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Ask Us

Q—What is the lowest the lake level has been at J.B. Thomas?

A—According to the Colorado River Municipal Water District, the lowest level at Lake Thomas was an elevation of 2,206.62 feet on May 30, 1971.

In Brief

Cut budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon officials say they want to save money by eliminating new weapons systems rather than cutting into troop strength or benefits.

"This message is money is tight and we are choosing people over systems," Deputy Defense Secretary John Deutch said Tuesday. "For example, if we must delay chemical lasers in space in favor of housing for enlisted people, then (Defense Secretary) Bill Perry and I will do so."

Deutch held the briefing to explain a letter he sent to the military officials last week ordering them to prepare plans to end or delay many of the major weapons systems now in development stages.

Two of the programs employ thousands of workers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area: the V-22 Osprey, under development by Bell Helicopter Textron and Boeing Helicopters, and the F-22, being develped by Lockheed Corp.

Local

Stanfield

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria.

Central

Central Parent Council will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria.

'Dogs

A "Meet the Ira Bulldogs" social will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday following the varsity scrimmage. Those attending are asked to bring ice cream or a dessert and drinks.

CMH board

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday in the hospital board room. Agenda items include accounts payable, the financial report and approval of previous minutes.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 97 degrees; low, 74 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 74 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 6.09 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight: mostly clear. Low in the lower 70s. Southeast wind 5-15 mph. Thursday: partly cloudy. High in the mid 90s. South wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:16. Sunrise Thursday, 7:15. Of 235 days in 1994, the sun has shone 228 days in Snyder.

Three young boys burglary suspects

Snyder police closed a burglary case Tuesday with the identification of three juveniles.

The suspects, all boys in their teens, are three of 11 juveniles who have been charged this month with felony crimes ranging from burglary and arson to aggravated assault.

In the case closed Tuesday, two 14-year-old boys and a 15-year-old boy are suspects in the burglary of a residence, reported July 18, in which some jewelry and a .38-caliber Colt revolver were taken. Police Sgt. Jerry Parker said most of the jewelry has been recovered.

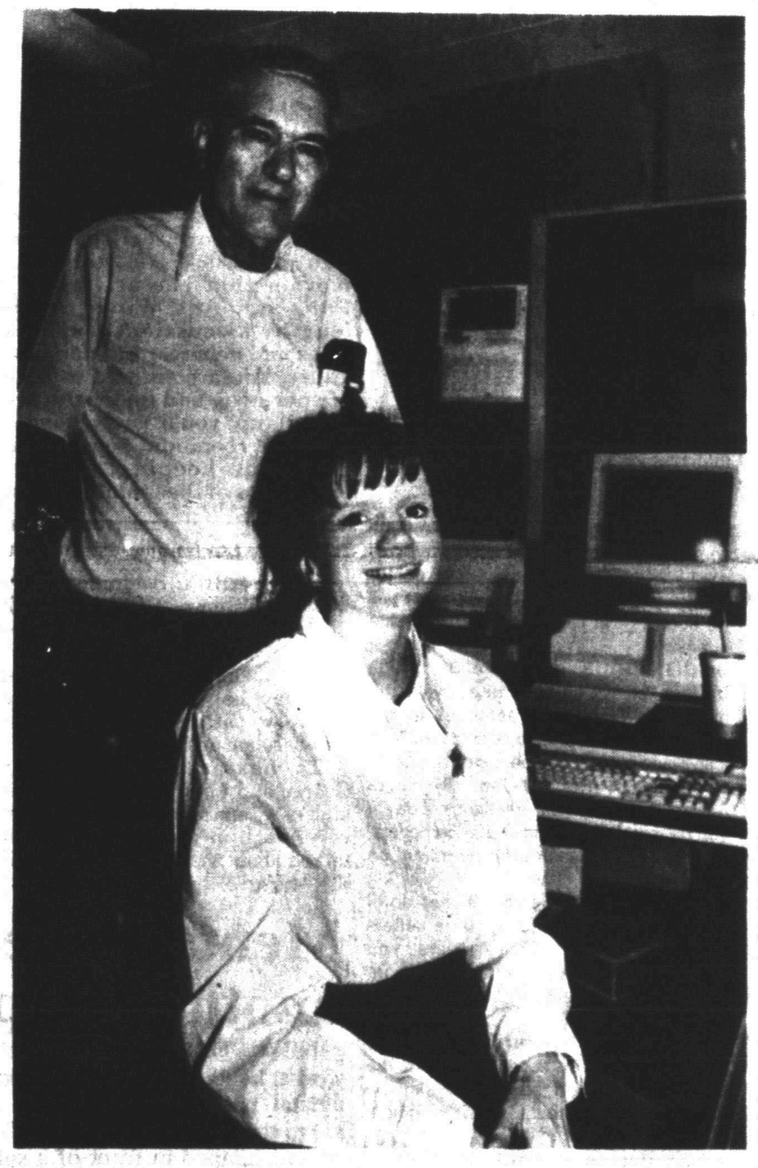
The boys were taken into custody and charged with burglary, and have since been released to their guardians. The case will be forwarded to the district attorney's office, Sgt. Parker said.

Last Friday, police charged a 16-year-old boy with burglaries at Landes Home Furnishings, Elizabeth Potts Realtors and Lisa's Boutique.

Also last week, police charged four boys — two age 12, one 11 and another 13 — with arson. The four are suspects in an Aug. 4 fire which destroyed the former Neff Floral and Garden Center and caused over $66,000 in damage.

Police also wrapped up a case on Aug. 12 by charging three juveniles and five adults with aggravated assault. The juveniles, two boys age 16 and one age 14, are suspects along with the adults in the Aug. 4 beating of a Scurry County man. The victim suffered a broken arm and hand, broken ribs and a fractured skull. Police said the beating was apparently over a disagreement about a dog.

CAMPAIGN SUPPORT — Phil Boone of Abilene, right, Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, greets local resident Jeanne Bullard during a campaign stop at Snyder National Bank's community room Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo by John McMillan)



SERVICE FOR ELDERLY — Scurry County Sheriff's Office morning dispatchers supervise the SILK program that offers elderly residents a daily computerized phone call. Pictured are dispatcher-jailer Jeanette Hagins and Sheriff Keith Collier. (SDN Staff Photo by John McMillan)

SILK program can be a major benefit

By JOHN McMILLAN
SDN Staff Writer

Are you an elderly resident of Scurry County, live alone, and don't have someone visiting on a daily basis?

If so, Scurry County Sheriff Keith Collier invites you to participate in a program that will offer you a computerized daily phone call to determine whether you have any need for medical care that day.

"We think there's a potential here for a large number (of elderly people) who could benefit from it, if they knew it was available," Collier said, noting that participation in the service is free. "I think it would give them a more secure feeling."

At present, fewer than 50 residents of Scurry County participate in the SILK program, as the automated phone call service is known, Collier noted. The acronym stands for Snyder Independent Living Connection, with the latter word being represented by a "K" in the abbreviated name for the program, the sheriff said.

The program, begun in October 1992 by the Snyder Police Department, has been administered by Scurry County Sheriff's Office since November 1993. Under the program, the sheriff's office's morning dispatcher sends a sheriff's deputy or police officer to the home of any program participant who doesn't answer the phone when it rings at about 7 a.m. each day.

Participants in the program who answer the phone are asked to call the 911-emergency assistance number if they believe they might need medical or other emergency assistance.

The SILK program is potentially life-saving, said police Sgt. Jerry Parker. He cited the example of an elderly rural resident of Scurry County who slipped in her bathtub a few months ago and was not discovered until several hours later when a friend of hers checked on her. The elderly woman was later taken to the hospital. She has since joined the SILK program, Parker said.

Anyone wishing to apply for the program may contact the Scurry County Sheriff's dispatcher at

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Thursday's beef conference features wide range of topics

With topics ranging from brush control to herd health, Thursday's West Texas Beef Cattle Conference here promises to be informative and comprehensive.

A noted group of specialists will speak at the annual conference, which begins with an 8 a.m. registration at Scurry County Coliseum.

Extension offices in Scurry, Borden, Dawson, Garza, Lynn and Mitchell counties, along with various animal and feed-related companies, are sponsoring the event.

The conference has been approved by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Participants holding a certified private, licensed private, non-commercial or commercial license will receive two continuing education credits.

Registration will be accepted at the door for a fee of $10.

Morning presentations include Dr. Charles Church on herd health, Kent Mills on forage testing and range nutrition, Dr. Matt Cravey on the Texas Ranch-to-Rail Program and Dr. Dan Hale on avoiding injection discounts and total quality management.

Representatives of the Texas Beef Council will discuss meat quality evaluation as the program nears a lunch break. The catered lunch will be sponsored by the Council, Roche Animal Health and Hi-Pro Feeds.

The afternoon program will include a cattleman's question-and-answer session, moderated by John Senter, with a panel to include Donald Airhart, J.P. Senter and Preston Hollis. The program will follow with Drs. Church, Cravey and Brent Bean on stocker cattle management and J.F. Cadenhead on forage improvement through complete brush control.

Texas Beef Council survey results will also be presented.

Pakistan denies statement that it has a nuclear bomb

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The government today strongly denied a statement by the ex-prime minister that Pakistan has a nuclear bomb.

Several government officials reiterated the country's longstanding position that it has the capability to make an atomic weapon but has not done so.

"We have made a sovereign decision not to produce nuclear weapons," Munir Akram, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, told a news conference.

Foreign Minister Sardar Aseff Ali told The Muslim newspaper: "We are a very responsible country and we do not believe in the proliferation of nuclear weapons."

Ex-prime minister Nawaz Sharif, who now heads the main opposition party, touched off the latest controversy Tuesday when he said: "I confirm that Pakistan possesses the atomic bomb."

Sharif made the comment in a speech at Neela Butt, part of the disputed Kashmir territory controlled by Pakistan.

Pakistan and India have fought two wars over the disputed Himalayan state, which both nations claim as their own. They came close to a third war in 1990, and many fear that any future battle could quickly escalate into a nuclear exchange.

