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County budget gets commissioners' approval

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Scurry County commissioners' court this morning approved the $26.6 million 2003 budget after a public hearing with no citizens in attendance.

The budget was okayed by a 3-1 vote with Precinct 1 commissioner Ralph Trevey dissenting. No comment was offered as to why the commissioner voted against the spending plan.

Trevey then made a motion to set the 2003 tax rate at 50.5 cents per $100 valuation and it was unanimously approved.

The rate is an increase over last year's rate of 46.92 cents and will generate approximately $470,000 in increased revenue.

Both items were approved without discussion by the court.

In other business, the court voted to administer the county's cafeteria plan in-house rather than renewing its contract with National Family Life Insurance Co.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said the county has administered its own plan in previous years, but opted to give the company a 12-month trial last year.

Trevey told representatives from the company that the past year "has been a learning experience" and added that both parties benefited from the partnership. "I think we've all benefited," he said. "But I think this is a good time to do this in-house."

The court also voted to enroll in the Silver Choice insurance program for the county's retired employees.

Precinct 4 commissioner Chloanne Lindsey said retirees she has spoken with are in favor of the plan. "I have spoken with a number of our retired employees and so far I have not had anyone contact me that has not wanted Silver Choice."

Two county retirees in the audience voiced their support of the plan and urged the court to adopt it.

Bob Stanfield told the court his insurance has increased dramatically since his retirement in 1991.

"In 1991, (insurance) cost me about $75," he said. "Now, it's over $700. Many retirees can't afford that kind of an increase. With the Silver Choice, at least my county retirement will pay my insurance premiums."

Included in the motion was stipulation that the county would continue to pay $142.19 per month to retirees for insurance.

The court also approved two proclamations during the session.

A resolution proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month was accepted unanimously, as was one designating Sept. 23 as Family Day — a day to eat dinner with your children.

Lyndia Allen, director of Gateway Family Services, told the court the local shelter averages more than four occupants each night.

"We help with food, clothing, medical needs and even school supplies for children," she said. "We provide whatever is needed and many people come to us with just the clothes on their back."

The court also voted to join the Association of Rural Communities in Texas. Dues are $300 per year.

The court approved 10 line-item transfers, as well as two budget amendments totaling $34,500 for utilities and part-time labor in the parks department.

Minutes from a previous meeting were approved and bills were paid.

Judge Fritz presided and all members of the court were present to include Trevey, Lindsey, Precinct 2 commissioner Roy Idom and Precinct 3 commissioner Howard Limmer.

New building turned down at Hermleigh

Hermleigh ISD's board of trustees met Saturday morning and decided not to proceed with plans to construct a combination garage, shop and storage building on the campus.

"We decided not to do anything on the building at this time," said Supt. Jerry Church.

Church said the board did adopt a resolution concerning equitable school financing that several other schools it size had also adopted.

"We plan to give the resolutions to the state legislature with hopes they'll take action on school financing," said Church.

Church also said the board had a discussion on the school's policy of at-will employees.

All board members were present, said Church.

HOME WIN — Shelley Fisk prepares to field the ball in volleyball action Saturday afternoon in Tiger Gym as the Lady Tigers defeated Colorado City in the home opener. Reacting to the play is Afton Schwertner (3) and Kelby Drum (11). (SDN Staff Photo)

Local agencies ready if Amber Alert needed

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

In response to several high-profile child abductions this summer, including one from an Abilene parking lot, Gov. Rick Perry has authorized a state-wide "Amber Alert" system to assist in the search for missing children.

Snyder Police Chief Steve Warren said Friday he has received detailed information from the governor's office and added that local law enforcement agencies are ready to act if the need rises.

"We will be complying with the request from Gov. Perry and we welcome the assistance from the state and federal governments," Warren said. "Hopefully, we'll never have to use this here in Scurry County, but it's great to have the ability to do so at a moment's notice."

The Texas Amber Alert Network is designed to work with local abduction alert plans and is not intended to supercede activation of local plans, according to Gov. Perry's office.

To activate the alert, the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction must determine that an abduction meets the state criteria:

- The abducted child must be 17 years of age or younger
- The local law enforcement agency must believe that the child has been unwillingly taken from their environment without permission from the child's parent or legal guardian
- The local law enforcement agency must believe that the missing child is in immediate danger
- The local law enforcement agency must confirm that an investigation has taken place that verifies the abduction
- Sufficient information is available to disseminate to the public that could assist in locating the child, the suspect, or the vehicle used in the abduction

Chief Warren said when an "Amber Alert" is issued, it reaches a 200-mile radius. "That takes in a lot of area," he said. "That as far north as Amarillo."

The chief said technology is the main reason the program works and also why it has not been conceived before now.

"Highways now have road signs that can be changed electronically and most people have cellular phones in their cars," he said. "The technology available today is what drives this program. The thrust of the 'Amber Alert' is to alert as many members of the public as quickly as possible using all types of media."

When an "Amber Alert" is issued, media outlets report the abduction to the public with descriptions of suspects, victims and vehicles, Warren said. "Then hopefully, people on the highways will locate the suspects and report it to authorities."

"This is absolutely a benefit," he said. "The 'Amber Alert' system is a tremendous tool provided to local law enforcement agencies by the state and federal government. When everybody works together, we all get the same information and we get better results.

"There are only so many police officers and sheriff's deputies and DPS troopers out there," Chief Warren added. "This is the publics chance to help us. We're calling on them to assist in getting these kids back."

At MAWC....

United Way kickoff is Tuesday

The annual Scurry County United Way "Campaign 2002" will begin at a kickoff luncheon set for noon Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with WTC president Dr. Greg Williams delivering the keynote address.

This year's goal is $85,000 to help finance 10 local agencies.

Following the luncheon, volunteers will begin packet distribution to the Scurry County businesses and employees. The luncheon will be from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Agencies include the Scurry County Boys & Girls Club, Snyder Child Day Care Center, Gateway Family Services Inc., Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Scurry County Food Cupboard, American Red Cross of Southwest Texas, Scurry County Youth Outreach and Scurry Volunteer Fire Department.

Rana Anderson is the UW secretary and can be reached during the campaign at the office or by calling 573-5311. The office, located directly west of City Hall, will be open during morning hours until noon during the campaign. It was furnished this summer with a $2,500 grant from the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

UW officers include Stephen Covey, president; Dalinda Roberts, first vice president; Peggy Vernon, second vice president; Brenda Clem, recording secretary; and Zola Schlegel, treasurer.

Directors are named in three rotating classes: Class of 02-03 — Joan Bunch, Marita Burton, Stephen Covey, Tommy Culwell, Rodney Dupree, Wilhelmenia Howard, Jo Ann Nunley; Class of 03-04 — Ed Barkowsky, Christy Brown, Carl Burleson, Carolyn Osborne, C.R. Perez, Dalinda Roberts, Ann Smartt, Kent Wright; Class of 04-05 — Dee Blackwell, Stephanie Buchanan, Brenda Clem, Trent Driggers, Will Fewin, Barbara McGee, Peggy Vernon; and the advisory board includes Lyndia Allen, Anderson, Valene Ford, Shirley Fritz, Chad Welsh and Zola Schlegel.

Room A in coliseum...

Public invited to parks meet tonight

Scurry County parks committee will hold a workshop for the entire community at 7:30 this evening to continue the discussion on the county's master parks plan.

The meeting will be in Room A of Scurry County Coliseum and the public is invited.

"We want to fill the room up tonight," said Scott Crenwelge, head of the parks department.

Representatives from civic clubs, the county's public schools, Western Texas College, the city and county have all been invited to the meeting, according to Crenwelge.

The county has posted an agenda for the meeting so all commissioners can attend.

Crenwelge said the purpose of the meeting is "to get everyone on the same page with this project."

The plan to improve the county's parks is necessary for the state to award a half-million dollar grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Community involvement is a key factor in helping obtain a grant, Crenwelge stressed.

"That is what tonight's meeting is going to get down to. We're going to talk involvement and see who will help. We need participation from all entities, from government bodies to the private sector." Crenwelge is also urging local business owners to attend.

"This meeting will be similar to the public meetings we had earlier," said Crenwelge. "But then we were deciding whether or not to try this. We're past that now so we'll talk about how to make it work."

In board meeting...

WTC to review tuition variance

Western Texas College trustees will consider a tuition variance for workforce education courses when the board convenes at 7 p.m. today for its regular monthly meeting.

If a substantial amount of the expense of a workforce course is borne by a particular business, then the board may vote to lower or eliminate tuition and fees. The college also continues to receive funding from the state for the contact hours generated by the courses.

The rate to be considered — $1.70 per contact hour for in-district and $2 per contact hour four out-of-district — is what traditional students pay for taking workforce classes, but this is broken down by hour, rather than lumped together.

In other business, personnel matters included on the agenda include consideration of Tammy Wesson as director for the college's new Talent Search Program. Wesson currently is an instructor of computerized business technology.

WTC received a large grant last summer to implement the program, which will target elementary age children to promote a college education.

Items on the agenda for information and discussion include enrollment reports, an education report and an inter-local agreement with Scurry County.

The meeting will take place in the administrative board room.

ASK US

Q—How much is the SISD paying the state school board association for the superintendent's search?

A—The contract is for $7,500 plus travel expenses.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 87 degrees; low, 63; high Sunday, 87; low, 58; 7 a.m. Monday, 58; no precipitation; total for 2002, 15.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low 62 degrees; winds light, variable. Tomorrow, most sunny; high 91; SW winds 5-10 mph.

Melinda Worley
Sunny

Sunset: 7:48 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:29 a.m.
Of 258 days in 2002, the sun has shone 251 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Arrogance has its own built-in misery.
—Billy Graham

Bridge collapse's first anniversary observed

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — With prayers and ceremony, area residents on Sunday marked the one-year anniversary of the Queen Isabella Causeway collapse that killed eight people and left three survivors with harrowing memories.

About 150 people came out for the brief commemoration at the granite memorial, which is tucked in a small clearing behind the island's welcome sign.

The octagonal monument became the project of a local restaurant owner who obtained about $12,000 in donations to pay for it.

Speakers included local politicians and state Sen. Eddie Lucio, who was a fixture at the scene last September and is leading an effort to rename the bridge. Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge.

"Inscribed in that legislation will be the names of these victims," Lucio said, "We want to make sure their deaths were not in vain."

At 2 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, a chain of four steel and phosphate-laden barges struck a bridge support, knocking two 80-foot sections of roadway into the Laguna Madre bay below.

