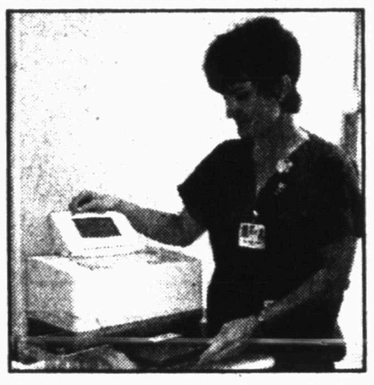
Moffett said the hospital currently has three registered mammography technologists. These are Laurie Sellers, Lori Walker and Bria O'Niell.

Moffett said with the addition of the mammography machine, the radiology department could provide a wide-range of services including bone densitometry, mobile MRI, ultrasound, CT scan, fluoroscopy and nuclear medicine.

Appointments for all radiology services can be made by calling the hospital at 574-7441, and appointments are being made for Monday through Thursday from 8:40-11 a.m., and 12:40-2:40 p.m.







MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT — Bria O'Neill looks over films in the left photo. Lori Walker is pictured center using a "phantom" to perform a quality assurance test of the imaging system. The test is performed weekly. Laurie Sellers is in the right photo using the machine that imprints patient data on the film. (SDN Staff Photos)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There are a couple of reasons why people don't mind their own business – no mind and no business."

Somebody left the following "memo from God" on our desk. It had some thoughts that all of us need from time to time.

"I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help.

"If life happens to deliver a situation that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. It will be addressed in My time, not yours.

"Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it or remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem.

"If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution.

"Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child. If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.

"Be happy with what you have. Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, just remember the homeless family who has no bed.

"Should you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair, there are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard privilege.

"Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years.

"Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it is like to love and be loved in return.

"Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working 12 hours a week, seven days a week to feed her children.

"Should your car break down, leaving you miles from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

"Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

"Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about and asking 'What is my purpose?' Be thankful, there are those who did not live long enough to get the opportunity to ask.

"Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember things could be worse. You could be them."

Hope this little memo brightened your day.

Community is ready to host annual White Buffalo Festival

Snyder will host the annual White Buffalo Festival next Friday and Saturday, paying tribute to J. Wright Mooar and Scurry County's pioneer heritage.

Mooar is best known in western lore as the man who killed a rare white buffalo on Deep Creek northwest of Snyder on Oct. 7, 1876.

Mooar also is recognized as the first settler of the county and came to be fondly called, "Scurry County's No. 1 Citizen" in early newspaper stories.

The festival will get underway at 7 Friday night with the Ranch Rodeo in Scurry County Coliseum.

On Saturday, the grounds will open at 9:15 a.m. with opening ceremonies set an hour later.

Bus tours of the S.D. and Judy Hays ranch will leave at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 and 3:45 in the afternoon. Those on the tour can see the actual white buffalo hide on display at the Hays Ranch home. Judy Hays is the granddaughter of Mooar and their ranch was once part of the Mooar Ranch.

The tour will also go to the White Buffalo Park on the ranch near the site where the rare buffalo was killed.

A photo exhibit of the Mooar family will be on display at the Dermott School on the grounds of the coliseum from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Throughout Saturday, cowboy poetry and music will be performed under the tent on the parking lot, and arts and crafts booths will be open inside the coliseum throughout the day.

The annual event honors Mooar who left his native Vermont to seek his fortune and who was an experienced buffalo hunter when he reached Scurry County in 1876 at the age of 25. It is estimated that he killed as many as 22,000 buffalo during his hunting career. His ability to hit a buffalo at long distances won him the respect of Indians, including the great Comanche chief, Quanah Parker.

Mooar, and his brother, John W., were later partners in the hunting business in this area.

When their hunting career ended, the brothers became partners in ranching and a livery stable in Colorado City. Wright married Julia Swartz in Colorado City in 1897 and they built a two-story house in Scurry County where visitors could sit on the white buffalo hide as they were told tales of his early years in the county.

Charles Anderson, Snyder author and educator, wrote a book about Mooar's hunting career titled "In Search of the Buffalo."

Mooar died in 1940 at the age of 88. It was estimated that over 3,000 people from all over West Texas attended his funeral. He is buried in Snyder Cemetery.

Hermleigh man robbed

One person was in Nolan County jail Saturday morning after being apprehended in that county a short time after robbing a Hermleigh resident of some cash.

Estavan Lara of Dallas was arrested around 11 p.m. near Sweetwater by Department of Public Safety troopers after grabbing money from the shirt pocket of Charles Smith while Smith was getting gas at the Hermleigh Allsup's on U.S. 84.

Lara was also charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle after it was determined the 1991 Dodge he fled in had been stolen earlier from Mattie Green in the 1100 block of 17th Street in Snyder.

Two juveniles also taken into custody and were also being detained Saturday morning by Nolan County juvenile authorities.

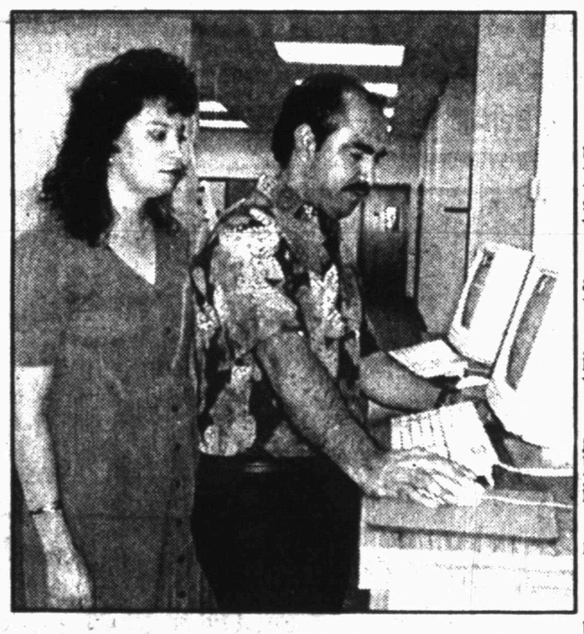
Bond for Lara had not been determined Saturday morning.

The two cases will be forwarded to the Scurry County District Attorney Monday to be presented to the grand jury.

Deputy Sheriff Bil West investigated the robbery.

Where there is a will, there is a way

Raul Alcala's journey is from not being able to speak English to becoming a computer technician at WTC



COMPUTER TECHNICIAN — Raul Alcala checks out a computer on the campus of Western Texas College while his wife Sandra looks on. (SDN Staff Photo)

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

The road has been long and often tedious, but with the support of a loving family and the help of many, Raul Alcala has journeyed from a manual laborer who spoke only Spanish to a computer lab technician at Western Texas College.

Along the way, he has learned the English language and earned his GED and a college education in the United States.

Raul graduated from Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater on Aug. 18 and began employment at WTC three days later.

Working under Britt Canada, director of technology, his duties include troubleshooting on computers. He is grateful for the experience. "I have been learning a lot every day," he said.

Raul was born in Monclova, Coah., Mexico, and he married his wife, Sandra, in Mexico in 1985.

In February of 1986, the couple moved to Snyder.

"We decided to come to the United States to try to plan a good future for the family we were going to have," Sandra said.

Over the years, Raul worked for a construction company, oilfield companies and as a farm hand, and he began to pick up English. "He knew enough to get him by when he was at work," Sandra said.

Raul said he found it very frustrating that he always needed his wife to interpret for him. "I wasn't able to buy the basic things," he said.

The language barrier limited him in all areas of his life here in America. He wanted to become a correctional officer for the State of Texas, but the dream was dashed. "The day of the interview they told me that my English was not good enough," he recalled. "I knew I had big problems speaking English."

In 1994, Raul started English as a Second Language (ESL) courses at Western Texas College, and began practicing the new language at every opportunity.

He also encountered Robert Adams, history and Spanish instructor at WTC. "I started talking to Robert Adams, and I thought if he could speak Spanish then I could speak English."

Raul earned his GED in October of 1996 and continued studying English. In the spring of 1997, he started college level classes and became interested in computer technology. "At first I was just planning to get my certificate, but later I decided to go after my degree."

He said he knew that computer experience would be necessary. "Computers are the main topic of everything. I knew it was a good paying job."

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ASK US

Q—What is the theme of this year's lighted Christmas parade sponsored by the chamber of commerce?

A—"Christmas Memories," and the parade is Dec. 2.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 84 degrees; low, 52; 7 a.m. Saturday, 53; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear, low mid 50s; S wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny, high near 90; S wind 10-20 mph.



Kelcey Stafford
Warmer

Sunset:
7:30 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:38 a.m.
Of 273 days in 2000, the sun has shone 270 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Being willing is far more important than being able.

Festival continues

Organizers were expecting larger crowds for Saturday's sessions of the bluegrass festival underway at the Wagon Wheel Music Park.

Music was scheduled all afternoon Saturday until the dinner break at 5.

Rocky Creek was to be the first band after the break, playing from 6 until 7.

Following Rocky Creek, Bill Burns was to perform for an hour, followed by Lost and Found. Jimmy Martin was set

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Criticizes energy policy

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia Gov. Cecil Underwood criticized the Clinton-Gore administration Saturday for failing to develop a national energy policy.

The administration needs to promote energy production from U.S. sources but instead "treats American energy producers as the enemy," Underwood said in the Republican Party's weekly national radio address.

Underwood's remarks followed George W. Bush's criticism of the Clinton administration for putting "our economy and the way of life it supports" at risk by failing to develop a comprehensive energy policy.

Bush introduced a 10-year, $7.1 billion program to increase the nation's fuel sources.

Underwood criticized President Clinton's recent decision to tap the nation's oil reserves because of high international prices.

The decision was "an ill-advised, election-year ploy to deplete energy reserves set aside for times of real crisis," Underwood said. "We would not be in this position if the Clinton-Gore team had done anything in the past eight years."



Birth Announcement

Virgil and Melinda Feinsod would like to announce the arrival of Elias Tucker Feinsod. Born September 19, 2000 in the Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, Texas. Elias weighed 10 pounds and 9 ounces and was 22 ¾ inches long. The proud grandparents are Art and Helen Feinsod of Snyder and James and Clydenne Tucker of Durant, Oklahoma.

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Twins born at Cogdell



TWINS — Bonifacio and Maria Rubio are the parents of twin sons born Sept. 20 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The delivery was a team effort. Pictured back from left are Bonifacio; Dr. Bob Rakov; Jill Proffitt, RN; Linda Briseno, RN and nurse manager; and Becky Clark, LVN. Standing in front is Samuel Rubio. Maria is seated with twins Alexis and Jesus. (SDN Staff Photo)

Twin sons were born to Bonifacio and Maria Rubio Sept. 20 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The delivery of Alexis, six pounds, six ounces, and Jesus, six pounds, was a team effort by the Cogdell obstetrics and operating room departments and Dr. Bob Rakov, M.D. Dr. Bid Cooper, M.D., also assisted.

Maria had an epidural anesthetic. "Because we were able to give her the epidural anesthetic, she had excellent pain relief and was able to deliver naturally," Linda Briseno, RN said.

She was also monitored continuously by ultrasound technology. "This allowed us to see how the delivery progressed," Briseno said.

Dr. Rakov said the real time ultrasound was extremely helpful with the delivery of the twins because it allowed for him to track both babies' progress down the birth canal.

"It was a unique experience to watch the baby as it was being born," he said. "The purpose of monitoring with ultrasound is because after the delivery of the first baby, the second baby may change position."

The ultrasound allows the doctor to know if the second baby has become breach or if other complications have arose.

Maria's delivery progressed uncomplicated, but she was in the operating room just in case.

"We normally deliver in our state-of-the-art birthing room," Dr. Rakov said. "But for twins, you have to be ready to do a C-section.

For this reason, the staff had a "double setup."

"We were ready to do a vaginal delivery, but like flipping a switch, we were also ready to do a C-section. That's why we delivered in the OR instead of the birthing room."

The twins are welcomed home by three siblings — nine-year-old Nancy, eight-year-old Samuel and five-year-old Jacqueline.

Alexis was born at 11 a.m. and Jesus at 11:41 a.m.

Briseno said many do not know that the technology is available at Cogdell. "People don't realize that we do that. People feel they need to go to a metroplex area or a specialty setting because twins are high risk and require a lot of assessment," she said. "We want people to know that ultrasound is available locally and the facilities are available."

DotComGuy's company sued for not paying bills

DALLAS (AP) — Virtual hermit DotComGuy has been able to find everything he needed for the last ten months — furniture, clothes, food and entertainment — using the Internet. Now he may need to use his Web savvy to find a lawyer.

Numedia Group LLC of Dallas, the company that keeps the Web site up and running, has sued DotComGuy Inc. for unspecified damages and legal fees alleging the company missed $67,425 in payments, the Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's editions.

According to the contract, DotComGuy Inc. agreed to pay $180,000 plus tax in six installments to Numedia for consulting, site development and maintenance, a server and e-mail administration from March 20 to June 20.

The two companies signed a contract March 23, a little more than two months after DotComGuy went into virtual seclusion. The lawsuit was filed Sept. 21 in Dallas County.

Bruce Burleson, a Waco lawyer working for Numedia, confirmed the lawsuit with the newspaper, adding he did not know if it was related to DotComGuy himself.

DotComGuy, previously known as 26-year-old Mitch Maddox, did not return e-mails to The Associated Press, and officials for either company could not be reached for comment Saturday morning.

The 26-year-old computer systems manager, who legally changed his name to reflect his online life, rented a Dallas town house, his DotCompound, in January and volunteered to live off e-commerce for a year, never to venture past his tiny backyard.

Two dozen cameras provide video of DotComGuy's almost every move. His only sanctuary from the cameras is a bathroom.

Everything seemed to go well until Sept. 1 — Day 254 — when he and his staff took a vacation over the Labor Day weekend.

"I will still be here, but I will have limited appearances," he wrote Sept. 1. "be."

On the Net:
DotComGuy: http://www.dotcomguy.com
Numedia: http://www.numedia.com

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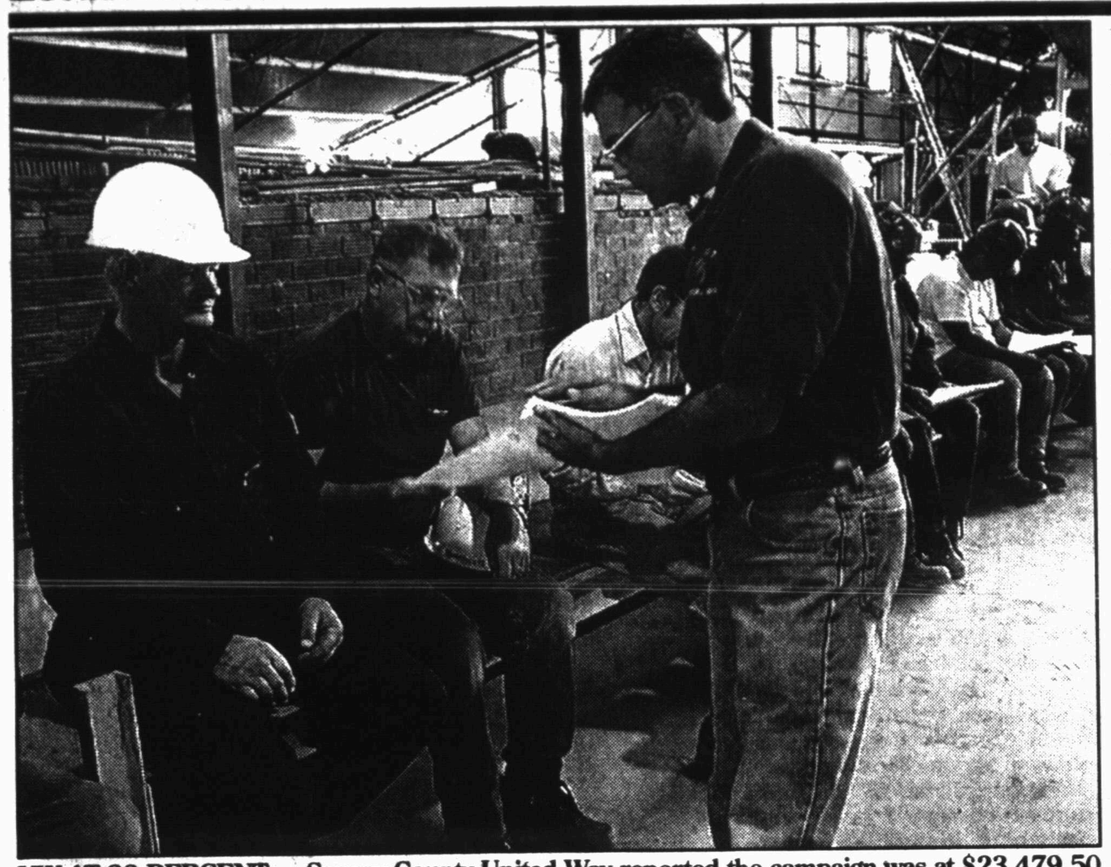
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UW AT 29 PERCENT — Scurry County United Way reported the campaign was at $23,479.50 Friday, 29 percent of the $80,000 goal. Kent Wright is pictured passing out United Way information to employees of Snyder Brick & Tile, Kenneth Pierce and James Northcutt. Wilson Thomas of Dallas, CEO, was in attendance. United Way just completed its third week of the 2000 campaign. Anyone interested in contributing or volunteering is asked to call executive director Zola Schlegel at 573-1731. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Lawyers for condemned fed inmate requesting clemency

DALLAS (AP) — Lawyers for a Hispanic inmate who could be the second person executed by the federal government since 1963 renewed their pleas for presidential clemency calling the death-penalty system "grossly biased" against black and Hispanic defendants.

In a 96-page supplement to a clemency petition, lawyers for Juan Raul Garza, sentenced to death in 1993 for three drug-related murders, said it would be "fundamentally unfair" to execute him amid findings of "striking disparities" in the capital-punishment system, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's editions.

Much of the lawyers' arguments are based on a Justice Department report released in September that found 80 percent of defendants charged with federal crimes punishable by death during the last five years were minorities.

The petition asks that Garza's sentence be commuted to life without possibility of parole and asserts no claim of innocent. "Mr. Garza accepts responsibility for these crimes," the petition states.

Garza's layers also cite increasing public scrutiny of the death penalty as another reason to spare the 43-year-old Brownsville man.

"At no time since the death penalty was reinstated by the Supreme Court in 1976 have Americans and their leaders voiced such grave doubts about the fairness and reliability of capital punishment," the petition reads.

Garza's clemency petition and the supplement filed Friday are under review by the Justice Department which will forward a recommendation to President Clinton.

The Justice Department declined to comment on Friday's filing.

Attorney General Janet Reno has said she was dismayed over the racial and geographic disparities but defended the federal capital punishment system's ultimate fairness.

The study's author, Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder, the nation's highest ranking black law enforcement officer, also said he saw no need for a moratorium such as the one imposed in Illinois in January by Gov. George Ryan, a Republican.

Illinois halted executions this year after 13 of its death-row inmates were exonerated.

Garza had been slated to be the first federal inmate executed in 37 years, until President Clinton delayed Garza's scheduled Aug. 5 execution date until Dec. 12 so he could take advantage of new clemency procedures.

A Pennsylvania judge last week set a Nov. 15 date for David Paul Hammer, who won a legal battle to speed his execution. Hammer has said he would not seek clemency.

Among the reasons for granting Garza clemency, the petition also lists:

— Geographic disparity. Texas has prosecuted six of the inmates on federal death row in Terre Haute, Ind. Texas and 15 other states account for more than 50 percent of the federal cases that sought the death penalty.

— A disproportionate sentence. Garza's three co-defendants, charged with the same capital offense, obtained far lesser sentences. Death penalties have also been infrequent in cases involving multiple killings during the commission of drug-trafficking enterprises.

— Violation of the U.S. treaty with Mexico. U.S. officials never told the Mexican government that Garza's extradition was for capital murder case. The U.S.-Mexican extradition treaty allows Mexico to refuse to extradite anyone facing a death-penalty prosecution.

"In meeting the awesome responsibility of carrying out an execution, the president cannot permit a death sentence to go forward where there is as much doubt about its propriety as there is in Mr. Garza's case," the lawyers wrote.

Indian leaders, scientists troubled by toxic artifacts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — David Hostler learned the troubling news when he journeyed more than 3,000 miles from his Hoopa Valley reservation, California's largest, to dig through troves of tribal artifacts on display and in storage at Harvard University.

Arriving at the Ivy League school's Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, which owns the largest collection of American Indian remains outside the Smithsonian, officials suggested he don a pair of gloves and a dust mask before sifting through the collection.

"That's when I found out some of the artifacts had been contaminated," said Hostler, a director of the Hoopa museum and a ceremonial leader of the tribe, which has 4,000 members and an 89,000-acre reservation about 40 miles outside the northern California coastal city of Eureka.

Two years later, Hostler and fellow Indians across the United States remain unsettled by the notion that human remains and sacred objects being returned to them under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, or NAGPRA, may be poisoned with heavy metals and pesticides that were used as preservatives.

On Friday, representatives of California's 110 tribes began arriving at San Francisco State University for a three-day workshop aimed at raising awareness of the potential health risks that scientists consider especially acute because many of the artifacts — steeped in spiritual significance — have been or will be returned to their traditional use.

"For people who are only hearing about this for the first time, it's only human to be scared and angry," said Lee Davis, an anthropology professor at SFSU and consultant for the Hoopa tribe.

Pesticides and other toxins, including mercury and arsenic, have been routinely used on all kinds of artifacts to preserve them and keep insects away, with the idea that the objects would only be displayed under glass.

But that changed when the repatriation act, passed in 1990, required museums to return headdresses and other regalia to their rightful tribal owners.

It is unclear how widespread the contamination may be, since most of the evidence is anecdotal and no official empirical studies have been conducted to determine whether mercury, arsenic, DDT and other toxins used as pesticides or preservatives persist in harmful levels.

SFSU on Friday released preliminary findings of a study showing traces of mercury in a handful of items that have found their way back to the Hoopa tribe. There were also low levels of pesticides on some samples, including DDT and naphthalene, an active ingredient in mothballs.

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The Bill and Finnie Seale Foundation created a fully endowed scholarship in 1999.

Bill and Finnie Seale value education highly. They attended Vernon, Texas public school and went on to attain degrees in higher education. They were married in Vernon in 1948.

Prior to becoming residents of Snyder in 1963 along with their children, Marsha and Kris, the Seales operated funeral homes in Turkey and Matador. They operated and were associated with the funeral home in Snyder until retirement in 1997.

Mr. and Mrs. Seale were also instrumental in the creation of Director's Investment Group, a consortium of nine companies created for the purpose of assisting people in times of grief and sorrow.

Over the years, the Seales have been active in Snyder Public Schools, Western Texas College, City of Snyder, and many other business and civic activities.

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Date Book

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000

Today is the 274th day of 2000 and the ninth day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1882, in Appleton, Wisc., the first hydroelectric power plant in the United States went into operation.

On this day in 1955, actor James Dean died in a car crash.

On this day in 1988, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame was dedicated to John Lennon.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Deborah Kerr (1921-), actress, is 78; Truman Capote (1924-1984), writer; Robin Roberts (1926-), baseball star, is 74; Angie Dickinson (1931-), actress, is 69; Johnny Mathis (1935-), singer, is 65; Marilyn McCoo (1943-), singer, is 57; Barry Williams (1954-), actor, is 46; Crystal Bernard (1963-), actress, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1963, John Paciorek, a rookie outfielder for Houston, got three singles in the first major-league game in which he batted. He also walked twice, scored four runs, and batted in three runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A wise man recognizes the convenience of a general statement, but he bows to the authority of a particular fact." - Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Sept. 27) and first quarter (Oct. 5).

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2000

Today is the 275th day of 2000 and the 10th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1810, in Pittsfield, Mass., the first state fair in the United States began.

On this day in 1949, Mao Tse Tung announced the establishment of the People's Republic of China.

On this day in 1962, Johnny Carson first appeared on "The Tonight Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Vladimir Horowitz (1904-1989), pianist; Walter Matthau (1920-2000), actor; Jimmy Carter (1924-), U.S. president, is 76; William Rehnquist (1924-), chief justice of the United States, is 76; Tom Bosley (1927-), actor, is 73; Richard Harris (1933-), actor, is 67; Julie Andrews (1935-), singer-actress, is 65; Edward Villella (1936-), ballet dancer, is 64; Rod Carew (1945-), baseball star, is 55; Mark McGwire (1963-), baseball player, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1903, in Boston, baseball's first World Series began. The Boston Pilgrims won the series by defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The hand of liberality is stronger than the arm of power." - Sa'di

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Sept. 27) and first quarter (Oct. 5).

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jury: Eastwood owes nothing

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Clint Eastwood was cast as the villain but considered himself the hero. In the end, a federal jury saw things his way.

Eastwood was cleared Friday of having to pay damages to a disabled woman who sued him because his historic inn near Carmel lacked wheelchair access. The jury deliberated less than five hours in siding with Eastwood, who claimed he had been set up.

"I think there were too many lies told in court and I think the jury could see through that," Eastwood said shortly before he thanked the jurors, signed autographs for them and let court marshals take pictures with him.

The plaintiff, 51-year-old Diane zum Brunnen, who has muscular dystrophy, was not in court when the verdict was read. Her attorneys said they were considering an appeal and said Eastwood's celebrity status influenced the jury.

Zum Brunnen sued Eastwood under the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1997, a year after she and her husband, Michael, say they had dinner at Mission Ranch. They complained that the wheelchair-accessible bathroom was in another building.

Baby falls into very hot menudo

MCALLEN (AP) — A South Texas mother has been charged with injury to a child after her one-year-old girl fell into a pot of scalding menudo.

Samantha Torres suffered second-degree burns and an injury to one of her eyes that prevents her from opening it, officials in McAllen. She is in stable condition at Mission Hospital, officials said.

The girl fell face first into the 12-inch-deep pot of hot soup while riding in her mother's van Tuesday, according to The Monitor of McAllen.

Mirella Torres, 28, told police her daughter was standing up on the seat and fell into the pot — which was set on the floorboard — when her vehicle ran across a dip in the road.

Menudo is a tripe stew popular in Mexico.

Torres, an undocumented immigrant from Monterrey, tried to treat the child's injuries with home remedies and did not take her to the hospital until Wednesday evening, police said.

But police charged Torres because she didn't strap Samantha into the car with a safety belt or a car seat. If convicted, she could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison and $10,000 in fines.

"This is just terrible. This is outright terrible," Municipal Court Judge Horacio Pena Jr. said during court proceedings.

Torres, a single mother of three, told police she was on her way to a catering event and had taken the menudo off the stove just minutes before the accident. She started to scrape menudo from Samantha's face, but realized it was skin.

Torres then took Samantha to a friend's house and treated the burns with Tylenol and aloe, police said. She took the baby to the hospital when the condition got worse.

Officials with Child Protective Services said they plan to file court petitions to remove Torres as her children's guardian.

Earlier this year, CPS began investigating Torres after police discovered she left her 7-year-old son in a car outside a grocery store because he was missing one of his shoes. Results of the inves-

Romer's bust must be removed from Colorado Capitol

DENVER (AP) — Roy Romer's getting a head's up.