According to U.S. officials and others with a knowledge of Pakistan's program, the country has all the necessary components for a bomb and could assemble one in a matter of days or even hours.

Jury rules for state

A 132nd District Court jury took less than an hour Tuesday afternoon to rule in favor of the state in the bond forfeiture by a Midland woman.

A five-woman, seven-man jury ruled $20,000 bond was forfeited when Carol Johnene Morris failed to appear for trial in May, 1988. The jury returned its verdict at 1:57 p.m.

Morris claimed she was prevented from making the court appearance because she was under a doctor's care and was unable to drive.

Later that year, Morris was found guilty by a Scurry County jury and ordered to serve 20 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's institutional division and fined $10,000.

Assistant District Attorney Dana Cooley represented the state. Morris' attorney was Carmen Elaine Eiker of Midland. Presiding over the case was visiting judge Curt F. Steib of San Angelo.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The teller on Deep Creek says, "Show me a man with his head held high and I'll show you a man trying to get used to his bifocals."

Since the major league baseball strike is underway and football season is not yet in full gear, we have a suggestion to help fill your leisure time.

For years we've observed something that we can't explain. It's the same all over — in hamlets, in small towns and in giant cities.

It's not limited to just one part of the state or one part of the country. The phenomenon is universal. We're talking about convenience store clerks who are talking on the telephone.

Over the past several weeks, we've done an informal survey and have concluded that there is a 73 percent chance that the clerk will be on the phone.

What we don't know is who's on the other end. We once concluded that there must be a network used only by convenience store clerks and that they must be talking to each other.

We've also noticed that the time of day really doesn't make any difference — unless the manager is nearby. For some reason, supervision seems to stifle personal chit chat.

We've thought on occasions that a crusade may be in order to force attendants to pay attention to the paying customer.

A recent incident caused us to snap. A gentleman ahead of us politely endured as the clerk checked out his purchase, took his money and made change without every missing a word of what was obviously a personal conversation.

When it was our turn, she was still talking and held out her hand for our gasoline credit card. "Not 'til you get off the phone."

Our "cause" probably won't change the world, but we feel better already.

Voters must approve casino gambling

AUSTIN (AP) — If casino gambling is ever to reach Texas, the final hand will be played by Texas voters.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said in a legal opinion Tuesday that voter approval is needed before casino gambling is allowed in the state.

The 1995 Legislature is expected to face a strong push from casino interests to legalize gambling.

Morales said state lawmakers alone can't decide the issue. Instead, he said a constitutional amendment is needed. An amendment requires a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate, plus voter approval in a statewide referendum.

"On issues of this magnitude ... the citizens legally and rightfully have the deciding voice," Morales said. "The state may not allow such gambling without the permission of the voters."

The opinion followed inquiries by state Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, and state Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, about whether legalizing slot-machine gambling requires a constitutional amendment.

Morales said such gambling is a form of lottery still prohibited by the Texas Constitution. He said lotteries are defined as games of chance that offer a prize.

People on both side of the issue said a constitutional amendment will make it more difficult to get casino gambling approved in Texas.

State Republican Party Chairman Tom Pauken said Morales' opinion "effectively kills casino gambling in Texas for the foreseeable future. And I'm glad that's happened."

Lloyd Criss, chairman of the Texas Association for Casino Entertainment, called the opinion a "roadblock" because a constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds majority of lawmakers. Without an amendment, lawmakers could have approved casino gambling with a simple majority vote and without a statewide referendum.

But Criss said, "We will find a way around, through or over the roadblock. The statewide polls we have seen show 60 percent of the registered voters are for casino gambling."

Criss said casino gambling would bring $500 million to the state annually while creating 70,000 jobs that pay between $23,000 and $28,000 a year.

"We wanted the people to vote on this because we think everyone will see this is good business for Texas," Criss said.

Mark Bell, a spokesman for Secretary of State John Hannah, said if the Legislature approved a constitutional amendment on casino gambling, Texans could vote on the matter sometime next year.

Morales, a Democrat, was criticized by Republican opponent Don Wittig for not releasing the opinion sooner.

The requests for the opinion were made last December. Since then, Morales has received $75,000 in campaign contributions from Houston businessman James McIngvale, who says he wants to open a casino.

Wittig said Morales should return the contribution. Morales has returned some money from casino interests but says he will keep McIngvale's gift because McIngvale "is an exemplary citizen and business owner who has supported criminal justice projects."

Democratic Gov. Ann Richards, GOP gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush, Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and GOP candidate for lieutenant governor Tex Lezar said they have long supported having voters decide the casino gambling issue.

Although voters in 1991 authorized a constitutional amendment allowing a state lottery, in which scratch-off and lotto tickets are sold, Morales said it is "abundantly clear that the voters ... did not intend to legalize the operation of slot machines."

Morales noted that the Texas Legislature in 1971 amended criminal statutes in an effort to permit charitable organizations to conduct bingo games and raffles. Those also are considered lotteries because they are games of chance.

But the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals found that "any effort by the Legislature to authorize, license or legalize lotteries is unconstitutional" without a constitutional amendment.

Voters later approved bingo and raffles for charities.

Senator: youth commission could be eliminated in state

BEAUMONT (AP) — An Arlington state senator, upset about cost overruns for building a facility for juvenile offenders in Jefferson County, says the Texas Youth Commission could be eliminated.

Chris Harris, co-chairman of the Joint Interim Committee on the Family Code, said Tuesday that lawmakers are unhappy with the youth commission's performance.

"Elimination of the Texas Youth Commission could very well still happen," the Republican said. "None of us are happy with what's gone on, plus it has a low rate of success in treating juvenile offenders."

Harris is chairman of a committee that delved into problems surrounding the construction of the Golden State Triangle State School near Beaumont.

It was revealed earlier this month that the commission had reduced the facility's capacity from 144 beds to 48 beds after it was projected that an additional $5 million would be needed for fill-in dirt to keep the state school from sinking.

The commission also sought an extra $10 million in construction costs because of overruns in site preparation relating to soil stabilization.

Jay Lindgren, the commission's deputy executive director for operations, said the agency takes Harris' threats seriously, but believes it hasn't had a chance to defend its record fully.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

9-5-8

(nine, five, eight)

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 25, 1994

Be patient with enterprises or endeavors that get off to a slow start in the year ahead. You might not establish any speed records, but your progress will still be impressive enough.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Some uncertainties are likely in your commercial affairs today. This is not the time to take risks or implement revisions that have not been duly tested. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be both persistent and consistent in situations today that require a partnership effort. There must be parity in the performances of you and your counterpart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If someone comes to you for advice today, don't pretend you're knowledgeable about something if you're really not. This person will be counting on the information you give him/her.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Instead of operating prudently in the management of your resources today, you might be tempted to take chances. A loss could occur if you become careless.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're not apt to gratify your intentions today if you do things in fits and starts. Be consistent and don't launch projects purely on impulse.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Instead of weighing your words today to be certain they are not offensive to others, you might just blurt things out with far more bite than you intend. Think before you speak.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Guard against inclinations today to reward the undeserving while ignoring persons who should be complimented. Your judgment is questionable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't do anything today to make yourself look more important at the expense of others. If you do, and even succeed, the applause could be clouded with sneers and jeers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is a possibility today you might repeat a recent mistake if you haven't learned from that experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A joint endeavor in which you're involved could turn out to be counterproductive today if the participants make emotional judgments instead of logical ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This may not be a good day to try to imitate the tactics of someone you admire in a career situation. He/she has a greater array of experiences upon which to draw than you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today you might have to work in close proximity to a careless co-worker. Keep a close eye on his/her performance. Do the complicated assignments yourself and delegate the simple ones.

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The French explorer Robert Cavelier de La Salle was slain in 1687 by mutineers in what is now Texas.

The Netherlands recognized American independence in 1792.

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Dear Abby

Grown-Up Chick Struggles To Leave Suffocating Nest

by Abigail Van Buren

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dear Abby is on a two-week vacation. Following is a selection of some of her favorite past letters from the early 1970s.)

DEAR ABBY: My mother is my problem. I am an only child — if you can call a woman of 24 a "child." I want to have an apartment with a very nice girlfriend of mine, but every time I mention it, my mother hits the ceiling. She keeps telling me I am her "whole life." Yes, my father is living, but he and Mom never had much of a marriage. They never go anywhere together and they have no friends.

If I go on a date, my mother waits up for me and asks me a lot of questions. ("What did you say? What did he say?")

I used to tell Mom everything, but I don't anymore, which hurts her, and she lets me know it.

I know I should move. But how can I? Mom does everything to keep me home. I pay no room or board, although I have offered and can well afford it. Mom does all my laundry (even my lingerie every night), and she makes my bed and cleans my room, closets and drawers.

Can you help me, Abby?

TOO MUCH MOTHER

DEAR TOO: You answered your own question. ("I know I should move.") But the "how" may take more fortitude than you possess. First, tell your mother that you are moving. Pack up. And move! Avoid lengthy discussions, explanations and debates. And don't feel guilty. You are entitled to a life of your own, and under the present setup, you'll never have it. The free room and board, laundry, housekeeping, etc., are extensions of the umbilical cord.

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DEAR ABBY: Seeing as how I was new in town, I stopped a nice-looking man on the street and asked him for directions. He said it wasn't far and, since he was going that way, he would walk me there. Before we parted, he asked me if he could see me again, and I said yes.

To make a long story short, George and I started going together and now, six months later, we are very much in love and have even talked about marriage some time in the future.

Abby, George never talks about his parents, his life or anything to do with his past. He says he has no living relatives — no parents, sisters or brothers. He doesn't talk about his job, either. He just says he "sells" for a living.

I am 28 and have never been married. George says he is 32 and has never been married either. He has been to my apartment, but I have never been to his. (I don't even know where he lives!)

Is it possible that he has no living relatives?

WONDERING

DEAR WONDERING: Possible, but not probable. Before you invest more time in this mysterious character, find out what it is he "sells" and for whom. Then check up on him. I have a hunch it's a line you don't need.