Unknowing victims drove blindly into the chasm, their vehicles falling into the mess of concrete and rebar below.

A third slab crashed down the next morning, ending any hopes of a speedy recovery effort.

It would be 10 days before the last body, that of 22-year-old Julio Mireles Gonzalez — a night manager at the Holiday Inn resort — was pulled out.

The collapse happened as bars and dance clubs closed for the night and locals began heading back to their homes on the mainland.

All but one of the victims were local residents: Robert Harris, 46, of Port Isabel; Gaspar Hinojosa, 52, of Kingsville; Robin Leavell, 29, of Mercedes; Hector Martinez, 32, of Port Isabel; Julio Mireles Gonzalez, 22, of Los Fresnos; and Barry Welch, 53, and Chealsa Welch, 23, of Port Isabel.

Stvan Rivas, 22, was from Humble, Texas, and had been living with an aunt while he took classes at the University of Texas at Brownsville.

Temporary loss of the only vehicular link to the island threw the tourism economy into a tailspin. Meanwhile, the close-knit community of Port Isabel mourned victims that included the chief of its volunteer fire department, Harris.

"Please rest assured that residents of Port Isabel and the entire Laguna Madre will not forget these victims," Port Isabel Mayor Patrick Marchan said. "We must now move forward and do things in our lives that would make those individuals proud of us."

The Coast Guard presented and retired a flag, and high school students played taps under a searing midafternoon sun. Two local pastors led prayers.

Former South Padre Island Mayor Edmund Cyganiewicz recognized four McAllen men who used their 17-foot fishing boat to rescue the three survivors. A Brownie troop from Port Isabel asked to pose for a picture with them.

The men had been on a sports fishing trip and witnessed the collapse.

"You hear what happened, but when you see what happened, it's totally different," said rescuer Roland Moya, 25, remembering the sound of the tumbling cars and roadway.

Shy about praise they've received for the rescues and upset by rescues they felt they should have made, none wanted to attend the ceremony. But they decided to come after survivors asked them to.

Berry's World

FBI locates anthrax in copy machines in Florida building

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — FBI investigators believe photocopy machines were the reason anthrax spores were spread throughout an office building where a tainted letter was mailed in last year's attacks, according to a published report.

Federal investigators returned last month to the American Media Inc. building for 12 days, armed with new techniques for detecting large quantities of anthrax.

They found anthrax spores in all the copy machines in the three-story, 68,000 square foot building, an anonymous source familiar with the investigation told The Palm Beach Post for its Sunday editions.

Investigators believe the microscopic spores spread from the first-floor mail room where the letter was opened and onto reams of copy paper stored there, the source said; the spores then spread into the air by fans inside the machines loaded with the copy paper.

The building housed more than two dozen copy machines. The FBI's theory helps explain for the first time the presence of anthrax throughout the building.

"Once it falls, it stays," Palm Beach County Health Department spokesman Tim O'Connor said. "It was stuck to the keyboard in Stevens' office. It stuck in the machinery that sorts the mail in post offices."

The FBI's search operation, the first of the supermarket tabloid's publishing office, began Aug. 27 and ended Sept. 8.

Photo editor Robert Stevens died from anthrax in October. He was the first of five people to die nationwide in the anthrax attacks. Ernesto Blanco, who worked in the AMI mail room, was hospitalized with anthrax but survived.

The building was under continuous security since it was placed under federal quarantine Oct. 7.

The company, which publishes six supermarket tabloids, including The National Enquirer and Globe, moved its headquarters to rented offices nearby.

Beached whale dies despite rescuers' attempts to save it

GALVESTON (AP) — An 8-foot dwarf sperm whale, which beached earlier this week on Matagorda Island, has died despite rescuers' attempts to save it by feeding it fluids and giving it antibiotics.

Rescuers at the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network had hoped to begin feeding the whale, which weighed nearly 400 pounds, a diet of minced fish Friday.

"It's always hard to lose them," network operations coordinator Tammy Renaud said in Saturday's editions of The Galveston County Daily News. "We always try to do the best we can. It's frustrating. It's disappointing."

The network began performing tests on the whale to determine what caused its death. It was rescued Wednesday but was unable to swim on its own and had to be supported by a floating sling in a tank.

Renaud said rescuers aren't sure what led the whale to the beach, but said Tropical Storm Fay could have played a role. Marine mammals often beach themselves when they are ill, Renaud said.

The choppy waters caused by a storm can lead to exhaustion for young and old whales, said Celeste Weimer, Galveston regional coordinator for the network.

"It's very common when there is a tropical storm in the Gulf, we have whales that wash in," she said.

The network typically works with bottlenose dolphins, but in the past three months has treated two dwarf sperm whales and received a report of a pygmy sperm whale spotted in Port Aransas.

The volunteer network, founded in 1980, says it costs between $250 and $400 for food, medical treatment and 24-hour observation of rescued marine mammals. The nonprofit network is dedicated to further understanding and conserving marine mammals.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Kinder Morgan will drill the No. 7405 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, five miles northwest of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 6,900 feet, location is in Section 19, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Rocker A Operating Co. will drill the No. 74 M.A. Fuller in the Corazon field, 11 miles east of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 2,141 feet, drill site is in Section 603, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kent County

Hollis R. Sullivan Inc. will drill the No. 3-242 Branch in the Hot Springs field, eight miles northeast of Jayton. Contracted for 5,000 feet, location is in Section 242, Block F, H&TC survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 613-H Salt Creek field unit, seven miles northwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 6,430 feet, drill site is in Section 146, Block G, W&NW survey.

Garza County

Citation Oil and Gas will drill the No. 8-30 PLK in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 60 feet, location is in Section 30, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Citation Oil and Gas will drill the No. 7-30 PLK in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 60 feet, location is in Section 30, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Howard County

Partee Drilling Inc. has completed the No. 343 Twins in the Signal Peak field, six miles south of Coahoma. The well was finaled to produce 98 barrels of oil and five barrels of water. Perforations wee from 7,668-876 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 32, T1S, T&P survey.

Westport Oil and Gas will drill the No. 123 Howard-Glasscock east unit. The re-entry is planned for a depth of 2,550 feet, and location is in Section 67, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Westport Oil and Gas will drill the No. 410 Howard-Glasscock east unit, 16 miles southeast of Big Spring. The re-entry is planned for a depth of 2,540 feet, and location is in Section 66, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Nolan County

L.C.S. Production has completed the No. 2 Brooks Ranch in the Mulberry Canyon field, six miles northeast of Nolan. The well was finaled to produce 21 barrels of oil and 283 barrels of water. Perforations wee from 3,986-987 feet, and location is in Section 75, Block 5, T&P survey.

Date Book

Monday, Sept. 16, 2002

Today is the 259th day of 2002 and the 88th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1620, the Mayflower set sail from England, and headed for North America.

On this day in 1810, the Mexican War of Independence was launched against Spain.

On this day in 1908, William C. Durant founded the General Motors Corporation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lauren Bacall (1924-), actress, is 78; B.B. King (1925-), musician, is 77; Peter Falk (1927-), actor, is 75; Ed Begley Jr. (1949-), actor, is 53; Orel Hershiser (1958-), baseball star, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, Seattle Slew won the Marlboro Cup, defeating Affirmed by three lengths. It was the first time two Triple Crown winners raced against each other.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I think your whole life shows on your face, and you should be proud of that." — Lauren Bacall

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Sept. 13) and full moon (Sept. 21).

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Saturday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

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(two, four, sixteen, twenty-one, thirty-eight, forty-three)
Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $4 million

Pick 3
(Day) 3-8-5
(Night) 7-0-6

Cash Five
4-15-25-26-37

Senior Menu

TUESDAY
Lasagna
Green Beans
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WEDNESDAY
Roast Beef w/Gravy
Creamed Potatoes
Southern Fried Okra
Perfection Salad
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THURSDAY
BBQ Chicken
Potato Salad
Pinto Beans
Pickles/Peppers/Onion
Cherry Cutie Pie

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Macaroni & Tomatoes
Crinkle Cut Fries
Carrot Cabbage Slaw
Chocolate Pudding

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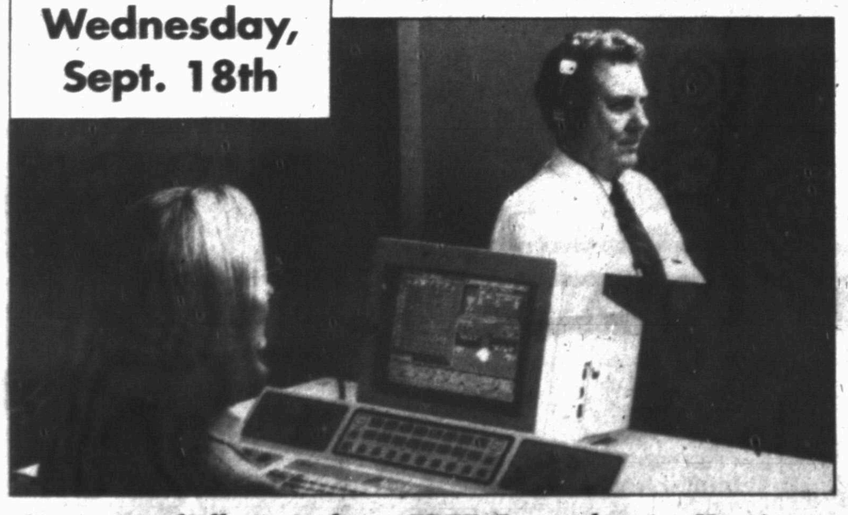

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Jail health care may go to med school

DALLAS (AP) — Seeking better health care and lower costs for treating thousands of jail inmates, county administrators want to hire a medical school instead of the county's hospital system to oversee the treatment.

Dallas County commissioners plan to approve a three-year contract Tuesday with the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, which already provides health care to 150,000 state prison inmates.

The medical school, with improved efficiency, was expected to save the county $681,344 in jail health care costs in the first year of the three-year contract, according to county administrator Allen Clemson.

Currently, the medical needs of the county's 7,000 inmates have been met by the county Health and Human Services Department and Parkland Health and Hospital System, who applaud the expected shift in responsibility to the medical school in November.

"These people have experience in correctional health and a proven record," Nina McIntosh, vice president of ambulatory care for Parkland, told The Dallas Morning News. "Jail health is a very different field. It's very challenging. It takes some level of expertise and understanding of that environment to provide the most appropriate care."