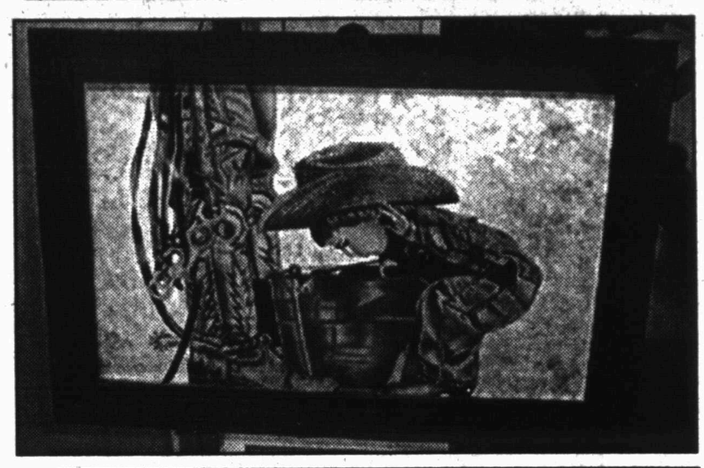
A bust of Romer, who served 12 years as Colorado's governor, has been ordered removed from the Capitol.

The bust appeared mysteriously one weekend in 1998 after Romer's final term ended, glued to a marble shelf in a niche in the rotunda.

Memorial displays may be erected to honor people who made significant contributions.

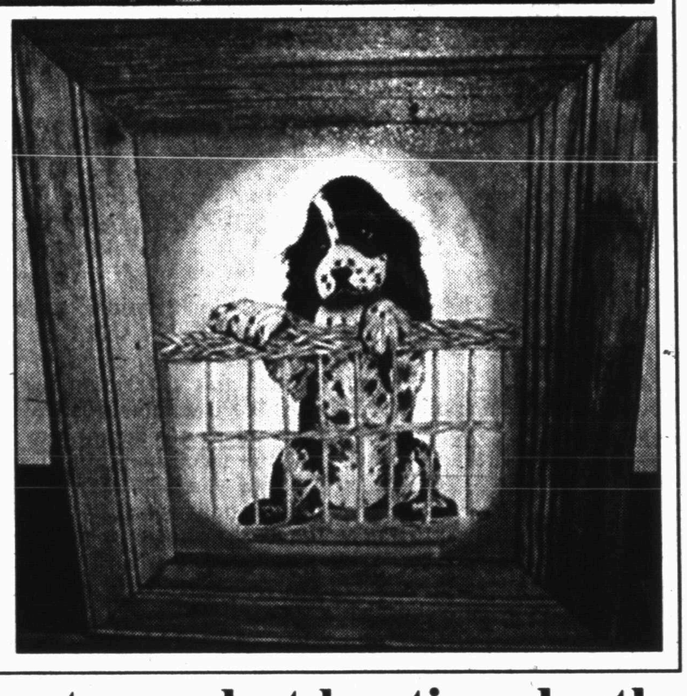
Inmate art show continues at museum





Inmates from three area TDCJ units are displaying various arts and crafts projects at the Scurry County Museum. The 4th annual Inmate Arts and Crafts Show continues through Oct. 11. Inmates from the Price Daniel, John Wallace and the Neal Units have contributed to this year's event. There are more than 150 items. Media includes oil, pencil and acrylic. Crafts consist of leather, wood carving, matchstick inlay, silver and horsehair items. There are numerous paintings, some following a western theme. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)





Friends, students stunned at beating death

WASHINGTON (AP) — People who knew Gallaudet University freshman Eric Franklin Plunkett say he had no enemies.

That's why the beating death of Plunkett, 19, who was deaf, had cerebral palsy and was a leader of a gay campus group, is that much harder to accept.

"The biggest question here now is, 'Why?'" Chester Virnig, Plunkett's mentor and a math teacher at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf, told the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Gallaudet was established by Congress in 1864 and is the nation's only liberal arts university for the deaf and hearing-impaired. It has about 2,000 students.

Plunkett, of Burnsville, Minn., was found in his dormitory room Thursday night after a student asked an official to check on him, police Cmdr. Jennifer Greene said. Plunkett had not been seen for more than a day.

An autopsy has not been completed, but Greene said a preliminary report showed Plunkett died of blows to the head. Police told The Washington Post they have no suspects and no motive, although they have found what they believe to be the weapon. They would not say what it was or where it was found.

Chief Medical Examiner Jonathan L. Arden would not say how long Plunkett may have been dead before his body was found. Greene would say only that Plunkett may have been dead for some time.

Plunkett was secretary of the Lambda Society, a gay and lesbian organization of about 20 students. The student-run group is a university club for gay and straight students, said club President Thomas Green.

Plunkett "was very motivated and he had a real desire to see the organization grow," Green said.

Police said there was no evidence that Punkett's involvement in the club was related to his death.

Students described Plunkett as friendly, somewhat shy and handy with a computer.

"He is a very sweet guy. He had high expectations for his future," said Jean Frink, a freshman.

At the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf in Faribault, Plunkett managed the football and basketball teams. He had taken home so many honors when he graduated from the 12th grade — including being named salutatorian of his class — that those who knew him wondered if enough plaques had been made.

Financial Focus

How will after-hours trading affect you?

Online brokerages have it. The Chicago Stock Exchange has it. And, before too long, the New York Stock Exchange may have it. What is "it"? It's after-hours trading. And it soon may be so prevalent that the term "after hours" may become meaningless.

However, that's not the case yet - and if you're interested in after-hours trading, you should be aware that there are some real differences between after-hours trades and those made during "normal" business hours.

One of these differences has to do with the pricing of any given stock. During regular trading, you can place a "market" order to buy or sell a stock at the stock's current price. You won't have to wonder if the price will change before your trade is executed; what you see is what you'll get. But there is no standard price quote on stocks trading after 4 p.m. Eastern time, so all after-hours trades are "limit" orders.

What does that mean? It means when you place an order, you must set a price "ceiling" when you want to buy, or a "floor" when you want to sell. In other words, you must decide what price range you will not exceed when you make a trade. That's a different kind of concept for most people used to simply buying and selling stocks at the available price. And it means you'll have to make a judgment call on what you're willing to pay or be paid for a stock.

That's not to say that "limit" orders are, by themselves, a problem. In one sense, limit orders may be beneficial, because they can protect you against wild price swings. On the other hand, after-hours trading volume is still relatively low, so you may not find any takers for your limit orders.

You also may find other risks in after-hours trading. For one thing, price movements during extended hours may be more volatile than those during trading sessions. And the impact of news announcements immediately preceding, or during, after-hours sessions may cause an exaggerated effect on the market, because the volume of trades is so much lower than it is during the regular trading day. It's a good idea to read the day's news on the stock you're trading, especially any announcements that come after regular trading hours. If your stock is moving rapidly up or down, and you can't find any real reason for it, than you might want to hold your order until you determine what's behind the momentum.

Is after-hours trading worth it to you? You'll have to decide that for yourself. Generally speaking, though, there shouldn't be a lot of times where you absolutely must make a trade. Snap judgments and tips on "hot" stocks may be the stuff of high drama, but most people can do without them. The truth is that you have time enough to build and execute a solid investment plan during normal trading hours.

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Historical commission donates book to SJHS

The Scurry County Historical Commission has presented a copy of *Historic Texas: An Illustrated Chronicle of Texas* to the Snyder Junior High School library.

The colorful 350-page book was given to the local Historical Commission by Preservation Texas in recognition of its participation in the 1999 National Preservation Week.

The Commission provided resource persons for the junior high school's study of local history last spring. At the completion of the study, students were invited to display their work in the Dermott School during National Preservation Week. Parents and friends were invited to attend a reception there.

Preservation Texas is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the historic resources of Texas.

In sending the book to the Historical Commission, Elizabeth Ann Gates, Preservation Texas' executive director, wrote, "Thank you for celebrating National Preservation Week, Working with Preservation Texas, you protect the irreplaceable in Texas."

The Historical Commission has arranged an exhibit of photos of J. Wright Mooar in the Dermott School for the White Buffalo Festival and invites visitors to see the display between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Oct. 7. Admission is free.

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West Texas drug bust raises questions

TULIA (AP) — Kareem Abdul Jabbar White sat across a courtroom table from the Swisher County district attorney, hoping he'd be found innocent of drug charges, but knowing the odds were against him.

Ten people tried in the past 10 months, including his older brother and younger sister, had been convicted of delivering cocaine to the same undercover officer.

That officer, Tom Coleman, spent a year and a half building drug cases against 43 people in this West Texas farming community, which boasts of the "richest land and the finest people."

What raised eyebrows is that 40 of those Coleman alleged sold him drugs are black. Convictions that followed have rested largely on Coleman's testimony. His own questionable past was barred from the trials.

District Attorney Terry McEachern says racial prejudice played no role in the busts, noting that two whites and one Hispanic were arrested. And Tulia residents are pleased with the subsequent 17 guilty pleas and 11 guilty verdicts, he said.

"I don't think there are a lot of people who disagree with the sentences," he said.

The American Civil Liberties Union did find fault, filing a lawsuit Friday in Amarillo, alleging civil rights violations, conspiracy and discrimination "intended to accomplish the forbidden aim of cleansing Tulia of its black population."

Texas ACLU executive director Will Harrell called what he saw during White's trial a "judicial lynching."

"I haven't ever seen such a clear case of prosecutorial and police misconduct," he said. "If it is the last thing I do, I will see justice done in this case. Mr. McEachern and Tom Coleman will pay retribution for the things that they have done to the lives of the African-Americans in Tulia, Texas."

Coleman, who is working undercover in another Texas city, declined to be interviewed by The Associated Press.

Navajo man charged with killing two young children

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Navajo man was charged with two counts of first-degree murder for allegedly slitting the throats of his two young children in an act of revenge against his common-law wife.

Anderson Black, 27, told officials that his wife and best friend were having an affair so he drove to the Navajo Nation in the southeast corner of Utah to kill the man, according to federal prosecutors.

But Black couldn't find the man on the reservation, and went to the home where his wife, Jennifer Atene, was staying with the children, Dokota Ironhawk Black, 3, and 1-year-old Nicole Gentlehawk Black.

He used a kitchen knife Friday to slit the children's throats, prosecutors said. He also slashed the face of a niece who needed 28 stitches.

Black allegedly told Navajo Nation police he killed the children because he wanted to take them with him "forever ... to God."

Police said Black had a blood-alcohol level of 0.184 when they arrested him; 0.08 is the legal limit.

Black was being held in Utah and faces arraignment in Salt Lake City Monday in federal court.

Governor signs bill

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Chalk up a political victory for Erin Brockovich.

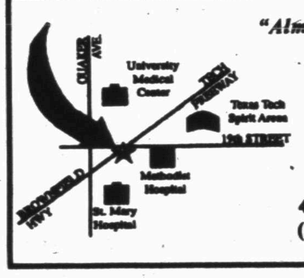
A bill backed by Brockovich to require stricter testing for a carcinogen in San Fernando Valley drinking water has been signed by Gov. Gray Davis.

The measure requires the state Department of Health Services to determine the levels of chromium 6 in the valley's water systems.

In 1992, Brockovich, a legal aide, and her boss initiated a lawsuit that resulted in a utility paying $333 million to residents of the California desert town.

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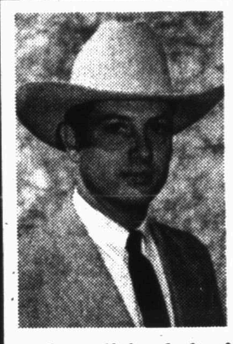
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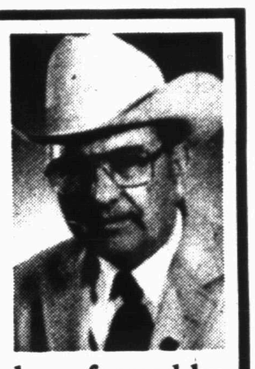
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Polly Underwood has agreed to serve as Secretary of this Committee. If you would like to support this Committee in any manner, please contact her at the address listed below.

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OLYMPIC COVERAGE

U.S. relay teams grab gold medals

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Marion Jones finished the Sydney Games with three bright medals, two of a slightly duller hue and — at the end of a tough week — a place in the Olympic record book.

Jones ran a decisive leg for the winning U.S. women's 1,600-meter relay team Saturday, and sparked the 400-relay squad to a third-place finish.

In all, she won five track and field medals, something no woman has ever achieved at a single Olympics.

It's not exactly the way Jones wanted to make history: She came into the games vowing to win five golds.

It was her bronze-medal finish in Friday's long jump that ended the drive for five. Her life had already been complicated by the revelation that husband C.J. Hunter, a shot putter, tested positive for steroids.

But Jones did her best Saturday to atone for the long jump.

After two sloppy passes in the 400 relay, including one from Nanceen Perry to Jones, she caught the French anchor down the final stretch to put the Americans in third. She ran out of room before she could move up further.

In the 1,600, Jones ran the third leg and got the baton just behind Deon Hemmings of Jamaica. When she handed off to Latasha Colander-Richardson, the United States had a comfortable lead.

"I wanted to win them all, without a doubt, and I still think it's possible," Jones said. "But I didn't, so I'm not going to dwell on that."

The United States also won two men's relays and a women's basketball gold on a day when a whopping 41 events were decided.

Heading into Sunday, the last day of competition, the United States had 90 medals (38 gold, 22 silver, 30 bronze), Russia was next with 77 (28-24-25) and China had 59 (28-16-15).

— TRACK AND FIELD: The U.S. men's 400-relay team was ready for its close-up after blasting around the track in 37.61 seconds, several strides ahead of second-place Brazil.

Wearing American flags like capes and bandanas, 100-meter champ Maurice Greene and his teammates posed like rock stars for photographers and the sellout Olympic Stadium crowd.

Michael Johnson captured his second gold in Sydney, anchoring a 1,600-meter men's relay that won easily in 2 minutes, 56.35 seconds.

The women's 1,500 meters ended in disappointment for the United States.

Suzy Favor Hamilton led in the last lap, but slowed and crashed down on the track. She got up and crossed the line last, then needed a wheelchair to get off the track.

The first U.S. paralympian to reach the Olympics, legally blind runner Marla Runyan, was never a factor in the 1,500 and finished eighth.

Algeria's Nouria Merah-Benida won in 4:05.10.

— SOCCER: Goooooooooold for Cameroon.

Soccer's "Indomitable Lions" won the men's tournament, beating Spain 5-3 on penalty kicks after the teams deadlocked 2-2 through two overtimes.

Pierre Wome knocked in the clinching penalty kick. Spain took a 2-0 lead early, but Ivan Amaya's own goal in the second half helped Cameroon get back in the game. Amaya also banged a penalty kick off the crossbar in the shootout.

— SAILING: Not even a penalty could keep Mark Reynolds from earning a gold medal. He crossed the starting line too early in the deciding Star class race and had to loop his boat back through the start again. But Reynolds and his crew, Magnus Liljedahl, still played the winds well enough to win the first U.S. sailing gold since Reynolds triumphed in the Star class eight years ago.

— BOXING: Cuban Felix Savon became one of just three boxers to win three boxing golds, beating Sultanahmed Ibzagimov of Russia 21-13 in the heavyweight final.

Savon was one of four Cubans who collected golds Saturday. There are no Cubans in Sunday's gold-medal matches, when two Americans will box.

— VOLLEYBALL: The Cuban women won three games in a row to claim their third straight volleyball gold. Down two games to Russia, Cuba came back to take the finals match 25-27, 32-34, 25-19, 25-18, 15-7. Brazil overpowered the United States 25-18, 25-22, 25-21 for the bronze.

— CANOE-KAYAK: The U.S. four-man kayak team made the finals of the 1,000-meter race for the first time, but that was as good as it got for the Americans. The United States finished sixth, while Hungary was first.

— WRESTLING: Americans Brandon Slay and Sammie Henson each were denied gold medals in the freestyle wrestling finals. Slay fell 4-0 to Alexander Leipold of Germany in a 167 1/2 pound-match; Henson lost 4-3 to Namig Abdullayev of Azerbaijan at 119 pounds. Four other Americans are still alive in the tournament, having reached the quarterfinals of their divisions.

— BASKETBALL: No upset. Not even close.

A night after the men's Dream Team almost lost to a big underdog, the women's version made sure Australia wouldn't pull any surprises, winning 76-54 in front of a hostile crowd to take the gold back to America.

Natalie Williams scored five points and added an assist in a 7-0 run that put the game away midway through the second half.

The U.S. women won gold at Atlanta Games in 1996, and at the 1998 world championships. In those tournaments and Sydney, they've compiled a 25-0 record.

The U.S. men play France in Sunday's final. The Americans barely escaped with an 85-83 semifinal win against Lithuania.

— CYCLING: Lance Armstrong wanted gold. He won bronze.

Armstrong came to the Sydney Games in search of the gold medal that eluded him in Atlanta four years ago, a time when he had undiagnosed testicular cancer.

The star cyclist recovered from the disease, resumed racing and won the Tour de France in 1999 and 2000. But he couldn't catch his Tour teammate from the U.S. Postal Service squad, Russian Viacheslav Ekimov, in the Olympic time trial. Ekimov finished the 33-mile course in 57 minutes, 40 seconds.

Armstrong was third in 58:14. He also competed in the road race Wednesday, finishing 13th.

— DIVING: China rules the deep end.

Tian Liang barely beat teammate Hu Jia in the men's 10-meter platform as China became the first nation to win five diving golds at one Olympics. Mark Ruiz, in sixth, was the top American finisher.



STICK — United States' sprinters Calvin Harrison and Michael Johnson exchange the baton during the Americans' victory in the men's 4X400-meter relay. The U.S. men also won the 4x100-meter relay. (AP Photo)

Medal Count

276 Medal Events

Country	G	S	B	Tot
United States	38	22	30	90
Russia	28	24	25	77
China	28	16	15	59
Australia	16	24	16	56
Germany	13	17	24	54
France	13	13	10	36
Italy	12	8	11	31
South Korea	8	9	11	28
Cuba	11	10	5	26
Britain	9	10	6	25
Romania	11	5	8	24
Netherlands	11	8	4	23
Ukraine	3	9	8	20
Japan	5	8	5	18
Belarus	3	2	11	16
Greece	4	6	3	13
Poland	6	4	2	12
Bulgaria	5	5	2	12
Sweden	4	5	3	12
Canada	2	2	8	12
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Croatia	1	0	1	2
Moldova	0	1	1	2
Trinidad and Tobago	0	1	1	2
Armenia	0	0	2	2
Costa Rica	0	0	2	2
Portugal	0	0	2	2
Cameroon	1	0	0	1
Colombia	1	0	0	1
Mozambique	1	0	0	1
Ireland	0	1	0	1
Saudi Arabia	0	1	0	1
Uruguay	0	1	0	1
Vietnam	0	1	0	1
Yugoslavia	0	1	0	1
Barbados	0	0	1	1
Chile	0	0	1	1
Iceland	0	0	1	1
India	0	0	1	1
Kyrgyzstan	0	0	1	1
Kuwait	0	0	1	1
Qatar	0	0	1	1
Sri Lanka	0	0	1	1
Thailand	0	0	1	1



HANDOFF — U.S. sprinter Marion Jones takes the handoff from Monique Hennagan during the Americans' victory in the women's 4x400-meter relay. (AP Photo)

Television Schedule

NBC, MSNBC and CNBC television will highlight the following events during their coverage of the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. All times listed are Eastern Standard Time.

SATURDAY

NBC—Noon-6:00 p.m.

Basketball: Women's Gold Medal Game. Gymnastics: Rhythmic Final. Volleyball: Women's Gold Medal Match. Canoeing: Finals. Cycling: Women's Time Trial.

7:00 p.m.-Midnight

Track & Field (finals): Women's 4x100-meter Relay, Men's 4x100-meter Relay, Women's 1,500-meter, Women's 4x400-meter Relay, Men's 4x400-meter Relay, Men's 5,000-meter, Women's 10,000-meter, Women's High Jump, Women's Javelin. Basketball: Men's Gold Medal Game. Diving: Men's Platform Final. Cycling: Men's Time Trial.

12:30 a.m.-2:00 a.m.

Wrestling: Freestyle Finals.

MSNBC—10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Soccer: Men's Gold Medal Match. Water Polo: Men's Semifinal.

CNBC—4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Boxing: First day of Finals. Water Polo: Men's Semifinal.

SUNDAY

NBC—11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Boxing: Finals. Equestrian: Individual Jumping Final. Gymnastics: Rhythmic Final. Volleyball: Men's Gold Medal Match. Wrestling: Freestyle Finals.

7:00 p.m.-Midnight

Men's Marathon. Closing Ceremony.

MSNBC—8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Water Polo: Men's Gold Medal Match. Canoeing: Finals.

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SPORTS

Sluggish Tigers stumble at Plainview

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

PLAINVIEW — For everything the Plainview Bulldogs did Friday night, the Snyder Tigers were one step slower.

In a sluggish district-opening performance, the Snyder Tigers surrendered three fourth-quarter touchdowns to fall to Plainview, 35-21, at Bulldog Stadium.

The setback leaves the Tigers at 0-1 in the District 4-4A standings and 2-2 on the year, while the Bulldogs improve to 2-2 and 1-0.

With state-ranked Frenship next on Snyder's schedule, the Tigers were hoping last week's open date would give them a jump-start in the district race.

But that wasn't the case.

"We didn't play very well at all," said Snyder coach David Baugh. "We probably haven't played that bad in two years.

"The off week hurt us this year. It helped us last year, but I think it hurt us this time. We probably would have played better last Friday, than we did this week."

Despite early miscues, the Tigers managed to build a 14-6 first-half lead by taking advantage of two Plainview fumbles.

Bulldog tailback Brylon Bradic coughed up the ball on the second play of the game, and Ralph Ramon recovered for the Tigers.

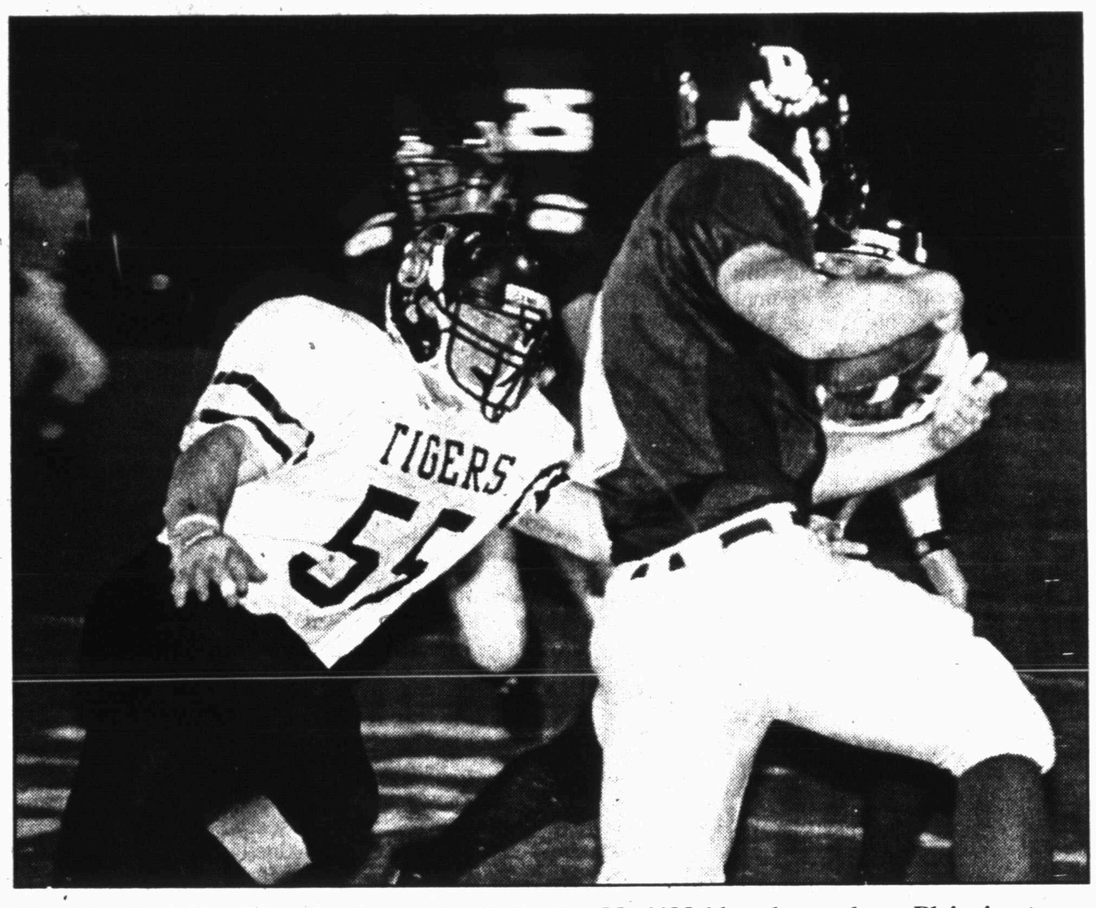
Two plays later, Jesse Haines sprinted in from 16 yards out for a 7-0 Snyder advantage.

After Plainview trimmed the margin to 7-6, it was another Bulldog turnover that led to the next Tiger touchdown.

Snyder took over at its own 33-yard-line after a fumble and marched 67 yards in five plays, capped by Wade Pinson's 10-yard scoring sprint with 5:45 left in the half.

"We hadn't played great at that point, but we were still in the game, and we still had the momentum," Baugh stated. "What hurt us was giving up the touchdown right before half."

Snyder senior Matthew Grimmett picked off a Kyle Miller pass to kill a Bulldog drive with two minutes remaining, but the Tigers returned the favor four plays later.



COLLISION COURSE — Snyder senior linebacker Mark Meldey chases down Plainview quarterback Kyle Miller during Friday night's district tilt at Bulldog Stadium. The Tigers dropped the district opener to Plainview, 35-21. (SDN Staff Photo by Devin Williams)

On second and six from the Plainview 41, Haines had a pass batted up in the air at the line of scrimmage. Linebacker Maurice King corralled the ball and streaked 55 yards to pay dirt.

The ensuing two-point conversion sent a stunned Tiger team to the locker room tied at 14-14.

"I wish I hadn't called that pass play," Baugh remarked. "It was one of those deals, where it just falls right for the other team. We didn't get the linebacker blocked, and he got a hand on the ball. Then another guy happened to be standing right there and it fell in his hands."

It would be all Plainview in the second half, with Snyder's remaining offensive production coming with the game already out of reach.

Penalties and sacks plagued the Tigers over the final two quarters. Snyder was flagged five times for 50 yards in the second half, and lost another 23 yards in sacks.

After a scoreless third period, Plainview blew the game open with big plays in the final 12 minutes.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Jouric Wideman hauled in a Miller pass and split two Tiger defenders to race 35 yards to a touchdown.

The Bulldogs padded their advantage five minutes later when Bradic sprinted around right end on a 40-yard scoring jaunt.

Plainview's final points came on a 1-yard plunge from Larry Casias.

Snyder capped the scoring with 45 seconds remaining in the ballgame on a 15-yard pass from Haines to Grimmett.

The Tigers mustered only 114 yards on the ground, while throwing for 139. Plainview racked up 332 yards total offense.

Snyder will try to get back on track Friday when it hosts Frenship at Tiger Stadium.

Game Summary

Snyder	07	07	00	07	—21
Plainview	06	08	00	21	—35

First Quarter

Snyder — Jesse Haines 16-yard run (Ralph Ramon kick), 10:38.

Plainview — Adam Naron 22-yard pass from Kyle Miller (kick failed), 1:11.

Second Quarter

Snyder — Wade Pinson 10-yard run (Ramon kick), 5:45.

Plainview — Maurice King 55-yard interception return (Bryson Davis pass from Miller), 0:49.

Fourth Quarter

Plainview — Jouric Wideman 35-yard pass from Miller (Sergio Zuniga kick kick), 11:52.

Plainview — Brylon Bradic 40-yard run (Zuniga kick), 6:38.