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DEAR ABBY: Our son was recently married to a lovely girl. They had been engaged for almost a year. The girl's parents are quite well-to-do, and they gave their daughter and our son a "picture-book" wedding.

When the newlyweds returned from their honeymoon, they blushingly confessed that we would have a grandchild exactly six months after the wedding. Naturally, we were shocked and disappointed, but felt nothing would be gained by making them feel more ashamed than they already appeared to be.

The problem: Our daughter-in-law is afraid to tell her parents. She's a shy little thing and has asked us to tell them. We think she and our son should tell them. We leave it to you, Abby. Who should tell them, and how?

IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR IN: The shy little thing should tell her parents that they are going to have a grandchild, which, if it arrives on time, will be three months "premature."

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For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Mental patient told to find another hospital wins suit

NEW YORK (AP) — A social worker handed subway tokens to a mental patient and told him to move to a different hospital. The patient jumped in front of a subway train and lost his legs. Now a judge has awarded him $4.2 million.

Hector Manuel Rivera, 43, will use the money to move himself and his mother out of their subsidized home, his lawyer, Robert Tessler, said Tuesday.

The money also will buy equipment such as a motorized wheelchair and will pay for Rivera to live in an institution when his mother is no longer able to care for him, Tessler said.

State Court of Claims Judge Albert Blinder ordered the Manhattan Psychiatric Center, a state-run hospital, to pay Rivera.

Rivera, a paranoid schizophrenic, was recommended for hospitalization because he suffered from hallucinations. He told his lawyer the devil told him to leap in front of the train in 1976.

The case was decided in Rivera's favor last year. Blinder had only to decide the size of the award.

A lawyer for the hospital did not immediately return a call requesting comment.

Rogue elephant that killed trainer had run amok before

ALTOONA, Pa. (AP) — An elephant that crushed her trainer in Hawaii had gone on a similar rampage here and bolted from a circus tent in Harrisburg.

Tyke, a 9,000-pound African elephant, killed trainer Allan Campbell at Saturday's Circus International Show in Hawaii when he came to the aid of a groom who had upset the elephant by walking behind her. Tyke was destroyed by police.

State officials said an examination showed no illness that would explain her violent behavior.

Circus International owner Ed Migley said Tuesday that the elephant "had all the tendencies of a killer."

"It was a mistake for Tyke to be presented in a circus," he said.

After the circus leased Tyke last year, she charged through an entryway and ripped away part of a wall when someone walked behind her during a show in Altoona, and bolted from a performance in Harrisburg.

On Tuesday, the group Animal Rights Hawaii and four people who witnessed the rampage sued the elephant's keeper and owner, the circus, the promoter, the city, and the state of Hawaii. The lawsuit claims physical and emotional injury and distress.

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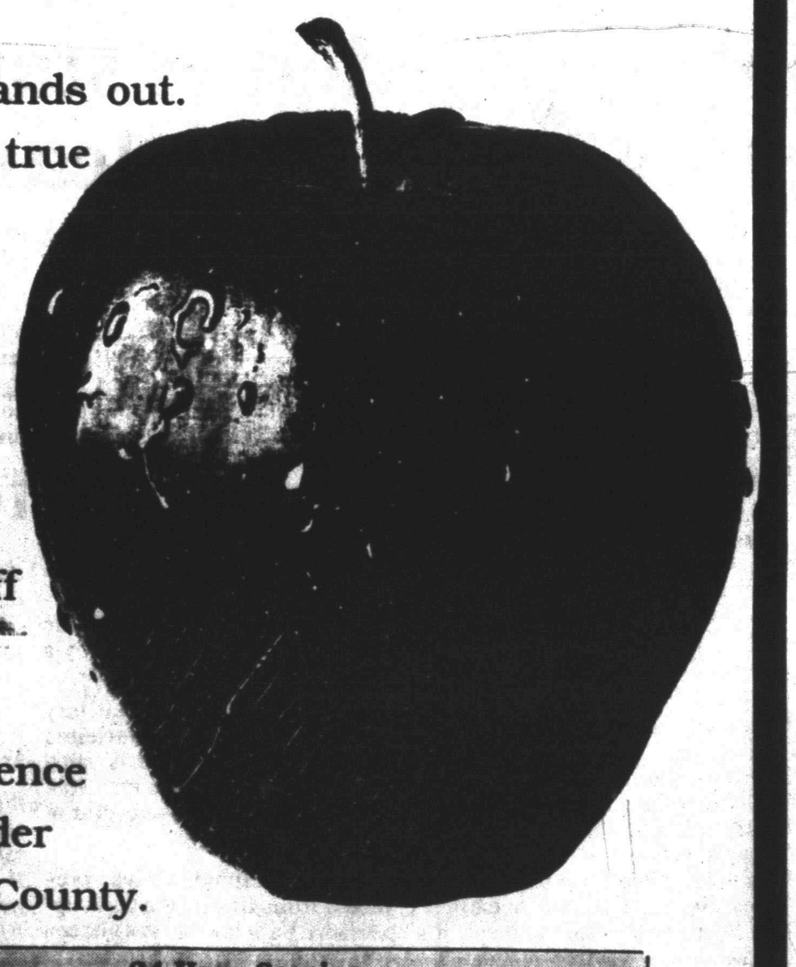

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WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information, call 573-1141; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information, call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information, call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open, meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 863-2349, or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

College entrance test scores go up slightly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scores on college entrance exams are slowly rising as more high school students enroll in rigorous courses such as geometry, chemistry and advanced composition.

Scores crept up for the second straight year in 1994, officials with the American College Testing assessment announced Tuesday.

ACT President Richard L. Ferguson emphasized that many more students should be taking the courses that will prepare them for college.

"But we're encouraged by the gradual improvement we've seen in preparation, especially on the part of female students," he said.

This year's average ACT score was 20.8, up from 20.7 in 1993. During the three years before that, scores held steady at 20.6. (Scores prior to 1990 aren't comparable because of changes in the test that year.)

Results of the other major college entrance exam — the Scholastic Assessment Test — will be released Thursday. Average SAT scores rose in 1992 and 1993.

Although men still outscore women, female students were responsible for this year's increase in the average ACT score. Male scores fell one-tenth of a point, to 20.9; female scores rose three-tenths of a point, to 20.7.

ACT is graded on a scale of 1 to 36.

The ACT gender gap in 1994 was the narrowest ever, reflecting the growing number of women students taking advanced math and science classes, Ferguson said.

This year for the first time, the percentage of women ACT-takers who had studied chemistry (78 percent) and algebra II (86 percent) was the same as the percentage of men who took those courses, he said.

The number of test-takers who enrolled in the core college-prep courses recommended by the ACT rose to 57 percent, from 55 percent last year.

That's a big increase from 1987, when only 38 percent of test-takers had completed the core courses. The ACT recommends four years or more of English, and three years or more each of social studies, natural sciences and algebra and higher mathematics.

Students who completed the core courses scored an average of almost three points higher on the ACT this year than those who didn't — 22.0 to 19.1.

More than 890,000 1994 high school graduates, or about 60 percent of America's college freshmen, took the test. The ACT, based in Iowa City, Iowa, releases only national averages, not state or local scores.

The ACT tests students in English, mathematics, reading and science reasoning. The average score in mathematics improved to 20.2, from 20.1 last year, and science reasoning rose to 20.9, from 20.8.

Average scores in English, 20.3, and reading, 21.2, were the same as last year.

The number of test-takers who said they belong to a racial or ethnic minority was up slightly, to 22.2 percent from 21.4 percent in 1993.

There were no appreciable gains in the scores of these groups, except American Indians, whose score rose one-tenth of a point, to 18.5.

Blacks averaged 17 points. Students who identified themselves as Mexican-American or Chicano averaged 18.4; students who identified themselves as Cuban, Puerto Rican or other Hispanic group scored 19.3. Asians and Pacific Islanders scored 21.7 points.

Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Ga., first used ether as an anesthetic during a minor operation in 1842.

The Queensboro Bridge opened in 1909, linking the New York City boroughs of Manhattan and Queens.

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Transient shot for hitting boy's friend

WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) — Twelve-year-old John had a simple reason for helping his buddy pump more than 18 bullets into a drifter: "I wanted to shoot him. I was mad at him for hitting my best and only friend with a rock."

After prosecutors read John's statement at a hearing, John and his friend Manuel, also 12, were each held on $100,000 bond for investigation of second-degree murder.

Both boys had misdemeanor juvenile convictions — John for theft and Manuel for harassment — but Columbia Elementary School Principal Rom Castilleja said they both had potential to be good students.

"Both wanted to be listened to, wanted to be recognized for things they did, wanted someone to care about them," he said. "They were just like any other kid in a lot of respects."

The two skinny boys were shackled at the ankles and wrists at the hearing Monday.

Chelan County Prosecutor Gary Riesen expected to charge the boys as juveniles today, perhaps with first-degree murder. A hearing will be held later to determine whether to try them as adults. The AP did not use their last names because they are juveniles.

If convicted as juveniles, they could be sent to a detention center until they turn 21. If convicted as adults of first-degree murder, they would face at least 20 years in prison.

Emilio Pruneda Alcantara, 50, was shot to death on a riverbank Saturday after he threw rocks at the boys, who had disturbed him by firing guns nearby, Detective John Matney said. Police believe the boys had stolen the two .22-caliber pistols used in the attack.

"Manuel shot his gun once and the man threw a rock at Manuel. I saw the rock fly and Manuel went 'Ahh!' and shot a bunch more shots," Deputy Prosecutor Gordon Edgar read to the judge from John's statement, the Wenatchee World reported. The boys' parents were with them when they were questioned.

John told police he saw Manuel run up the riverbank, bleeding, and heard him say "I'm not leaving until this guy is dead."

"I go, 'OK,'" John's statement said. "I walk down the bank and jumped down on a rock so I could see the guy. He was in the water up to about his waist ... He was bleeding in two places.

"The man wasn't moving and looked dead. I had the revolver at my feet and Manuel's gun in my hand. I shot Manuel's gun until it was empty. My first shot hit him in the eye and it was sick, so I closed my eyes and shot him more."