The school will be able to treat more patients in the jail, save money through revised pharmaceutical procedures and improve record-keeping, officials say.

Officials of UTMB, chosen in 1993 by a state committee to provide prison health care, say they will offer quality treatment in Lew Sterrett Justice Center and other county jails.

"UTMB has a vested interest in providing the patient with the best possible health care," chief administrative officer Leon Clements said.

"If we don't solve a patient's problem before it gets to be a big problem, we're going to pay for the big problem. There's a medical peer review process in place for all our contracts, and that peer review system is very active."

UTMB has said it will establish an electronic medical record system within a year. Now, paper medical files sometimes get misplaced as inmates are transferred within the jail system.

Dallas County's jail health care system is not accredited, whereas UTMB has met the standards necessary to receive accreditation from the American Correctional Association.

Besides serving 150,000 state prison inmates, the medical branch provides health care to 5,200 federal inmates and 3,900 juvenile offenders throughout Texas, Clements said.

No money for syndicated broadcasts

CHICAGO (AP) — The Lyric Opera of Chicago has suspended its local and nationally syndicated radio broadcasts for the 2002-03 season because of a lack of funding.

Friday's announcement came a little more than a week before the opera company opens its 48th season.

Only one corporation has committed to sponsoring the broadcasts, which WFMT-FM has carried live in the Chicago area since 1973. Since 1977, the station also had syndicated the series through its WFMT Fine Arts Network.

William Mason, the Lyric's general director, blamed the lack of funding on the sagging economy, adding that the loss of sponsorship is "extremely distressing."

Telephone system was not activated during plant blast

HOUSTON (AP) — A railcar explosion at a Freeport chemical plant rocked buildings and blew out windows but did not prompt the activation of an automated telephone system to alert residents, BASF officials said.

The system, called the Community Alert Network, is set up to contact residents in a certain area, inform them of what has occurred and provide them with safety precautions that should be taken.

Instead, residents called a "community awareness" line for information or turned on their TVs after Friday's blast, the Houston Chronicle reported in Sunday's editions.

BASF Corp. officials provided updated information to the public through media announcements but said they did not realize the alert didn't go out automatically.

"I think we learned some lessons ... regarding that whole (automated telephone) system," BASF spokeswoman Sharon Rogers said. "Our information was we didn't get the (Community Alert Network) activated."

Rogers said company officials were in contact with residents who lived down wind from the plant throughout the day and said a recorded message about the blast was placed on the local Community Awareness Emergency Response phone line.

Investigators at the plant are still working to figure out what caused the fiery blast. Six workers reported minor injuries after noticing a monitoring valve on the rail car showed that it was overpressurizing and overheating. Workers had time to evacuate before the car blew.

The railcar contained ammonia, oxime and cyclohexanone, all chemicals used to make nylon.

Rogers said the blast was "the most serious incident we've had in many, many years."

She said it was unclear how much damage was caused by the blast, adding that a damage estimate would not be available before today.

The automated telephone system has been set up by the Industrial CAER Network, a group of 13 industrial plants.

People arrested have to go to court

HOUSTON (AP) — The trespassing and curfew violation charges may have been dropped against nearly 300 people arrested in a raid outside a Kmart last month, but they still have to go to court for proof the charges have been dismissed.

Houston assistant city attorney Arthur Crumpton said the city is trying to contact everyone arrested Aug. 16 as police tried to crack down on drag racing but found no drag racers.

Crumpton said in Sunday's editions of the Houston Chronicle that some of those arrested live in other areas of the state and some attend out-of-state colleges.

He said the city is sending letters explaining that those arrested will have the charges dropped and can request that their bail money be returned. Many paid $300 to get out of jail. But anyone wanting a signed formal dismissal has to go to court.

"It started out chaotic, but I think we have it under control now," Crumpton said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Angry daughter drives mother out of grandchildren's lives

DEAR ABBY: I grew up in a home where my father beat my mother and sexually abused me. I am married now and the mother of two beautiful daughters. After my father died three years ago, I learned that my mother had known what he was doing to me and did nothing to protect me.

My husband's family says I should forgive and forget and let my children enjoy their grandmother. I told my kids what she had "allowed," and they now want nothing to do with her. I think a mother should protect her children at all costs. Am I wrong? Don't I have a right to be angry at her? — **OUTRAGED IN OMAHA**

DEAR OUTRAGED: Unless your mother expresses deep regret for failing to protect you, I see no reason to encourage a relationship with someone who ignored the physical and emotional abuse of her child.

Since you and your mother were abused, I urge you and her to seek separate and possibly joint counseling. In that supportive environment, you will find an opportunity to express the trauma you both felt living and growing up in your father's house.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old college student in Japan who discovered your column through a class lecture. My instructor is in love with "Dear Abby" and teaches English by reading aloud letters from the column, followed by a class discussion.

This has allowed me to learn about American culture and customs. Some of the situations described in the letters have been a shock to me, while others are common incidents we also experience in Japan.

Please continue helping men, women and children with your kind and correct advice. — **H.N. IN OKINAWA**

DEAR H.N.: I'm pleased you enjoy the column and find it helpful. Although there are many differences in our cultures, it's heartwarming to remember how many things we also have in common.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♥ 7 3
♦ Q 8
♣ K 9 8 7 4 3

West
♠ 5 4
♥ A Q J 5
♦ J 10 7 6 2
♣ J 6

East
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♥ K 2
♦ A K 9 5 4 3
♣ 10 2

South
♠ K Q J 10 7
♥ 10 9 8 6 4
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♣ A Q 5

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

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4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ J

Monday, Sept. 16, 2002

Doing worse than theoretically possible

By Phillip Alder

In a team event, you have two pairs playing simultaneously, one sitting North-South at the first table and the other East-West at the second table.. After the same deals have been played at both tables, the pairs compare scores. Suppose, on board one, you and your partner made three no-trump with an overtrick for plus 430, whereas your teammates held the contract to nine tricks for minus 400. Your net result is plus 30. You then look at the international match point (imp) scale and find that you have won one imp.

The maximum you can win (or lose!) on one deal is 25 imps. In the 1961 European Championship, though, Switzerland effectively lost 35 imps. How could that happen?

This was (appropriately?) board 13 of the Swiss match against Egypt. At the other table, South strangely made a takeout double over East's opening bid. Spades were never bid, and East bought it in five diamonds. South led the ace and another club, so declarer won 11 tricks: plus 600 to Switzerland.

At this table, West actually jumped to three diamonds over one spade. North, hearing two diamonds, competed with two spades. Then East, thinking his partner's three-diamond response was preemptive, not a limit raise, allowed South to buy the contract in four spades.

The tournament director was called, and after much discussion he ruled that the bidding should be officially recorded as shown! Since four spades made easily, declarer taking four spade and six club tricks, Switzerland scored another 620 to produce a gain of 17 imps.

However, the Egyptians appealed. The committee ruled that the deal be thrown out and a substitute board be played. Tomorrow, you can read that story.

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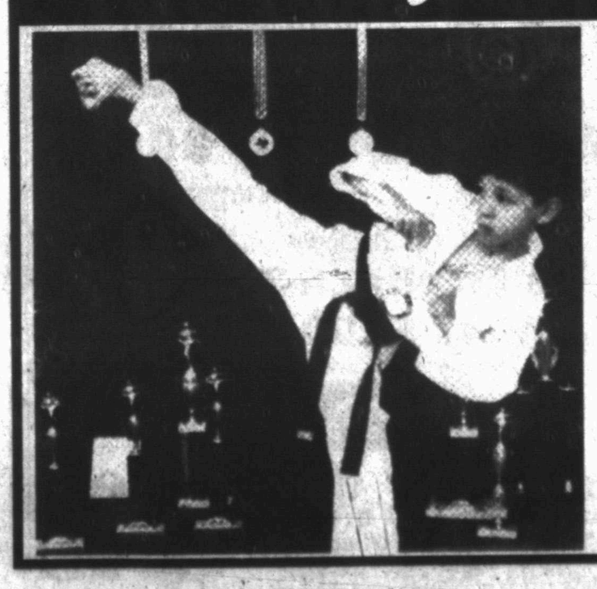

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SPORTS

Cowboys, Carter gain redemption

IRVING (AP) - Standing on the blue star at midfield, his head and arms pointed at the hole in the Texas Stadium roof, Quincy Carter let it all go.

Whatever anger, bitterness or other emotions he'd felt all week didn't matter anymore. He'd just thrown his second nice touchdown pass and was leading the Dallas Cowboys to a 21-13 victory over the Tennessee Titans on Sunday, securing his job and possibly saving the team's season.

Both were in jeopardy after Dallas was humiliated by the expansion Houston Texans in the opener. But as Carter danced back to the sideline after his best pass of the season, his display showed that he knew he was back in charge.

"I'm starting to be a leader on this team," said Carter, who was 14-of-24 for 240 yards, one shy of his career best, with no interceptions.

Carter won his third straight game at home and improved to 5-6 as an NFL starter for a team that's 11-23 since the start of the 2000 season. His status was questioned, though, after he threw for just 131 yards against the Texans with as many near-interceptions as completions.

Critics were after him, too, and Carter seemed to be listening for the first time. His trademark confidence had been replaced by defensiveness.

But given a game plan that let him throw downfield more often, and forced to make plays because of the way Tennessee stuffed Emmitt Smith, Carter came through.

He perfectly executed a play fake for a 17-yard touchdown in the second quarter, then strung together a series of nice plays before throwing a 38-yard touchdown pass to Joey Galloway that led to his glorious celebration. Earlier in that drive, he threw a 12-yarder to Ken-Yon Rambo on third-and-11 and hit Antonio Bryant in stride for 44 yards on a pump-and-go route.

"I think Quincy is a competitor, and I'll go into war with a competitor any day," Dallas coach Dave Campo said.

The Titans (1-1) were in control the first 2 1/2 quarters, despite quarterback Steve McNair suffering a mild concussion when he ran into an equipment trunk on the Dallas sideline midway through the second quarter.

"It kind of stunned me," McNair said. "My neck was a little sore, but I was OK after that. It didn't hinder me at all."

He returned for the third quarter with Tennessee leading 10-7. On the second series of the half, McNair threw the game-changing pass when Cowboys safety Darren Woodson hit his arm as he threw.

Linebacker Dexter Coakley, shaken up two plays earlier, caught the wobbly ball and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown, giving Dallas its first lead of the season.