Plainview — Larry Casias 1-yard run (Zuniga kick), 3:36.

Snyder — Matthew Grimmett 15-yard pass from Jesse Haines (Ramon kick), 0:45.

	Sny	Plv
First Downs	13	9
Rushes-yards	41-114	30-188
Passing yards	139	144
Comp-Att-Int	9-19-2	6-13-1
Punts	7-35.1	3-28.7
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-3
Penalties-yards	12-105	8-60

RUSHING — Snyder: Brandon, 15-31; Pinson, 5-30; Arizmendi, 8-23; James, 4-16; Haines, 9-14. **Plainview:** Bradic, 15-127; Miller, 9-53; White, 2-7; Casias, 2-1; Davis, 2-0.

PASSING — Snyder: Haines 9 of 19 for 139 yards, 2 TDs, 2 Int. **Plainview:** Miller 6 of 13 for 144 yards, 2 TDs, 1 int.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Grimmett, 6-108; Doolittle, 1-21; Arizmendi, 2-10. **Plainview:** Bradic, 1-53; Wideman, 1-35; Davis, 2-31; Naron, 2-25.

District 4-4A Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Frenship	1	0	3	1
Levelland	1	0	3	1
Big Spring	1	0	2	2
Plainview	1	0	2	2
Snyder	0	1	2	2
Estacado	0	1	2	2
Andrews	0	1	1	3
Lake View	0	1	1	3

Friday's results: Plainview 35, Snyder 21; Big Spring 21, Andrews 13; Frenship 42, Estacado 14; Levelland 31, Lake View 29.

Next week's games: Frenship at Snyder; Andrews at Estacado; Lake View at Big Spring; Plainview at Levelland.

NFL stiffens penalty

NEW YORK (AP) — Players mimicking the touchdown celebrations from last week's 49ers-Cowboys game — running to midfield and posing — will draw a 15-yard penalty for taunting and be fined by the NFL.

Jerry Seeman, the league's senior director of officiating, sent a memo Thursday to coaches notifying them that the NFL rule on taunting applies to the actions of San Francisco wideout Terrell Owens and Dallas running back Emmitt Smith.

Taunting fouls draw a minimum $2,500 fine.

After both of Owens' touchdowns Sunday in the 49ers' 41-24 victory at Texas Stadium, the receiver sprinted to midfield and celebrated on the Cowboys' star logo. He was penalized for taunting the second time. On Monday, 49ers coach Steve Mariucci suspended Owens for a game and fined him a week's salary.

Smith did a similar midfield celebration after a 1-yard TD run just before halftime.

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY

VOLLEYBALL: Levelland at Snyder JV and varsity, 2 and 3 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder freshmen at Lamesa tourney

TENNIS: San Angelo Lake View at Snyder

RODEO: Western Texas College at Sul Ross

In Alpine...

WTC rides strong at first rodeo

ALPINE — Heading into the first rodeo of the season, Western Texas coach Greg Rhodes had a feeling the Southwest Region would be competitive.

Rhodes prediction turned out to be true.

After two days of the Sul Ross collegiate rodeo, Western Texas finds itself in a jumble near the top of the standings.

Three Lady Westerners, and six WTC men, qualified for Saturday night's final round, to give Western Texas a shot at finishing near the top.

"Almost all of the teams are very competitive," said Rhodes. "We didn't get off to as good a start as I would've liked for us to, but it's not over, yet. We've still got a chance to make some things happen in the short round."

For the Lady Westerners, Jamie Standifer, Cassie Mowrey and Jennifer Freeland secured spots in the finals.

Standifer tied for second place in the long round of the breakaway roping with a time of 2.7 seconds.

In the barrel racing, Mowrey was fourth with a time of 16.43, while Freeland was seventh with a 16.49.

For the WTC men, Jeff Cavey led the way in the long round with a third-place finish in the saddle bronc riding with a 67. J.W. Todd was three spots back in sixth with a 64.

Steven Turner posted a score of 75 in the bull riding to put him in fourth, while Houston Hutto was 10th in the calf roping.

Bareback rider Trevor LaValley notched a 67 to grab sixth place, with Tye Thomas sitting eighth with a 64.

The final round was slated for Saturday night.

Sports Briefs

WGA weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be fairway everywhere on the front nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Horseshoe pitching

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

Turkey shoot

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder County Club will have a turkey shoot for couples (members only) at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Sign up at the pro shop. A Ladies Tournament of Champions will be held next Saturday and Sunday.

Golf tournament

Price Daniel will host an A-B-C-D scramble to benefit Texas Special Olympics on Oct. 16 at Quicksand GC in San Angelo. Cost is $50 per player, and includes cart and lunch.

Hole-in-one prizes are a set of irons, 5-day cruise to the Bahamas, two round-trip airline tickets, and $15,000. To register, or for sponsorship information, call Debra Cheyne at 573-1114.

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SPORTS

In final seconds...

Bulldogs answer call with 37-36 victory

BLACKWELL — With 1:17 left in the game Friday night, the Ira Bulldogs were staring at their third loss of the season.

But when the Bulldogs needed a drive, they got it. And it resulted in a much-needed win for a young Ira squad.

Ira scored in the final seconds Friday night to slip past the Blackwell Hornets, 37-36, in a non-district six-man tilt at Hornet Stadium.

After Blackwell took a 36-30 lead with under two minutes remaining, Ira answered with four seconds left on the clock when Eric Dickerhoff tossed a two-yard touchdown pass to Bryce Wilkins.

With the scored tied, 36-36, the Bulldogs faked the extra-point kick, and Jerry Jamison hit Todd Wall for the conversion and the win.

"We really needed this win, and it showed by the way our kids responded when they had to," said Ira coach Toby Goodwin. "We made our share of mistakes again, but when we needed it most, our kids executed well."

The Bulldogs' winning drive covered only 40 yards, after Blackwell botched an onside-kick attempt.

The key play in the drive came on a Nathan Smith pass to Cade Tucker that put the Bulldogs on the Hornets' 2-yard-line.

"The pass to Cade was a big one, because it put us down near the goal line," said Goodwin. "From there we had the advantage because we could have run any number of plays."

Blackwell out-gained Ira, 381 yards to 236, but the Bulldogs managed to trade scores with the Hornets.

Ira controlled the clock with its running game, led by Smith. The junior tailback toted the ball 14 times for 102 yards and three touchdowns.

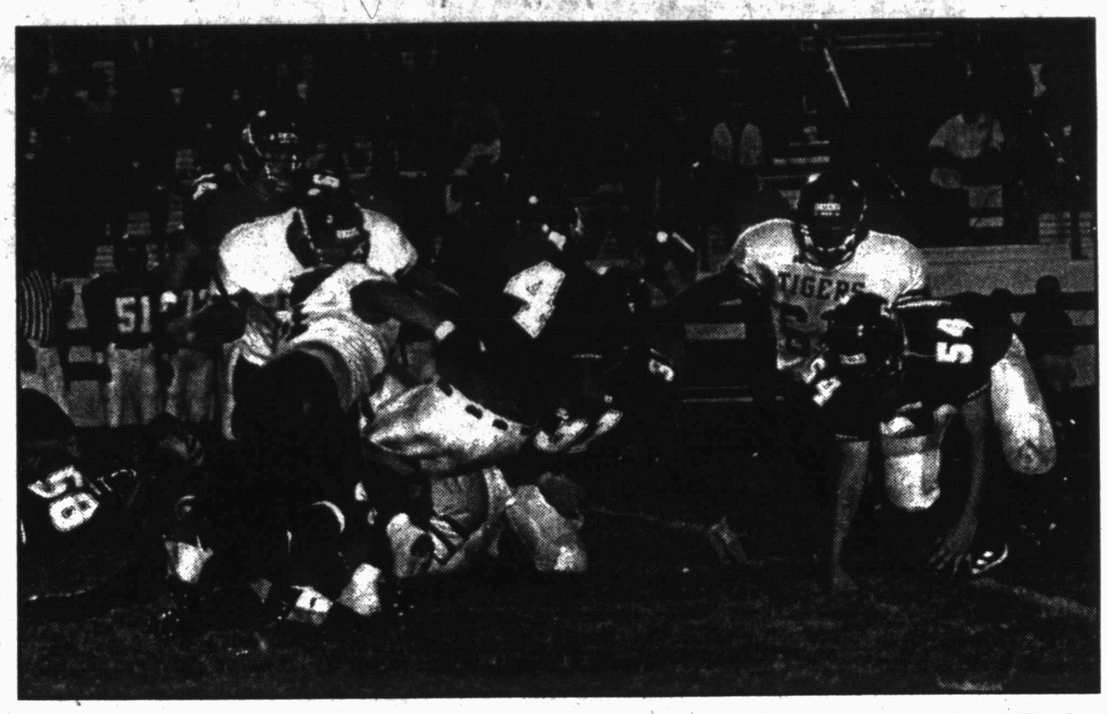
Blackwell opened the scoring, before Smith found the endzone on runs of 1 and 38 yards for a 14-8 Ira advantage.

The Hornets regained the lead in the third quarter, 22-14, but the Bulldogs answered again on a 3-yard dive from Smith.

The two teams continued to trade scores, with Jamison rumbling 30 yards to paydirt for the Bulldogs, before Blackwell's final touchdown of the night at the 1:17 mark of the fourth quarter.

"We had too many turnovers again, but we were still able to put the ball in the endzone, as often as Blackwell did," Goodwin said. "This was a huge win for our guys because they kept battling back all night, and in the end it paid off."

The Bulldogs will put their 2-2 record to the test Friday when they host Jayton.



WRAP HIM UP — Snyder Tiger defenders try to haul down Plainview running back Brylon Bradic during Friday night's district opener at Bulldog Stadium. Bradic rushed for 127 yards to fuel Plainview's 35-21 victory. (SDN Photo by Devin Williams)

Wildcats' defense overpowers Coyotes

WELLMAN — The Wellman-Union Wildcats wouldn't give an inch Friday night against the Borden County Coyotes.

Wellman-Union used a smothering defensive effort to blank Borden County, 46-0, in non-district six-man football action.

The Coyotes managed only three first downs against the Wildcats, who surrendered only 124 yards on the night.

Wellman-Union posted 25 points in the second quarter to build a 33-0 halftime advantage.

The Wildcats found the endzone again in the third quarter, before ending the game on the 45-point rule with a touchdown midway through the final period.

Borden County falls to 0-4 on the season, while Wellman-Union improves to 2-2.

The Coyotes will be in action again at 7:30 Friday when they host Whitharral.

Borden County opens district competition Oct. 13 at home against Loraine.

Milwaukee pummels Houston, 13-3

HOUSTON (AP) — Comfort was the key for the Milwaukee Brewers Geoff Jenkins.

Jenkins broke out of a 7 for 37 slump, hitting two home runs and a single and driving in four runs as the Brewers beat the Houston Astros 13-3 on Friday night.

"I haven't felt comfortable at the plate for a week or so. This was just one of those games when I figured it out. I felt good up there," Jenkins said.

Jenkins was hitless in 11 at-bats before hitting a fifth inning single.

"I just kept going out there. You are going to have stretches like that, you just have to work through them," Jenkins said. "Tonight, I stayed back and didn't try to do to much. That's the best thing for me to do because sometimes I try to be too aggressive."

Milwaukee manager Davey Lopes said Jenkins has plenty of potential.

"As he develops as a hitter he's going to be more dangerous. He's still a young man. I just wish we had him all season," Lopes said. "He still put together some pretty good numbers."

"For being injured that long I'm pretty happy with what's going on," said Jenkins, who has 34 homers and 94 RBIs, despite missing five weeks with a broken finger.

The victory assures Milwaukee of a third place finish in the NL Central.

"It's better than last place," Lopes said. "The last two months have been totally positive. We have a good bunch of young guys that took longer to develop than we hoped. They are still pushing like it's the second or third game of the season."

Jenkins believes a strong finish by the Brewers will impact next season.

"It's not that impressive to be third, but the way you finish is important because it can carry over into spring training," Jenkins said.

Horacio Estrada (3-0) went 5 1-3 innings and allowed three runs on five hits and five walks in the victory.

Estrada, who went 14-4 for Triple-A Indianapolis, was making his first appearance in the majors since May 21. He had earned a victory in two innings of relief against the Astros on May 16.

"I had good command through the fifth inning," Estrada said. "I made the correct pitches in some tough situations. I kept the ball down. That's what you have to do in this ball park because the ball can go out so easy.

"I also had good defense behind me. In a game like this you just have to keep throwing strikes."

The Astros lost their 90th game.

'It begins and ends with pitching'," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "If we were able to protect leads, we'd be in a lot better shape."

Scott Elarton (17-7) lost for the third time in five decisions. He went 4 2-3 innings and allowed five runs, four earned, on six hits and three walks.

Jeromy Burnitz scored in the second inning when Raul Casanova was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded.

Burnitz led off the fourth with his 31st home run. One out later, Ron Belliard hit his eighth homer.

Belliard's RBI single scored Richie Sexson in the fifth and finished Elarton. Reliever Jose Cabrera gave up Casanova's RBI single as the Brewers moved out to a 5-0 advantage.

In the sixth, Jenkins hit his 33rd home run. Jenkins added a three-run shot in the ninth for his second multihomer game of the season and third of his career.

Richard Hidalgo tripled to lead off the Astros sixth and scored on Lance Berkman's sacrifice fly. Chris Truby had an RBI double and scored on Tim Bogar's single, making the score 6-3 and chasing Estrada.

Burnitz walked with the bases loaded in the eighth. Tyler Houston followed with a two-run double and Belliard had an RBI groundout.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Atlanta	94	66	.588	—
y-New York	92	68	.575	2
Florida	77	82	.484	16½
Montreal	67	93	.419	27
Philadelphia	65	95	.406	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-St. Louis	94	66	.588	—
Cincinnati	84	76	.525	10
Milwaukee	73	87	.456	21
Houston	70	90	.438	24
Pittsburgh	68	92	.425	26
Chicago	64	96	.400	30

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Francisco	96	64	.600	—
Los Angeles	85	75	.531	11
Arizona	84	76	.525	12
Colorado	81	79	.506	15
San Diego	75	85	.469	21

x-clinched division title
y-clinched wild card

Friday's Games

Florida 7, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 11, Montreal 2
Colorado 4, Atlanta 2
Pittsburgh 8, Chicago Cubs 4
Cincinnati 8, St. Louis 1
Milwaukee 13, Houston 3
Los Angeles 3, San Diego 0
San Francisco 4, Arizona 3

Saturday's Games

Montreal (Vazquez 11-8) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 11-11), 1:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Fernandez 3-3) at St. Louis (Hentgen 15-11), 2:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 5-6) at Florida (Sanchez 9-12), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 3-9) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Rose 4-4) at Atlanta (Glavine 20-9), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 12-12) at Houston (Miller 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 11-7) at Arizona (Guzman 4-4), 10:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 3-6) at San Diego (Clement 13-16), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Montreal (Hermanson 12-14) at N.Y. Mets (TBA), 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jarvis 3-4) at Atlanta (Burkett 10-6), 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 12-16) at St. Louis (An.Benes 11-9), 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 13-12) at Arizona (Johnson 19-6), 3:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 12-8) at San Diego (Eaton 6-4), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (TBA) at Florida (Dempster 19-10), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lieber 12-11) at Pittsburgh (Benson 10-12), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wright 7-8) at Houston (Holt 7-16), 8:05 p.m.

Monday's Game

Florida at New York Yankees, noon

Season ends

American League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-New York	87	72	.547	—
Boston	84	76	.525	3½
Toronto	83	77	.519	4½
Baltimore	72	88	.450	15½
Tampa Bay	68	91	.428	19

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Chicago	94	66	.588	—
Cleveland	88	72	.550	6
Detroit	77	83	.481	17
Kansas City	76	84	.475	18
Minnesota	69	91	.431	25

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	89	70	.560	—
Seattle	89	71	.556	½
Anaheim	82	78	.513	7½
Texas	71	89	.444	18

x-clinched division title

Friday's Games

Detroit 1, Minnesota 0
Cleveland 8, Toronto 4
Tampa Bay 8, Boston 6
Baltimore 13, N.Y. Yankees 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 4
Anaheim 9, Seattle 3
Oakland 7, Texas 5

Saturday's Games

Toronto (Loaiza 10-12) at Cleveland (Finley 15-11), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Oliver 2-8) at Oakland (Zito 6-4), 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (Halama 13-9) at Anaheim (Belcher 4-4), 4:10 p.m.
Boston (Ohka 3-6) at Tampa Bay (Wilson 1-4), 4:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Kinney 2-2) at Detroit (Sparks 7-5), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 4-13) at Baltimore (Mussina 10-15), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Stein 8-4) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 4-8 or Beime 1-3), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Minnesota (Romero 2-7) at Detroit (Moehler 12-9), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 20-7) at Cleveland (TBA), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (TBA) at Tampa Bay (Lopez 11-13), 1:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 12-12) at Baltimore (Mercedes 13-7), 1:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Fussell 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Eldred 10-2), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Glynn 5-6) at Oakland (Hudson 19-6), 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 17-10) at Anaheim (Shoeneweis 7-10), 4:05 p.m.

Monday's Games

Florida at New York Yankees, noon
Oakland at Tampa Bay, 6:05 p.m.
Season ends

Rangers edged by A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — As far as Randy Velarde is concerned, the Oakland Athletics deserve to win the AL West.

After all, the A's have compiled the best September record in the majors, going 20-7, while having to catch up to the Seattle Mariners for the division lead.

"It's been like this all month, a half-game here, a half-game there. You have to give the guys credit," Velarde said. "We deserve it. We're playing hard."

Velarde had the credentials to make such claims Friday night, when he was the only player in the A's starting lineup with playoff experience as Oakland beat the Texas Rangers 7-5.

The victory gave the A's a half-game divisional lead over the Mariners, who lost to Anaheim 9-3. Cleveland is one game behind Seattle for the wild card spot.

"We have a little bit of a foothold," A's manager Art Howe said. "Now we have to finish the deal."

Velarde hit a two-run single off Francisco Cordero (1-2) to break a 3-all tie. In the same inning, Matt Stairs scored when Jason Giambi's grounder was misplayed by third baseman Mike Lamb.

Giambi hit a solo homer, his 42nd, in the fourth. He has 12 home runs and 29 RBIs so far in September.

Jim Mecir (10-3) pitched two innings for the win. Jason Isringhausen worked the ninth for his 32nd save.

Texas closed to 6-5 in the eighth when Royce Clayton singled home a run and Chad Curtis had his third RBI groundout of the game. The A's got a run in the bottom half when third baseman Scott Sheldon made an error on Stairs' grounder.

The Athletics are hoping to gain some playoff ground against the AL's worst second-half team this weekend and avoid a trip to Tampa Bay for a makeup game Monday.

But Texas manager Johnny Oates said his team won't make it easy.

"We're both trying to win games here. I'm not going to give them an inch," Oates said.

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Allen 52, Richardson 0
Arlington 29, Arlington Martin 6
Arlington Lamar 61, Arlington Bowie 21
Austin Westlake 28, Round Rock Westwood 3
Baytown Sterling 28, Katy Taylor 10
Beaumont Central 19, Jasper 14
Brownsville Hanna 20, Brownsville Pace 16
Brownsville Rivera 35, Edinburg Economedes 0
CC Carroll 49, CC Moody 13
Carrollton Creekview 17, Carrollton Smith 14
Carrollton Turner 34, Flower Mound Marcus 7
Cedar Hill 30, Mansfield 24
Clear Creek 21, Brazoswood 17
Clear Lake 24, Alvin 3
Converse Judson 40, SA Reagan 7
Coppell 55, Richland 33
Copperas Cove 35, Dallas Kimball 22
Cypress Falls 18, Cypress Creek 7
Cypress Springs 19, Cypress-Fairbanks 14
DeSoto 21, Arlington Sam Houston 3
Donna 41, McAllen Rowe 0
Duncanville 47, Grand Prairie 14
EP Andress 27, EP Parkland 24
EP Austin 20, Canutillo 7
EP Eastwood 20, EP Bel Air 14
EP Montwood 25, EP Americas 14
Euless Trinity 17, Irving Nimitz 6
FW Richland 55, Coppell 33

Class 4A

Austin Anderson 64, Killeen Shoemaker 0
Austin LBJ 36, Pflugerville Connally 16
Austin Lanier 21, Austin McCallum 0
Austin Travis 12, Austin Johnston 9
Azle 26, Midlothian 20
Bay City 21, Waller 14
Beaumont Ozen 41, Newton 37
Big Spring 21, Andrews 13
Boerne 30, SA Highlands 20
Brenham 35, Angleton 21
Brownwood 42, Joshua 14
Burkburnett 13, Vernon 12
Burleson 24, Granbury 14
Columbia 47, Navasota 6
Conroe Oak Ridge 35, Willis 14
Crowley 21, North Crowley 3
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Dallas Hillcrest 70, Dallas Wilson 7
Dallas South Oak Cliff 25, Dallas Adamson 15
Dallas White 40, Dallas Jefferson 35
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Del Valle 26, Laredo Alexander 7
Denton Ryan 28, FW Eastern Hills 26
Dickinson 26, Galena Park 24
EP Burges 16, EP Mountain View 13
Edcouch-Elsa 27, Brownsville Lopez 20
El Paso 39, EP Clint 12
Ennis 58, Nacogdoches 0
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Graham 38, Clyde 0
Greenwood 14, Crane 7
Hamshire-Fannett 28, Woodville 20
Hardin-Jefferson 35, LC Mauriceville 0
Hillsboro 32, Groesbeck 21
Hondo 63, Cotulla 0
Huntington 28, Kirbyville 26
Kaufman 66, Van 0
Kennedale 27, Little Elm 13
La Feria 28, Lyford 12
La Grange 47, Houston St. Thomas 14
La Vernia 42, Hallettsville 6
Lamesa 63, Littlefield 21
Lorena 28, Troy 3
Luling 20, Edna 14
Marlin 39, Wilmer-Hutchins 7
Mexia 23, Forney 17
Monahans 34, Pecos 8
Needville 32, Stafford 29
Orangefield 35, Coldspring 14
Port Isabel 59, Progreso 6
Poteet 27, Crystal City 0
Quinlan Ford 47, Mineola 3
Rains 18, Sabine 13
Raymondville 20, Santa Rosa 7
Rio Hondo 9, Hidalgo 0
Robinson 10, Everman 7
Sanger 22, Bowie 9
Sealy 24, Bellville 6
Splendora 31, Groveton 0
Waco Robinson 10, Everman 7
Whitney 12, Godley 7
Wills Point 34, Mabank 0
Wimberley 59, Port Lavaca 7
Yoakum 17, Cuero 7

Class 2A

Alto 35, Malakoff Crossroads 6
Arp 56, Cayuga 6
Blanco 16, San Saba 6
Blooming Grove 12, Palmer 4
Brookshire Royal 45, Columbus 20
Bruceville-Eddy 34, Franklin 12
Callisburg 35, Era 0
Celina 28, Lake Dallas 0
Coleman 21, Goldthwaite 15
Colorado City 28, Grape Creek 2
Comanche 20, Liberty Hill 12
Comfort 14, Ingram 6
Como-Pickton 48, Edgewood 0
Corrigan-Camden 42, Garrison 26
East Chambers 37, Warren 5
Electra 46, WF City View 13
Elkhart 40, Houston Lutheran South 12
Farmersville 22, Cooper 15
Freer 21, Bishop 17
Ganado 19, East Bernard 7
Grandview 45, Dawson 12
Hamlin 28, Coahoma 26
Hardin 54, Anahuac 20
Hemphill 44, Burkeville 0
Henrietta 31, Petrolia 6
Holliday 55, Seymour 20
Honey Grove 19, Caddo Mills 13
Howe 34, Bells 14
Hubbard 46, Wortham 20
Hull-Daisetta 31, Deweyville 0
Italy 56, Chilton 0
Jarrell 29, Little River Academy 7
Kerens 34, Malakoff 13
Lone Oak 69, Grand Saline 6
Louise 26, Hallettsville Sacred Heart 15
Mart 53, Rosebud-Lott 6
Moody 21, Lexington 6
Olney 39, Jacksboro 6
Palmer 12, Blooming Grove 6
Pilot Point 34, Princeton 12
Pottsboro 42, Prosper 0
Quanah 32, Archer City 6
Refugio 62, Tidehaven 0
Rogers 10, Hutto 7
SA Cole 33, SA Memorial 0
Schulenburg 7, Navarro 6
Sonora 48, Winters 14
Three Rivers 29, Stockdale 21
Valley View 41, Lindsay 26
Wall 29, Ozona 13
West Hardin 21, PA Austin 12
Whitewright 23, Van Alstyne 0
Wolfe City 16, Blue Ridge 13

Class 1A

Apple Springs 20, Cushing 16
Beckville 28, Shelbyville 7
Benavides 21, La Villa 14
Bremond 13, Mildred 6
Bronte 33, Irion County 24
Bruni 29, Laredo Alexander JV 6
Bryson 62, Jayton 48
Celeste 25, Scurry-Rosser 22
Charlotte 44, Nueces Canyon 16
Fort Davis 57, McCamey 0
Gunter 13, Anna 7
Harper 27, Santa Anna 12
High Island 45, Lovelady 15
Iola 22, Giddings State School 0
Iraan 58, Rocksprings 0
Itasca 36, Maypearl 0
Joaquin 20, West Sabine 6
Marfa 53, Faith Christian 13
Menard 47, Water Valley 14
Mildred 13, Bremond 6
Miles 23, Christoval 14
Munday 33, Hawley 12
Rankin 34, Forsan 17
Rice 20, Bosqueville 18
Robert Lee 33, May 0
Roscoe 27, Haskell 24
SA Cornerstone 33, La Pryor 0
Shiner 19, Marion 15
Stratford 48, Gruver 21
Tolar 41, Frost 0
Windthorst 42, Perrin-Whitt 6
Wink 46, Van Horn 13

Six-Man

Abbott 58, Blum 8
Aquilla 64, Milford 19
Balmorhea 62, Grandfalls JV 38
Blanket 40, Jonesboro 22
Calvert 53, Trinidad 32
Cherokee 50, Paint Rock 0
Guthrie 50, Benjamin 0
Ira 37, Blackwell 36
McLean 58, Hedley 13
Newcastle 74, Vernon Northside 28
Novice 38, Star 34
Richland Springs 57, Zephyr 8
Sanderson 47, Grady 6
Sidney 32, Lohn 6
Veribest 54, Loraine 33
Woodson 67, Harrold 20

Private Schools

Arlington Oakridge 28, Austin St. Stephen's 3
Arlington Pantego 28, FW Temple Christian 14
Arlington Texas Christian 69, Penelope 0
Austin Hyde Park 13, Flatonia 0
Bay Area Christian 41, Westbury Christian 6
Bishop Lynch 49, Dallas Adams 0
Carrollton American Heritage 42, Garland Christian 16
Dallas Bishop Lynch 49, Dallas Adams 0
Dallas Christian 31, Arlington Grace 14
Dallas Greenhill 24, Houston Kinkaid 21
Dallas Tyler Street 24, FW Ambassadors of Christ 22
Denton Liberty 49, Dallas Bishop Dunne 10
FW Calvary 38, Colleyville Faith Christian 6
FW Country Day 49, Tulsa Holland Hall 19
FW Oak Trail 41, Cranfills Gap 2
FW Trinity Valley 49, Dallas Episcopal 8
Gainesville State School 34, Nocona 14
Grand Prairie Evangel Temple 64, Aledo Trinity Christian 18
Houston Second Baptist 34, Houston Christian 7
Houston St. John's 14, Dallas St. Mark's 6
Irving Cistercian 17, Dallas First Baptist 14
Midland Christian 24, Stanton 12
Muenster Sacred Heart 22, Dallas Lakehill 6
Round Rock Academy 20, Arlington Texas Christian 18
SA St. Gerard 45, Sabinal 13
SA Texas Military 34, FW All Saints 21
TCA Addison 34, FW Christian 21
Texas School for the Deaf 38, Lago Vista 9
Tomball Concordia Lutheran 51, Houston Mount Carmel 0
Tyler Gorman 51, Dallas Winston 0
WF Notre Dame 57, Shelton 8
Waco Parkview 58, Shiner St. Paul 28

Celebrations at midfield not likely in Cowboy tilt Sunday

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Don't expect any midfield celebrations when the Dallas Cowboys play the Carolina Panthers.