Pruneda Alcantara's body was found near his only possessions — a blanket, a couple of cans of food and a blue tarp.

Manuel's mother, who is partially paralyzed from an operation four years ago to remove a brain tumor, said her son began getting into trouble after she fell ill.

"I think it affected him quite a lot," she said Tuesday, the left side of her face drooping with paralysis. "After the surgery, when he saw me, that changed him."

Manuel had been in and out of foster homes for the past two years, and he ran away from his mother's home 10 days before the shooting, she said.

Manuel got into trouble at school last year and transferred. He was expelled from his new school this spring after he brought a pellet gun to the playground one Sunday afternoon, then threatened a teacher and students during school. The district got a restraining order keeping him at least 300 feet from school property.

Manuel was convicted of harassment in May for repeatedly threatening to beat up a fellow student. He spent about 34 days in juvenile detention. He has two pending theft charges.

John was convicted of theft in February for stealing money from the purse of an employee at a department store, but his mother said he's never had any serious problems. John's father works in the oil fields of Kuwait.

Scientists believe that at one time Mars had a warmer climate and much denser atmosphere, that running surface water carved out networks of channels, and that the planet could easily have harbored life.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 8-24-94
♠10 6 5
♥K J 10 9 3
♦A K 5
♣8 4

WEST
♠K 4
♥A Q 4
♦9 4
♣K Q 9 7 6 3

EAST
♠J 9 3 2
♥8 7 6
♦J 10 8 3
♣J 5

SOUTH
♠A Q 8 7
♥5 2
♦Q 7 6 2
♣A 10 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	2 ♣	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♣K

The passion was powerful

By Phillip Alder

There is a strong desire to take a finesse. If it wins, an extra trick is in the bag. But you should always consider what will happen if the finesse loses. Would it be better not to finesse?

In today's deal, North might have passed over two no-trump, but he decided that that contract was unlikely to make exactly. Either the hearts would be useful and nine tricks won, or they wouldn't and he would be conceding an extra undertrick by bidding game.

West led the club king: four, five, two. (Yes, leading the seven would have worked much better. But with two apparent entries, West preferred to lead the honor.) West continued with the club nine: eight, jack, 10. East switched to the spade two. How should South have continued from there?

The first declarer finessed the spade queen, but West, feeling relieved, won with the king and played another club. When South led a heart, West grabbed his ace and cashed the clubs for three down.

The second declarer rose with the spade ace at trick three and led a heart to dummy's nine. When that won, South played a diamond to his queen and led his second heart. With the favorable lie, nine tricks were there for the taking.

The first declarer claimed how lucky the other declarer had been to find both heart honors onside tripleton. But if East holds the heart queen, the contract is probably doomed. For one thing, West is likely to hold the spade king and heart ace for his vulnerable two-level overcall. And if West has the heart queen, the spade finesse can wait.

FOOD HANDLER SEMINAR

(Sponsored by the Scurry County Health Unit)

On Thursday, August 25, 1994, the Scurry County Health Unit will be sponsoring a Food Handler Seminar. This class will be held at Towle Park Barn. The subject matter will be discussed at three different times during the day, so that individuals may arrange their schedule to attend one of the three classes. The first class will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the second class will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the third class will be from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Bob Badger, R.S., Chief Sanitarian, Texas Department of Health, Region II, will be presiding over the seminar. He will be glad to answer any questions you may have following the end of the class.

The purpose of this seminar is to create a consciousness in the food handler, server, and utensil handler in public places of constant sanitary practices in storage, preservation, and serving of food and beverages.

All persons from restaurants, cafes, deli's, bakeries, managers of church kitchens, concession stand workers, temporary vendor workers, and any persons who are interested in food handling in public places are encouraged to attend.

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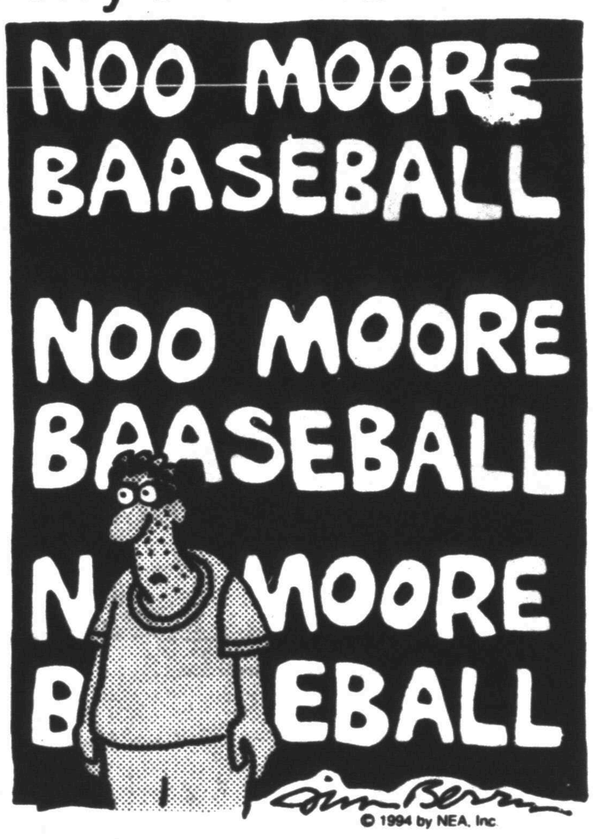

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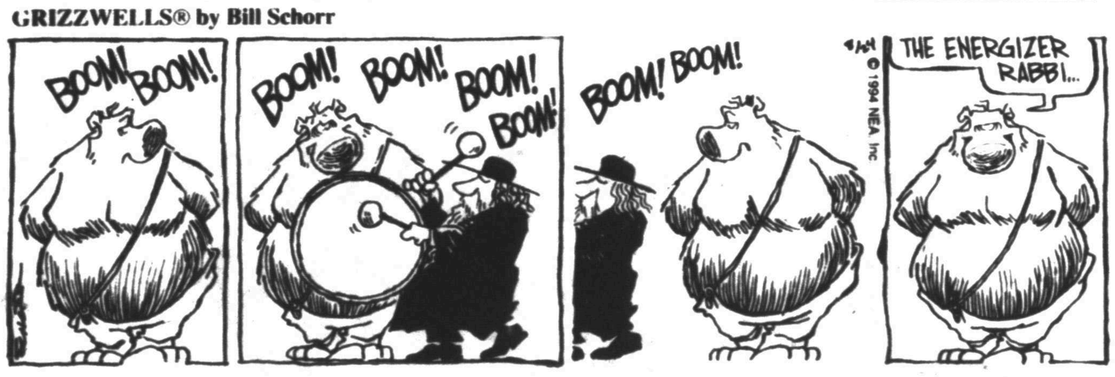

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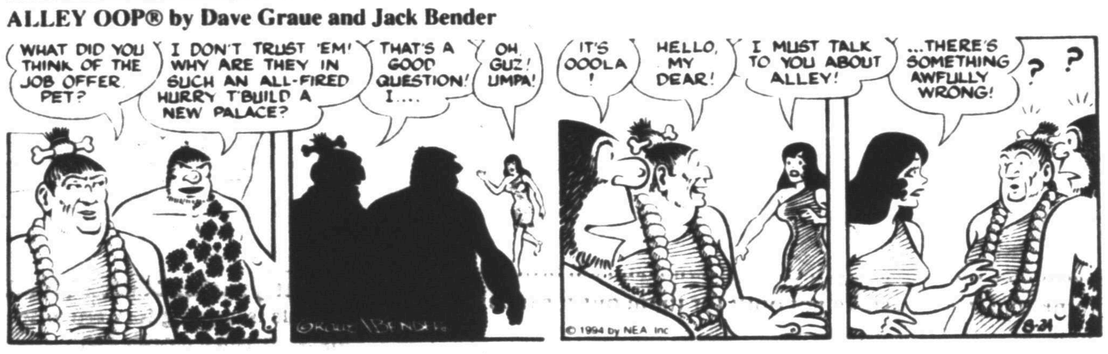

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ACROSS

1 Boxing-victory abbr.
4 Inclination
9 Precious stone
12 Evil
13 River in France
14 Bullring cry
15 Plus
16 Predominant
18 VCR button
20 He had a golden touch
21 CSA soldier
23 Immanuel —
24 Control
28 Midwest st.
31 Clear
33 — Canals
34 Wager
35 Set off explosions
37 Freshwater porpoise
39 Lackadaisical
40 Like ivy
42 Epoch
43 Woodworker's tool
45 Aunt's husband
49 Inlets
53 Greek island
54 Actress Charlotte —
55 Mechanical worker
56 My country — of thee
57 — a Wonderful Life
58 Facing glacier's origin
59 Ending for Chin

DOWN

1 Construction beam
2 Actress Carol —
3 Racetrack term
4 Tensed
5 Tear
6 Sixth sense (abbr.)
7 Compass pt.
8 Skin layer
9 Esthetic judgment (2 wds)
10 Born Free lioness
11 Shea Stadium tenants
17 Expensive fur
19 Poetic place name
22 Hardly
23 Type of sugar
24 Skater — Thomas
25 The yoke's on them
26 Impels
27 Film director Jacques —
29 Negatives
30 Turfs
32 Turns over for safekeeping
36 Actor Alda
38 Japanese native
41 Comes close
43 Persian fairy
44 Future attys.' exam
46 Quote
47 Ms. Lane
48 Actual being
50 Decay
51 African native
52 Dawn goddess

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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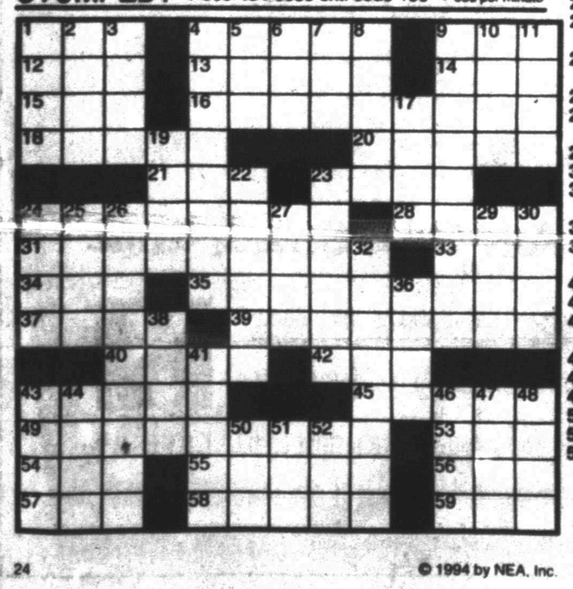

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Sports

Baseball meetings continue today

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't look for a quick settlement when baseball talks resume Wednesday.