"I felt like a running back," said Coakley, who has scored on four of his nine career interceptions.

The Cowboys were expecting big plays from their defense this season, but didn't get any against the Texans. This game featured Coakley's and a sack by Greg Ellis that threw McNair for an 8-yard loss on third-and-9 with 2:31 left.

After going down by 11, the Titans mustered only a 52-yard field goal by Joe Nedney. Tennessee had overcome a 14-point deficit against Philadelphia in the opener.

"They just made plays at the critical times and we didn't," Titans cornerback Andre Dyson said.

McNair, who completed nine of his first 10 passes, turned cold down the stretch. He finished 20-of-38 for 226 yards with one touchdown. Neil O'Donnell replaced McNair in the second quarter and set up a 37-yard field goal by Nedney.

LADY SPIKER — Senior Aaryn Stewart leaps to serve during Saturday's home opener versus Colorado City. The team took the match in three sets. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sacked nine times...

Texans, Carr suffer beating Sunday

SAN DIEGO (AP) - By the fourth quarter, the game had become a feeding frenzy of big bodies chasing a rookie quarterback.

Junior Seau and the San Diego defense punished David Carr and the expansion Houston Texans. The Chargers sacked Carr nine times, intercepted him twice and recovered his fumble in the end zone for a touchdown in beating the Texans 24-3 on Sunday.

"It was just a great day for all of us," said Seau, who seemed more animated than normal as he played to the home-opening crowd.

Seau, the perennial Pro Bowl linebacker, intercepted Carr to set up one of Curtis Conway's two touchdowns. Defensive end Raylee Johnson recovered Carr's fumble in the end zone for another score.

Carr completed only 6 of 25 passes for 87 yards.

"We wanted to put pressure on him and we wanted him to be uncomfortable," Seau said. "And for the most part, we did that. We're happy about that. It was fun."

The Chargers (2-0) kept Houston (1-1) from becoming the first expansion team to win its first two games. Houston upset Dallas 19-10 a week earlier to become the first expansion team since Minnesota in 1961 to win its first game.

Carr, who was a fan of Seau's while growing up in California's Central Valley, and even got his autograph as a teenager, has been sacked 15 times in his first two games, and said he feels it.

"I'm just going to get in an ice bucket with a snorkel and come back the next week," Carr said.

The Chargers didn't want to be complacent, and it showed. Seven of their sacks were in the second half.

Besides the first-quarter interception, Seau had one sack and seven tackles. The 13-year veteran figured that with a rookie quarterback, the Texans wouldn't have a sophisticated game plan.

"I took more gambles today than I would if I played Brett Favre," Seau said. "It was a chess match. You give me a formation, I know what you're running. If there's a lineman uncomfortable with his block, I can find him. When I saw that, it was over before the snap."

Rookie linebacker Ben Leber sacked Carr in the end zone early in the fourth quarter and forced a fumble, which Johnson jumped on.

Area Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The Snyder football booster club will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the film room. Everyone is invited to attend. Call Glenda Boyd at 573-3840 or 573-8511 ext. 264 for more info.

Ladies play day

The Women's Golf Association will hold its weekly play day Tuesday at 9 a.m. at the Scurry County golf course. Format this week is queen of the hill.

Youth bowling league

The Snyder youth bowling league meets Saturdays at 10 a.m. at Snyder Lanes for bowlers age 3 to 21. Call 573-4438 for more info.

Snyder softball tournament

The Jesters will hold their inaugural U.S.S.S.A.-sanctioned softball tournament Sept. 20-22 at Winston Park. Entry fee is $125 per team. Contact David at 574-1729 or Henry at 573-4199.

Flag football

Any teams interested in playing TAAF flag football should contact Earl Ware at 573-0800 before Oct. 7.

Buffalo wins wild one, Rams begin season 0-2

By the Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - The Buffalo Bills hope their first two games aren't the start of a tiring trend.

"It'd be nice to win one in regulation," quarterback Drew Bledsoe said after the Bills beat the Minnesota Vikings 45-39 in overtime Sunday, Buffalo's second straight game that went to an extra period.

Peerless Price streaked untouched for a 48-yard touchdown reception in OT, and Bledsoe set career and franchise highs with 463 yards passing.

"It took everything we had," Bledsoe said, "but hopefully this is a step for us in the right direction."

The Bills, who lost 37-31 to the New York Jets last week when Chad Morton returned the opening kickoff in OT for a touchdown, played back-to-back overtime games for just the second time in their history — first done in 1987. It was also the third time since 1995 that a team opened a season with two overtime games. Indianapolis split in 1995, as did Tennessee in 1997.

Mike Hollis tied it as time expired in regulation with a career-long 54-yard field goal that bounced over the crossbar. That answered Moe Williams' 3-yard TD run that put the Vikings (0-2) up 39-36 with 26 seconds left _ the fourth lead change of the fourth quarter.

Bledsoe became the third-quickest quarterback in NFL history to reach 30,000 yards passing for his career. He completed 35 of 49 passes for three touchdowns _ two to Price, who had 13 catches for 185 yards.

Raiders 30, Steelers 17

At Pittsburgh, Rich Gannon broke nearly every major single-game Raiders passing record, even those from the early days of the AFL. He threw 64 times and Oakland's defense forced five turnovers as the Raiders beat the winless Steelers.

Gannon came out throwing, going 43-of-64 for 403 yards and a touchdown. The 43 completions were only two short of Drew Bledsoe's 1995 NFL record _ that in an overtime game _ and all but the yardage were Oakland records.

The Raiders (2-0) rushed only 14 times, and their second resulted in a 36-yard TD by Charlie Garner.

Giants 26, Rams 21

At St. Louis, Kerry Collins completed 14 of his first 15 passes as the Giants (1-1) built a 17-point second-quarter lead and held on to beat the defending conference champions.

St. Louis' offense has produced 37 points in two games as the Rams fell to 0-2 for the first time since 1998, the year before they began their sudden rise to the top of the NFC.

Colins finished 22-of-26 for 307 yards, and Jason Sehorn returned an interception 31 yards for a touchdown for his fourth career defensive TD and fifth overall.

Patriots 44, Jets 7

At East Rutherford, N.J., Tebucky Jones and Victor Green had defensive touchdowns and Tom Brady threw two TD passes for the Patriots, who seem to have dispelled all doubts that their Super Bowl win was a fluke.

Adam Vinatieri kicked three field goals as New England (2-0) won its eighth straight regular-season game.

The Patriots held the Jets (1-1) to one first down until Matt Turk ran 14 yards on a fake punt with 4½ minutes left in the third quarter.

Broncos 24, 49ers 14

At San Francisco, Mike Anderson rushed for 95 yards and caught a touchdown pass, and Brian Griese threw two TD passes for the Broncos.

Olandis Gary rushed for 61 yards and a TD as Denver (2-0) followed a surprising 23-16 win over St. Louis in its opener with a dominant defensive performance against San Francisco (1-1).

The Broncos also overcame the loss of their radio headsets during the first half. Denver, which hadn't played in San Francisco since 1997, apparently was using the same radio frequency as the 49ers. The Broncos were forced to call plays with a shuttle system from coach Mike Shanahan until the problem was fixed.

Dolphins 21, Colts 13

At Indianapolis, Ricky Williams ran for 132 yards on 24 carries and caught a touchdown pass, then watched the Dolphins' defense hold on to win for the fifth straight time in Indianapolis.

Williams became the first Dolphins rusher to top 100 yards two straight games since Bernie Parmalee in 1994. Jay Fiedler was 13-of-18 for 187 yards and two touchdowns, and he also ran for a 1-yard TD for Miami (2-0).

Edgerrin James had 138 yards rushing on 30 carries for the Colts (1-1), breaking Eric Dickerson's club record with his 25th career 100-yard game.

Saints 35, Packers 20

At New Orleans, Aaron Brooks, who spent the 1999 season as Green Bay's third-string quarterback, was 16-of-28 for 217 yards as New Orleans jumped out to an early 21-3 lead.

The Saints (2-0) allowed 357 total yards, but the Packers (1-1) had just 95 on the ground. Green Bay converted just 3-for-13 third downs, compared with 7 of 12 for the Saints.

Brett Favre was 29-of-44 for 270 yards and two touchdowns, but his streak of 158 straight passes without an interception ended when Darrin Smith picked off one in the first quarter.

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SPORTS

Freshmen move to 8-5 on season....

Varsity volleyball wins home opener

The Snyder Lady Tigers volleyball team took its first home match of the season Saturday, beating Colorado City 15-9, 7-15 and 16-14.

"We have been pretty consistent playing together as a team," Head Coach Laura Moses said. "We did a pretty good job for our first home game."

Shealyn Robinson led all varsity scorers with 10 points, and Kelby Drum and Aaryn Stewart each served up 7 points in the three-set victory.

Moses said the team hit some balls out in the second game, contributing to the eight-point defeat. She said the physical conditioning and effort was there, but "we made a few mental errors."

"We just need to move a little better on defense," she said. "For the most part, though, they did a very good job."

The freshmen took care of their Colorado City counterparts in the first match Saturday, winning in three sets, 15-6, 13-15 and 15-1.

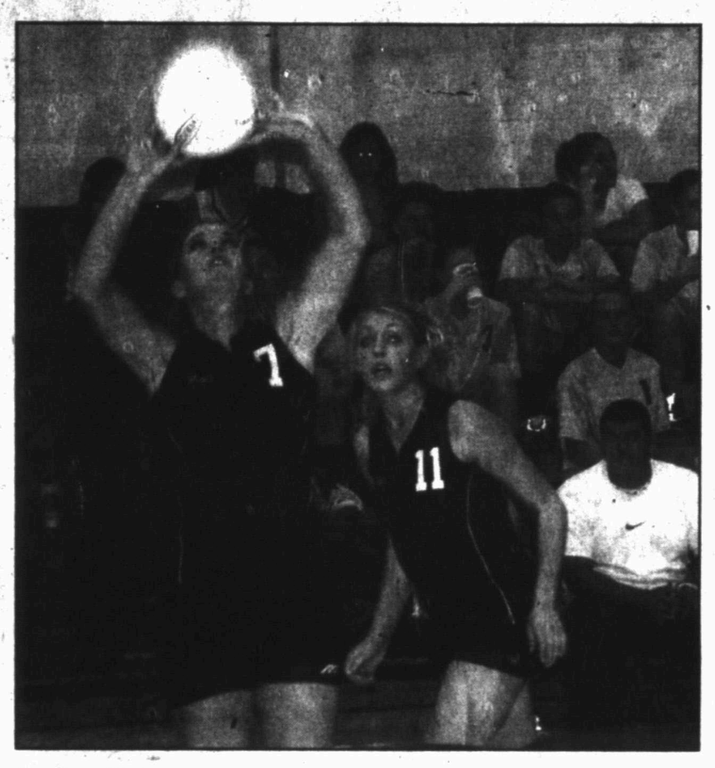
Emily Jones led all Snyder freshmen scorers with 10 service points, and Teddi Crenwelge helped seal the win with 8 points.