The Cowboys were subjected to that last week when San Francisco receiver Terrell Owens celebrated two touchdowns by rushing to midfield and spiking the ball on Dallas' logo. The second time he did it, he was leveled by Dallas safety George Teague.

As funny as some Panthers (1-2) thought the episode was, be assured they don't plan any similar showboating when they play host to the Cowboys (1-3) on Sunday.

"There's no place in football for that," Carolina quarterback Steve Beuerlein said.

That's good news to the Cowboys, who are still smarting from the embarrassment of the situation.

"There's nothing wrong with being excited about making a play and doing a little dance or something," Dallas linebacker Dexter Coaxley said. "But when you run 50 yards and single yourself out, away from all your teammates, it's kind of like rubbing it in your face.

"We were being insulted and embarrassed."

Even though Teague might have been justified in knocking down Owens during the second celebration, first-year Dallas coach Dave Campo disciplined him. Campo wouldn't disclose the action he took, but said he struggled with whether or not it was warranted.

"It's kind of a double-edged sword from the standpoint I'm happy to see fighters on our team — I want fighters on our team," Campo said. "But I want the fighters doing it after the snap and doing it in each individual play, not because of what someone else does.

"We don't condone anything that happened in that ballgame on either team. But in our case, I really felt it was a matter of frustration."

So far, the whole season has been frustrating for Dallas.

The Cowboys were humiliated in home losses to Philadelphia and the 49ers and lost at Arizona. But they pulled off a Monday night stunner in Week 3 by winning at Washington.

Because of the difference in the level of play in each game, Campo is never sure what Dallas team is going to show up each Sunday.

"We can't have a Jekyl and Hyde mentality, and that's what we've had so far," he said. "We haven't come out on a consistent basis and done anything that I would call a top-notch football team."

Campo quelled any possible quarterback controversy between Troy Aikman and Randall Cunningham, who led Dallas to its lone victory this season.

"No doubt at all, Troy is our quarterback," Campo said.

Campo is also trying to get the Cowboys to shore up their run defense, which is ranked last in the NFL. Dallas has allowed two 200-yard rushers this season and is giving up an average of 193 rushing yards.

That could be good news for Carolina, which has struggled to get its offense going.

The Panthers, who don't rely on the running game, still would like to improve on the 59 rushing yards they had in their loss to Atlanta two weeks ago.

And just like Dallas, the Panthers have yet to find their identity through three games.

"We've just got to get ourselves on crank, just like Dallas I'm sure feels the same way," coach George Seifert said. "It's a couple of clubs that are going through similar situations and we have to get ourselves playing with more juice."

Especially on defense, which Carolina improved during the offseason. But despite the addition of Reggie White, Eric Swann, Chuck Smith, Lee Woodall and Jay Williams, the Panthers are ranked 25th in total defense and have just three sacks.

Smith is now out indefinitely while he rests his aching right knee, and Swann didn't practice the first half of this week as Carolina tries not to push his arthritic knees.

"We may not have had a lot of sacks, but I think our pressure has improved over last year," Seifert said. "The quarterbacks have been getting knocked around a little bit, but unless you are totally taking a quarterback limb for limb, it seems nobody is ever totally satisfied."

Jones still believes Cowboys can be playoff contender

DALLAS (AP) — A playoff run and a Super Bowl bid are still possible for the Dallas Cowboys despite early season woes, said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

And, the owner who's managed to fire every head coach in franchise history, said that if the Cowboys don't regroup for a winning season, he'll still support first-year head coach Dave Campo.

Tweaking, not massive changes could put the Cowboys, who have lost two games at home and are 1-3, back on the path to another championship run, Jones said.

"If you get to that point, and obviously I'm not conceding to rebuilding, Dave is the right guy," Jones said in Friday's editions of Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"He is what Jimmy Johnson was with me at the beginning. It's my sense, if we had to go through tough times, the kind of individual you want in that situation is a Dave Campo."

But, Jones is hopeful that the Cowboys still have what it takes for a winning season, particularly a healthy Troy Aikman as quarterback.

"We are counting on guys that are premium players who have been Pro Bowl players," Jones said. "Those kind of players we have used and other teams have used to go to Super Bowls. This group still has it. There's nothing I've seen out there that will keep that core base of players from having the kind of year I'm talking about. I'm talking about this year."

Jones said he's seen adjustments that are keeping him optimistic.

"We just need to adjust upward 50 to 60 percent of the areas in our execution and play," Jones said. "That's going to change the L's to W's. That's not a huge adjustment across the board."

Jones did however, acknowledge that a turnaround will be difficult, especially considering the late-season schedule.

NFL Standings

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	4	0	0	1.000	88	66
Miami	3	1	0	.750	59	22
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	57	58
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	101	66
New England	0	4	0	.000	51	72
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	98	55
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	53	50
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	64	90
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	90	89
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000	7	74
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000	40	62
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Oakland	3	1	0	.750	107	80
Denver	2	2	0	.500	133	102
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	93	76
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	74	82
San Diego	0	4	0	.000	55	99

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	3	1	0	.750	74	57
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	83	60
Washington	2	2	0	.500	67	65
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	51	81
Dallas	1	3	0	.250	96	135
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	64	47
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	60	65
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	110	47
Green Bay	2	2	0	.500	69	53
Chicago	0	4	0	.000	48	108
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
St. Louis	4	0	0	1.000	160	114
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	85	121
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	65	57
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	55	82
San Francisco	1	3	0	.250	115	139

Sunday's Games

Dallas at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Diego at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Miami at Cincinnati, 4:05 p.m.
New England at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
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Monday's Games

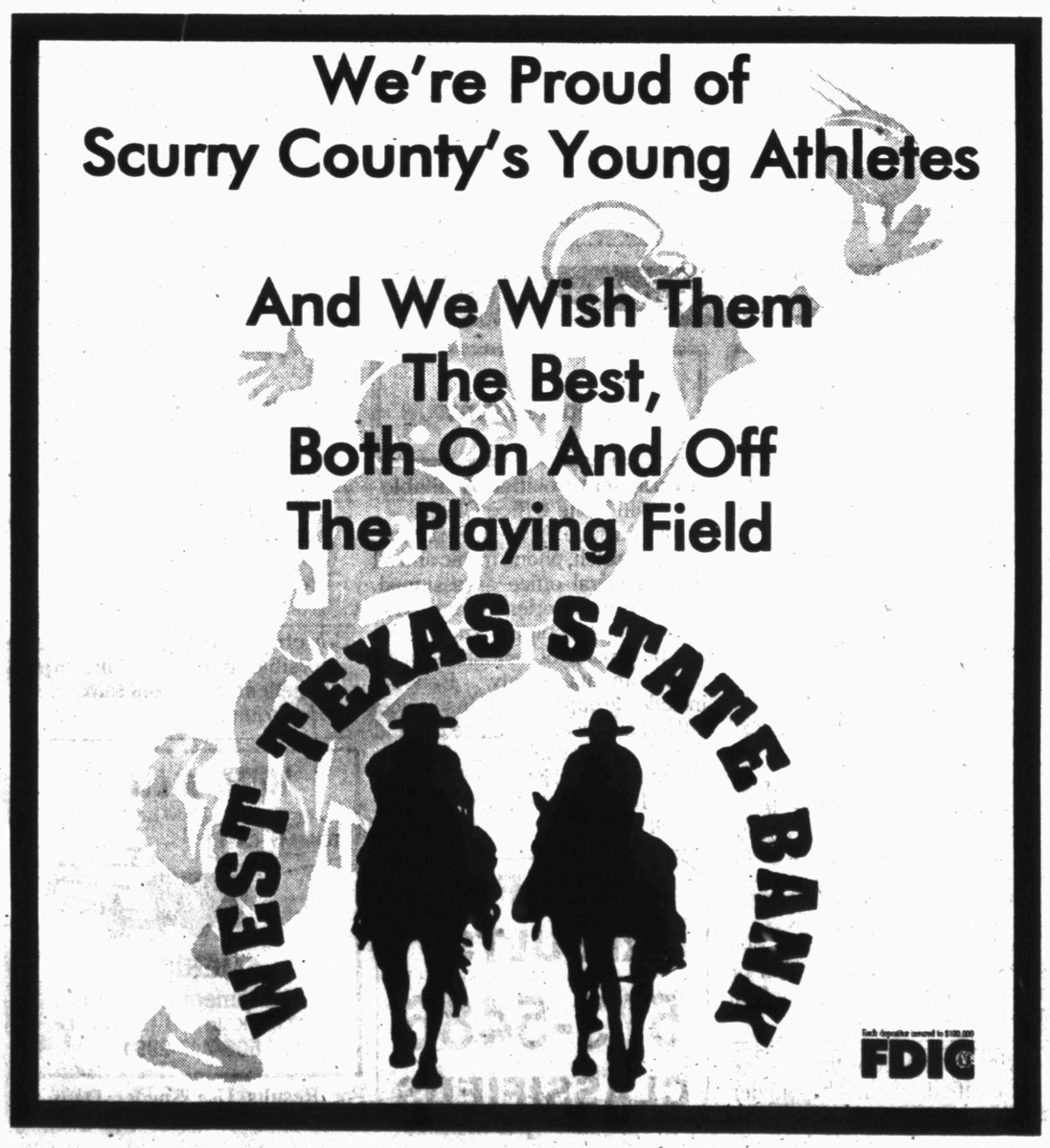
Seattle at Kansas City, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 8

Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Atlanta, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at Carolina, 4:15 p.m.
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Monday, Oct. 9

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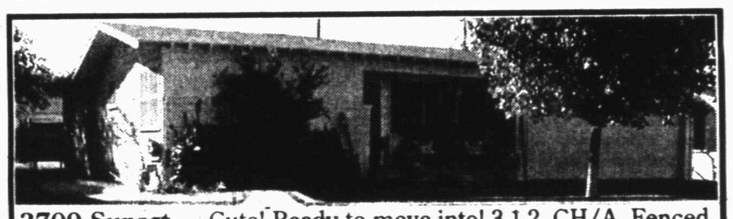
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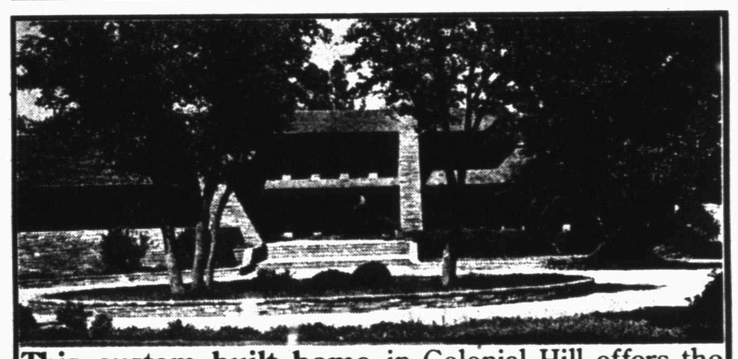
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POSITION: CASHIER DEPARTMENT: Business Office **SALARY:** College Scale. **DUTIES:** Receipting and dispersing college funds, balancing cash drawer and preparing bank deposits daily, preparing petty cash report, issuing/maintaining campus keys, assisting in registration. **ADDITIONAL DUTIES:** Answering telephone. Working with students, faculty/staff and general public as needed. **EMPLOYMENT:** Full-time, 12-month position, 90-day probationary period. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Education or work experience comparable to an Associate's Degree in Business or related field preferred. Excellent communication, office, ten-key calculator and computer skills. Ability to work well with others and to handle stressful situations. Employment contingent upon Work Assessment Center physical. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** October 10, 2000 **SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO:** Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, TX 79549-9502. **DATE OF EMPLOYMENT:** November 01, 2000 or earlier if possible.

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POSITION: SPEECH INSTRUCTOR SALARY: College Scale. **DUTIES:** Teaching freshman-sophomore speech courses to include fundamentals of public speaking, interpersonal communication and business/professional speaking. Courses are on campus, at extension centers and in minimum/medium security prison units. **EMPLOYMENT:** Full-time, 9-month contract. Additional teaching available in the summer. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Master's degree in Speech or Master's degree plus 18 graduate hours in Speech. Experience in community college experience teaching preferred. Employment contingent on Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice security clearance. **APPLICATION PROCEDURES:** Application, resume and unofficial college transcripts are required for consideration. **DEADLINE: October 27, 2000 SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO:** Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave., Snyder, TX 79549-9502. **DATE OF EMPLOYMENT: January 10, 2001**

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POSITION: THEATRE/SPEECH INSTRUCTOR SALARY: College Scale. DUTIES: Theatre generalist with acting, directing and technical experience to teach freshman-sophomore theatre and speech courses on campus and in medium/minimum security prison units; coordinate and supervise departmental productions; and maintain community relations. EMPLOYMENT: Full-time, 9-month contract. QUALIFICATIONS: Master's degree in Theatre/Speech or Master's degree plus 18 graduate hours in Theatre/Speech. Employment contingent on Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice security clearance. APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Application, resume and unofficial college transcripts are required for consideration. DEADLINE: October 27, 2000. SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO: Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, TX 79549-9502. DATE OF EMPLOYMENT: January 10, 2001.

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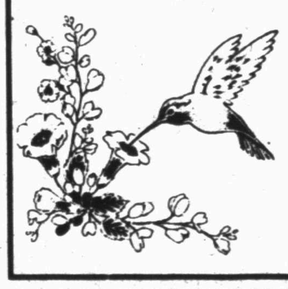
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Senior Menu

Monday
Swiss steak, broccoli rice almondine, asparagus, tossed salad, brownie

Tuesday
Chili con carne, cheese sticks, sliced onion, fruit cocktail, peanut butter cookie, cornbread

Wednesday
Pork roast w/gravy, whole kernel corn, fried okra, tomato wedges, apple cobbler

Thursday
Steak fingers w/creamy gravy, mashed potatoes, savory peas, tossed salad, red applesauce

Friday
Fried fish, pinto beans, crinkle cut fries, cole slaw, Jello cake

Senior News

The Senior Center will operate a booth for selling quilt raffle tickets and the center's cookbook, "Tasty Traditions" at next Saturday's White Buffalo Festival. Volunteers are asked to call 573-4035 to schedule a time to work in the booth.

Dawson Moreland will continue to serve as one of the Senior Center representatives on the Advisory Board. Norma Laywell also represents the center on this policy-making board.

Seniors interested in a "55 Alive" defensive driving class should call the center for more information. The class is offered by the AARP.

Monday

Seniors may play party bridge beginning at 9:30 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome. If you would like to learn how to play bridge, join us. Pool Association members are encouraged to attend a meeting at 11 a.m. in the conference room. Officers and the Pool Association representative to the Advisory Board will be elected. Seniors who enjoy playing pool are invited to join the Pool Association.

Don't miss daily exercise at 11 a.m. with Juanita Ellington.

Volunteers who help with serving meals or wrapping silverware are asked to attend a sanitation meeting beginning at 1 p.m. It is most important that food safety procedures in food handling be reviewed.

Tuesday

Seniors may play "88" at 10 a.m. The Hoss Clayton Band will entertain in the dining room at 11 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band, with director Texas Ball, will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 11 a.m. Call 573-4035 to join the band. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 and 2 p.m., respectively.

Thursday

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. Sunshine Choir members will participate at 10 a.m. in the center with Norma Laywell, director, and Barbara Tune, pianist. Newcomers are always welcome. The domino tournament begins at 10 a.m. Seniors interested should be at the center by 9:45 p.m. Bill Cooper and Manley Burrow are the reigning champs.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. "88" play begins at 10 a.m., exercise at 11 a.m., and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

Scurry County residents of all ages are reminded that the center has a very small staff supported by an army of volunteers. The center offers numerous activities, nutritious meals and transportation for the seniors of the community. Volunteers deliver 140-150 meals daily, Monday through Friday. They also help in the organization and direction of many activities. Citizens are encouraged to call the center to volunteer or receive assistance.

Supporters of the Senior Center are reminded of the Memorial Fund. Call the center for more information.

Journey leads man to good job

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"Just about every job asks if you have computer experience," Sandra added.

Raul said that when he first began the ESL courses there were several others in the class, but slowly they dropped out. "There were about 15 of us, but I was the only one that stayed. It was bad because people quit coming, but good because the three teachers had more time for me. One teacher taught me to speak, one taught me to write and one taught me to read."

In order to devote more time to his education, Raul quit the oilfield and went to work for the Dr. Pepper company.

He drove to Colorado City for the company, and on weekends, he would take his sons along for the ride.

"I would take the boys so I could practice English."

Sandra said the experience was good for Raul because he wanted to associate with more English-speaking people. "He didn't learn much English in the oilfield because he worked with people who were from Mexico."

She said her husband made a lot of friends just by looking around and talking to people. "It was a way for him to learn new words, make sentences and have conversations."

The cut in pay was tough for the family, but they saw him through.

"It was a long struggle, not just for him, but for us as a family," Sandra said. "We were bringing in 70 percent less income. It was a big cutback, but we knew it was going to be that way."

The sacrifice was difficult. "The hardest thing for me as not just the wife but as the mother was to say no to them when my children asked for something," Sandra said. "But really what we are doing is trying to prepare ourselves, so we can give them a future."

The couple has four children: Kenny, 14; Omar, 12; Alex, 8; and Elisa, 4.

The boys are bilingual. "It helps them," Sandra said. "Spanish was the only language they knew when they started school. That was the only way that they would be able to keep their main language which was Spanish."

The journey has not been easy for the Alcala family. Raul said that he still gets nervous sometimes speaking English, but he is grateful for what he has accomplished and for all of those who have helped him along the way.

"I give some credit to the Scurry County Library, they let me go there. The whole community was helping me on this. If it wasn't for the community, I would have given up.

Every contact I make is like a class," he said. "The degree that I have doesn't belong just to me. I have it because God showed me the way to go."

Dallas jury sentences Robert W. Harris to lethal injection

DALLAS (AP) — A fired employee was sentenced to lethal injection Friday after being convicted of killing two former coworkers at an Irving car wash.

The Dallas County jury deliberated several hours before sentencing Robert Wayne Harris to death. He could have received life in prison.

Harris, 28, was found guilty Tuesday of two counts of capital murder in the deaths of Mi-T-Fine Car Wash employees cashier Rhoda Wheeler, 45, and assistant manager Augustin Villasenor, 36, in March.

Also killed were Villasenor's brother, Benjamin Villasenor, 32; Roberto Jimenez Jr., 15; and 48-year-old car wash manager Dennis Lee. Harris was not tried for those three deaths, although he is charged in those slayings.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Trade tax sanctions will be delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and the European Union reached agreement Saturday to delay imposition of a possible $4 billion in economic sanctions against the United States in a trade dispute involving tax breaks for American exports.

The deal was announced by the Clinton administration, which had been negotiating against a midnight Saturday deadline for overhauling U.S. tax laws to come into compliance with the adverse ruling from the World Trade Organization.

Under the procedural agreement, Congress will have until Nov. 1 to pass the legislation. The EU agreed not to impose any penalties until a separate WTO panel can rule on whether the new legislation complies with WTO rules.

"The United States and European Union today demonstrated a commitment to avoid escalating trans-Atlantic trade tensions and managing this WTO trade dispute responsibly," U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky said in a statement.

The dispute involves the biggest case the United States has lost before the Geneva-based WTO, which ruled that America's system of granting tax breaks to U.S. companies that send goods abroad did not comply with WTO rules.

Congress faced a Sunday deadline from the WTO for passing new legislation. When it became clear that the deadline would not be met, the administration began negotiations with the EU in an effort to postpone any threatened sanctions.

Deputy Treasury Secretary Stuart Eizenstat stressed that it was critical that Congress pass legislation before it adjourns for the fall campaign.

"We cannot emphasize strongly enough how critical it is that Congress complete action on the (Foreign Sales Corporation) repeal and replacement legislation as expeditiously as possible," Eizenstat said in a statement.

Created to offset an EU tax rebate for its exporters, the tax program permits U.S. companies to reduce income taxes by 15 percent through export subsidiaries set up in offshore tax havens such as Barbados.

Water proposal not in regional plans

LUBBOCK (AP) — As regional water planning groups race to include public comment and other revisions in their draft water plans due to the state by Monday, there's one proposal a Texas oilman had hoped would make it into the drafts.

But T. Boone Pickens' plan didn't make the cut because regional planning groups have said his plan is not economically feasible at this point in time.

But that hasn't stopped Pickens, of Dallas, from believing his proposal to transport Panhandle-area water from Roberts County to thirstier parts of the state like San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth and El Paso could still take flight.

"We're going to sell our water is what's going to happen," Pickens said Friday. "Whether we're in the plans or not."

The state's water plan won't be finalized and submitted to the legislature until Jan. 5, 2002. But the deadlines for the 16 regional groups — whose plans ultimately make up the statewide plan — are coming due.

Draft plans have to be submitted to the Texas Water Development Board by Monday. The board will then take 30-60 days to comment on the plans and return them to the regional boards for adjustments, said board spokesman Leonard Olson.

The finalized plans are then due back to the state by Jan. 5, 2001. From there, the board will create a statewide plan to submit to the legislature.

"The big challenge may be combining all of the regional plans into the state water plan," said Fred Arce, manager of resource development for the San Antonio Water System. "The new process has taken a lot more time, but it was time well spent. Not only did we hash out a regional water plan that had consensus, but you build relationships and see other perspectives."

In the past, the state water board held meetings in each region and created a statewide plan from there. The new process allows each region to develop it's own plans, forcing municipalian Antonio, where there is a regional need of 500,000 to 600,000 acre feet. The problem is, it's just too expensive to pump it to South Texas.

CROP WALK slated Sunday

The annual CROP WALK, again sponsored by the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance, is set Sunday, World Communion Sunday. Participants will gather at the gazebo on the square at 2 p.m. and walk to Towle Park.

CROP WALK has been working to wipe out hunger the world over for over 30 years. One-fourth of the money that is raised will go to the local Food Cupboard which helps between 500-1,000 people each month receive food assistance. In addition, this year a soup kitchen was set up this summer, serving 650 children.

Lions Club lists speakers for October

Snyder Lions Club will have "Public Awareness" programs at their noon meetings each Tuesday in October. Guests are invited to attend programs they are interested in.

- Oct. 3: The program will be presented by a representative of the Snyder Police Dept.
- Oct. 10: Daryl Thomas will talk about utilities.
- Oct. 17: Dennis Gloyna, representing Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., will speak.
- Oct. 24: John Grant with CRMWD will talk about the future of water availability.
- Oct. 31: Mike Post will update guests and members about cable TV in Snyder.

All Lions are encouraged to attend and guests will need to call David Holt at 573-3255 on Monday for reservations. The complete meal is $7 and the meeting will be from 12 to 1 p.m.

Music complaint leads to arrest

- ***Loud music***

A complaint about loud music at 19th Street and Avenue G led to the arrest of a 23-year-old man.

Officers were first called to the residence at 1:36 a.m. Saturday, but they advised that the music had been turned down upon their arrival.

At 2:10 a.m. Saturday, a second complaint was received and this time a citation was issued for disorderly conduct/unreasonable noise. In addition, the 23-year-old man was taken into custody on an outstanding Abilene Department of Public Safety warrant for speeding.

- ***Dog at large***

A woman called officers at 7:01 a.m. Friday to report that a Pit Bulldog was running at large in the 100 block of Chestnut. The owner was contacted and did put up the animal.

- ***Graffiti***

A report for graffiti was taken at Snyder High School at 8 a.m. Friday.

- ***Burglary***

A woman notified officers at 10:32 a.m. Friday that a coin operated machine had been burglarized at the College Avenue Coin Laundry. The machine was valued at $1,100 and $75 worth of coins and snacks were taken, but the woman did not want an offense report taken.

- ***Other arrests***

At 2:35 p.m. Friday, a 20-year-old man was arrested in the 900 block of 25th Street on a Muleshoe warrant for theft by check.

Obituaries

Lilly Ree Forest

1944-2000

HOUSTON — Lilly Ree Forest, niece of Dolly Harrison of Snyder, died Thursday, Sept. 21, after being struck by a vehicle in Houston.



Lilly Forest

Service for Miss Forest, 55, was held Thursday in Carl Barnes Funeral Home Chapel in Houston. The Rev. Godwin Haynes officiated. Interment was in Cemetery The Beautiful.

Born on Dec. 21, 1944 in Roscoe to the late Earnest and Birdie Mae Forest, she moved to Houston with her mother in 1956.

A graduate of Jack Yates High School, she worked at St. Anthony's Hospital for 14 years and at Villa de Matel for the past 12 years. She was a member of the Greater Morning Star Baptist Church and the Texas Traveling Bowling Association.

Survivors include three other aunts, Ola B. Riggins of Houston, Alice Lewis and Leola Archie of Wichita Falls; a stepsister, Louia Jean Wagner of Houston; three adopted sisters, Gloria Green, Joyce Horn and Nora Louise, all of Houston; three adopted brothers, Curtis Lee Green, Leodis Green and William Green, all of Houston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Curtis Lee Green, Sammie Lee Harrison, Howard Gordon, Jurell Riggins, Leodis Green and Morris Lewis.

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Eddie wins 'Brother' marathon

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The 88-day endurance test is over. Eddie McGee, the blunt New Yorker who lost his left leg to cancer, won a half million dollars as the survivor on the CBS reality show, "Big Brother."

Fans of the show overwhelmingly chose the University of Texas student over the other two remaining contestants, New York lawyer Curtis Kin and Californian Josh Souza, in a live telecast on Friday.

"It's wild," he said after learning he won. "My heart is pumping so hard. I have to remind myself to breathe."

He outlasted nine other contestants who entered the specially built house July 5 on a California soundstage. Their every move was followed by cameras and microphones, with the frequently dull results airing as much as six nights a week on CBS.

Souza, who gave McGee a warm hug, won $100,000 as the second-place finisher. Kin won $50,000.

The brash McGee, a wheelchair basketball star, alienated some of his fellow contestants with his blunt talk and determination. He said Friday, though, that he never expected to win.

But it did much better among young viewers that advertisers love and CBS often can't attract.

The more interesting contestants were voted out quickly. First to go was William Collins, who engaged the gang in provocative racial discussions and was later found to be a member of the New Black Panther Party for Self-Defense.

Hoping for romance and conflict, producers found little of either. The only kiss shared by McGee in a highlight reel shown Friday was with a dog.

Earlier this month, producers tried to entice someone to leave the house with an offer of $50,000. They hoped to replace a less exciting contestant with an attractive and combative young blonde woman, but none of the occupants took the bait.

Public hearing will be included on Monday's agenda

A public hearing on designating a re-investment area in the county south of the Snyder city limits will be part of Monday's agenda for Scurry County Commissioners.

The court convenes at 10 a.m. Monday with four items of new business, including three related to the county's tax abatement plan.