As the strike completed its 12th day, delegations from both sides met separately Tuesday with federal mediators. In a change, the parties decided all 12 members of management's negotiating pool will attend Wednesday's session along with more than 18 players.

"If they stick with a salary cap, players are going to play a lot of golf and have fun," Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Brett Butler said.

"There's not that much optimism right now," Kansas City Royals pitcher David Cone said. "There's no reason to expect anything substantial tomorrow."

Three owners and nine other management officials will attend the session, the first since players struck Aug. 12. Fourteen more games were canceled Tuesday, raising the total to 154.

"It is very much a step in the right direction that the stakes holders — as they have been referred to — the owners and the players, will sit down with each other and have a dialogue," management negotiator Richard Ravitch said after his side talked with mediators for 31/2 hours.

Owners, by their own choice, had refused to attend bargaining sessions. But they changed their stance after federal mediators asked them to last week.

Ravitch said owners will stick to their salary-cap proposal, which has caused baseball's eighth work stoppage since 1972. He said owners want to have a fixed figure or percentage of revenue assigned to player compensation.

"No we're not going to change our view on that tomorrow," he said.

Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington, the spokesman for the management group, left out a possibility that owners could refer to other plans they've considered.

"We've looked at other alternatives," he said. "We're willing to discuss them also."

Players made clear that no progress is possibly as long as owners insist on a cap.

"Once you take the salary cap off the table, we're willing to talk about all aspects of the game," Butler said. "But that's got to come first."

Harrington said the 12-member management delegation has the authority to enter into a tentative agreement, subject to ratification by at least 21 of the 28 clubs. But no one on either side expects that will happen any time soon.

"We want to play baseball," Butler said. "But we're not going to play baseball with the thought process of a salary cap in this industry. It's just not going to happen."

After players met with mediators for nearly two hours, more than a dozen stood behind union head Donald Fehr as he spoke at a news conference. Fehr said the players will voice their objection to a salary cap directly to the management delegation and tell officials "why we think that it's a mistake not only for them but for the industry as well."

Fehr continued to attack management, saying "all of their public statements are choreographed."

Players, who have lost about $53 million in salary since the strike began, said the money wasn't the issue.

"We like the idea of in a free agent year not worrying about what a salary cap looks like," Jay Bell of the Pittsburgh Pirates said. "We want to go to the teams where we want to go to."

Cowboys gear up for final preseason game

IRVING (AP) — Even a Super Bowl MVP needs to fine tune his skills once in a while.

"I need a few more snaps to get my timing down," Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith says. "There are still some things I can work on."

With that in mind, coach Barry Switzer will let Smith and Troy Aikman play briefly against New Orleans Thursday night in the Super Dome. It's the final preseason game for the defending Super Bowl champions.

"Emmitt still feels a little rusty and wants to play," Switzer said. "He won't play long. He sure elevated our play the other night. I was shocked to see he carried the ball 21 times in just 21/2 quarters. It didn't seem like that many."

Smith, who scored a touchdown and rushed for 110 yards last week in his first outing since the Super Bowl, will play some along with wide receivers Alvin Harper and Michael Irvin.

"We need to play some plays to keep sharp," Irvin said. "We'll probably play a couple of series."

Also, center Mark Stepnoski, who suffered a damaging knee injury last December against the Minnesota Vikings, was expected to play in his first game since surgery.

"This is an important game for me to see how the knee responds," Stepnoski said. "Then I have 10 days to recover before the regular season opener."

Dallas is at Pittsburgh on Sept. 4 for the regular season opener.

Dallas beat Denver 34-10 Sunday night to even its preseason record at 2-2 under rookie coach Switzer.

Fullback Daryl Johnston, who sprained a foot against the Broncos, will be held out.

Veteran Tommie Agee and Robert Wilson are in a battle for the second fullback spot.

"It's close," Switzer said. "Tommie knows the position. Wilson is a step ahead as an athlete."

Switzer wants a final long look at tailback Lincoln Coleman, who lost two fumbles against the Broncos.

Dallas lost Derrick Lassic for the season with an injury in its exhibition opener.

"Lincoln needs to step up," Switzer said. "He has to quit fumbling the ball. He got dogcussed by (running backs coach) Joe Brodsky for his game against Denver."

Lady Westerners sign Tahoka star Williams

Tahoka High School star Myra Williams will bring her point guard skills to the Western Texas College Lady Westerners.

Williams, a 5'9" guard for the Lady Bulldogs, averaged 18 points, three steals, an impressive 10 assists and eight rebounds per game, in 1993.

She was also an all-district performer her senior year and was named to the all-tournament team at Anton, Eula and Coahoma.

Williams is a transfer student from South Plains Junior College, where she was a basketball team walk-on.

First-year head coach Brenda Nichols is looking forward to seeing Myra run the open court.

"Myra will give us great speed in the guard position," she said. "I can't wait to see her at the point guard spot.

"She can run, jump and score with the best of them."

MYRA WILLIAMS

Myra graduated from Tahoka High School in May 1993 and will be majoring in communications while attending Western Texas College.

SWC Preview

Helton hopes Houston can be competitive

HOUSTON (AP) — At the moment, the University of Houston's most promising athletic asset is a building.

Determined coach Kim Helton is counting on the $25 million athletics facility that is scheduled for completion within a year to help attract athletes to his talent-starved Cougar football team.

Until Helton can start convincing athletes that the Cougars' future is bright, there likely will be more seasons like last year's 1-9-1 finish, Helton's first.

For now, Helton must squeeze as much out of the talent available and continue preaching the multiple pro offense that has replaced the run-and-shoot of the previous regime.

For starters, Helton expects quarterback Chuck Clements to grasp the offense and make it run.

"It's obviously very important for Chuck Clements to have had the reps in the new offense," Helton said. "It's a new offense because it is a ombination of different formations other than just one formation. A lot of the patterns are the same."

Helton's first move when he took over for run-and-shoot specialist John Jenkins was to begin dismantling the four-wideout alignment.

But part of it remains.

"We're going to maintain part of the route design that goes with the four-wideout package," Helton said. "We'll try to make it fit some of the Buffalo Bills' three wideout and a tight end and also try to carry two backs."

There is plenty of work ahead. Houston's offense ranked 96th (15.6 points per game) among the 106 NCAA Division I-A schools and 82nd (323 yards per game) in total offense.

The offensive line is held up by tackles Jimmy Herndon and Billy Milner. Junior college transfer Jermaine Williams and returnee Lawrence McPherson are running back hopefuls.

Helton, a former offensive lineman, appreciates Herndon and Milner.

"There are two people on this football team I know aren't going to get beat out," Helton said. "One of them plays right offensive tackle (Billy Milner). One of them played left offensive tackle (Jimmy Herndon).

"Everybody else out there will be fighting and scrambling for their lives when these young guys get in here."

The Cougars' defense limped home even worse than the offense last season. The Cougars' ranked No. 100 nationally (447.4 yards per game) in total defense and No. 102 (35.6) in scoring defense.

The defense had only 15 sacks last season and lost all of its linebackers.

Helton expects Chris Jones, a junior college transfer and scholastic casualty, finally to get his chance at linebacker.

Still, freshmen will be expected to fill some of the holes.

"We have to have playmakers," Helton said. "I hope some of the freshmen are playmakers. What I've seen of them, they are, so we'll find out how they'll play when we turn it up a notch and the competition gets better."

Helton keeps returning to Clements as the key factor in helping the Cougars improve.

"He doesn't need to be the best player in the country for us to win," Helton said. "He's got the right demeanor to be a quarterback, so, if Chuck plays well, we're going to be a better football team.

"It's important him to prove he can quarterback and prove that he knows he's a very good quarterback. He hasn't proven that yet."

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Colors: **Scarlet and White**
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1993 record: **1-9-1(1-5-1 SWC)**
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Sep. 3 Kansas
Sep. 10 at La. Tech
Sep. 17 Missouri
Sep. 24 at Ohio St.
Oct. 8 Texas A&M
Oct. 15 at SMU
Oct. 22 TCU
Oct. 29 at Baylor
Nov. 12 at Texas
Nov. 19 TECH
Nov. 26 Rice

Local Events

SPD softball tournament

Snyder police department's Explorer Post #573 is holding its 1994 softball tournament this weekend at Winston Park. Team entry fee is $100. Trophies and t-shirts will be given to the winning teams and all-tournament performers. Umpires will enforce USSSA rules at this event. For more information call Darrel Canada at 573-6853.

Meet the Tigers night Aug. 29

Snyder High School's All-Sports booster club presents "Meet the Tigers" Monday Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. at Tiger stadium.

Traditionally, parents are asked to bring covered dishes for everyone. This year, parents and boosters are asked to bring a dozen prepared hotdogs with condiments. Drinks and potato chips will be provided. Raffle tickets are currently being sold by the booster club for a 1994 Chevrolet S-10 pickup truck. The truck will be raffled at the end of the night.

CLARIFICATION—In Tuesday's edition of the SDN, a photo identifying the truck to be raffled and SHS's student council members was incorrect. The students pictured were actually representing each of SHS's sports. Also, a typographical mistake identified Jamie Brown as Lamie Brown.