"There is a lot of talent on these teams," Moses said. "We just have to develop it."

The freshmen team inproved its season record to 8-5, while the varsity squad is climbing its way to a .500 record with Saturday's win. So far, the varsity team is 9-12 going into district play.

Junior varsity coach Wendy Parks did not have scores or statistics available for the JV's meet in the Lamesa tourney over the weekend.

The Lady spikers team will face Lubbock Cooper Tuesday in their first district contest of the season at the SHS gym. The freshmen and the junior varsity squads will play at the same time beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the varsity taking the court at the end of those matches.



Shelley Fisk sets up the ball for a spike during Saturday's match while Kelby Drum backs up the play. Snyder improved to 9-12 on the young season. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS netters stomp Lobos at Levelland

The Snyder varsity tennis team cruised past Levelland at the dual meet there Saturday.

The girls team swept through their Lobos opponents, winning all singles and doubles matches.

Pat Vargas and Kara Brumley lost one game on their way to a 6-0, 6-1 wins, and Cozy Jones needed three sets to dispose of Levelland's Amanda Gillit, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

Andra Dunham, Afton Sutter, Jackie Beccue and Stephanie Williams all took their matches in straight sets.

Vargas and Dunham teamed up to beat Misty Wilde and Kensey Henderson, 6-0, 6-1.

Beccue and Sutter and Brumley and Jones also swept Levelland in straight sets in the other girls doubles matches.

On the boys' side, Horacio De Paz beat Nathan Young 6-1, 7-6, and Curt Phillips and Adam Rodgers also claimed two-set victories.

Tanner Reed fell in the first game of his match, 3-6 but rallied to take the next two sets and the win by scores of 6-2 and 7-5.

Joseph Ynguanzo, Matt Hale and Kenny Alcala all fell to Levelland in other singles matches.

The boys fared better in the doubles competition, taking two out of three from the host Lobos.

Phillips and Rodgers took a hard-fought three-set victory from Nathan Young and Jeff Contrares, 6-3, 4-6 and 7-5.

DePaz and Reed also needed three sets to claim their match, winning 6-3, 1-6 and 6-1 in a back and forth contest.

Ynguanzo and Stephanie Williams won a tough mixed doubles fight with Ty Lawson and Sarah John, 6-2, 5-7 and 6-4.

Snyder next travels to Wichita Falls for the Texas Team Championship Friday and Saturday, with matches set to commence at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

Benson earns Big 12 honors

DALLAS (AP) — Texas running back Cedric Benson, Kansas State cornerback Terence Newman and Kansas wide receiver Greg Heaggans have been named the offensive, defensive and special teams Big 12 Conference Players of the Week.

Benson — the Longhorns' 2001 Freshman All-America running back — rushed for 208 yards and two scores as the third-ranked Longhorns defeated North Carolina 52-21 Saturday. Benson added a 17-yard touchdown run late in the period to put the game away.

Newman — a cornerback, kick returner and wide receiver — was special teams player of the week last week. He won the defensive player award this week after making six tackles, including four solos, one for a loss and a pass breakup to spark the Kansas State defense in a 63-13 victory over Eastern Illinois on Saturday.

Greg Heaggans returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown and broke a 43-year-old school record with 195 yards on four returns to lead Kansas past Southwest Missouri State 44-24 on Saturday.

De La Hoya quiets Vargas with KO

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Oscar De La Hoya was tired of the talk, tired of people questioning his heart.

After what may have been the fight of his life against Fernando Vargas, he won't have to hear it anymore.

De La Hoya stood and fought Saturday night when in the past he might have run, and it paid off in a spectacular knockout win over a younger, supposedly stronger fighter who didn't know when to keep quiet.

"It was a very satisfying win because he was talking too much," De La Hoya said. "I don't understand why he was talking so much trash about a fellow fighter. Imagine in golf if Tiger Woods talked trash about Jack Nicklaus. It just doesn't make sense."

The win came behind a persistent jab and a pair of vicious left hooks, the second of which put Vargas flat on his back in the 11th round. Vargas got up, but was defenseless in De La Hoya's corner and taking a lot of punishment when referee Joe Cortez finally stopped the fight.

Vargas had vowed to make it De La Hoya's last fight. Instead, it may be the spark that ignites the rest of what some had thought was a fading career.

"That was the signature fight for Oscar," promoter Bob Arum said. "This was his best performance ever."

He earned $14 million, added the WBA 154-pound title to the WBC belt he already held and established himself once again as boxing's premier non-heavyweight attraction.

De La Hoya also promised there would be more to come.

"I'm hungry, hungrier than ever," he said. "I feel fresh."

De La Hoya needed to win what had become a neighborhood feud to set up two more fights he really wants — rematches against Felix Trinidad and Shane Mosley, the only two fighters to beat him.

Trinidad insists he's retired, but Mosley was at ringside Saturday night and says he's game. De La Hoya is most likely to fight a lesser fighter in January and then possibly take on Mosley in May.

"The mistake Vargas made was he didn't respect De La Hoya's power and ability," Mosley said.

Criticized for running against Trinidad, De La Hoya stood and punched it out with Vargas in a fight that may have done as much for his career and reputation as winning the gold medal in the 1992 Olympics.

De La Hoya survived a barrage of right hands from a fighter who was younger and supposed to be stronger only to come back and dominate the middle rounds before finally stopping a bloodied and battered Vargas in the 11th round.

Vargas had said he would rather die than lose, and there were some who questioned whether De La Hoya had the heart to match him.

Astros barely alive in playoff chase

HOUSTON (AP) — It came down to this: Wade Miller pitched well, Matt Morris did not and the St. Louis Cardinals are still in control.

Miller (14-3) pitched his first career shutout and won his 11th straight decision as the Houston Astros beat Morris and St. Louis 8-0 Sunday. The outcome cut the Cardinals' lead in the NL Central to 6 1/2 games.

The Cardinals got a split of the four-game series and left town feeling they had accomplished their mission.

"We split the series, we've got 13 to play and we have to win seven," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "We've come too far to let it go now."

The Cardinals have three games remaining in St. Louis with the Astros.

"We're not comfortable," La Russa said. "I don't want us to be comfortable. That's like taking a nap and missing assignments. We don't take anything for granted."

Miller's best major league pitching performance and an outstanding game by Lance Berkman still left the Astros with only a long-shot chance of catching the Cardinals.

"It's been a good series and we kept them right where they were," Cardinals first baseman Tino Martinez said. "We are confident, but not overconfident. We are not going to be content until we get the job done."

The Astros had hoped to sweep the Cardinals or at least take three out of four.

"We obviously need a little miracle right here," Miller said. "Like St. Louis going out there and losing the rest of their games. They're a good team and they'll win some games. Hopefully we can win a lot and they can lose a lot."

Berkman went 4-for-5 and drove in a career high-tying four runs, including his 41st homer. He leads the NL with 123 RBIs.

Berkman preserved the shutout in the sixth by throwing out Kerry Robinson at home plate, and he made a diving catch on a fly ball by Albert Pujols in the seventh.

"I don't have a reputation for having the best arm in the league," Berkman said. "But I thought I had a chance to get him at the plate. I think they were saying if they could get a run here, they could get something going."

Miller retired the first 11 batters he faced, and he got the final 11 out in a row for the fourth complete game of his career. He struck out nine and didn't walk a batter. Scott Rolen and Kerry Robinson got the other hits for St. Louis.

"It's the best stuff I've had all year and the best stuff for my whole career probably," he said.

Angels claim 1st place, crush Texas 13-4

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Anaheim Angels are in the driver's seat in the AL West. Troy Glaus put them there with three majestic home runs.

The Angels took sole possession of first place for the first time this season and set a club record with their 94th win, beating the Texas Rangers 13-4 Sunday night.

"That's what you play for," center fielder Darin Erstad said. "It's a very special thing we've got going here. And we're not done yet. We've done a real good job focusing on each individual day, and that's what we're going to continue to do."

The Angels' 16th victory in 17 games — coupled with Oakland's loss to Seattle — gave them a one-game lead over the Athletics heading into Monday's opener of a four-game series at Oakland.

"We need wins, no matter where it is or who it's against. That's our only focus. That's all we're here to do," Glaus said. "If we play well, we'll give ourselves the best chance we possibly can. Oakland's one of the best teams going, so we look forward to the opportunity."

Anaheim's magic number for clinching a playoff spot is six. It would be the franchise's first postseason berth in 16 years.

"I think Oakland's got the best team in the American League," Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez said. "But Anaheim, as hot as they are right not, they can beat anyone. They need to ride that wave right into the postseason and not cool off before then."

The last time the Angels led their division alone in September was exactly four years ago — on Sept. 15, 1998, when they were 81-69 with a one-game edge over Texas. But they lost eight of their final 12 and finished three games behind the Rangers.

The last time the Angels led the division by themselves at any point in the season was April 11, 2000.

Glaus tied a career high with six RBIs, giving him 101 this year and making him the second player in team history with three consecutive 100-RBI seasons. Garret Anderson also accomplished the feat this year.

Glaus hit a solo homer off Kenny Rogers (13-8) in the fifth inning, a two-run shot off Jay Powell in the seventh and a three-run drive against Juan Alvarez in the eighth for his 27th of the season and first career three-homer game.

"He's capable of doing that at

Area Sports Calendar

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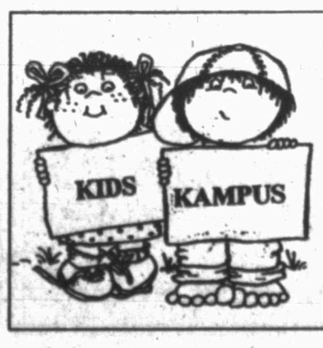

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DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — The three Muslim medical students detained after a woman said they were discussing terror plans told reporters they want to clear their names and study to become doctors, but a Miami hospital where they were supposed to train no longer wants them.