One of the items includes re-adopting the county's guideline statement on tax abatements. Judge Ricky Fritz said Friday there are no changes to the plan and "that it is simply time to renew it."

The hearing will allow for public comment on the proposed reinvestment zone which has been requested for a 30-acre track off Round Top Road.

Fritz said that Fran Farmer is seeking a tax abatement as she plans to expand her business, Farmer's Design.

"We will vote depending on how the public hearing goes," Fritz said. "You can't give a tax abatement unless it is in a reinvestment zone."

Fritz said the tax abatement could be for as many as eight years.

The abatement to be considered is based on the same abatement program as was awarded Lorber Industries.

The court is also expected to declare October as Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Festival continues

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to take the stage for the final event Saturday at 9 p.m.

Tickets at the gate are $30.

There is no charge for parking. Food, drinks and camping spaces will be available.

Festivities for the park's first-ever event continues through Sunday with a sunrise church service. A chuck wagon breakfast will be served.

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Grand jury

Scurry County grand jury will convene at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court. The grand jury will consider at least five felony cases.

Weigh Down registration

It's not too late to join the Monday night class for Weigh Down at the Word is Life fellowship hall. Class begins Monday at the church, 312 Coliseum Dr. Call Claudia Sanchez at 573-9615 to register.

SHS choir concert

SHS choirs will host its fall concert at 7 p.m. Monday in the Worsham Auditorium.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Prophet Joel," followed by "All That Glitters is Not Gold."

Author to visit Stanfield

Texas author Herb Marlow will visit Stanfield Tuesday. The first storytelling session begins at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Lord's Acre fish fry

The sixth annual Lord's Acre fish fry will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church Wesley Hall. Tickets are $3 for six years and under, and $6 for everyone else. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at the church office.

FFA boosters

Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet Tuesday evening in the SHS ag building to discuss the trip to Louisville, Ky., and the fundraiser. Officers will meet at 6:30 and the club will meet at 7 o'clock.

SHS choir boosters

The SHS choir boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the choir room to paint signs for freshman students. All choir parents are invited.

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh parent booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Hermleigh school cafeteria.

Weigh down registration

Registration continues at Colonial Hill Baptist Church for the Weigh Down Workshop. The classes will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday. For more information call Debbie Hicks at 574-1061.

Chicken spaghetti supper

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is selling tickets for a chicken spaghetti supper to be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday in the SHS cafeteria prior to the Snyder-Frenship football game. $5 tickets may be obtained from any tennis player, at the door or by calling 573-2700 or 573-1730. Carryouts will be available. Proceeds will be for the building fund.

His Joy Ministries Conference

The seventh annual His Joy Ministries Conference will be Friday and next Saturday at Word is Life Church. Barbara Murrell from Canton will speak for the third time. Music by Far Above Ministries and His Joy Ministries. Call 573-8401 for registration.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered at Western Texas College from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 10 and Oct. 24. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Country and gospel music

A country and gospel music program will be held on the second Saturday of each month at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. The first one will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Everyone is invited and there is no charge. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Discovery School

Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is receiving and registering babies from six weeks up. Spaces are also available for children 18 months through pre-K. Call 573-4770.

Tiger Times yearbook

The 2000-01 Tiger Times yearbook are on sale at the junior high until Nov. 21 in room 110 or the office. The full $14 may be paid now, or a deposit of $7 may be paid with the balance due in the spring. Checks must be made out to Snyder Junior High School. No extra copies will be available.

Museum needs holiday quilts

It's beginning to look like the holiday season, and the Scurry County Museum is starting to develop its holiday theme. For 2000, the theme is holiday quilts. If you have a holiday quilt, which means any holiday of the year, the museum would like to display the quilt, or any other quilted items, such as a pillow or wall hanging, from Nov. 1-Dec. 8. The items are needed by Oct. 23. Call the museum at 573-6107 if you have a quilt to lend.

Glory Room open

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

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-0-8

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
13-15-21-26-31

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — Winning numbers in the Texas Million drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 57-70-96-99

Another Firestone tire brand examined

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received more than 160 complaints about another Firestone brand of tires reportedly involved in accidents in which two people died and a dozen were injured.

"The majority of the complaints occurred at highway speeds and allege a blowout, tread separation or other major failure," NHTSA said in its investigation report about the Steeltex R4S and A/T light truck tires.

The tires are original equipment on Ford F250 and F350 pickups, the Ford Excursion, General Motors' Suburban and G Van, a commercial vehicle.

A spokesman for Ford, Mike Vaughn, said the tires are used on all 75,760 Excursions and 40 percent of the F-series trucks and Econoline vans. Vaughn said Ford is cooperating with NHTSA's investigation.

Similar reports led Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. to issue a recall of 6.5 million Firestone ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires last month. Those tires, standard equipment on the Ford Explorer, have been linked to 101 U.S. traffic deaths and more than 400 injuries.

Bridgestone/Firestone officials say they still have not determined the cause of the problems but have focused their investigation on manufacturing shortcomings at its plant in Decatur, Ill.

The R4S is a mud and snow tire and the A/T is an all-terrain tire with an aggressive tread. Both models are available in 15-, 16- and 16.5-inch sizes.

NHTSA had no estimate of how many of the tires have been produced. Bridgestone/Firestone did not respond to repeated requests for a total figure.

Bridgestone/Firestone officials appeared caught off guard by Friday's announcement. They later issued a statement stressing the investigation "is not a finding of a defect but rather is a process to determine the facts surrounding complaints that have been filed with NHTSA."

Spokeswoman Anitra Budd said the company "will continue to have a policy of being open and responsive" to NHTSA.

On the Net:
Bridgestone/Firestone: http://www.bridgestone-firestone.com
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Electronic gambling devices are raided

COPPERAS COVE (AP) — More than 100 electronic gambling devices were seized Thursday by police in Central Texas.

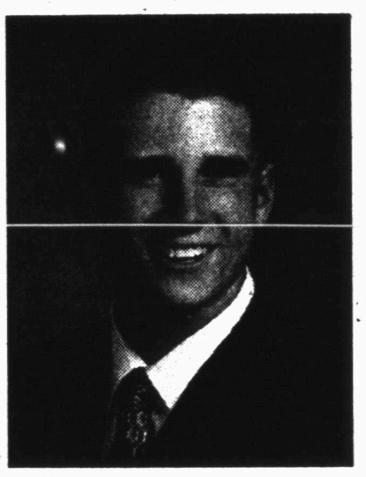
The action came as the Texas Department of Public Safety special crimes unit, along with local prosecutors, raided three businesses and two residences in Coryell County.

Investigators said they found 103 gambling devices called eight-liners, which are illegal casino-style gaming devices.

Five people were arrested on felony warrants charging them with organized criminal activity. A statement issued by the DPS said the raid involved three businesses in Copperas Cove, plus homes in Killeen.

Former resident merit semifinalist

Garret P. Luft, who attended Snyder schools from 1993-1997, has been recognized as a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSP).



Garrett Luft

Each year the NMSP recognizes 50,000 high school seniors, nationwide. Of these, 16,000 are semifinalists. This number represents one-half of one percent of all seniors.

Garrett, a senior at Robert E. Lee High School in Midland, is president of the school's chapter of the National Honor Society, is a member of the Lee Rebel baseball team and the UIL math,, number sense, and journalism teams.

He qualified last year for the regional 5A UIL Academic Tournament in feature writing. He is a reporter for the Dixie Dispatch (school paper) and is a two-year academic letterman. Garrett is a member of the Spanish Honor Society, has been recognized by "Who's Who Among American High School Student," is a USAA All-American Scholar, and a Texas Scholar.

The Midland Rotary Club recently honored Garrett as Student of the Week. He was named an Employee of the Year by the Midland Rockhounds Baseball Club in 1999. He is a member of the Colt-45s select baseball club and is a leader in the youth group at the Golf Course Road Church of Christ. He works as a part-time correspondent for the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Garrett plans to attend Texas Tech University where he will major in broadcast journalism. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Luft, former Snyder residents.



Jared McMillan

McMillan new Air Force grad

Jared McMillan, a 2000 Snyder High School graduate, completed Air Force basic training Sept. 8 at Lackland AFB in San Antonio. He will receive technical training at Brooks AFB.

McMillan is the son of Lana McMillan of Snyder. Grandparents include Ted and Shirley McMillan of Snyder and Virginia McMillan of San Angelo.

Hawking worried

LONDON (AP) — Stephen Hawking says he fears the human race will not survive another millennium.

"I am afraid the atmosphere might get hotter and hotter until it will be like Venus with boiling sulfuric acid," the physicist told Britain's Press Association. "I am worried about the greenhouse effect."

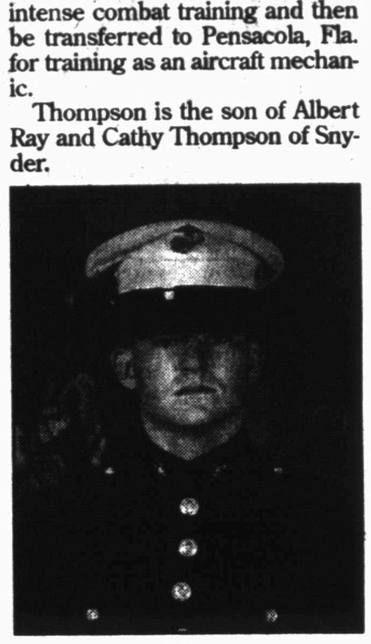
To ensure the survival of humans, he adds, efforts must be made to colonize other planets. Space travel would not solve every problem, but at least it would ensure that people don't become extinct.

Thompson new Marine graduate

Pvt. Jacob L. Thompson graduated from the Marine Boot Camp (MCRD) in San Diego on Sept. 22. He is a 2000 graduate of Snyder High School.

After a short leave, Thompson will return to San Diego for intense combat training and then be transferred to Pensacola, Fla. for training as an aircraft mechanic.

Thompson is the son of Albert Ray and Cathy Thompson of Snyder.



Jacob Thompson

Releases new album

ANDERSON, Ind. (AP) — Alice Cooper makes sure he leaves his ghoulish act onstage.

"All the people who tried to stay in character all the time are dead — Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison," Cooper said. "It just kills you."

The 52-year-old rocker, whose real name is Vincent Furnier, has been recording since the late 1960s and recently released his 25th album.

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FFA trip eye-opening experience

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

There were many good times and a few not so good times, but overall the Snyder FFA group that visited the Ukraine and Russia in June had a wonderful experience.

Some of the difficulties encountered on the national FFA-sponsored trip were travel-related while others were born from a clash of cultures. However, those three weeks abroad won't soon be forgotten.

The FFA group included David Frazier, Snyder High School ag teacher; Carmen Carpenter, librarian at Northeast Elementary, ag students Zach Rollins, Riley Tatum, Johnna Ferris, Cliff Beights and his dad, Ricky Beights; and Ashlei Mason, a Brownfield High School student.

Frazier praised their trip, "We had a ball. We'd go, go, go, crash, then go, again. The kids got closer to each other."

But he noted that the trip was especially challenging for the students because they discovered vast differences between how they and their Ukrainian counterparts live. Yet, after a whirlwind three weeks, it was hard to believe that it was time to pack for the trip home.

The national FFA program links four select schools in the U.S. with four schools in countries that were formerly part of the Soviet Union.

SHS is partnered with a meat and milk technical school in Bila Serkva, Ukraine. The city had been a closed society and only recently had opened to foreign visitors.

The June trip reciprocated last school's year's visit from five Ukrainian students and two teachers. The ag students lived with the families of those students, but Frazier and Carpenter stayed in a dormitory. The purpose of the exchange program, Frazier said, is to teach the Ukrainians about American entrepreneurship, and for the Americans to learn about global agriculture.

Frazier said he enjoyed getting to know the Ukrainians, noting that their hosts are fiercely proud of their heritage, and are always quick to emphasize that they are not Russians and do not speak the Russian language.

He became especially fond of a group of young boys with whom he often played a game similar to soccer. He recalled that they always brought him a handful of mints every day. He noted that one of the young boys spoke English very well. His mother, an English teacher, told Frazier her son's best chance to get a good job was to learn the English language.



ENTRANCE TO TOWN — This sign marks the entrance to Bila Serkva, Ukraine, where a Snyder FFA group spent two weeks in June. From left are Johnna Ferris, Carmen Carpenter, Ashlei Mason of Brownfield; David Frazier, Zach Rollins, Cliff Beights, Ricky Beights. (Contributed Photo)

Cliff Beights described life in the Ukraine as "totally different. They think different than we do. I guess it was culture shock. You have no idea what it is like until you go there."

Riley Tatum said, "I had the time of my life. I had a blast. It was a life-changing experience. I wish teen-agers could see the things we saw. They would value what we have more."

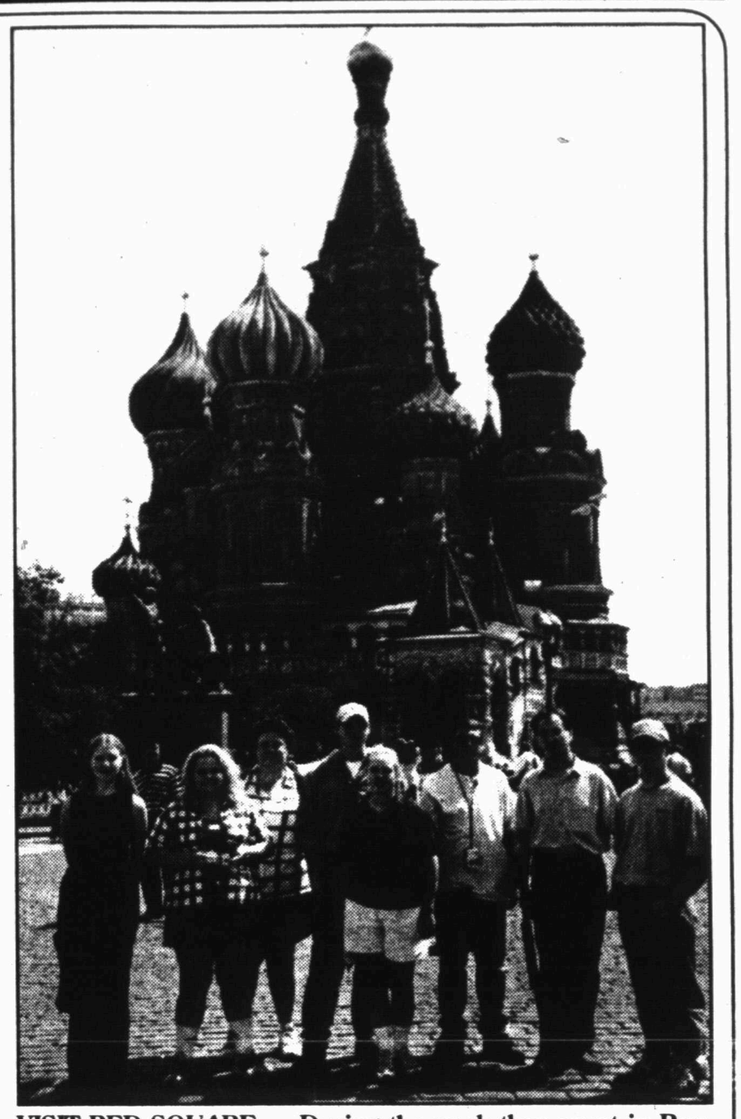
Carpenter said that all of the students expressed similar sentiments.

Three weeks in two former Soviet Union countries proved to be an eye-opening experience. Living in a dorm, Frazier and Carpenter had more freedom to do what they wanted to do during the evenings; whereas the students remained with their hosts families all of the time. After a time, that much togetherness wore a little thin, Frazier said.

At mealtimes, the hosts insisted that their American guests eat a lot of food, and they considered it rude if they did not. The adults were also expected to drink, especially vodka, and again it was considered rude to refuse. They tried to get out of it, but their hosts insisted. When they said they would not drink in front of the students, their hosts got around that by placing them at separate tables when they were at a restaurant.

The Ukrainians don't consider vodka alcohol. It's part of their culture, Frazier said. The Ukrainian teens also smoke and

See FFA trip, Page 3B



VISIT RED SQUARE — During the week they spent in Russia, the Snyder group toured the Red Square, including St. Basil Cathedral. From left are Helen Gulyayva of Stavropo, Russia, a former exchange student to Snyder; Ashlei Mason of Brownfield; Carmen Carpenter, Zach Rollins, Johnna Ferris, Ricky Beights, Andre the interpreter; and Cliff Beights. (Contributed Photo)

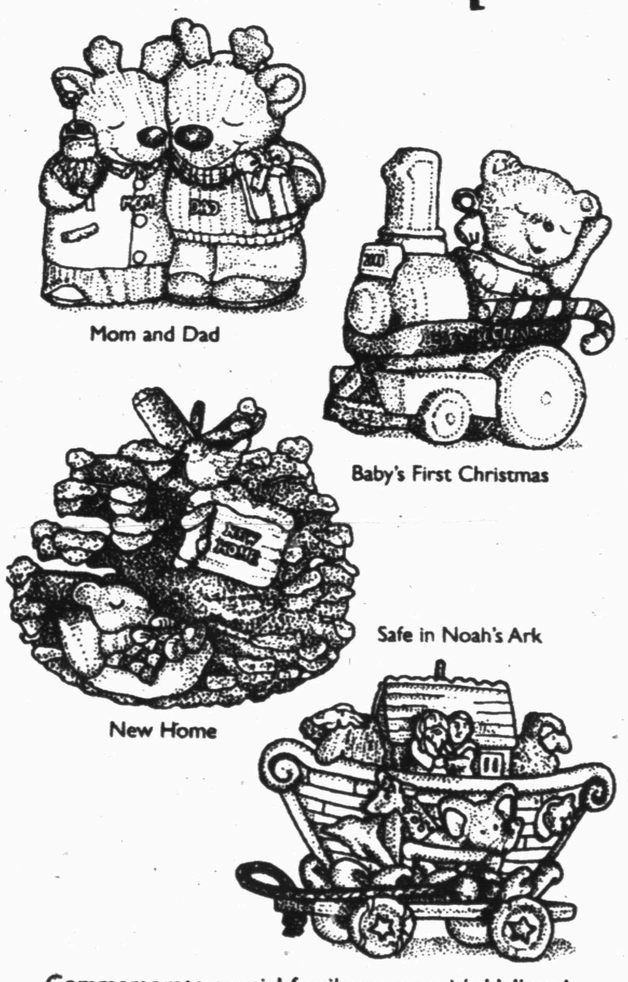
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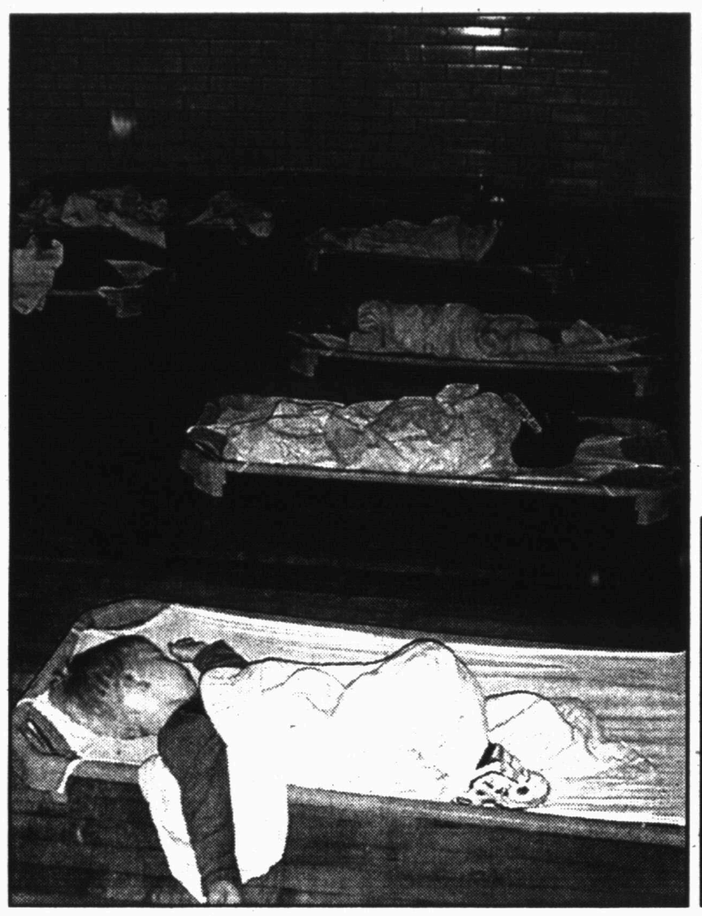
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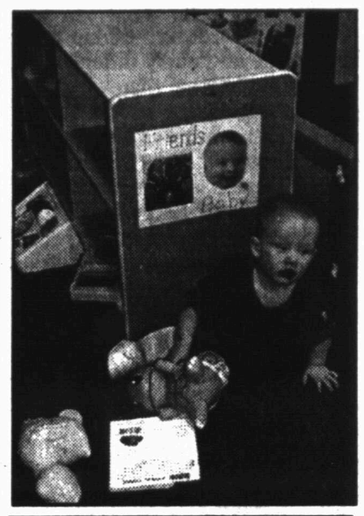
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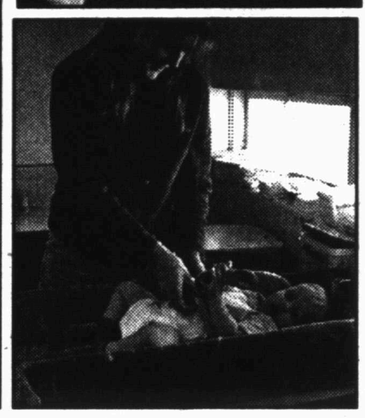
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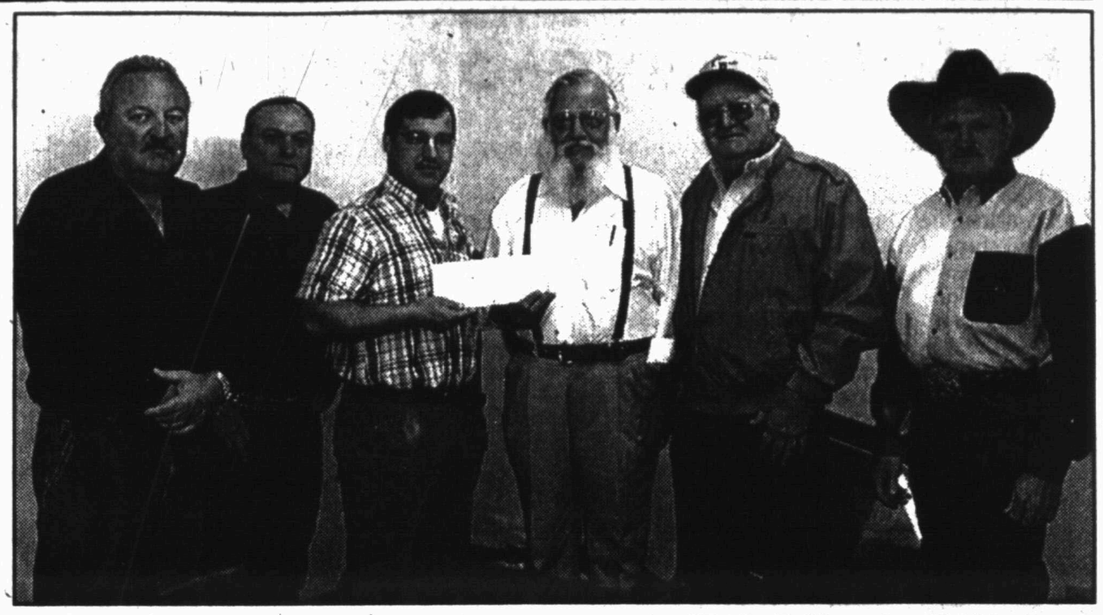


Snyder Child Day Care

Note from the Scurry County United Way

Snyder Child Day Care provides child care in an educational setting with an atmosphere of love and security. The proram has a curriculum that allows a child to explore and learn. The goal is to provide total child development opportunities that include social, mental, physical and cognitive growth. Parents must be working or attending school and priority enrollment is given to those who cannot afford to pay the full cost of childcare. With the help of the Scurry County United Way funds, the Center can match federal dollars to serve a maximum of 175 children per day. "A strong child development program builds a strong successful future for our children," said Shirley Fritz, Day Care director.

The facility is located at the old North Elementary School building.



ROLLINS TRUST FUND — Friends and fellow employees of Eddie Rollins who died in an automobile accident on April 13th has set up a trust fund at Scurry County Boys and Girls Club in his memory. NATCO/CYNARA, where Eddie worked, opened the fund with $2,500 and it has grown to over $4,700. The proceeds will be used for scholarships. This is an ongoing fund and anyone wanting to make a donation may send it to P.O. Box 127 or take it by 1500 28th Street. Pictured from left are Randy Glasscock, Production Pump; Don Franklin and Tommy Green of NATCO; Jack McGlaun, Boys and Girls Club executive director; Joe Rollins, Eddie's father; and Jesse Rollins, his brother. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

School Menu

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Grape Juice
Tuesday
Eggs
Sausage
Toast
~~Apple Juice~~
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza
Grape Juice
Thursday
Biscuits
Sausage
Gravy
Orange Juice
Friday
Pancakes
Sausage
Grape Juice
LUNCH
Monday
Cheeseburger Pocket
Vegetable Salad
Refried Beans
Crackers
Pears
Tuesday
Chicken Pattie Sandwich
French Fries
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Birthday Cake
Wednesday
Chili Cheese Burritos
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Fruit
Thursday
Goulash
Black-eyed Peas
Fried Okra
Corn Bread
Peanut Butter Chewies
Friday
Fiesta Bowl
Vegetable Salad
Spanish Rice
Crackers
Peaches

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk. Juice is also served with breakfast. Breakfast menu offers a choice of assorted dry cereal, toast and jelly.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Biscuits-n-Gravy
Tuesday
Scrambled Eggs & Bacon
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Thursday
Breakfast Pizza
Friday
No School!
LUNCH
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Barbecue Rib on a Bun
Tossed Salad
French Fries
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Chili Dog on a Bun or
Beef Nacho Grande
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Fruit Cocktail
Wednesday
Pizza or
Grilled Ham & Cheese
Tater Tots
Lettuce & Tomato
Jell-O
Thursday
Burrito or
Turkey-n-Noodles
Spicy Pinto Beans
Dinner Roll
Chilled Peaches

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Fruit
Toast/Jelly
Tuesday
Juice
Biscuits/Gravy
Wednesday
Fruit
Cheese Toast
Thursday
Juice
Toast
Friday
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast
LUNCH
Monday
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Hot Biscuits
Fruit Jell-O
Tuesday
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Potato Wedges
Soft Bread Sticks
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Beef Stroganoff
Macaroni & Tomatoes
Baked Beans
Hot Rolls
Frozen Fruit Cup
Thursday
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Tossed Salad
Tortilla Chips
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Friday
Sausage Patties
Pancakes/Syrup
Hash Browns
Pink Applesauce

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North	09-30-00
♠ A 5 3	
♥ 6 4	
♦ A 6 5 3	
♣ A 6 4 3	
West	**East**
♠ Q J 10 8 7	♠ 9 4
♥ J 7 2	♥ Q 10 9 8 5
♦ Q 10 9 8	♦ K J
♣ 9	♣ Q 10 7 5
South	
♠ K 6 2	
♥ A K 3	
♦ 7 4 2	
♣ K J 8 2	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2000

Raising the bar lower

By Phillip Alder

"Our civilization is not even skin deep; it reaches no lower than our clothes. Humanity is still essentially Yahoo-manity." When was that said?