NFL Preseason

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Indianapolis	3	0	0	1.000	56	44
NewEngland	3	0	0	1.000	79	33
Miami	3	1	0	.750	89	86
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	38	54
N.Y.Jets	2	1	0	.667	60	60
Central						
Cleveland	3	0	0	1.000	68	29
Houston	2	2	0	.500	70	45
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	57	58
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000	44	60
West						
LARaiders	3	1	0	.750	98	90
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	68	38
KansasCity	2	2	0	.500	68	69
Denver	1	3	0	.250	72	95
SanDiego	0	4	0	.000	64	110

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	70	52
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	33	47
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	47	53
N.Y.Giants	1	3	0	.250	72	77
Washington	0	3	0	.000	42	57
Central						
Chicago	3	0	0	1.000	49	24
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	57	45
GreenBay	2	1	0	.667	51	47
TampaBay	2	1	0	.667	52	59
Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	66	73
West						
SanFrancisco	2	1	0	.667	57	44
Atlanta	2	2	0	.500	71	89
LARams	0	3	0	.000	36	71
NewOrleans	0	3	0	.000	33	58

HEY REF!

Throughout the year, many football officials receive the ire of local fans. To alleviate any misunderstandings the sports desk at the Snyder Daily News has orchestrated a vehicle for fans through which they can question the calls of an official. These questions can cover a variety of rules, infractions, penalties, interpretations, etc. If you have a question please write "HEY REF!" to Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, Texas, 79550, or bring a written copy of your question to the SDN office

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Dallas media circus continues

Jerry Jones fires talk show host

IRVING (AP) — Brad Sham, the radio voice of the Dallas Cowboys, is out as co-host of the weekly Jerry Jones television show.

A source with the club confirmed Tuesday that the Cowboys owner has decided to go "in another direction" for his "Special Edition" Cowboys show.

Sham, who works for KVIL radio, strongly defended broadcast partner Dale Hansen on the air before the start of Sunday night's exhibition game against the Denver Broncos.

Coach Barry Switzer had berated Hansen in a live television interview on the last night of training camp for reporting that there was dissension among the assistant coaches. Hansen, sports director for WFAA-TV, has worked with Sham for 10 years as color analyst.

Sham did not back down Tuesday from his decision to defend Hansen.

"Why I did it is probably a little complicated, but it basically boils down to the fact that, among other things, my teammate was attacked. I know how Barry would want his players to react to one of their teammates being attacked," he told WFAA.

Sham, who will continue as the play-by-play announcer, said it was Jones' prerogative to change the show's direction. However, he acknowledged that he might have chosen "a more appropriate forum to express myself than the one I chose."

Hansen was not immediately available for comment Tuesday.

SHS spikers down Midland High

Tumble to Lake View in second match

By Todd Stanley
SDN Sports Editor

It was a hot one in Midland Tuesday night during the Snyder Lady Tigers' volleyball games versus Midland and San Angelo Lake View high schools.

Literally.

The Lady Tigers sweated through a 15-7, 8-15, 15-5 victory over host Midland High, in almost unbearable heat.

"All I did was coach and I thought I was going to dehydrate," head coach Patty Grimmett said. "I can't imagine what the girls were going through out there."

To make matters worse, the Lady Tigers had to play back-to-back games in the searing heat.

"You could tell it (the heat) took its toll on the girls," Grimmett said. "They were really fired up in the first match, but we started the second match five minutes after the first and you could tell we were just wilted."

The heat proved to be a pivotal factor as Snyder lost to San Angelo Lake View in straight sets 8-15, 13-15.

"We lost the first four points in the first set and that cost us," Grimmett said. "It took three different player rotations before we started scoring points.

"It was an eventful night, one the players and I won't forget all season."

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010 LEGAL NOTICES

BID NOTICE

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BID NOTICE

Western Texas College will be accepting bids for concrete for concrete golf paths until 1:00 p.m., September 6, 1994. Further information concerning the bid may be obtained by contacting the Business Office at Western Texas College, telephone 915-573-8511, Ext. 340.

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020 ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPORT GROUP for Sexual Abused women and survivors of childhood abuse. Meeting at Scurry County Library, Tuesdays & Thursdays starting August 16th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. 573-6007 leave message.

070 LOST & FOUND

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LOST: Large German short hair dog, blue collar. Call 573-8684.

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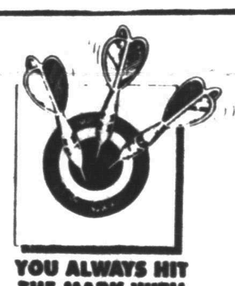
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FOR RENT: 2 bd., 2 bth., CH/A, garage, 2902 Ave. V. 573-9068.

1809 39th St. 4 bd., 2 bth., $475 month, $200 deposit. 573-6193 after 5 p.m.

Small 2 bd., 1 bth., no pets, $200 month, $100 deposit, 416 31st St. 573-8015 after 5 p.m.

SMALL 1 bdrm., furnished house for rent. $125/mo., $100 deposit. You pay utilities. 2704 Ave. J. Call 573-5117 daytime or 573-4728 nights and weekends.

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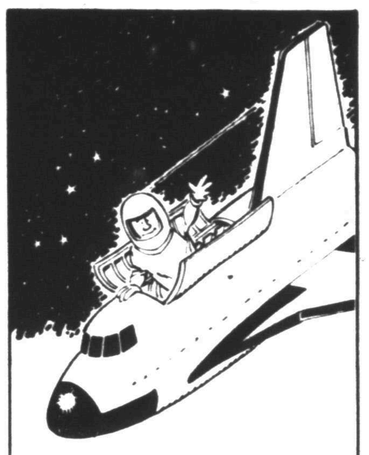
335 MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

Small furnished 2 bd., fenced yard, $100 dp., $200 mo. 573-3034 leave message.



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Very Nice 3-2-2, in Ira, $59.9T.
NEW LIST 3-2, good loc., clean, $34T.
3-2-2cp, Country, 1A. in $90's.
3718 Highland, 3-1, good condition.
3-2-2cp 102 Elm & 2-1-1cp, 3009 Ave. T.
17 acres, 2-1¼, barns, mobilehome.
3-2, center of Ira, need some repairs.
510 28th, starter home, 2-1, $10T.
3-1-1 on 42nd St. good loc. $30's.
FARM LAND, 30 acres, NE of city.
115 acres w/very nice brick home.
Assumable low equity, 2112 28th St.
3 bedroom on Lake Thomas in $20's.
114 Canyon, 2-1, Reduced $9,500.
$20's, 3-2, double wide, 2A, 6 mi. out.
712 28th, 3-1-1cp, $30's.
Clarence Payne 573-8927

JACK & JACK Realtors
611 Coliseum Dr.
573-8571 573-3452

New Listing, Bassridge 3-2-2, formal living & dining, oversized rooms, $90's.
1302 Sunset, 4-2-2, $45T.
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Beautiful country home, with small acreage, lovely yard, many extras!
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WEEKDAYS
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2311 40th, 3 bd.	37.5T
4103 Avondale, 3-2.	34T
3301 Ave. A, 2-1, den.	24T
2807 Ave. U, 2-1, O.F.	27.5T
2313 42nd, 3-1, 2 liv.	29.9T
2018 37th, 2 stry, 3-3-2, sep/apt.	
40th Pl., 3-2, ws, lg. m/b.	57.5T
Lg. Country Home, 5 ac.	110T
202 Birch, 4-2, own. fin.	
218 36th Pl., 2-1, cnr. lot.	
313 33rd, 3-1	27T
2218 Sunset, 2-1	23T
2 comm. lots, 1500 College	5T
1401 Ave. K, 3-2-2	35T
2701 Ave. G, Duplex	21T
3112 Ave. C, 4-1-2, red.	35T
E 3-2, ch/a, jac. & shop	25.9T
Own. Fin., 1010 30th	13.5T
3007 40th, 2-1	18.5T

Claudia Sanchez	**573-9615**
Bill Dryden	**573-9739**
Frances Stevenson	**573-2528**

Elizabeth Potts Realtors
573-8505
1707 30th Street

4507 Garwood, 3-2½ -2, $97.5.
4008 Irving, 3-2-2, $45T.
3110 Crockett, 3-2-2, $61T.
2705 48th, 3-2-2, pool, $95T.
Townhouse, 2-2-2, $85T.
2808 47th, 3-2-2, $64T.
2715 48th, 3-2-2, $98.9.
3001 Crockett, 4-2½ -2cp.
3113 Ave. T, 3-2-2, $39.5.
3908 Eastridge, 3-1-2, $35T.
By Prison, 2-1-2, $32,500.
Ira, 3-2-2, 1A, $59.5.
3732 Austin, 3-2, $38.5.
3406 44th, 3-1, $32T.
3401 Irving, 3-2, Apt., $50T.
123 Peach, 3-1, $27T.
Beauty Shop for sale.
2200 21st, 2-1-1, $30T.
3901 Muriel, 3-2-cp, $30T.
Office & Retail, W side Square.
4103 Avondale, 3-2, $34T.

Annette Waller	**573-9467**
Jackie Buckland	**573-8193**
Margaret Birdwell	**573-6674**
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Minister's wife shot in home

PALESTINE (AP) — A local minister's wife was found shot to death early Tuesday in the couple's home, a possible robbery victim, police said.

Susan Virginia Embree, 32, was shot once in the chest and once in the neck, said police Detective Larry Mars.

"The house had an appearance of having been gone through," he said, "We have some items reported taken."

According to Mars, Mark Randall Embree, minister at Court Drive Church of Christ, reported his wife's death to police Tuesday, shortly after midnight.

Mrs. Embree has just begun her first year of teaching at Southside Elementary.

"Of course, the reaction is just total shock. Susan was just a gentle spirit," said Principal Patricia Hamil.

Palestine is about 100 miles southeast of Dallas.

States' income growth spotty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Residents of Montana, New Mexico, Florida and Idaho led the nation last year in income growth — aided by such factors as a boom in housing construction, a pickup in manufacturing and strength in service jobs.

By contrast, North Dakota, Iowa, California and New Hampshire registered the weakest growth in incomes as residents of those states faced a variety of troubles, including floods, cuts in military spending and lingering effects of the 1990-91 recession.