The head of Larkin Community Hospital in Miami said Sunday he had received more than 200 e-mails after the incident, some threatening.

"Obviously, nothing is final," said Dr. Jack Michel, president and chief executive officer of Larkin. "Our primary objective is to take care of patients. I don't know how that could be done with all this media coverage."

He said the medical school where the men are studying, Ross University, had agreed to transfer them to a different training program.

Kambiz Butt, 25, said Sunday that he and Ayman Gheith, 27, and Omar Choudhary, 23, want to continue their education in the United States.

"We're medical students. We are not terrorists," Butt said, flanked by Gheith and Choudhary. "Our concern in life is to become doctors. We want to help people. We do not want to hurt."

Butt, the only one of the students to speak at a news conference, said they were worried about their futures but have no resentment toward the woman who told authorities she overheard them discussing terrorist plans Thursday at a restaurant in Calhoun, Ga. They were detained for 17 hours, but were not charged with any crimes.

"We're in a state of shock and we are scared," Butt said. "But I'd like to tell the American people that we are not a threat."

The woman who called authorities, Eunice Stone of Cartersville, Ga., said she heard the students talking about blowing up buildings and laughing about the Sept. 11 attacks. She also said she heard the students saying that a terrorist event was looming on Sept. 13.

"Not once did we mention 9-11. Not once did we mention anything about 9-13, nor did we joke about anything of that sort," Butt said. "She was probably just eavesdropping on our conversation and might have heard a few key words that she misconstrued."

Judge: Chiropractors can do physicals

FORT WORTH (AP) — A state judge has ruled that Texas chiropractors can continue to perform physical examinations on student athletes until a dispute between the practitioners and the University Interscholastic League can be settled in court.

Visiting Judge Charles Campbell of Austin on Friday overturned the UIL's April decision to stop allowing chiropractors to perform the physicals. The order takes effect when the parties in the dispute between the UIL and the Texas Chiropractic Association sign it.

Campbell set a Feb. 3 court date to settle the dispute.

The UIL in April excluded chiropractors from the list of qualified medical professionals to perform the exams needed for students to participate in interscholastic athletics. The chiropractic group sued the UIL July, arguing the removal was discriminatory and illegal.

During a hearing last month, the chiropractic group's lawyer, Jennifer Riggs, said that only the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners has the power to regulate chiropractors, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Saturday.

"There is no statute and no authority whatsoever to all of a sudden draft on this requirement that only medical doctors can perform these physical exams," Riggs said then.

UIL representatives Friday would not comment on the judge's decision but Assistant Attorney General Dewey Helmcamp said during the hearing that the medical portion of the physical exam, which includes examining the lymph nodes, eyes and ears, is beyond the scope of chiropractic training.

A chiropractor specializes in neck and back pain and the human skeleton. According to the Texas Occupation Code, a chiropractor cannot perform surgery, prescribe medicine or make an incision.

In a Feb. 4 letter to the UIL, Helmcamp determined that "physician" and "chiropractor" are not synonymous under Texas law.

A nine-member UIL medical advisory committee then recommended that chiropractors be removed from the list of medical professionals who could perform physicals.

Under that ruling, only physicians, physicians' assistants and advanced practice nurses could perform the exams.

No stocks

Do to computer problems there will be no stock market reports today.

Gift limits approved in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Lobbyists for people who trade stocks and bonds for the $17.1 billion Permanent School Fund would no longer be able to pay for State Board of Education members' trips under an ethics policy the education board has preliminarily approved.

The policy also would bar lobbyists from giving the members gifts worth more than $50. Most state election officials can accept gifts of up to $500 from lobbyists.

Friday's proposed changes also would require members to notify the state education commissioner of charitable donations they ask lobbyists to make.

"I think this action will send a strong message that the SBOE has adopted the most stringent ethics policy of any state elected body or state investment board," said David Bradley, R-Beaumont, who suggested the $50 limit.

The school fund is made up of a collection of stocks, bonds and oil and gas royalties and generates income for Texas public schools.

The revision in the board's ethics policy was requested by Gov. Rick Perry more than a year ago. It was prompted by a House General Investigating Committee's report, which delved into the dealings of board members and informal financial advisers.

Bradley and another board member, Joe Bernal, D-San Antonio, face misdemeanor charges of open meetings violations regarding a lunch they had in 2000 with informal financial advisers who did business with the Permanent School Fund.

Bradley and Bernal also are the subjects of an ongoing investigation by a Travis County grand jury. Both men have denied wrongdoing.

County Attorney Ken Oden's investigation centers on claims that informal financial advisers worked with the board members to steer investments toward money managers who would return fees to the personal advisers.

The effect of the proposed policy changes is debatable, some board members said after the vote, the Austin American-Statesman reported Saturday.

Chairwoman Grace Shore, R-Longview, complained that board members delayed voting on the ethics rules to push the second and final vote on the changes until after the November election.

The rules were first brought up in May. Bradley has two challengers to his seat.

Shore said she believes there will be more revisions made to weaken the policy after the election. "With the election coming up, the vote today means nothing, really," said Shore, who was defeated in the March primary.

Bradley criticized Shore, however, for not bringing the matter to the agenda sooner and deflected her criticism of his motives "as sour grapes from someone who has already lost her election."

Shore said she did not have a good answer to why she did not bring the policy revisions to the board sooner.

"We've had a lot of things that were going on," she said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002
The year ahead can offer a very lucrative market for things you either devise, create or invent so put your thinking cap on and express your urges for originality and see what you can come up with.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A dear friend of yours who is in need of a confidant might single you out as the one to whom she or he can reveal innermost thoughts. You'll be both a good listener and a wise counselor.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Brainstorm your new idea or concept with friends or associates who can help you sort out your thoughts. What you come up with will be both accurate and feasible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Make those steps you've been aware of for some time that could benefit you both financially and career-wise. The results will be all that you hoped they would be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Persons with whom you'll have dealings will welcome your presence, because you will be more supportive of them than critical. This attitude puts you a step ahead of others.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Although you might have to outmaneuver others in order to accomplish your objectives, you'll do so in non-offensive, subtle ways that won't leave them feeling inferior.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You need to be around spirited people who can inspire you, because companions will have an enormous influence over your attitude. Stay clear of negative or morose types.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Continue to work on that meaningful endeavor you started yesterday. Make it the top goal on your list and some significant steps can be reached today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Usually you're a fascinating person to be around, but today you'll really sparkle. Get out and go to places where you can mingle with friends and meet new people.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — This is an excellent day to go bargain hunting, whether you shop at your usual stores, go to garage sales or hit the flea markets. Chances are you'll pick up a few gems.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone else's ideas might be better than yours, so listen carefully to those around you. It won't matter to you who comes up with the best ones; you just want results.

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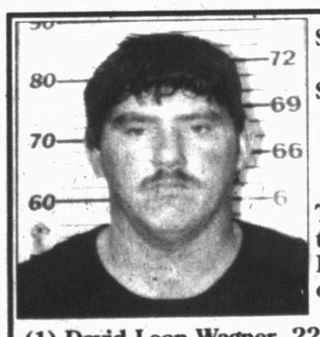

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SEPTEMBER 6, 2002

NOTICE

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(1) David Leon Wagner, 22 years of age, male, 800 16th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child". Victim was a female child 14 years old.

NOTIFICATION

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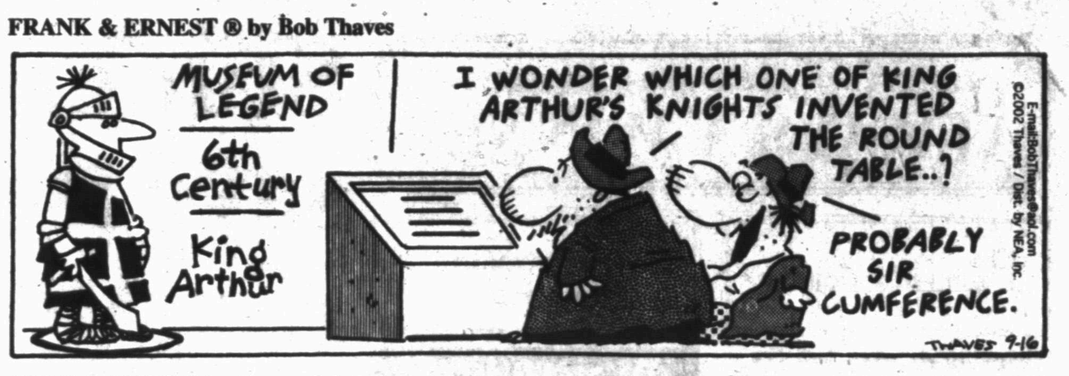

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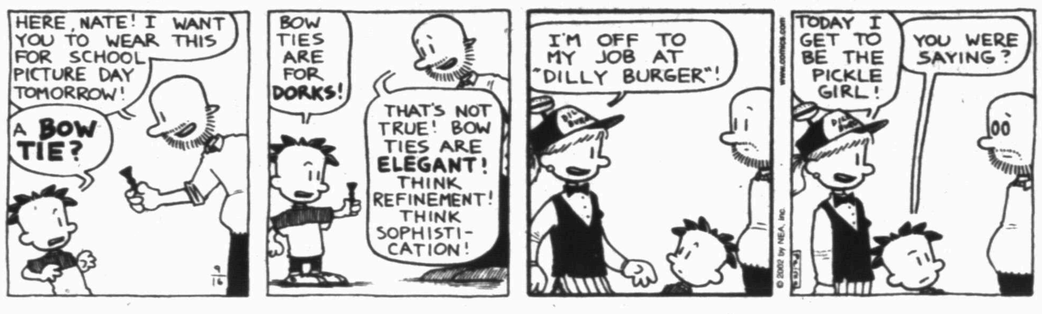

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1 NYC airport
4 Hike
8 River blocker
11 Is not well
13 Oscar's cousin
14 Emissions watchdog
15 Patella site
16 Billie Jean — of tennis
17 Illuminated
18 Physicist's study
20 Shaft
21 Cow's comment
22 Patient-care gp.
24 Rodeo yell
27 City on the Willamette
30 Ore deposit
31 Rude look
32 Car-buyer's concern
34 Leather-working tool
35 Brooks and Tillis
36 Prez's stand-in
37 Synthetic fabrics
39 Office machines
40 Way of Lao-tzu
41 — rummy
42 Paint gold
45 Left
49 Solid water
50 Laughs
53 Tex-Mex snack
54 Glamorous wrap
55 Historical periods
56 Mongol dwelling
57 Finale
58 A.D. word
59 Bring action