For the final deal of the week, let's lower the power of your club suit, replacing the nine with the eight. You are again in three no-trump, West is continuing to lead the spade queen, and it is still your job to find the best line of play.

You start with five tricks outside clubs. So, needing four club tricks, you correctly start with dummy's ace. How would you continue if East plays the five and West drops (a) the seven, (b) the nine, (c) the 10, or (d) the queen?

If West plays the seven, lead low from the dummy, finessing the jack — if East doesn't contribute the queen, of course.

If West has dropped the queen, it is surely a singleton, so finesse your eight on round two.

In the other two cases, guess well! If West has played a singleton, you must finesse the eight. If he started with the doubleton 10-9, you need to finesse the jack. If he has queen-doubleton, you should go up with the ace. However, strange as it may seem, the percentage play is to finesse the eight! This is especially true if East is good enough to play the 10 from 10-7-5 on the second round, and if half the time West would drop the 10 from doubleton 10-9.

A modern person might assume that the "Yahoo" in the quotation is an Internet criticism, but it was made by W. R. Inge, who was the Dean of St. Paul's, London, from 1911 to 1934. He was referring to a tribe of boorish creatures described in Jonathan Swift's "Gulliver's Travels" (1726).

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Duplicate Bridge Scores

Monte West directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Sept. 22

A Group

1. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
2. Dot Casey, Margaret Birdwell.
3. Ann Davis, Monte West.
4. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.

B Group

TIE: Pat Floyd, Peggy Hardin tied with Anita Talbott, Charlie Blakey.

Sunday, Sept. 24

1. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
2. Christine Stuard, Louise Thompson.
3. Alta Cates, Margaret Birdwell
4. Pat Floyd, Peggy Hardin

Tuesday, Sept. 26

1. Louise Thompson, Tizzy Hall
2. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Linda West, Monte West.
4. Dot Casey, Jane Hinton.

Recipe for dove

WINE DOVE

20 dove
dry Lipton onion soup mix
1 can cream of mushroom soup
white cooking wine

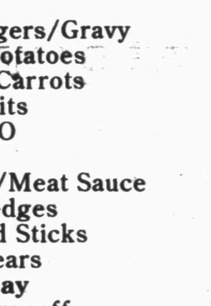
Place dove, bone side up in baking dish. Sprinkle dove with dry onion soup mix. Dilute the cream of mushroom soup with the white cooking wine. Pour over the dove and do not stir while cooking. Bake, covered, for 2-3 hours at 300 degrees. If using a crock pot, cook for 4-5 hours.

Sam Ortegon is staff therapist for Family Counseling Service

Sam Ortegon, a 1977 graduate of Snyder High School, is a staff therapist for Family Counseling Service in Lubbock.

The agencies' staff providing consultation, education, information and referrals, requires a minimum of a master's degree in counseling or related mental health field.

Sam, son of Frank and Beatrice Ortegon of Snyder, loves his job. He works with a variety of patients and especially enjoys working with Batterer's Intervention and Prevention program and play therapy. We help by working with many issues and behaviors they use to control their partners. As a therapist, he strives to teach them equalizing behaviors to incorporate into their lives so they can develop more healthy, balanced relationships.



Sam Ortegon

Children do not have the ability as adults do to explain what is going on in their lives. Ortegon said "play is their natural language and how they express themselves."

"Toys also help children build a trusting relationship with their therapist by allowing them to become comfortable enough to work through the problems they face." Play therapy also enhances self-esteem and self-control, he said.

He strives for his patients' development of skills to deal with the problems they encounter.

Sam is also a graduate of Angelo State University and is working on his doctorate degree at Texas Tech where he earned his master's degree.

Sam has five brothers, Frank, Jamie, Ismael, Miguel and Israel.

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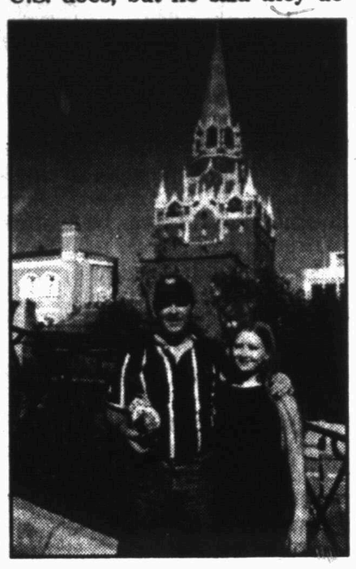
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FFA trip unforgetable adventure

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drink, frequently attending an outdoor disco. The country has the same drinking age as the U.S. does, but he said they do not enforce it.



VISITORS — David Frazier and Helen Gulyayeva, a former exchange student to Snyder, visited points in Russia including the Yellow House, Kremlin and Red Square. (Contributed Photo)

The Snyder group spent most of their time at the school in Bila Serkva. To his disappointment, Frazier said they learned that bribery is not only acceptable, but a long-standing practice. Teachers earn the equivalent of $65-$70 American dollars each month, and as of June, they had not been paid in three months.

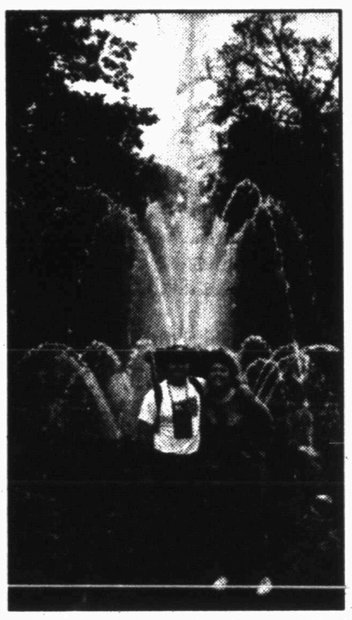
Carpenter speculated that bribery could be how the teachers are able to get by. One of the Ukrainian students bettered his grades by driving the Snyder group to a couple of sites.

The FFA group also observed that the Ukrainians go to great lengths to conserve energy, including not turning the lights on during the day.

They noticed other differences as well. The school employs no janitors. Instead, teachers and students do the cleaning. Frazier said the school's bathrooms were more like outhouses.

Another phenomenon they recalled is that the Ukrainians only seemed interested in things that related to their field; just the opposite of the Snyder visitors who were eager to learn about everything.

Carpenter said the older students at Bila Serkva were able to do the equivalent of about second year college work in the U.S. because they had studied nothing else from the ninth grade on. She was impressed that 16-17 year-old veterinarian students performed a thorough autopsy on a six-week old pig and determined its cause of death as a mineral deficiency,



FOUNTAIN — At Peter Hof in Russia, David Frazier and Carmen Carpenter enjoyed looking at all the fountains. (Contributed Photo)

but she said they did not know very much about other things including the history of their country. They did, however, know more about their city's history.

Frazier and Carpenter said they prefer students to have a more well-rounded education.

Frazier noted that when Snyder FFA hosted the Ukrainians last school year, they had a hard time getting the teachers interested in anything that was not in their field. The students knew a great deal about the area they specialize in, but very little about other things, Carpenter said.

Frazier and Carpenter attribute this robot-like behavior to when the Ukraine was part of the Communist controlled Soviet Union. Even today, the Ukrainians, especially the older ones, are slow to adopt new ways of thinking and doing things. They had learned to do only what they were told to do under the communist regime. One of the goals of the national FFA program is to help broaden the focus of students in the Ukraine, Frazier said.

While in the Ukraine, the Snyder group toured a meat-processing center where they observed sausage being made. They were astonished at the difference in sanitary conditions. "It makes us appreciate the FDA and USDA so much more," Frazier said.

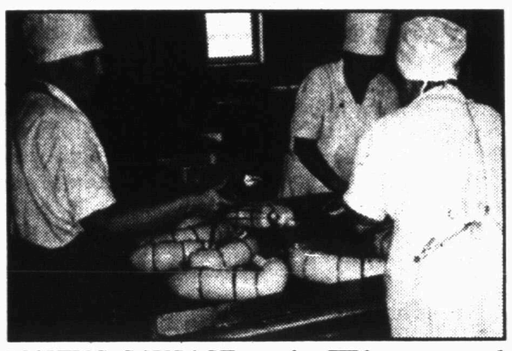
Compared to U.S. plants, Carpenter said the Ukrainian facility was "nasty."

They also toured a bread bakery, which made beautiful breads and cakes, and a collective farm, now run by farmers rather than the state.

Food is plentiful in the Ukraine, they learned. In years past, the country was considered the "bread basket" of the Soviet Union. The Ukraine has a great deal of farmland and good weather for growing crops, but they don't have anything else, Carpenter observed.

People commonly grow their own fruits and vegetables in a garden. It is also quite common for people to sell a variety of things by the side of the road, even if only in small amounts. Items could include anything from sunflower seeds and sugar, made from beets rather than sugar cane, to cigarettes, sold by the pack or individually.

Food and other products made in the Ukraine and public transportation are reasonably priced, but anything imported is very expensive, Carpenter said. That includes clothes. They were surprised to learn that no one grows cotton in the Ukraine. Cars are also expensive so few people can afford to own one. A fancy hotel, which charged the equivalent of $30 American dollars a day is too steep for the average Ukrainian.



MAKING SAUSAGE — An FFA sponsored group from Snyder observed sausage being made at this meat processing plant in Bila Serkva, Ukraine. (Contributed Photo)

Though the Snyder visitors spent most of their time at the school, they did manage some sightseeing. The family that the Beights stayed with included them on their vacation trip to the Red Sea, but that proved frustrating for the locals because all their hosts wanted to do when they arrived there was sit and relax. The Snyder group also spent a week in Russia where they did more sightseeing. They also visited two former foreign exchange students: Helen Gulyayva of Stavropo, Russia and Tonya Basarab of Moldova, who had helped found an English first camp in her country.



PETER HOF — While visiting Russia, Snyder's FFA group toured Peter Hof. Ricky and Cliff Beights are in front. In back are Zach Rollins, David Frazier, Carmen Carpenter, Johnna Ferris, and Ashlei Mason of Brownfield. (Contributed Photo)

While in Russia, Carpenter said they road the night train from Moscow to St. Petersburg, experiencing the "white night" phenomenon. They left at 8 p.m. and arrived at 5 a.m., but the night never got dark.

They also visited St. Basil Cathedral, the Kremlin and Red Square.

This was everyone's first trip to the Ukraine and Russia except for Frazier who had visited the two countries before. Carpenter wanted to come because her daughter had visited Europe with Beth Bowen's group.

This was also the first trip out of the country for the FFA students. Things got off to a rough start when their flight from Lubbock was cancelled. But about an hour later they were on a plane to Dallas where they had an eight-hour wait. At New York City, they missed their flight to Moscow. They then flew to Zurich where they had a 10-hour wait. They checked their luggage into lockers and went sightseeing. A bread festival was underway at the time. Then they finally flew to Moscow where they discovered that, ironically, their luggage had arrived the day before.

Snyder is one of only four schools in the U.S. picked to participate in the national FFA's school linkage program. Frazier said they began the application process three years ago. It included, numerous recommendations from the school administrators and the community, and interviews. Originally, the national FFA program had included 10 schools, but due to lack of funding, the number was cut to four.

Frazier said Snyder had made the top 10 list, and had been told that even if just one school could be chosen, Snyder would have been the one. Frazier said, "We worked very hard for this and it was exciting to be accepted."

He noted that Snyder's history of hosting foreign exchange students and the support of the school administration and the community enhanced their chances of being selected.

Frazier said it may be possible that their next trip could be to a different former Soviet Union country, such as Moldova. Frazier said he would like to work in the English First camp.

Maryland becomes first state to compile bullet fingerprints

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Beginning on Sunday, with every new handgun sold in Maryland, the manufacturer will have to give state police a spent shell casing carrying the weapon's ballistic fingerprint.

Under the law — the first of its kind in the nation — the unique markings on the casing will then be entered into a database. When detectives find a bullet casing at a crime scene, they can go to the computer and instantly identify the gun it came from.

"Countless hours of investigative work can now be eliminated from the process of identifying the crime gun and who may have been in possession of it," State Police Superintendent David Mitchell said.

A similar New York state law takes effect March 1.

Five months after the Maryland law was signed, questions remain about its effectiveness.

There are no criminal penalties for noncompliance by manufacturers, and state police have told dealers they can continue selling guns even if manufacturers do not pack shell casings with the weapons.

State Police spokesman Maj. Greg Shipley said manufacturers have been told it is their responsibility to make sure guns sold in Maryland are accompanied by a casing.

Gun owner Jim Purtillo of Silver Spring questioned the value of the law. "It's about making it harder for people to buy guns," he said. "Bad guys typically don't leave shell casings from a revolver at a crime scene."

The National Rifle Association did not return several calls for comment.

Maryland gun dealers have worried that manufacturers or distributors may stop shipping guns into the state. But at least two major manufacturers are making efforts to comply: Smith & Wesson, the nation's largest maker of guns, and Beretta USA.

Beretta USA said it will pack shell casings with handguns it knows will be sold in Maryland, but warned that its distributors are scattered throughout the country and guns sent elsewhere could wind up back here.

"If we get an order from Florida, we don't have any way of knowing that gun is going to Maryland. It will not include the shell casing," Beretta spokesman Jeff Reh said.

Neither company could say whether its gun prices will increase as a result.

Sanford Abrams, vice president of the Maryland Licensed Gun Dealers Association, said the ballistics fingerprints may have little legal value because a shell casing will travel through so many hands from the manufacturer to state police.

"The chain of custody stinks," he said.

Abrams also questioned whether ballistic fingerprints will have any practical value because the markings left on shell casings by firing pins change after repeated firings.

The requirement is part of sweeping new gun legislation in Maryland. Sunday also is the effective date for laws prohibiting handguns from being sold without an external trigger lock and barring anyone under 30 with a juvenile record for violent crimes from buying a handgun.

Streisand says good-bye with final concert

NEW YORK (AP) — It was a bittersweet farewell Thursday night as Barbra Streisand performed what she said was her last live performance.

"It feels like time to say goodbye to this part of my life," Streisand said during her parting words at a sold-out Madison Square Garden.

The crowd seemed touched, but as the long standing ovation might attest, was reluctant to say goodbye.

"There's a magic about her. Chills just go down through your spine. It's hard to let her go," said Alan Zaslow, who came from Philadelphia for Streisand's curtain call.

The show, titled "Timeless," was a retrospective of her life and career. Between songs, Streisand shared memories of her early days playing small clubs in Greenwich Village, singing with Benny Goodman's orchestra and doing duets with Judy Garland.

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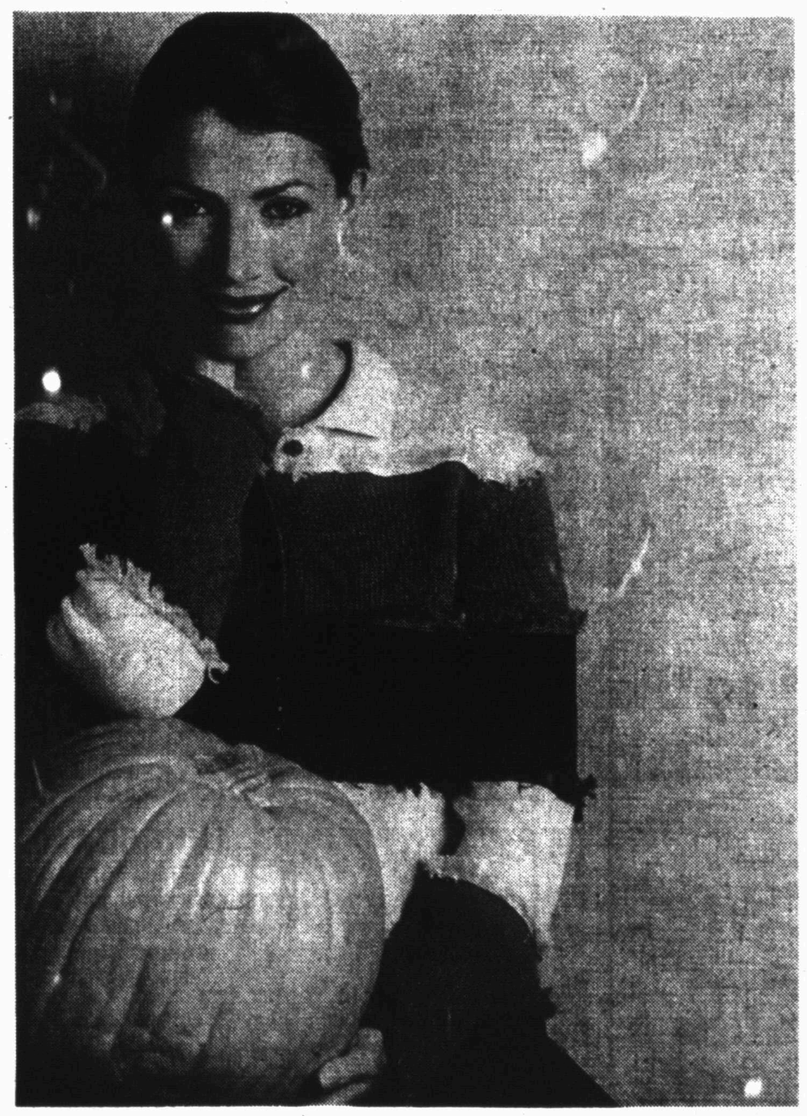
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'Tourist Tater' must go

WARWICK, R.I. (AP) — A 6-foot Mr. Potato Head statue, one of dozens dotting Rhode Island as part of a tourism campaign, will be taken down because of complaints that the grinning, brown-skinned figure appeared racist.

The "Tourist Tater" was painted dark brown to appear suntanned and wore an ill-fitting Hawaiian shirt, glasses and a hat.

The fiberglass figure had been on display since May, but no one had complained until its photo appeared Thursday in a newspaper.

Tourism officials decided Friday to take it away from outside City Hall.

"The whole Potato Head campaign is supposed to encourage people to visit. Obviously, we did not intend to offend anyone," Mayor Scott Avedisian said.

East Providence affirmative action officer Onna Moniz-John said she thought the statue resembled the antique figurines she collects that portray blacks as buffoons, such as Little Black Sambo.

"If you look at this potato head, the only thing missing is a watermelon," Moniz-John said.

Tom Schumpert, head of the state Economic Development Corp., which is directing the Mr. Potato Head campaign, said the statue seemed more offensive in the photo.

"If I saw it first, I would have said, 'We need to correct this,'" said Schumpert, who is black.

Kathy Szarko, the artist who designed "Tourist Tater," said that she meant no offense and that several other spud statues are a similar color.

"He's a potato. That's why he's brown," Szarko said.

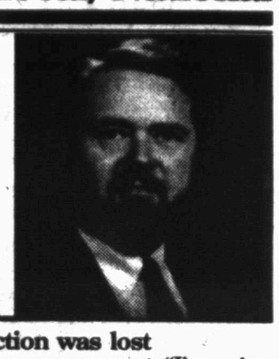
The statues for the "Birthplace of Fun" campaign are based on the toy created by Hasbro Inc., which is based in Pawtucket.

Other figures include the "Salty Spud," dressed in bright orange rain gear and carrying a fishing net, and "Edgar Allen Poe-tato," honoring the writer, who lived in the state for a short time.

On the Net:
Mr. Potato Head display by the Rhode Island Tourism Division: http://www.visitrhodeisland.com/potato

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



For want of a nail...an election was lost

As I sat in his office, he made a startling announcement. "I'm going to do something this fall I've never done before," he said.

As I looked at this successful small-business owner, I couldn't help but wonder what it was he'd never done. Was he taking his wife on an ocean cruise? Was he

traveling to New England to see the fall color? Or, was he taking up mountain climbing?

Finally, another visitor in his office ask d, "What are you going to do?"

"I' going to vote in the presidential election," he stated proudly. Then he went on to say that always before he had reasoned that his one vote was too little to matter. It wouldn't make any difference in the big picture. This year

he felt differently. There was too big a difference in the candidates running for president to ignore. He would register, and he would vote.

Frankly, I was shocked that this successful, bright and articulate businessman was a non-voter. It made me wonder how many other business folks do not vote because they feel the same way. Maybe some of you reading this column today

aren't registered to vote. If your excuse is that your vote doesn't matter, think again.

I remember something that Benjamin Franklin wrote that proves how seemingly unimportant things do make a big difference in life. Franklin's adage goes like

this: "For the want of a nail the shoe was lost, For the want of a shoe the horse was lost, For the want of a horse a rider was lost, For the want of a rider the battle was lost, For the want of a battle the kingdom was lost. And all for the want of a horse-shoe nail."

For Want of a Vote

Your vote is important. Use it wisely, use it often, but most important use it. Don't worry that another person's vote might cancel yours. If you don't vote, the other person might just swing the election.

One vote does matter. Let me share a little history with you. In 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed. In 1875, one vote changed France

from a monarchy to a democracy. In 1876, one vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the presidency of the United States. In 1923, one vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership

of the Nazi Party. In 1941, one vote saved Selective Service just weeks before the attack on Pearl Harbor. In 1960, John F. Kennedy would have lost the election to Nixon if Nixon had received just one more vote per precinct in

Illinois and three more votes per precinct in Missouri and New Jersey. In 1993, one vote gave the United States the largest tax increase in the history of the World. Every vote matters.

Your business

Whether we own our own business, are retired or work for someone else, voting is taking care of our own business. You see, we are the government. Its business is our business. We must elect good people to run "our" business at all levels. If we exercise our responsibility, we protect our interests. Our votes will chart the course for the future.

Our liberties, freedom and standard of living are tied to the men and women we elect. Every election is important. We should vote in each one. We do have choices. We need to choose. Before we can make good choices, we must be informed. It's a job only you and I can do.

On November 7, 2000, do your duty, take your responsibility and help shape a nation. Vote. Our future may well rest on your vote. Don't blow it.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts.
You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Study reveals racial profiling in San Diego

SAN DIEGO (AP) — San Diego police officers are more likely to stop and search blacks and Hispanics than whites and Asians, according to a study for the police department.

Researchers found that whites and Asians had an 8 percent chance of being pulled over in traffic stops during the first six months of this year. Blacks and Hispanics had a 14 percent chance of being stopped, they found.

"This is no surprise to us. We live this reality every day," said Sydney Etheridge, president of San Diego's Coalition of African-American Organizations.

Police Chief David Bejarano promised further investigation but said Thursday that he's seen nothing to make him believe his 2,100 officers are acting improperly.

Bejarano, the city's first Latino chief, ordered the $100,000 study last year after complaints that officers stop blacks and Hispanics for minor infractions that would be overlooked if committed by a white or Asian.

The study was based on data collected by officers during 91,552 traffic stops in the first six months of the year. Researchers at three universities compared the ethnicity of the people stopped with the numbers of driving-age people in each ethnic group.

Allegations of racial profiling by police have become a volatile political issue around the country. Five states have outlawed the tactics and dozens of police departments are gathering ethnic statistics on people who are stopped and searched.

Teachers will not strike yet

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The city school board imposed new salaries and working conditions on its 21,000 teachers, but their union said they would not strike in response, at least for now.

"We are asking all of our members to report on time and to continue at this time to provide the service that we have been hired to do," Philadelphia Federation of Teachers President Ted Kirsch said Friday.

The city school board imposed the new terms of employment in the nation's fifth-largest school district Thursday night after negotiators failed to reach a contract agreement. The Philadelphia Board of Education unanimously approved the new work rules at Mayor John F. Street's recommendation.

The new terms would extend the school day by one hour and the school year by two days, give principals more say over where teachers are assigned and implement a merit pay system in which teachers whose pupils are doing well are paid more money.

In exchange, the teachers would get a $500 bonus and a raise of 17 percent over five years, Street said. The union said the terms would impose longer hours for teachers without enough of a pay increase.

Library News & Views

Did you know that Texas ranks number one as having the state government most accessible through the Internet? This is a nice statistic; however, there are other statistics that are not so favorable.

Did you know that only five states in the United States provide no direct assistance to their public libraries? Unfortunately, Texas is one of those five states. The burden of supporting public library service in Texas is born by local governments and local communities. The following statistics concerning public libraries are from the National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education.

Texas ranks:

—49th in amount of library staff per 1,000 population.

—46th in total operating expenditures per capita.

—47th in amount of books and library materials per capita.

—47th in total library income per capita.

In order to change these statistics, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission plans to request $20,000,000 for each year of the 2002-2003 biennium for direct aid to public libraries. State aid would have a great impact on Texas public libraries, enabling them to expand and improve existing programs and services and to establish new programs and services.

Scurry County Library, according to the plan, would receive an estimated $20,000 each year if this bill were passed in the Texas Legislature. If the 77th Legislature approves the requested funding for the agency's State Aid Plan for Texas Public Libraries, the funds received would more than double some Texas libraries; annual budgets.

How does your Texas Senator or Congressman feel about this? Do they support public libraries? Do you think they should? Before November arrives, question the candidates and ask them how they stand on the issues. Are you happy with being #46 in the nation when statistics are taken on public libraries, or are you embarrassed? October is the month to understand candidate positions, and form opinions. Be an involved citizen and vote in a way that will benefit you and your family.

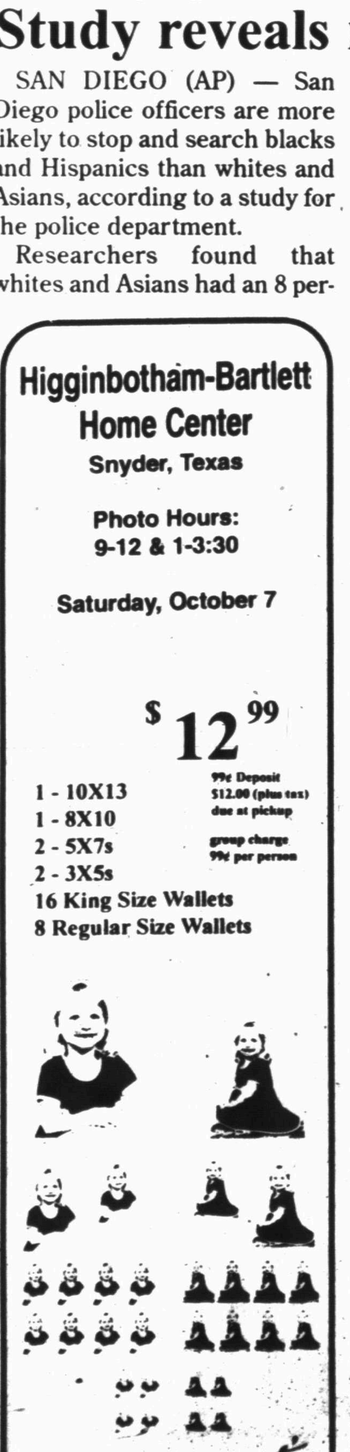
Children's Storytime is every Wednesday morning at 10. Come join us for fun and games. The library will be closed Saturday and Sunday as well as Monday, Oct. 9, in honor of Columbus Day. We well reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

8 policemen killed

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Maoist rebels ambushed a police patrol in a remote village in Nepal on Wednesday, killing eight policemen.

The 18-member patrol was scouting the area near Ghoretar village when it was attacked, police said. A special police team was sent in to investigate the assault, which took place about 125 miles west of the capital, Katmandu.

The patrol was ambushed two days after the rebels attacked a police station in Dunai, 200 miles northwest of Katmandu, killing at least 14 policemen and wounding 36 others.

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Q & A

Identifying drinking problem

In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, are devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

How can I tell if my friend has a drinking or other drug problem?