The Commerce Department on Tuesday released a revised ranking of per capita income growth for 1993, showing a wide geographic divergence, ranging from a 6.3 percent jump in Montana, almost double the national average, to no growth at all in North Dakota.

Residents of North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska — all ranked in the Bottom 10 in percentage gains — were hurt by the devastating Midwest floods, the government said.

California, hard hit by military cuts and the past recession, posted the third smallest gain last year with incomes in the aerospace industry alone falling by 14.2 percent, the government said.

But residents of Montana and Idaho had big increases, reflecting heavy demand for lumber from last year's housing boom. Analysts said those gains were not likely to be repeated this year because higher interest rates have already cut sharply into home sales.

Income gains in Western states such as New Mexico and Southeastern states such as Florida reflected in part strong population growth as businesses moved into those areas, said economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

"A lot of Western states are showing good income gains because of people and businesses leaving California, while the Southeast is benefiting from continued in-migration from people leaving the Northeast," he said.

For the nation as a whole, per capita incomes rose 3.2 percent last year, the Commerce Department said. This represented a slight downward revision from an April estimate of 3.5 percent.

The report showed 40 states had increases in per capita income that exceeded a 2.8 percent rise in consumer prices last year — meaning incomes in those states at least kept up with inflation.

Last year's per capita income gain compared with a much stronger 4.9 percent rise in 1992 but was better than the 2.8 percent gain recorded in 1991 as the recession was ending.

After Montana, the biggest income gains were in New Mexico, Florida, and Idaho, all with increases of 5.2 percent, followed by North Carolina and Rhode Island at 4.8 percent, Mississippi, 4.7 percent; Louisiana, 4.6 percent; and Wyoming and Tennessee at 4.5 percent.

After North Dakota, states in the Bottom 10 were Iowa, up only 0.8 percent; California, up 1.3 percent; New Hampshire, up 2 percent; Washington, 2.2 percent; New Jersey, 2.4 percent; Minnesota, 2.5 percent; New York and Arkansas, 2.6 percent; and Nebraska, 2.8 percent.

Cuban refugee flood said in 'total chaos'

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — With no sign that Cubans are heeding U.S. advice to stay home, the Coast Guard has called in more ships to intercept refugees sailing toward Florida.

Hundreds of flimsy rafts and inner tubes bobbed in the choppy Florida Straits Tuesday, stretching the resources of their rescuers close to the breaking point. There were 2,886 refugees rescued, the most in one day since the 1980 Mariel boatlift.

The bodies of eight rafters washed ashore near Havana, Cuban radio reported. Those who search for refugees say many others are dying, though the exact number will probably never be known.

"We've never seen anything quite like this," said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Jim Howe. "We're throwing everything at it that we have."

Cuba acknowledged for the first time Tuesday that it has relaxed its migration policy, although it remains opposed to illegal departures and blames the United States for prompting the current exodus.

"It's total chaos out there and it's getting worse," said Arnaldo Iglesias, a leader of Brothers to the Rescue, a group of Cuban exiles that searches for rafters. "We are begging people, 'Please don't do it.'"

The Brothers to the Rescue planes drop packages of Snickers bars, fresh water and smoke flares to rafters. Pilots call in raft locations to the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard called in 10 more ships from as far away as the West Coast and the Great Lakes to join the 20 already patrolling the 90 miles between Cuba and Key West.

Howe said the Coast Guard gets to all the rafts that are spotted, although it sometimes takes a few hours.

"There's nothing we can do about that, other than send a message saying: Stay home," Howe said.

A total of 280 Marines were dispatched from Camp LeJeune, N.C., to assist with security and crowd control aboard refugee-carrying Coast Guard and Navy ships.

During the Mariel boatlift, which brought 125,000 Cubans to Florida's shores in five months, as many as 5,000 refugees came ashore in a day.

CHARTER MEMBERS — Colonial Hill Baptist Church members celebrated the 40th anniversary of the church Sunday with several charter members present. Those attending were from left, seated, Beth Curry, Mrs. S.L. Terry, Mattie Crook, H.W. Cargile, Stanley Noah, Dorothy Casey, Verna Lee Roe; standing, Bobbie Hargrove, Robert Hargrove, Anna Sears, M.J. Merritt, Barbara Owen, Ernest Sears, LaRue Williamson, Lillian Williamson, Bettie Henderson, Jenny Cargile Hicks, Joel Tankersley, Mittie Tankersley, Burton Tankersley, Jerry Roe and Myron Roe. Attending but not pictured were Carl and Katherine Whitfield. (Contributed Photo)

Search continues for bandits who robbed small town bank

NORMANGEE (AP) — A gang of robbers who struck a small-town bank shot, then ran over, an 82-year-old woman on her daily visit to her husband's grave in a country cemetery.

The bandits stole the woman's car and speeded through a police roadblock with guns blazing.

Ruby Bottoms Parker was killed and a state trooper wounded after as many as eight robbers took more than $170,000 from the Normangee State Bank on Tuesday morning.

Four were captured Tuesday, but the search continued today for the others, who were described as clean-cut, "sort of college types" in their early 20s.

The armed men, disguised by nylon stockings pulled over their heads, entered the bank at about 10:30 a.m. and ordered everyone to the floor, bank vice president Joel Shaw said.

"They came in and went in different places and told us they'd blow our heads off if we didn't get down on the floor. They were poking everybody with shotguns, and some had pistols. It was pretty scary," Shaw said.

Normangee is a ranching community of about 600 people in southern Leon County about 100 miles northwest of Houston.

As the robbers fled, they fired several shots, shattering a glass refrigerator door in a grocery store, said owner Bob Biddle. No one was hurt.

Most of the bandits went to the Hopewell Cemetery, about two miles west of Normangee, where investigators believe the men had left another getaway car, said Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

One gunman shot Mrs. Parker, a retired nurse, through her car window, not far from her husband's grave, Leon County district attorney David Barron said. The bandits then pulled her from the car and drove away, Barron said.

About three miles west of the cemetery, on Old Spanish Road, the robbers blasted through a roadblock set up to stop them. One of the gunmen leaned out of a window with a handgun and wounded a state trooper, Cox said.

Stephen Fox Bynum, 32, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan with a gunshot wound to his right shoulder, Cox said. He was in stable condition today.

Four suspects, two from Houston and two from Normangee, were captured Tuesday, officials said. Two were caught in Robertson County and the other two in Madison County, Cox said.

Held in the Leon County Jail were James Tyrone Hoskins, 18, of Houston and Anthony Coleman, 23, of Normangee. A Leon County dispatcher said the two were charged with aggravated robbery and capital murder.

In Robertson County, which adjoins Leon County on the west, authorities held Rudolfo Alonso Jr., 19, hometown undetermined, and Coleman's half-brother, Marques Jones, 20, of Normangee on charges of aggravated robbery, capital murder and attempted capital murder.

Officials said the slain woman's car was found burning Tuesday night in west Houston. Officials said flammable liquid had been ignited in the passenger seat.

Another vehicle believed to have been used in the robbery was discovered late Tuesday afternoon off Highway 6 in Waller County near Hempstead, about 31 miles northwest of Houston.

A large, white, plastic sack containing an estimated $6,000 was found near the vehicle off Highway 6. It was stashed in a nearby treeline, officials said.

Waller County Sheriff Randy Smith said nearby residents reported four men and a woman climbed out of the vehicle and began knocking on doors in the rural area, saying their car had broken down.

"Fortunately, they were not aggressive at this point," Smith told the Houston Chronicle. "The five were last seen after noon, walking south toward hempstead, in clusters of two and three."

Witnesses described them as clean cut, "sort of college types in their early 20s," Smith said.

TU Electric: residents won't pay for breaks given to businesses

DALLAS (AP) — TU Electric says its proposed discounts for large commercial customers will not mean higher rates for other consumers, but consumer groups and others disagree.

Both the Public Utility Commission staff and the Office of the Public Utility Commission suggested in testimony filed before a hearing Tuesday that TU Electric's shareholders be forced to absorb any lost revenues.

"The risks that are inherent in a competitive environment should not be borne exclusively by the company's other customers," Michael Forney, an analyst in the PUC's electric division, said.

"TU Electric shareholders should bear some or all of the lost revenues," he said.

But TU Electric opposed the idea. The Dallas-based company has defended its proposal, filed with the Public Utility Commission in June, for the right to negotiate price cuts with large commercial and industrial customers in some cases.

Steve Porter, an attorney representing the city of Arlington at the hearing, asked the PUC to ensure in this case or in TU Electric's next general rate hearing "that captive customers aren't required to bear the burden of any revenue losses from these tariffs."

TU Electric spokesman Jim Lawrence said the utility competes directly with 62 entities in some sections of 82 of the 91 counties it serves.

Competitors include rural electric cooperatives, municipal and small investor-owned utilities and cogeneration plants.

Under TU Electric's proposal, it would invite large customers to present a competitor's best price for electricity so the utility could match it.

Police note two arrests

Snyder police made two arrests Tuesday and early this morning.

Snyder police arrested a 49-year-old man at 2:56 p.m. Tuesday for public intoxication, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct after responding to a disturbance call in the 1900 block of Coleman.

At 1:46 a.m. today, police responded to a disturbance in the 1100 block of Avenue T where they arrested a 23-year-old man for assault/family violence.

Frank Becerra contacted police officers at 5:43 p.m. Tuesday in reference to a customer driving off without paying for $13.50 worth of gasoline. A report for Class C theft was filed.

At 3:23 p.m. Tuesday, police investigated a two-vehicle accident at the Sonic. Involved was a 1955 Chevrolet driven by Michael Haltom of 1408 19th St. which struck a parked 1991 Ford pickup owned by Gary Haltom of 1408 19th.

DNA fight brewing in O.J.'s case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Aggressive attacks by O.J. Simpson's lawyers on everything from rookie technicians to the color of cardboard boxes offer a glimpse of the tenacious challenges to DNA evidence yet to come.

During a tedious, two-day evidence hearing that ended Tuesday, the defense asked for a share of blood samples after prosecutors disclosed that some of them had been withheld by a Los Angeles Police Department laboratory.