DOWN

1 Copacetic
2 Lapp's neighbor
3 Swiss artist
4 Honshu metropolis
5 Hitter's stat
6 One, to Fritz
7 Barrel
8 Pastrami purveyor
9 Neat as — —
10 Partner
12 Sunday delivery
19 DDE's org.
20 Stooge with bangs
22 Tints
23 Exec
24 Harpers Ferry st.
25 Rough-cut
26 Unctuous
27 Lampreys
28 Okla. neighbor
29 Pentathlon event
31 Host Jay —
33 Family MDs
35 Flightless bird
36 Dressing table
38 Corporate abbr.
39 Repair
41 Mural undercoat
42 Jeer at
43 Holy image
44 Soft metal
46 Greek letters
47 Light brown
48 Be too fond of
50 Pro vote
51 40-cup brewer
52 Corn Belt st.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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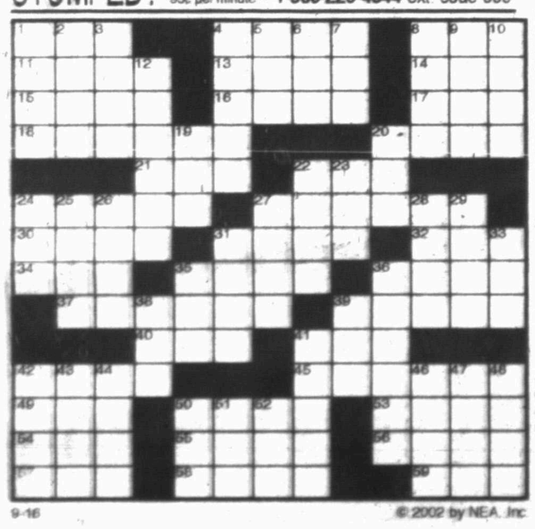

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"I HOPE YOU BROUGHT MOM SOME FLOWERS OR SOMETHING, 'CAUSE I JUST GOT ON HER LAST NERVE!"

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Conjoined twins will travel to Florida for more therapy

DALLAS (AP) — As their doctors continue to consider whether to separate them, conjoined twins Mohamed and Ahmed Ibrahim have begun undergoing physical therapy that is better preparing them for surgery.

The 15-month-old Egyptian twins, joined at the crown of their heads, are up on all fours, rocking back and forth, up and down. Each has even taken crawling motions forward.

"They're two little wild men now," said Sally Fryer, a physical therapist certified in CranioSacral therapy, a technique that uses light touch to enhance the function of the nervous system.

"These kids have absolutely responded to therapy," Fryer said. "They've gone from being relatively passive kids to active, vigorous children."

Fryer gently applies pressure to the area where the boys are conjoined. "It's not going to hurt them and if there's any way we can help them we want to," she said. "If nothing else it's helping them to be stronger, to have more internal oomph."

After three weeks of a combination of physical and CranioSacral therapy three times a week for about 90 minutes, they are stronger and more playful, with smiles often appearing as they kick and wiggle. The physical activities also improve the babies' circulation.

The easy smiles aren't the only things on their lips. Basic words, including "mama," come in a steady stream.

"The therapy just helps the whole body to work better," Fryer said. "If you take pressure off nerves or how the tissues are holding the body, then it's able to work better and more efficiently."

The boys, born June 2, 2001, in a remote village in Egypt, arrived at North Texas Hospital for Children at Medical City Dallas in June to be evaluated for possible separation by Dr. Kenneth Salyer, founder of the World Craniofacial Foundation, and a team of specialists.

Tests have revealed that the boys' attachment at the crown of their heads is extensive and includes the connection of blood vessels. Each baby has a good portion of his own brain, but separating them could cause one or both to die.

The foundation, founded by Salyer and based in Dallas, is paying for the twins' trip and organizing the doctors volunteering to work with them. It has been working to bring the boys' father to Dallas so Salyer can discuss the risks of the possible surgery.

Fryer said it seems that some cleaving has begun that was not there before. "I think the shape of their head has changed," she said.

At one point during the therapy section, Ahmed decides to fall to his stomach, shaking and making an "agghh, agghh" noise. Mohamed, though, decides to stay up on all fours.

When they roll onto their backs, Ahmed keeps busy slapping the mat beneath him with both hands while Mohamed is coached in an impromptu game of "patty cakes."

Fryer said that when they started therapy, they gave her a "What are you going to do to me look?" By the end of the first session, their profound eye-fluttering, signifying hypersensitivity to movement, was gone.

On Sunday, the boys will travel for a week of intensive CranioSacral therapy — about six hours a day — at The Upledger Institute in Florida.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Medical practice is changing

DEAR DR. GOTT: During the 25 years you have written your column, you have occasionally used scathing satire to criticize your colleagues. Recently, however, you seem to have changed your perspective. Now you get up close and personal. Why?

DEAR READER: Medical practice has changed dramatically. Twenty years ago, it was fun to tweak my associates with outrageous satire. I — and they — knew it was safe; I was merely pulling their chains; we were all in this medical thing for the duration.

In the past five to 10 years, the situation has altered, in large part because of government regulations and health maintenance organizations. While my previous satire may amuse some readers and annoy others, life in a doctor's office is not fun anymore and my satire has become an example of life imitating art. Consequently, I've had to become more personal. If I don't understand why a doctor does (or doesn't) do something, I'll say so. If I have a tendency to criticize, I usually do so after a statement to the effect that I am not in possession of all the pertinent data. If I suggest to readers that they change physicians, it's usually because the present practitioner is surly, uncommunicative and arrogant — qualities that any good doctor, regardless of the medical climate in which he practices, tries to avoid. Actually, that's the point. I want to steer patients toward physicians who — along with being knowledgeable — are available, concerned, sympathetic, supportive and understanding ... the very qualities that I try to bring to my own medical practice.

Therefore, if I sometimes seem brusque and overly critical of colleagues, please forgive me. I'll try to do better. Heaven (and each of my patients) knows that I am only human and make mistakes. But I admit to criticizing physicians who commit egregious errors, distance themselves from patients, follow the almighty dollar and then pretend to be blame-free. That's, quite simply, pure crap.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Having worked as a nurse for many years, I am familiar with epilepsy and recognize its variations. What symptoms — if any — would indicate sub-clinical epilepsy?

DEAR READER: I'm not at all sure what "sub-clinical epilepsy" designates. My understanding is that there are basically two kinds of seizure disorders: an isolated, nonrecurrent attack of seizure, and epilepsy, a series of seizure paroxysms that are quite diagnostic.

I assume from your question that sub-clinical (not obvious to professionals) epilepsy (a seizure disorder) must, by definition, be a subtle neurological problem, probably marked by periods of lip-smacking, inappropriate muscular activity, numbness, tingling, twitching and hallucinations.

Such patients must undergo brain wave testing (EEG) and should probably be prescribed anticonvulsant medication. If the diagnosis is in doubt, neurological consultation is mandatory.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Epilepsy." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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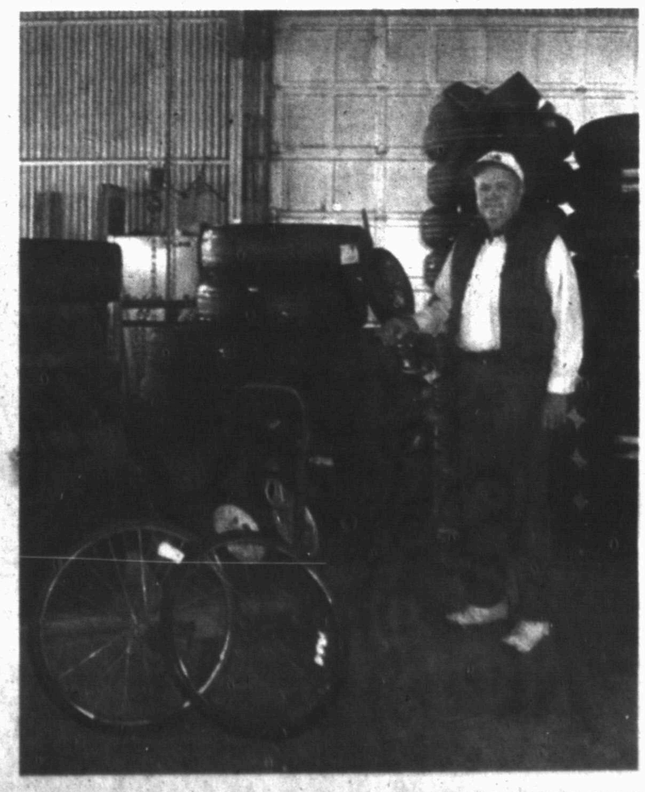

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Train derails, thousands evacuated

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — With a billowing cloud of fuming sulfuric acid hovering over her neighborhood, Lisa Perkins knew it was time to get her four children out of the area.

The family, along with their pet Chihuahua, was among 42 people sleeping on cots Sunday night at Bearden High School after a train carrying 10,600 gallons of the hazardous chemical derailed in the Farragut community near Knoxville.

No one was seriously injured, but at least 3,000 people were evacuated.

Perkins' husband, John, stayed behind.

"I kept calling my husband, trying to get him to come up here, and he said 'if I'm going to go, I'm going to go,'" she said. "My main concern was the kids.

"I told my husband, 'if you're going to be stubborn, stay here. But I have to make sure these kids get to safety.'"

The train was traveling from Knoxville to Birmingham, Ala., when the accident occurred, said Susan Terpay, spokeswoman for Virginia-based Norfolk Southern railways, which owns the train and track.

Twenty-four cars of the 141-car train left the track, she said. The cause remains under investigation.

The highly corrosive acid, used in manufacturing, was transported as a liquid, but became a gas upon release.

Residents living in 20 subdivisions within about a mile of the derailment were asked to leave their homes.

Knox County Sheriff Tim Hutchison said it would be at least tonight — and possibly Tuesday — before residents will be able to return home.

"It is just a slow, tedious process," he said. "There's a lot of liquid down there. It is fuming and it is very dangerous.

Investigation began before Sept. 11

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Prosecutors say alleged members of a terror cell trained by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network were under investigation even before the Sept. 11 attacks but intensified their communications this month.

The investigation into the men began in early summer 2001, about the time they returned from Afghanistan, said Michael Battle, U.S. attorney for western New York. The men were born in the United States and are of Yemeni descent.