Sometimes it's tough to tell. Most kids won't walk up to someone they're close to and ask for help. In fact, your friend will probably do everything possible to deny or hide the problem. But, there are signs you can look for. People with serious substance abuse problems say things like," I can stop drinking or using other drugs any time I want to" — but they don't. They may be okay to hang around with, until they get high — then they often act like jerks or get into fights. No one is sure why some people get into trouble with alcohol or other drugs. There are signs, however, when substances are taking control of someone's life. Some of these signs are easy to see, others aren't, but if you see them happening over and over again, chances are your friend needs help.

If your friend has one or more of the following warning signs, he or she may have a problem with alcohol or other drugs:

Getting drunk or high on drugs on a regular basis.

Lying about things, or about how much alcohol or other drugs he or she is using.

Avoiding you in order to get drunk or high.

Giving up activities he or she used to do, such as sports, homework, or hanging out with friends who don't drink or use other drugs.

Planning drinking in advance, hiding alcohol, drinking or using other drugs alone.

Having to drink more to get the same high.

Believing that in order to have fun you need to drink or use other drugs.

Frequent hangovers.

Pressuring others to drink or use other drugs

Taking risks, including sexual risks.

Having "blackouts" — forgetting what he or she did the night before while drinking (if you tell your friend what happened, he or she might pretend to remember, or laugh it off as no big deal).

Feeling run-down, hopeless, depressed, or even suicidal.

Sounding selfish and not caring about others.

Constantly talking about drinking or using other drugs.

Getting in trouble with the law.

Drinking and driving.

Suspension from school for an alcohol- or other drug-related incident.

Did you know? That there were 203 public intoxication and 139 DWI citations given in Scurry County in 1998.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

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Sandra Hallmark, 2000 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

Melba F. Marth, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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Price Construction, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Georgie Tarver, 2001 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Loys Landes, 2000 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Steve W. and Lisa Rich, 2001 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Denise Crawford and Kerre Hulme, 2001 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Joe and Helen Spivey, 2000 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Denise Crawford, 2001 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Don Unruh, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Teri and Rickey Presley, 2000 Chevrolet Tracker from Big Country Autoland.

George E. Price, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jerry Millhollon, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

George and Linda Mailcoat, 2000 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

Ronnie and Kyra McIntosh, 2000 Ford Excursion from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Andrew Lynn Poe and Melanie Ann Sullenger, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Christopher Leon Smith and Diana Carol Smith, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Mary Eileen Rinehart and Dexter O'Neil Rinehart, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Henry Albarez and Kari McGrew, divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. B&F Well Servicing Inc., et al, order granting non-suit.

Teresa J. Seale vs. American Home Products, et al, order acknowledging non-suit of Shire Richwood Inc., without prejudice.

Deed Records

Carol Gene McBeth, attorney-in-fact for Leslie E. McBeth, to Jerry and Anna Evans, a tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 56, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Peggy Fowler to Ronny Mack and Geneva Jo Schooler, tract one being 1.0 acre in the northeast one-quarter of Section 136, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 1.0 acre in the northeast one-quarter of Section 136, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being 2.0 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 136, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Gary Lewis and Jerry Nell Davis to Ronald Phillip and Lori Lea Kincheloe, the east 65 feet of Lot 4 in Block 1 of the Highlands Addition, Second Section.

Patsy Humble to Max'sl and Sue Humble, Lots 5 and 6 in Block 6 of the Evancrest Addition.

Patrick S. Shaw and Jerry D. Pechacek to James Conventry, a 0.585-acre tract in Sections 155 and 180, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Aubrey Ray and Virginia Darden to Peggy Fowler, Lot 1 in Block C of the Highland Addition.

Mary Dovie Brownfield and Patsy Ann Williams, co-independent executrices of the estate of Ena Pogue, to Mary Dovie Brownfield and Patsy Ann Williams, the south one-half of Section 427, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Dalton D. and Nancy I. Ebarb Priest to Keith L. and Temi T. Matthies, Lots 6 in Block 5 of the Cedar Creek Addition, Section 1.

Darryl S. Boone to Tracy L. Smith, Lot 3 of the Replat of Block 12 of the Highland Addition.

Keith and Temi Matthies to Ricky Neal and Janice Lynn Beard, Lot 1-B of Block 2 of the Cedar Creek Addition, Section 1.

Patsy R. Brumit to Pamala R. French, Lots 5 and 6, both in Block 7 of the Greenhill Addition.

Charles Stephen and Kathy Ilene Tyler to George N. and Pamela Jean Parsley, Lot 1 in Block 1 of the Bassridge Addition.

Frank S. and Norma C. Adams to Charles Steve and Kathy Tyler, Lot 3 in Block 42 of the Winston Company Replat of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Irene J. Hall, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Charlie Hall, to Ross Blanchard, Lot 8 in Block 4 of the 1st Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

Marcia J. Odal to Albert DeLoera, Lot 5 in Block 2 of the Highland Terrace Addition.

Barbara McGee to Ford M. and Doris S. Spikes, Lot 16 in Block 2 of the Davis Subdivision of Block 71, Grayum and Nelson's Second Addition.

Velma Greer to Casey and Rebecca Eagar, Lot 16 in Block 2 of the Morningside Addition.

Marlene Richburg to Wanda Nixon, Lot 10 in Block 30 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Crystal LeeAnn Rivera to Nancy Gutierrez, the west 120 feet of the north 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 18 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

Joel Eugene Tankersley and Daniel L. Tankersley, co-independent executors of the estate of Burton Tankersley, and as attorney-in-fact for Mattie E. Tankersley, to Odell and Carolyn Cox, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 10 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Carla C. Allen and Janeen Patterson to Arthur F. Feinsod, 1.197 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 123, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Apple computer shares plummet

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Shares of Apple Computer fell by fully one-half in morning trading Friday, following a warning that its earnings for the fourth quarter will fall substantially below expectations.

The company's shares, which closed up 9 percent on Thursday before the announcement, were down $27.06 to $26.44, a 50 percent loss, in midmorning trading.

The news helped push the markets lower. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 79.47 at 10,744.59, erasing some of its nearly 196-point gain in the previous session. The Nasdaq composite index fell 60.25 to 3,718.07, and the Standard and Poor's 500 index dropped 9.48 to 1,448.81.

For the quarter ending Sept. 30, the Cupertino, Calif.-based company said it expects to report revenues between $1.85 billion and $1.90 billion, and earnings between 30 and 33 cents per share, excluding investment gains.

Before the warning, Wall Street analysts surveyed by First Call/Thomson Financial had projected the computer maker's earnings would be 45 cents per share. Those estimates were based on expected revenues of about $2.05 billion.

In a statement, company officials said sales were lower than expected in September because of a worldwide business slowdown and because of disappointing back-to-school sales. There was also a slower-than-expected start for the company's new Power Mac G4 Cube computer.

"Though this slowdown is disappointing, we have so many wonderful new products and programs in the pipeline," said Steve Jobs, Apple's chief executive officer.

The news comes a week after chipmaking giant Intel Corp. warned of disappointing profits, blaming the performance on a troubled European economy. Intel's shares were down 3 percent, or $1.38, at $43.06 on Friday.

On the Net:
http://www.apple.com

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The French navy submarine Sybille disappeared in the Mediterranean in 1952. It's crew of 48 was lost.

12-year-old girl starts college

DAVIS, Calif. (AP) — Nicole Tan wants to cure cancer, find a vaccine for AIDS and treat sick children in Vietnam. It might sound impossible to squeeze all that into one lifetime, but Tan has more time than the average college student.

The 12-year-old started her first day at a four-year college Thursday with 14 units of physiology, chemistry and Chinese.

The biology major from Byron, Calif., is the youngest full-time student to ever enroll at the University of California, Davis.

It runs in the family: Before Nicole, her only sibling, Andrew, was the youngest student at the college. Now 14, he is a senior.

Nicole said she can't imagine what it would be like to be in a regular classroom with other 12-year-olds.

"Home schooling was a big advantage because you can go at your own pace," she said.

Tan's legs aren't long enough to touch the floor when she sits back in her chair. Dressed in a small UC Davis shirt featuring a surfing Snoopy, the shy preteen doesn't look intimidating, but she will likely throw off a few test curves.

Tan passed the state high school proficiency exam three years ago and has since taken enough courses at a Pittsburg, Calif., community college to make her a junior in college.

Accelerated home schooling allowed her to skip some dreaded teen-age experiences: junior high and the SAT college entrance exams.

She declined to provide any information about her parents, who declined to be interviewed. The family has moved into an on-campus apartment.

"I play with other children my age," Tan said. "I don't study a fixed amount. Sometimes I study all day and sometimes not at all."

University administrators admit they had some concerns about enrolling a 12-year-old, but say Andrew Tan's success at the university convinced them.

"We love to have young scholars here," said admissions director Gary Tudor. "We are paying high attention to her well-being. But she has earned the right to be here and we are pleased to give her the opportunity of some accelerated learning."

Davis students say the young student should also try to squeeze in other college activities.

"A big part of college is finding out what kind of person you are and you can't get that just by studying," freshman Lisa Robbins said.

Nicole said she probably won't go to football games, but wants to hang out with her classmates. She might even help them with their homework.

"If they ask, probably," she said.

Man declared fugitive after his furlough

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A man left a prison for his grandmother's funeral but never attended the services and never returned, police said.

Joseph Machinist remained a fugitive on Wednesday, four days after he left the Westmoreland County Prison, said William Brown, a county detective.

He left the prison at 4 a.m. Saturday and was supposed to return by 6 o'clock that night.

Machinist, 29, of suburban Pittsburgh never reached the funeral in Luzerne.



Laurie Sellers, Bria O'Neill, Lori Walker and Brian Moffett

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Letters to the editor

This is not a debate

Dear Editor:

At the risk of making this look like a full-fledged debate, I must reply to Dr. Gary Nussey's letter of September 10. I maintain my stance that some of the points in each of his recent letters are based on misconceptions of what science currently believes about evolution.

First, let me repeat my previous statement that I agree fully that our children should have access to the most accurate information available in their textbooks. Dr. Nussey and I would likely disagree as to which information is "most accurate," though I agree wholeheartedly that texts frequently pass on errors or outdated information from previous texts. One example, from my own field, is the statement in chemistry texts that "matter can neither be created or destroyed." More recently, this has been amended to, "under ordinary conditions, matter ...," nonsense. The first atomic bomb was dropped 55 years ago. Most houses have had smoke detectors for many years now. A good portion of our country's electricity comes from nuclear power. The sun has shone 264 days so far this year in Snyder. All of these "destroy" matter to produce energy. Textbook writers seem almost unable to write anything original — whether from fear of not getting their text adopted by Texas or California, I don't know.

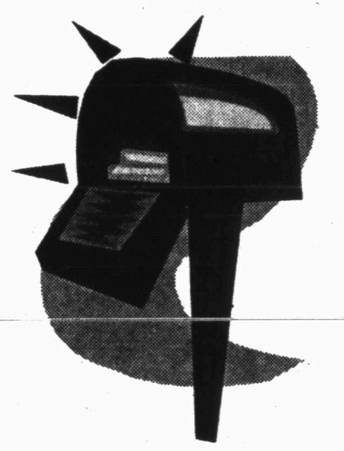
Dr. Niles Eldredge, as quoted by Dr. Nussey, is decrying the same phenomenon in biology. His quote, in context, is an objection to the completely outdated and erroneous depiction of the ancestry of the horse as a linear progression from "primitive" to "advanced" forms.

Dr. Eldredge as a world-class specialist on the evolutionary relationship among trilobites, little sea creatures that were extinct before the first dinosaur, and has published extensively on the "bushiness" of their family tree. His contention, and that of most all serious students of the subject, is that our modern horse if one of the very few surviving "twigs" of an equally "bushy" tree. The earliest well-characterized member of this tree, Hyracotherium (formerly also know as Eohippus) was, indeed, not a horse at all. Neither was it a hyrax. It was a Hyracotherium, just like my great-grandfather was himself and not me. Fossil evidence in great abundance shows how the various descendants of Hyracotherium gave rise to a plethora of creatures — most of them now extinct. The twigs that survive today are represented by tapirs, rhinoceroses, and horses and their close cousins the zebras. The observation that one-toed and three-toed "horsey" creatures lived at the same time says nothing at all about one being evolved from the other. I have a bunch of second cousins who are alive and well, and not descended from me; they are descended from great-grandpa, our common ancestor. "Dr. Eldredge, incidentally, has recently published a book entitled. "The Triumph of Evolution ... and the Failure of Creationism." I would bet it makes clear what his position is on evolutionary matters.)

On the subject of birds and their ancestry, I fear Dr. Nussey misread my comments. My previous letter specifically excluded Archaeoraptor from consideration as an early bird ancestor. This fossil was a composite of a feather fossil immediately on top of a small dinosaur-like creature. It was misinterpreted as a single organism, and, I would guess, published as such in a rush to meet deadlines and sell more *National Geographics*. I have found nothing to indicate that the fossil was "fraudulently assembled" — apparently death in an ancient pond "assembled" the fossil, and insufficient care in interpretation led to the magazine's publication, retraction, and apology. The fossils I should have referred to by name include, for example, Caudipterex dongi, Rohonavis ostromi and Unenlagia comahuansis. All of these are very bird-like dinosaurs, or perhaps dinosaur-like birds; the distinction probably arises from the human tendency to put everything in its own little bin. Nature doesn't seem to care about bins or filing cabinets. Even our "one-toed" modern horses, when young, have functionless "splint bones" on either side of the cannon bone (third metacarpal) above their hooves. So are they really one-toed? The genes for those splint bones came from somewhere, and my money would be on a three-toed ancestor.

I have gone on too long already, but I feel I must raise one last point. The "existence of fossils" most emphatically does NOT point "toward a huge cataclysm" that deposited all, or even a significant fraction of them. The city of Snyder sits about a mile above a portion of a huge coral reef, which grew over millions of years, back in the later days of the trilobites, hundreds of millions of years ago. The reef grew in a shallow, calm, salty sea; it was later eroded by rivers, and still later buried by sediments deposited, in a newer shallow sea, with exceeding slowness. Each layer of sediment has its own unique fossils. The whole Canyon Reef is a giant fossil, with no evidence whatsoever of cataclysmic formation. The last 80 years of petroleum geology is just one of many lines of evidence that support a view of life's history as an exceedingly complex tale of billions of years of new forms arising, having their place on earth for a shorter or longer time, and dying out in the process we call evolution.

Regards,
Ed Vinson, Ph.D.





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Letters to the editor must be signed and must give the address of the writer. Letters should be of reasonable length.

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Letters to be published in the weekend edition must be submitted no later than noon Thursday.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

TAAS test are needed

By Jim Nelson
Texas Commissioner of Education

As long as there are schools there will be tests. Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, or TAAS, has met with some disfavor by those who oppose standardized tests. Recently, the TAAS test and the entire system of testing and accountability in Texas have been criticized by some self-described experts as allegedly hindering classroom instruction and even doing harm to minority student. The facts tell a different story.

The TAAS test is aligned to our state curriculum, which was developed by educators and experts and adopted by our State Board of Education in 1996 and 1997, and is generally considered to be among the best curriculum standards in the country. Contained within these standards are the concepts and ideas that our children should know and should certainly learn as they progress through our schools. The tests simply measure whether or not our students have learned the curriculum.

No measure in Texas history has been more effective in identifying the strength and weaknesses among student groups than has the TAAS. The TAAS has proven that higher expectations bring higher performance. By tracking the performance of student groups by ethnicity and economic status, Texas educators and Texas parents now have access to information that will allow students from all walks of life to benefit under this system. Poor performance cannot be hidden within the law of averages. The results point to clear successes in raising expectations and performance of minority students.

For example, three majority Hispanic districts, Edgewood in San Antonio, Ysleta in El Paso, and Eagle Pass, all recently obtained "Recognized" status, which is the second highest rating given in the Texas school accountability system. This simply means that 80 percent of all of their students tested, in all groups, passed all assessments. To assert that these children are being harmed by this system is unconscionable. I recently had the privilege of attending a rally in Edgewood ISD to announce that this district had achieved a Recognized rating. The energy and enthusiasm of the students, parents and teachers left little doubt that they believed that the system was benefiting and significantly improving the lives of these students.

Two of our most frequent critics, Walt Haney and Linda McNeil, erroneously claim that the TAS test, particularly the exit level test first given at the 10th grade, causes students to drop out of school. There is simply no evidence to support this allegation. Last year the state of Texas prevailed in a lawsuit attacking the TAAS test. The United States district judge after hearing several weeks of testimony, including paid testimony from Haney and McNeil, dismissed their allegations regarding dropouts as "mere conjecture." We have fewer dropouts in Texas today that in 1993. We probably do a better job of tracking all students to ensure that they remain in educational programs than does any other state in the nation.

Some of these same experts point to our stable SAT scores and claim that this is evidence of lack of progress. Again, they either misuse the data or simply spin it for their own purposes. The College Board, which gives the SAT, and ETS, which develops this college entrance exam, both said that they would have expected our scores to drop considering the significant increase in the number of test takers. Both have praised Texas for its ability to maintain stable scores in spite of the rapid increase in test takers. One of every eight additional SAT test takers nationwide in 2000 was a Texas student. The number of Texas students taking the Sat has exceeded the growth rate of our 11th and 12th grade students by more than 10 percent over the last few years. More Texas students are going to college than ever before and many of these are the first members of their families to ever attend college.

Texas has a great deal to be proud of in our public schools. We will continue to lead the nation in student performance gains and accountability if we stay on course. If we truly believe that all students can learn, then it is only fair that schools be able to show that all students have learned. We expect nothing less from our schools and they have performed for all of our children.

San Antonio Express-News

Cost of Texas' open containers

Uncle Sam is penalizing Texas $96 million in federal highway funds. Blame Bubba and his "brothers" and "sisters" in the Texas Legislature.

State law used to allow "Bubba," the prototypical Texas good old boy, to drink while he drove his pickup.

The Texas Legislature stopped that dumb practice in its 1993 session, but it still allows open containers of alcohol in vehicles.

The loophole essentially allows Texans to have a cold one while speeding down the highway. Police can't stop a driver unless they see him with his head back and lips locked around a can or bottle of booze.

To pressure states that grant such permissiveness, Congress in 1998 passed legislation that allows the Department of Transportation to divert federal highway funds unless the states pass strong drinking-while-driving laws.

The Texas Legislature failed to do so in 1999, so Texas loses road funds in 2001 and 2002.

Besides the $96 million in lost road funds, Texas leads the nation in alcohol-related traffic deaths: 1,734 last year alone.

And no region of Texas has a worse record than South Texas.

State Rep. Fred Hill, R-Richardson, says he will reintroduce legislation next year to ban open containers in vehicles — period!

We urge South Texas legislators to muster the courage to support the Hill bill. Bubba's got a drinking-and-driving problem, and it's time to quit denying it.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Standardized tests for college students

A University of Texas Board of Regents committee has surely stirred the pot by proposing standardized testing for undergraduates at the system's nine full-service campuses.

Only a few states use standardized tests across the board, but many besides Texas are talking about it as pressure grows on universities to prove that they're doing their job of preparing students for the world.

The regents should explore the possibility but keep a keen eye out for the pitfalls along the way.

For instance, universities don't want to impinge on academic freedom or force instructors to teach to the test. That would defeat the goal of encouraging students to explore ideas and stretch their horizons.

If the purpose of standardized testing is t measure the university's success at its mission, students should not be denied a degree simply for failing this type of exam. Students' eligibility for graduation should be based on their actual performance in the classes required for their degree.

A good deal of standardized testing already exists in Texas beyond traditional final exams. Students going to graduate school must take the GRE to make sure that they've acquired the requisite knowledge and skills to handle more advanced coursework. Likewise, students aspiring to law or medical school must pass the LSAT or MCAT to get admitted.



North of Forty — By Red Green

That empty feeling

She told you to stop for gas at least 30 times. And you would have if she hadn't used that voice. That voice that turns you into a stubborn, petulant 9-year-old who drives until the needle is on the other side of E and you're on the other side of a 12-lane highway.

Sure, technically, you know you're in the wrong. But spiritually, emotionally, psychologically and by all the rules of manhood, you are 100 percent right!

Now, you could try sprinting through those 12 lanes of death to the gas station. But are you going to feel any better as a Mac truck hood ornament? No. Here's what you do.

Open the car hood — it's the international men's symbol for "I screwed up." Stand by your car looking sheepish. Sooner or later another husband who knows the code will stop. He'll have a spare can of gas in his car because his wife has made it clear that once is enough.

When he's gassed you up, get back in the car and apologize to your wife. It'll hurt, but you can do it because you know you're right. Not technically right, but in every way any man will understand. And next chance you get, get some spare gas and leave it in your trunk so you're ready to help the next guy. There are millions out there just like you.

WHAT'D I SAY?

You were out in the yard, repairing the fence, and those cute Jones kids from next door gathered around to watch. It pretty much looked like a Norman Rockwell painting. At least it did until you hammered your thumb an inch deep into the fence post. That's when you treated the preschoolers to the rich tapestry and diversity that is the English language.

Now the kids are going to repeat some of those words at the Jones' home. And that's going to lead to a visit from their father. Reverend Jones.

Don't worry. Here's the plan.

Head over to the playground where the Jones kids and their friends go. Take a tape recorder, hide behind a tree and record what the kids say to each other when there are no adults around. You'll capture phrases that would blanch a kumquat. And when the Reverend drops by later to confront you about the gutter language his little angels learned from you. You play him the tape. He'll recognize the voices. The Jones boys will probably be confined to the house for a few days. Which means you can finish fixing the fence.

YOU AND YOUR JUNK

If you're about my age and attitude, you may have a habit that borders on addiction. I think you know what I'm talking about. All of that junk you've collected over the years.

And I also know that you think you're going to need all that stuff someday. Those drums and rotors from when you did your own brake job on your first car. And those pieces of broken fence that are a direct result of that brake job. Or those old windows you have piled up in the cellar that don't fit any orifice in your world.

It's time to face the awful truth. If you haven't been able to fit your car in the garage since 1987, that's not good. If you have more than 75 jars containing liquids you can't identify, you may have a problem. If you can't use your bathtub because it's full of beer bottle caps or broken toasters, then, my friend, you're just a box of left shoes away from living alone with 40 or 50 cats.

Sure, we all think, "I'm not a nutbar, I'm thrifty". But you and I are at the age where we're running out of time to use all this crap. And after you're gone, the last thing you want is a bunch of relatives rummaging through your estate trying to decide who gets the hubcaps.

So, my friend, it's time for you to throw that junk out now. Do it today.

But wait till I get there. You might have something I could use.

Quote of the Day: "It's bad luck to be smiling if your wife isn't." — Red Green

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

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Nutrition by Dr. Ed. Blonz, Ph.D.

How can I avoid histamine?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have been having difficulty trying to find a list of foods that shows histamine content. I suffer from Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria (CIU), and I read that a low-histamine diet can help in some cases. Thanks for your help. - **S.S., San Diego, Calif.**

Dear S.S.: The reason you are having difficulty is that the idea of a low-histamine diet is somewhat misleading. Preformed histamine is not found in foods to any appreciable degree. What I believe you might be seeking is not so much a diet that is low in histamine, but one containing foods that do not tend to bring about a histamine release within the body itself.

There would be two different types of food on such a list, but first, a bit about histamine.

Histamine is involved with inflammation — a reaction that can bring about a localized increase in blood flow that the body uses to facilitate tissue repairs and the elimination of foreign materials. The body makes its own histamine from histidine, which is an essential amino acid, and it stores the histamine in reservoirs called "mast cells" that are distributed throughout the body.

Histamine also has a dark side. In addition to doing good things, histamine is responsible for the cold or allergy-like symptoms of sneezing, itchy eyes, runny nose and, in your case, urticaria (hives). Because of these effects, we often take antihistamines to provide a measure of symptomatic relief.

Which foods should be prohibited on a low histamine-producing diet? Because histamine is often involved in allergic-type reactions, foods to avoid would be those that can promote allergies or hypersensitivity reactions. Such a list would include shellfish, eggs, cheese, hard sausage, sauerkraut, chocolate, nuts, tomatoes, berries, and wine and beer.

I have also seen lists that say to eliminate food additives such as sulfites, benzoates, nitrites, salicylates and artificial colors, preservatives — especially tartrazines — as well as other foods such as milk, citrus, cola, cinnamon, strawberries, peas, beans, eggs, pork and wheat.

The next foods to avoid are those with unusually high concentrations of "free" histidine, an essential amino acid. Free histidine in foods could be a problem, because there are enzymes that can change histidine into histamine. (Note: This is not an issue for histidine that is in protein.)

Foods with high levels of free histidine include fish such as tuna, bonito and mackerel, along with blue marlin, sardines, herring and anchovies. Avoiding these high-histidine foods removes another possible contributor to an increased histamine level in the body.

A recent study published in the European Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that this strategy has potential. Patients with urticaria experienced significant improvement after 21 days on a diet that decreased the above types of foods.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I am interested purchasing black cohosh, and I noticed "extract," "root" and "root herbal" after the herb name. Could you explain the difference, or better yet, which would be the most beneficial? Thank you. - **N.C., Charleston, S.C.**

Dear N.C.: Herbs can be quite confusing, because there can be different types and concentrations of active ingredients in the various plant parts, and these active ingredients can be used as the fresh or dried herb, or as an extract.

Some herbal preparations may be standardized to a particular concentration of a particular active ingredient, while others are based on the weight of the herb, independent of any component.

As the use of herbs grows in popularity, there appears to be a greater interest in identifying the active ingredients and standardizing supplements to measurable amounts of these compounds. It is a logical move and one that can help researchers determine not only what an herb can or cannot do, but also how a particular component might interact with other health conditions or medications.

The active components in black cohosh are found in rhizomes and the attached roots, so most supplements will contain fresh or dried preparations, or extracts from these parts. There is no gauge as to which form is most beneficial. It all comes down to your personal preference.

Black cohosh preparations are standardized to their content of triterpenes (try TUHR peens) and according to Commission E, an appropriate intake would contain the equivalent of 8 milligrams of triterpenes per day, taken in divided doses. Supplements often gauge their number of pills, capsules, etc., to provide this amount.

The use of black cohosh is not recommended during pregnancy or lactation. Women on estrogen therapy should consult a physician before using black cohosh.

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

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

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New way to help hearts is tried

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For the first time, doctors have transplanted a patient's own skeletal muscle onto his heart to see if similar tissue could one day be used to treat heart disease.

Under the procedure, a small amount of muscle from a patient's arm was removed, grown in a lab for two weeks and then grafted to his heart. The 48-year-old patient is awaiting a heart transplant.

The study, being conducted by Temple University and Diacrin Inc., is "primarily a safety study to see if the graft takes," said E. Michael Egan, vice president for corporate development at Boston-based Diacrin.

"The patient becomes almost like a petri dish of his own," said Dr. Satoshi Furukawa, surgical director of the heart and lung transplant program at Temple.

Researchers will monitor six patients in the study to better understand the safety of transplanting the cells and the potential benefits. They plan to analyze patients' hearts after transplant to examine the cells more closely.

Preliminary studies on animals suggest that the transplanted muscle tissue may repair damaged heart muscle and strengthen heart contractions.

"There are far more people who need heart transplants than there are donors," said Dr. Howard Eisen, the medical director of Temple's heart transplant program. "It's a patient's own cells, so there's no fear of rejection."

Heart disease — the nation's leading killer — affects an estimated 12 million Americans.

The ideal solution, which would be years away, is that a patient who has a heart attack would have muscle cells grafted to the heart to prevent further damage and even avert the need for a transplant, Egan said.

One expert said the research holds promise.

"If it's safe and feasible, then the next question will be how much impact it has.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; fire station; 7 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 574-1292 or 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Rolling Plains Ratite Assn.; The Shack; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

Fewer Americans without health insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of people without health insurance decreased last year for the first time since the Census Bureau began compiling the data in 1987, a new trend that health care advocates said was due in large part to America's robust economy.

About 42.5 million people, or 15.5 percent of the population, lacked insurance for all of 1999, compared with 44.2 million, or 16.3 percent, in 1998, according to data released Thursday.

The number of uninsured children fell by 1.5 percentage points to 10 million or 13.9 percent, according to the Census Bureau's annual report on health insurance coverage in America.

Analysts highlighted two factors most responsible for the drop: more employers offering health coverage as a way to lure or keep workers in a tight labor market and healthy economy, and the Child Health Insurance Program, enacted by Congress in 1997 to assist low-income families.

The report showed that 62.8 percent of Americans had coverage through an employment-related health insurance plan, compared with 62 percent in 1998. The percentage of those covered under Medicare remained constant at 13.2. There was a 0.1 percentage point decline in Medicaid coverage, to 10.2 percent in 1999.

"Although I am pleased with today's development, there is much work to be done," President Clinton said. "We need to encourage states that are not doing as well to accelerate their activities in reaching out to uninsured children. And we need to provide targeted programs to build on their success."

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the Republican presidential nominee, has proposed a number of health insurance initiatives, including a tax credit of up to $2,000 per family to help low-income working Americans buy health insurance.

Democratic candidate Al Gore has proposed expy, "employers are competing with each other, health benefits are of the attractions that are offered," said Diane Rowland, executive director for the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured.

But, "we're still not able to make a dent in the overall number," she said.

Both health care reform advocates and industry supporters used the report to promote their positions on an issue that has drawn attention on Capitol Hill and the presidential campaign.

Chip Kahn, president of the Health Insurance Association of America said the data proved that "a private, employer-based system works."

He cited figures showing that since 1993, the number of people covered under employment-based policies increased from 148 million to 172 million.

"It's a function of more jobs being created and a tight labor market which is encouraging more employers to offer more coverage," said Kahn, placing the imperative on Congress "to reduce that number by tens of millions."

But Ron Pollack, executive director of the consumer group Families USA, noted that the report also showed that 32.4 percent of people living below the poverty line remained uninsured, along with 47.5 percent of low-income, full-time workers.

"Many people lost health coverage when they moved from welfare into entry-level jobs that have no health benefits," Pollack said.

Among the states, 25.6 percent of residents in New Mexico were uninsured in 1999, the highest in the country. Texas ranked next-to-last, with 23.3 percent; in 1998, it was 50th at 24.5 percent.

Rhode Island had the smallest percentage of uninsured in 1999, 6.9 percent, followed by Minnesota at 8 percent.

Paul Allen leaves Microsoft board

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Paul Allen is leaving Microsoft's board of directors but will remain an adviser to Bill Gates, the prep school buddy with whom he co-founded the company.

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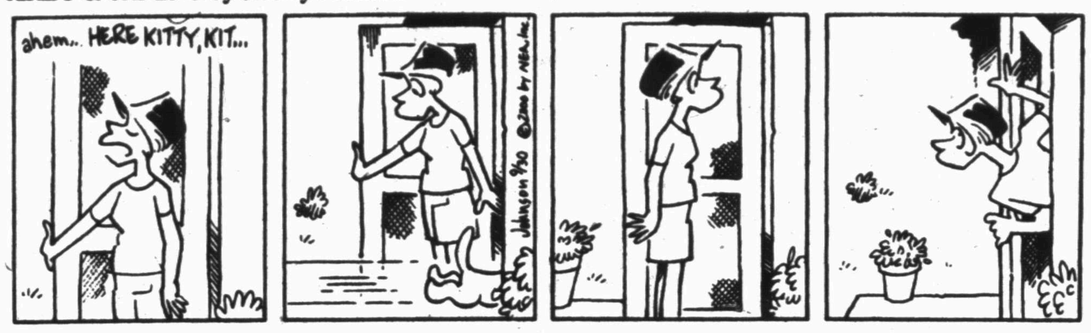
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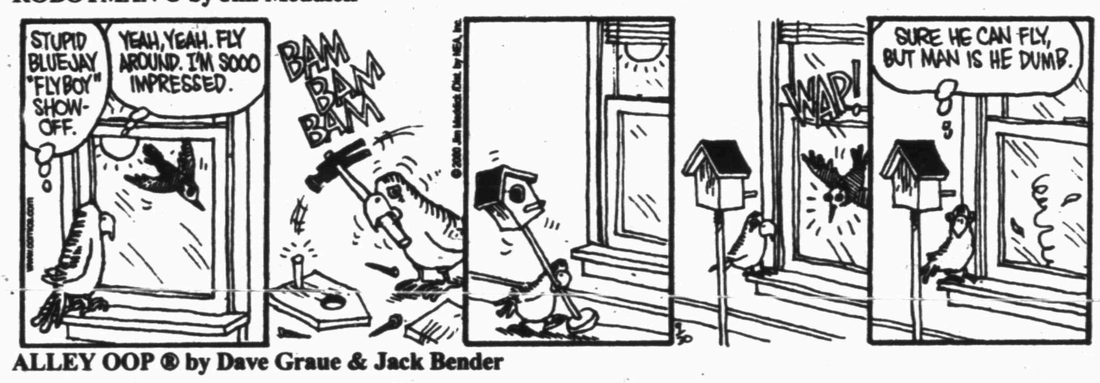
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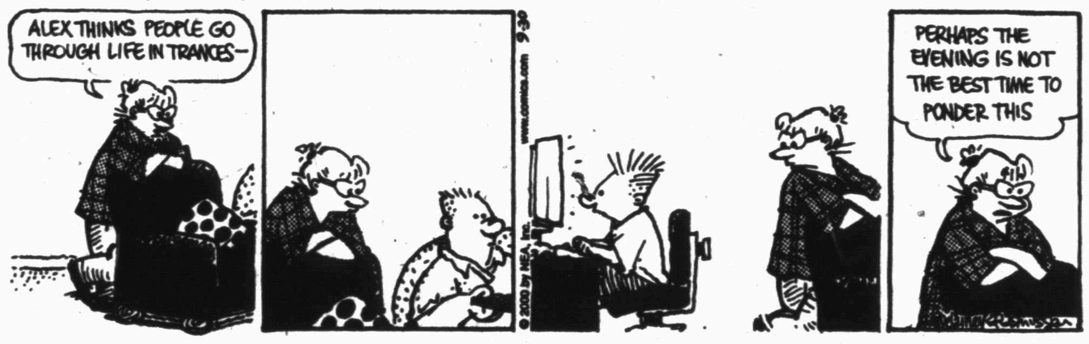
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13 Gets ready to paint
14 Sent
15 Conceive
16 WWII area
17 Cover
18 Unit of light
21 Khartoum's place
23 Ore. summer time
26 Of the dawn
28 "Bye-bye"
29 Horse command
30 Company symbol
31 Let go
33 That way
36 1975 Wimbledon champion
37 Long time period
38 De-crease
40 Marsh plant
41 Poodle or pug
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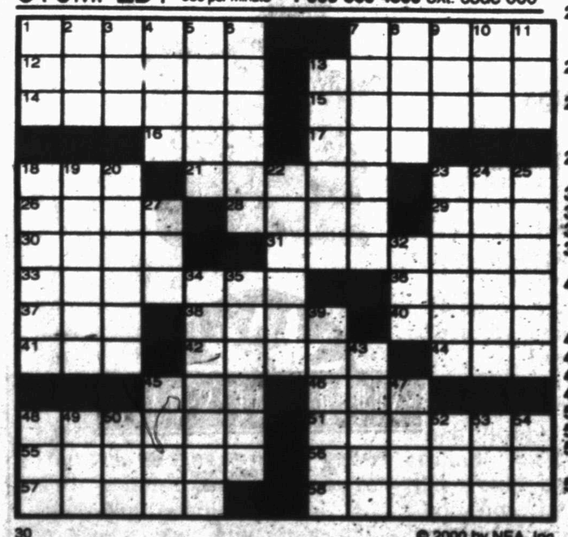
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3 Roman dozen
4 Between jobs
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8 Competed
9 Actress Thurman
10 Permit to
11 Compass pt.
13 Pontius —
18 Threw stones at
19 "Hey!"
20 Moving violently, like a storm
22 Lawyer Clarence —
23 — — in (introduced gradually)
24 Dancer's partner
25 Like a coarse fabric
27 Negative word
32 Spike of corn
34 Ugly
35 Weare away
39 Sibling's son
43 Actor Christopher —
45 Silk fabric
47 At hand
48 Roman 2,100
49 "— Town"
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Door slams shut on roommate looking to trade up for space

DEAR ABBY: I live in a three-bedroom apartment with two roommates. Since I was the last to move in, I have the smallest bedroom. Now, the person who occupies the largest bedroom is moving out, and I would like to move into his room. However, when I told him about this, he informed me that his cousin will be moving into the apartment after he leaves, and he will give the room to him.

I think this is unfair, since we all pay the same rent, and I have wanted that room for years. He feels he can do this because he was the one who lived here originally, and his parents are good friends with the landlord. I do not believe he should be able to make a decision that will go into effect after he is gone. Please advise. — **JIM IN THE HAMPTONS**

DEAR JIM: Although your roommate's parents are friends of the landlord, this is business. The answer to your question might depend upon whose signature is on the lease for the apartment. Talk to your landlord.

P.S. Perhaps in the future, the person who occupies the largest bedroom should pay a larger share of the rent.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a relative who is being married. The couple sent out two types of invitations: The first are embossed and elegant. The other is computer-generated and cheap-looking.

I think it was tasteless because, of course, I received the cheaper invitation, which indicates that my presence is not as important as those who received the nicer invitation.

I am no longer sure I will attend the ceremony. I value your opinion. What do you think I should do? — **ANONYMOUS IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Feeling as you do, send the couple a lovely card wishing them every happiness and forgo attending the wedding.

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DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, my grandson came to live with me. He is a single, working adult. Lately I've noticed mail that once came addressed to me now comes addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. John Smith." Telemarketers call for John Smith, and if my grandson is not home, ask for Mrs. Smith.

Abby, I am Mrs. Smith, but not Mrs. John Smith. One solicitor even asked if the co-owner of the house was available! I don't owe these people an explanation, but I do have to say something. Any suggestions? — **NOT MRS. JOHN SMITH, LOS ANGELES**

DEAR NOT MRS. JOHN SMITH: Yes. First, apprise your grandson of the situation. Next, tell these callers you are "not interested," and to please remove your name from their list. Then hang up.

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DEAR ABBY: While on our honeymoon, my wife called her first love and set up dinner for the three of us. Things were going well until I noticed she was looking at him with a little too much interest. She got upset with me when I mentioned it back in our honeymoon suite.

Later, she told me if I didn't let her go see him alone she would divorce me. She went and offered herself to him. He told her no man should go through what I had to go through on his honeymoon — and he sent her back to me.

She asked my forgiveness and wants to get on with our lives. I look at her differently now and am trying to love her as I did before, but it's hard. What do you think? — **ALMOST JILTED ON THE JERSEY SHORE**

DEAR ALMOST JILTED: Speak to a lawyer about an annulment. In my opinion, your marriage was over before it started.

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DEAR ABBY: I just returned from the gym, and I feel terrible. My friend, "Norm," and I are experienced racquetball players, but only recently began playing against each other. Norm has never beaten me and is rarely able to keep the score close.

I recently read about a man in his 70s — a scratch golfer — who occasionally loses to lesser players when he feels they could use an ego boost. Of course, the other player has no idea that he has been allowed to win.

When I got to the gym this morning for my game with Norm, he began his litany of woes: divorced, estranged from family, barely ekes out a good living, etc. I immediately thought about the golf story, and decided that Norm would win today.

The game started strongly in Norm's favor. I had my hands full just trying to keep up with him. I had decided to keep it close — hit most of the shots to his strong forehand and avoid his weak backhand at all costs. Several times I had to rally to tie up the score. Before long, Norm had 20 points to my 15 (21 wins it). At that point I did all I could to feed his forehand, not hit any tough shots and let him make the winning shot. He was unable to do so.

Finally, after a long volley, Norm hit the ball to me in a perfect "kill" situation. Before I knew what had happened, the game was over. I had won again.

Afterward, I told Norm he had played a great game and complimented him on his effort. However, my words felt hollow. I had won. He had lost. The opportunity was gone. I feel miserable. My competitive nature would not give up.

What now? — **FEELING GUILTY IN ALBUQUERQUE**

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: Now you continue playing racquetball with Norm and forgo throwing any of the games. Norm gave you a run for your money, and soon he's going to beat you fair and square. When he does, the victory will be genuine and the two of you should go out and celebrate. That is, if your competitive nature will permit you to enjoy another person's victory.

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DEAR ABBY: I am confused. I received an invitation to my uncle's 80th birthday party, which is being given by his children. The invitation states, "No presents but your presence."

The other night my sister and mother asked me what I was giving to my uncle for his birthday. I said nothing but a card, as the invitation requested. My mother said she knows what the invitation said, but she was going to give him money, and my sister said she wasn't sure what she was giving, but she knows that my cousins would give "something" to my father under similar circumstances.

I was viewed as "difficult" by both of them because I feel strongly that you follow what an invitation requests, and it's unfair to others not to. My sister said, "Why is it that the people who choose not to do what they want are made to feel awkward?" I answered, "It's not you who's made to feel awkward; it's the people who follow instructions and come without a gift while others show up with one."

Please help, Abby. I don't know what to do or what is right. — **BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE IN OHIO**

DEAR BETWEEN: You are not "difficult" for following your host's instructions. Guests who feel they "must" do something for the honoree when no gifts have been requested may make a donation in that person's name to his or her favorite charity. That way, no one is embarrassed for having followed the host's instructions.

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Tests discover tenth infected herd

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Bovine tuberculosis has been detected on a Montmorency County dairy farm, the 10th cattle herd in Michigan known to carry the disease.

The discovery comes as officials test the state's 1 million cattle in hopes of wiping out the deadly upper-respiratory ailment.

Officials would not identify the owner of the latest infected herd. Only one of its 100-plus cows has actually tested positive, Bridget Patrick, spokeswoman for the state's bovine TB eradication project, said Thursday.

The owner will have two options: destroying the entire herd and receiving compensation, or accepting a quarantine while each remaining animal undergoes stringent testing.

The farm is within the five-county section of northeastern Michigan where the outbreak was first detected, starting with a whitetail deer in 1994. The first tainted cow was found in 1998.

The U.S. Agriculture Department this year revoked the state's status as TB-free, which can hurt the marketability of Michigan cattle elsewhere.

Officials plan to test all Michigan dairy cattle by next year and beef herds by 2003. The faster timetable for dairy cows is required under federal milk safety rules.

Bovine TB is difficult to pass to humans. Pasteurization of milk and proper cooking of meat kills the bacteria that cause it.

The state Agriculture Department is covering the testing costs. The state has allocated $83 million to the project.

Boycott leaders met with Kroger officials

CINCINNATI (AP) — Leaders of a boycott against the South's largest pickle producer have met with Kroger Co. officials in an attempt to persuade the grocery chain to pull the pickles from its shelves.

"My sense is that they're seriously considering everything we asked for," said Baldemar Velasquez, director of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, which is leading the boycott.

The union began its boycott against Mt. Olive Pickle Co., based in Mount Olive, N.C., more than a year ago.

The union wants the company to sign contracts with its cucumber pickers, many of whom are temporary workers from Mexico and Central America. The union said the workers are forced to live in dirty, unsafe homes, are exposed to dangerous pesticides and are cheated on pay and benefits.

Company executives said that because the company doesn't hire farm workers, the issue is between the farmer and the worker. Ohio is one of more than 20 states where the firm sells pickles.

Religious and union leaders joined Velasquez in meeting with Kroger officials for more than an hour Thursday.

Obtaining the support of Cincinnati-based Kroger, the nation's largest retail grocer, would be a major victory for boycott leaders.

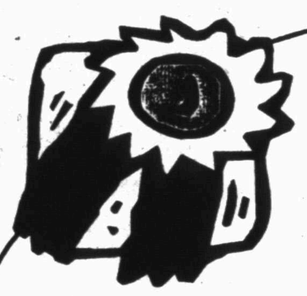
Church organizations and labor unions have been the main supporters of the boycott. A few retailers have joined.

Regional Kroger officials in Toledo decided in March to stop selling Mt. Olive company products in 19 area stores.

Store officials said the decision was made because the pickles weren't selling well. Union leaders said it was obvious the boycott influenced the decision.

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The Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb Sept. 22, 1949, four years after the first American nuclear detonation.



Calling all Students...

The Secretary of State and this newspaper want your opinion!

While *you* may not be old enough to vote, Secretary of State Elton Bomer would like you to tell him why you think *your parents* should vote in the November 7th election. His job is to encourage voter participation in Texas. Secretary Bomer asks that you join other Texas students in writing an essay titled: **"Why My Parents Should Vote."** Winning entries will be displayed in the Texas State Capitol through the November 2000 election. Winners will also be announced in a news release and at a media event held at our State Capitol. Students who write the winning essays will be invited to appear at this Capitol media event.

Please think about this important topic and send Secretary Bomer your essay. And, if you need help writing your essay, **talk to your mom or dad about the importance of voting!**

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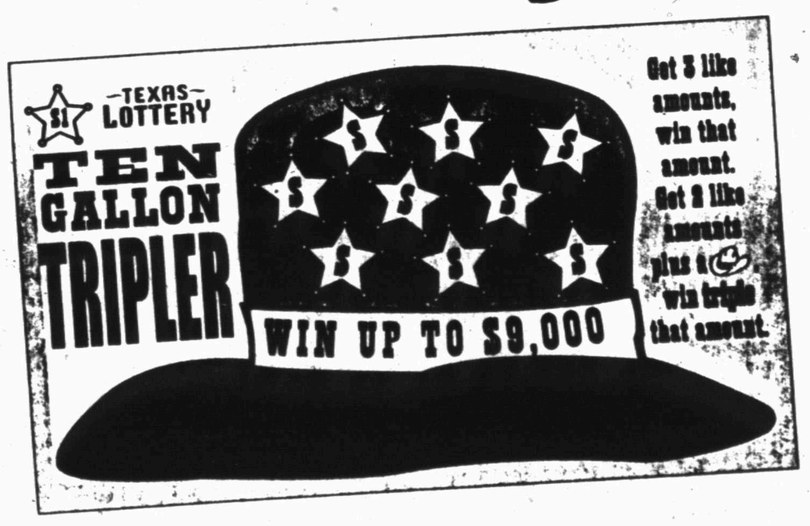
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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Oct. 1, 2000

Making new friends and contacts could greatly enhance your ability to further your aims in the year ahead. Join social or business organizations that share your interests.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Seek only open-minded, progressive thinkers to discuss an idea you want to brainstorm. People whose outlooks are limited, negative or biased will put a damper on your plans. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This might not be a good day to request favors, even if they're owed you. People are preoccupied with their own concerns today and will not be able to focus on yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try not to jump to conclusions or be judgmental about something in which another believes, especially when you opinion is based on fragmented information. Get all the facts and details first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though you might feel industrious and energetic today, there's a chance you could make extra work for yourself by going about things in the wrong manner. Know what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Unless reality is allowed to prevail and enter the picture today, chances are you're going to be disappointed over an acquaintance whose attributes you overestimate.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be extremely careful not to underestimate your competition today. In order to succeed, you must be able to accurately assess and evaluate the skills and talents of others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A thoughtless comment, even though it is innocently made, could leave a lasting scar today, so be sure to think before you speak, and don't say anything that could be offensive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you hope to get proper mileage from your resources, you'll have to continue to be prudent and make every dollar count. Employ that self-discipline you possess.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Review at this time a relationship in which you feel the person hasn't been as cooperative with you as usual. The fault might lie with you, and an apology may be in order.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Because your staying power might not be up to its usual high standards, should you have a critical task that needs to be taken care of, get on it early before you run out of steam.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your usual gregarious mood might be usurped today if you find yourself at a gathering attended by someone you dislike. Don't let this individual put a chill on your sociability.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Unless you're ambitiously motivated today it might be all to easy too look for reasons to cut down on your productivity or speed. Barring this incentive, you might accomplish little or nothing.

Monday, Oct. 2, 2000

You will have several opportunities in the year ahead to take advantage of a second channel that could add to your income. Whether you do so or not will be entirely up to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Usually, you have an unerring ability to see both sides of an issue, but today you might all too easily buy the cock-and-bull yarn presented to you by a spellbinder. Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This might not be one of your better days for discerning what is a fad and what will sustain the test of time. When shopping, go with the tried and true rather than what's new.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though a friend of yours may be near and dear to you, if this person doesn't possess a history for good decision-making, don't blindly accept his or her counsel today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Companions will quickly shy away from you today if they feel you're not carrying your fair share of the load. To make a good impression, stand on your own two feet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) When making assessments today, you'd better view things as they actually are, not as you wish them to be. Otherwise, you will end up being severely disappointed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Lady Luck is apt to be too busily engaged in helping your competition today to hear your pleas for help. It's nothing against you; it's merely the other guy's turn. Don't bank on her.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Just because others may be able to get away with telling tall tales today, don't take it for granted that you will be able to do so also. In fact, you'll get called on the table for what you spin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In all your involvements today, especially social ones, make sure there is a clear-cut understanding regarding any expenses involved, or else you could end up paying for the tab.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be forewarned today that in your one-on-one dealings, others may not be as fair-minded toward you as you will be with them. Be prepared to fight for equal treatment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may find all the justification you're looking for today to neglect your responsibilities, however, there will be a price to pay. Real headaches will develop from that which is ignored.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Being a gregarious person, you enjoy people, but they still must possess substance of character. Unfortunately, today you might find yourself monopolized by the wrong types.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) All the good intentions in the world won't count for much if you don't stick to your guns and finish what you start today. Your admirable beginnings will be for naught.

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Homeless AIDS advocates seeking medical innovations

NEW YORK (AP) — They carry their life's possessions on withering backs and hide death within their broken bodies.

Some are veterans of the streets, seeking a home under a molding cardboard box in an alleyway. Some are teens who ran from something but stumbled into a life far worse; they trade sex for a night in a bed. Others believe their luck has run out after losing jobs, apartments and friends.

Yet every day, a handful of the thousands of homeless men and women living with AIDS in New York City make an effort rarely taken by their brethren. They seek help.

That fight for life, no matter the inevitable future, is mirrored across the nation, where hundreds of public and nonprofit groups struggle to help the needy.

Funds are already limited because of the curious problem caused by scientists who haven't cured HIV or AIDS yet keep patients living longer through powerful drug concoctions. Now advocates wonder how they can possibly help all the people infected with the virus.

"Today, people think the epidemic is over," said Gina Quattrochi, president of the National AIDS Housing Coalition and executive director at Bailey House, a private center in Greenwich Village helping homeless AIDS patients. "The reality is people are living much longer, but the vast majority are disabled."

Advocates like Quattrochi are urging Congress to add $60 million above this year's $232 million federal budget for housing and other services to homeless AIDS patients. They worried when President Clinton proposed upping it to just $260 million and became fearful because Senate leaders don't want to increase the appropriation at all.

"It's thin. We have to get it up," said U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., a longtime supporter of AIDS services. "This country is rolling in money."

Expending millions of dollars for AIDS-exclusive assistance meets resistance in every case.

"There has always been pressure from the far right to portray it for drug addicts and queers," Quattrochi said, adding that others question the need to fund specific AIDS housing.

Quattrochi says only half of Bailey House's residents are gay or lesbian. By conservative estimates, she says, at least 450,000 Americans with AIDS need housing.

New York City, which served 1,200 homeless people with AIDS in 1988, now assists more than 27,000. This month, a Brooklyn federal judge chided the city's Division of AIDS Services for systematically delaying or terminating assistance and ordered the agency placed under federal oversight for three years. The city plans to appeal the decision.

If Congress would look at operations like Bailey House, Quattrochi believes it would understand the plea for more money. The alternative, she says, is soaring health care costs from homeless AIDS patients seeking treatment in emergency rooms, which is more expensive than standard care.

Bailey House started in the mid-1980s when AIDS was still considered by many as homosexuals' punishment from God. The 6 1/2-story building, in a prime location along the Hudson River, nurtured homeless AIDS survivors.

In 1995, Bailey House added a vocational studies program because clients lived longer and weren't interested in just wasting away.

"I wanted to do something productive with my life," said Sean Ransom, 31, who contracted the virus in the late 1980s. "I didn't want to ... take my meds and wait to die."

Those medications — a triple combination of drugs — have doubled the average time it takes for the HIV infection to develop into AIDS, said Professor Alvaro Munoz of Johns Hopkins University's School of Public Health. They increased the average survival time of AIDS sufferers from 18 months to six years.

Chicken rescue operation halted

CROTON, Ohio (AP) — The state's largest egg producer on Thursday shut down its rescue operation of chickens trapped in barns damaged by a tornado last week, leaving about 600,000 hens trapped in debris.

Buckeye Egg Farm said a specialist representing the American Humane Association "determined that the work being performed to rescue our hens had become physically and emotionally dangerous to humans."

The humane association said that Buckeye Egg has mischaracterized its assessment.

The tornado destroyed 12 barns Sept. 20 at three Buckeye Egg sites near this community 25 miles northeast of Columbus. About 1 million chickens have been trapped in metal cages without food and water since then.

The company said it has removed 400,000 chickens. Most have been euthanized while rescue groups had saved about 10,000, the company said.

Humane association spokesman Jack Sparks said its recommendation was to put safety measures in place so that the largest number of animals could be rescued with as little harm as possible to humans.

Sparks said workers did not have the proper safety equipment, such as hard hats. "It's unfortunate that our role has been characterized this way," he said.

Buckeye Egg said all possibilities for rescuing more birds have been exhausted.

Prosecutor says DNA test results clear convict of rape

AUSTIN (AP) — A man once dubbed the Barton Creek rapist, who fought his conviction in a sexual assault, did not commit the crime for which he received a 99-year prison term, according to the Travis County prosecutor who reviewed DNA test results.

District Attorney Ronnie Earle said Thursday he met with Texas Department of Public Safety officials to discuss genetic testing in the case of Carlos Lavernia, who was once suspected of seven rapes. Earle's office will try to contact Lavernia's former lawyer in an effort to free him from custody.

"He needs to be out of prison," Earle told the Austin American-Statesman in Friday's editions. "It's a terrible tragedy for him."

The Cuban man was found guilty in 1985 of a sexual assault he claimed he never committed.

Earle's office, prompted by requests to review individual convictions, is undertaking a systematic review of old cases for offenses, including murder and sexual assaults, where DNA testing could have been used at trial but wasn't available.

Members of the review board, staffed by the district attorney's office and the Austin Police Department, will focus on cases tried before 1996 in which defendants have continued to assert their innocence and where identity was at issue.

Testing of DNA evidence was undertaken by Travis County prosecutors for two old cases before Lavernia's. One led to the exoneration of Ben Salazar, freed in 1997 after being convicted for a 1992 rape. Earle said the other confirmed the suspect's guilt.

"We decided we needed to do it systematically," First Assistant District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg told the newspaper, "because we might not get requests from everyone. ... It's the right thing to do."

The review board is modeled on a similar program in San Diego, Earle said.

He said his office will be the first in the country in which prosecutors work with police in conducting reviews. Police and prosecutors have been using DNA testing as an investigative tool since 1994, according to a district attorney's office document.

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