"What essentially happened is that information came to our attention that pointed us in the direction of these individuals," Battle said.

He declined to comment on specifics, but said law enforcement officials investigated to corroborate the information.

He said the communications and other activities surrounding the cell increased this month.

Federal authorities who announced the arrests said bin Laden lectured them while they were in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

The men came home to Lackawanna, 5 miles south of Buffalo on the shore of Lake Erie, in June 2001. Federal agents said they had no information the cell was planning an attack in the United States.

Four of the men were arrested Friday and a fifth was arrested Saturday.

A sixth American of Yemeni descent was arrested last week in the Persian Gulf emirate of Bahrain, a Bahraini government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said today. The official said the suspect, who was about to get married, agreed to go back to the United States to continue the investigation.

According to Mohamed Albanna, vice president of the American Muslim Council of Western New York, the man is Mukhtar al-Bakri. A telephone call to Bakri's residence in Lackawanna went unanswered today.

The other five men appeared in a Buffalo courtroom Saturday in handcuffs and shackles and were charged with providing material support and resources to foreign terrorist organizations. The judge entered a not guilty plea for each and ordered the men jailed until a detention hearing Wednesday.

Three identified in burglary at mechanic's shop

• Burglary

Snyder police have identified three persons involved in a burglary of a mechanic's shop at 420 Coliseum Dr. early Sunday morning.

The three men are alleged to have taken an air conditioner from the shop belonging to Frankie Castillo. The three are facing state jail felony charges on this theft. They were also identified as taking items from Tom's Marine, also on Coliseum Drive, early Sunday morning and are facing misdemeanor charges in this case.

Police reportedly watched the trio load merchandise into a vehicle before making the arrest.

The three are from Post. Two are 19-year-olds, and the other is 15 years of age.

The state jail case has been referred to the district attorney's office for possible grand jury action, said Sgt. Brian Haggard.

• Arrests

Snyder officers arrested a 33-year-old man at 9:30 p.m. Saturday for Class B public intoxication.

At 12:02 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested two men in the 2700 block of Ave. J. Taken into custody were an 18-year-old man and a 17-year-old man for consuming alcohol as minors.

A 19-year-old man was arrested on Ave. V early Sunday for Class A assault and family violence.

A woman called police at 6:30 a.m. Sunday in reference to her neighbor reporting having trouble with his wife. Officers responded to the 1100 block of 26th Street and arrested the man for public intoxication.

• Theft

Floyd White reported the theft of a 20-ton jack out of his van Sunday and a report was submitted for burglary of a motor vehicle.

• Family violence

A woman called 9-1-1 Saturday night to report that she was assaulted with a child in her arms. Officers advised a report for family violence would be submitted.

At 3:50 p.m. Sunday, a woman reported her daughter was assaulted by her boyfriend and a report for family violence was submitted.

A man called 9-1-1 at 11:16 p.m. Sunday to report problems with his wife. Officers advised she appeared to be intoxicated and she was released to her daughter-in-law for the night. A report for family violence was submitted.

• Criminal trespass

A woman on Ave. M reported a man entering her residence and causing a disturbance Saturday afternoon. A sheriff's deputy responded and issued a criminal trespass warning to the man.

• Fire report

Ken Robinson reported a fence on fire in the alley of Sunset near 37th Street. The fire department responded and requested a close patrol in reference to juveniles possibly throwing matches into backyards.

• Close patrol

A woman reported her daughter saw a subject looking into her window at 1:40 a.m. Sunday and requested a close patrol of her residence.

• Gas drive off

A clerk at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop reported a gas drive off Saturday afternoon in the amount of $47.

Spotty rainfall reported in area

To say the rainfall over the weekend was spotty would be an understatement.

Ottus Boyd who lives on the north side of Lake J.B. Thomas near the Bull Creek Channel, said his rain gauge showed 4½ inches fell Saturday night. He said a little hail fell with the rain but not enough to do any damage.

Also, 1½ inches fell two miles west of Randals' Corner near Highway 180; two inches near the dam; Ira received ½ inch; Kountry Korner near the lake received 2½ inches; and the Dunn place, three miles south of Lake Thomas, received 2.3 inches.

No rainfall was reported from Snyder or east of Snyder during the weekend.

Finding votes for Reno proves slim

MIAMI (AP) — Janet Reno's chances of finding the votes she needs to overtake Bill McBride in Florida's Democratic gubernatorial primary are becoming slimmer as officials complete their review of the prolonged election.

McBride's lead over Reno has dwindled from 8,196 to 5,685 votes, according to numbers released Sunday by both campaigns.

Reno and McBride campaign officials said Sunday they learned that the former U.S. attorney general has picked up a net increase of 2,511 votes in Miami-Dade County based on the rechecking of ballots cast in 88 precincts that experienced technical problems.

But with fewer votes expected from Broward County — the only place expected to turn up a significant number of new votes — it appears that it would be difficult for Reno to overtake McBride when certified results are turned in Tuesday.

Obituaries

Essie Dawson

1904-2002

Essie Dawson, a resident of Snyder since 1991, died Saturday, Sept. 14, at her home.

Graveside service for Mrs. Dawson, 98, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Jim Fox, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home.

She married Joe Sherman Dawson on June 1, 1918 in Carthage, Mo. He died Sept. 17, 1973. She also was preceded in death by a sister, Marcella Dawson on April 8, 1938.

A homemaker, Mrs. Dawson had lived in Skellytown for 50 years before moving to Snyder. She was a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Melba Gasaway of Snyder; a sister, Hazel Jenkins of Duenweg, Mo.; a grandson, Harold Gasaway of Snyder; and two great-granddaughters, Cherie Gasaway of Pampa and Tanya Gasaway of White Deer.

Lois Lathem

1926-2002

NOCONA – Lois Luar Lathem, the sister of Lillian Lindsey of Snyder, died Saturday, Sept. 14, in Nocona.

Funeral service for Mrs. Lathem, 76, is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday at Jerry Woods Funeral Home and interment will follow in the Ringgold Cemetery. The Rev. Bryan Parks will officiate.

Born on Oct. 22, 1925 in Midland, she married Robert Cecil Lathem on Dec. 27, 1947 in Dallas. He died Jan. 17, 1982. A resident of Ringgold, she was retired from Home Health Care and was a Baptist.

Survivors also include a son, Robert Glenn Lathem of Ponca City, Okla.; a daughter, Joyce Lynn Parks of Waxahachie; a brother, Billy Jack Dobson of Rockport; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Anna Maddox

1913-2002

ODESSA – Anna Lee Maddox, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, in Medical Center Hospital.

Services were held Saturday at Highland United Methodist Church and interment followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Born June 1, 1913 in Hermleigh, she moved as a child with her family to Gaines County. She worked for Seminole State Bank and Kermit National Bank before moving to Odessa where she worked for First National Bank for 14 years.

Survivors include a brother, Bill Wescott of Seminole; a sister-in-law, Nancy Wescott of Hart; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "What Will We Be Like in the Next Life," followed by "...And You Fathers."

Central Elementary book fair

Central Elementary's scholastic book fair begins today and continues the entire week. Times are 7:45-9 a.m. and 3:15-4 p.m.

VFW auxiliary

The VFW auxiliary will meet at 7 tonight in the post home. Members are urged to attend.

AARP meeting

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at 5:30 p.m. today for a "potluck" dinner at the Senior Citizens Center. A program will follow.

Alzheimer's support group

An Alzheimer's meeting for caretakers, family members and interested persons will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the library of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Emmaus community meeting

Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the World is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Dr.

Farm Bill computer training

The training session will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Workforce Training Center at WTC. For an appointment call 573-5423 by 5 p.m. today. Dr. Jackie Smith will answer questions about the farm program. Bring accurate figures and appointments will be made to speed the process.

Gospel concert

Toney Brothers Quartet will present a Gospel concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh.

Sgt. Troy Wilson reception

There will be a reception for Department of Public Safety Sgt. Troy Wilson from 10 a.m. until noon Thursday at the DPS office at 909 25th St. Sgt. Wilson is being transferred to San Antonio as a Texas Ranger.

Men's Emmaus walk

Men's Walk to Emmaus will be held Thursday through Sunday at Butman Methodist Encampment. For information, call Jackie at 573-2873.

Stanfield Elementary garage sale

Stanfield will hold a garage sale from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Friday. Follow the signs on campus. Donations will be accepted through Thursday at the school office. Proceeds used for out of town field trips. This is being held in conjunction with the second grade study project, "needs and wants" — ways to make money. First graders will be selling lemonade.

Horse shoe tournament

Snyder Slingers will host a sanctioned horseshoe pitching tournament Saturday at the coliseum. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and pitching starts at 10 a.m. The tournament is sanctioned by the Texas Horseshoe and National Horseshoe Pitching Associations.

Guadalupe Church Jamaica

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will hold its Jamaica celebration Sunday. The event will start at 8 a.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. There will be food, volleyball, live music and the event is a fundraiser for the church.

Bible school

Son Canyon River Adventure Bible School will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church from 6:30-8 p.m. every Wednesday in September, and on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Open to all children from infants to 7th grade. Call the church office at 573-3988 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

SHS homecoming parade

The homecoming parade is Thursday, Sept. 26. The SHS student council invites all local organizations to enter the parade. Entry fee is $15 for floats, $10 for vehicles and $5 for golf carts. Cash prizes will be awarded for best overall, most creative and best Tiger spirit. Contact Christy Smith at SHS to enter.

Tiger homecoming fajita dinner

The annual homecoming fajita dinner will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, at First Christian Church. Everyone is invited to park cars at the church and enjoy the meal before the game.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

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

SJHS choir fundraiser

Snyder Junior High School's choir will serve a hamburger supper from 5-7:30 p.m. Sept. 27, SHS homecoming. Tickets at $5 must be bought in advance from the junior high office or any choir student.

Lord's Acre fish fry

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre fish fry is 5-7 p.m. Oct. 1. Adult tickets are $7 and children's tickets – 10 and under – are $3.50. Tickets available at the church office or at the door.

Ira homecoming

Ira School's homecoming is set for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11-12. The ex's basketball game on Friday begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a victory bonfire at the baseball field, weather permitting. Saturday's noon meal will be brisket and sausage plate plus all the trimmings cooked by the senior class. Tickets are $6.50 each. Children under 10 will be $3.25. Send money for the number of plates wanted to Ira School, Box 121 in Ira. 79527. Registration will be $5 per family and meal tickets can be picked up at registration.