Prosecutors want to test the remaining samples.

"Your honor needs to seriously consider whether what was really being presented here is a sophisticated game plan to burn up the evidence without giving the defense the opportunity to test it," lawyer Gerald Uelmen told Superior Court Judge Lance Ito.

Uelmen contends the evidence may have been contaminated and mixed up by inexperienced technicians who mislabeled samples, miscounted blood-soaked swatches of cloth and carelessly stored evidence in the back of a lab truck.

An exasperated Deputy District Attorney Lisa Kahn accused the defense of trying to raise "red herrings." She urged Ito to deny their request for access to blood samples until all prosecution tests are completed.

Ito said he would rule on the issue Friday. He did order that defense experts be allowed to view evidence at the police crime lab today.

Simpson, 47, has pleaded innocent to murdering his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. His trial is to begin Sept. 19.

The evidence hearing showed how the defense will try to knock down Monday's disclosure that DNA tests of blood from the crime scene showed a match with Simpson's blood, said Robert Pugsley, a professor at Southwestern University Law School.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Clifton Griffin, 1914 Coleman; Alejandra Martinez, Snyder Oaks Care Center; Edward Presley, Hermleigh; Mattie Bush, 401 32nd; Goldie Hollister, 2408 27th; Raymond Rodriguez, 4400 Ave. U; Zachary Zalman, Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: Carl Durrett, Jude Marcon, Artie Thompson, Summer Potts.

Census: 45 (Med.-14, Long-Term Care-30, CCU-1).

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	571/8	567/8	571/8	+1/4
AT&T Corp	54	533/8	537/8	+1/2
AirTouch s	267/8	265/8	263/4	+1/4
Albtsn s	277/8	273/4	273/4	
Alldsignal s	361/4	353/4	36	+1/4
Alltel	273/4	271/2	275/8	-1/8
AmStoress	241/4	241/8	241/8	
Ameritech	41	407/8	407/8	
Amoco	581/8	571/2	573/4	-1/4
AndarkPtr	461/2	461/8	461/8	-1/8
ArmcoInc	61/4	61/8	61/8	
AtlRichfld	1031/2	1027/8	103	+3/8
ATMOS Egy s	171/4	17	17	-1/4
Avialt n	101/2	101/4	101/2	+1/4
BakerHughes	19	183/4	187/8	+3/8
BellAtl	55	545/8	543/4	+1/8
BellSouth	601/8	597/8	601/8	+1/4
BethSteel	201/2	201/4	203/8	
Borden	12	113/4	117/8	-1/8
BritPet	761/2	76	763/8	+5/8
Caterplr	1127/8	1115/8	112	+3/8
Caterpllrwi	56	56	56	
CenSoWst	215/8	211/2	215/8	-1/8
Chevron s	421/2	423/8	423/8	+1/8
Chrysler	473/4	473/8	475/8	+3/8
Coastal	31	303/4	303/4	-1/8
CocaCola	461/2	46	461/4	-1/4
ColgatePalm	563/4	561/4	561/2	+1/8
ComlMetl s	265/8	265/8	265/8	-1/8
Cooperin	387/8	383/4	387/8	
CyprusAmax	291/8	287/8	29	-1/8
DalSemicn	161/4	161/4	161/4	+1/8
DeltaAirl	481/2	483/8	481/2	
DigitalEq	23	223/4	23	+1/8
Dillard	271/2	271/8	271/4	+1/8
DowChem	685/8	683/8	681/2	+1/8
DresserInd	195/8	193/8	191/2	+1/8
DuPont	583/4	581/4	581/2	-1/8
EastmnCh n	513/8	511/8	511/4	+1/4
EstKodak	487/8	481/2	483/4	+1/8
EtjerInd	71/2	71/2	71/2	+1/8
Easerch	157/8	155/8	153/4	+1/8
Entergy	251/8	25	25	
Exxon	591/2	587/8	591/4	+1/4
FlowerInd	171/8	17	17	-1/8
FordMotor s	297/8	291/2	291/2	-1/8
GTE Cp	313/8	311/8	311/8	-1/8
GenDynam s	445/8	431/4	445/8	+11/8
GenElec s	487/8	481/2	485/8	-1/8
GenMills	547/8	531/4	54	—1
GenMotors	491/8	487/8	49	+3/8
GenMotors E	355/8	351/2	351/2	
GaPacif	681/4	673/8	681/4	+7/8
GlobalMar	37/8	33/4	37/8	+1/8
Goodrich	455/8	453/8	453/8	-1/4
Goodyear s	341/4	333/4	341/4	+5/8
GtAtlPac	203/4	201/2	205/8	
Haliburtn	297/8	293/8	295/8	+3/8
Hanson ADS	197/8	193/4	197/8	+1/8
HoustInd	34	335/8	335/8	-3/8
IBM	673/8	663/4	67	-5/8
IntlPaper	721/2	711/2	723/8	+1
JohnsnJns	487/8	481/2	481/2	-1/8
K mart	171/4	171/8	171/4	+1/8
Kroger	241/2	241/4	241/4	
Litton	373/8	371/4	371/4	
Lowes s	355/8	351/8	355/8	+1/4
Lubys	233/8	233/8	233/8	+1/8
Maxus	5	47/8	47/8	
MayDeptStrs	403/8	40	401/4	+1/8
Medtronic	963/4	961/4	961/2	+1/8
Mobil	82	815/8	815/8	+1/8
Monsanto	831/2	83	831/8	-1/4
Motorola s	531/8	525/8	531/8	+1/4
Nationsbk	551/4	543/4	55	
Navistar	167/8	165/8	165/8	
NoramEngy	61/8	6	61/8	+1/8
Nynex	38	377/8	38	+1/4
OryxEngy	145/8	141/2	145/8	+1/8
PacTelesis	32	313/4	32	+1/8
PanhECp	221/2	221/4	223/8	
Penney JC	501/4	50	50	+3/8
Pennzoil	511/4	511/8	511/4	+1/8
PepBoys	33	323/4	323/4	-1/4
PepsiCo	341/4	34	341/8	+1/8
PhelpDodge	60	597/8	597/8	
PhilipPet	323/8	321/4	323/8	+1/8
PilgrmPrd	83/4	85/8	83/4	
Polaroid	343/8	34	34	+1/8
Praxair	225/8	223/8	223/8	-1/8
ProctGamble	571/2	57	57	-1/8
PubSNwMx	121/2	123/8	123/8	
RoyalDutch	1101/4	110	110	+3/8
SFePacCp	197/8	191/4	191/2	+3/8
SaraLee	227/8	225/8	223/4	
SearsRoeb	465/8	463/8	465/8	+3/8
SherwinW	321/2	321/4	321/4	-1/4
SmthBchADS	35	345/8	345/8	-1/2
SmthBc eqt	31	307/8	307/8	-1/2
SouthCo s	183/4	185/8	183/4	+1/8
SwstAirlines	261/8	255/8	253/4	-1/4
SwBell	421/4	417/8	417/8	
Sprint	391/8	387/8	39	-1/8
SterlingChm	111/8	11	11	
SunCo	28	275/8	275/8	-1/8
TNP Ent	143/8	141/8	143/8	+1/8
Tandy	401/8	393/4	40	+1/8
TempInl	505/8	50	501/8	-1/8
Tenneco	471/8	467/8	47	+3/8
Texaco	613/8	61	611/8	
TexasInd	333/8	331/4	333/8	+3/8
TexasInst	81	801/4	803/8	-5/8
TexUtil	321/2	321/4	323/8	+1/8
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TrinityInds	343/8	34	341/8	+1/8
TritonEngy	32	311/4	311/4	+3/8
Tyler	47/8	47/8	47/8	-1/8
US West	393/4	395/8	395/8	+1/8
USX Delhi	143/4	141/2	14122	11/
USX-Marathn	171/4	171/8	171/8	
USX-USS	385/8	381/4	383/8	+1/8
UnCarbde	313/8	31	311/4	+1/8
UnPac	571/8	567/8	571/8	+1/2
UnitedTech	613/4	613/8	613/4	+3/8
Unocal	271/4	27	271/8	+1/8
WalMart	241/4	24	241/4	+1/8
WstnGasRs	213/8	211/4	211/4	-1/8
WestghEl	131/8	125/8	131/8	+3/8
WinnDixie	511/8	51	51	-1/8
Woolworth	153/8	151/8	151/4	
XeroxCp	107	1063/4	1063/4	-1/8
ZenithE	97/8	93/4	93/4	-1/8

Refugees killed for stealing

GOMA, Zaire (AP) — Rwandan refugees attacked a group of their countrymen who were attempting to return home today, taking five hostages and forcing the United Nations to halt the planned repatriation, officials said.

The incident followed one Tuesday in which five refugees were hacked to death for stealing in a refugee camp, Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said today.

About 300 Rwandans — including game scouts and trackers for the country's famed mountain gorilla reserve in the north — had set out from the Goma-area refugee camps this morning but never made it out of Zaire.

"One man was badly beaten and he was hospitalized, and we understand the thugs have taken five refugees as prisoners," Wilkinson told The Associated Press.

"This was to be the biggest organized repatriation, but the incident is indeed a big blow."

Details were still sketchy, and it was unknown how many attackers there were or exactly how the events unfolded.

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573-3551 to request an application form, Collier said.

Although the program is primarily designed to serve elderly people, non-elderly people who are handicapped or have other medical problems may also qualify, Collier said.

Stolen uranium seized

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian authorities arrested two unemployed men and seized 21 pounds of industrial-grade uranium that had been stolen from a secret nuclear center, officials said today.

Federal counterintelligence service spokesman Vladimir Tomarovsky said the stolen material was uranium-238 and was not weapons-grade quality. Uranium-238 is available for official purchase in Russia, costing $45-$50 a pound, according to nuclear authorities.

It was the latest in a series of cases involving the theft of nuclear materials from Russian plants and research facilities. Russian authorities have conceded that security is often lax, but deny any weapons-grade material has been stolen.

German authorities have seized four shipments of contraband radioactive material since May, including small amounts of weapons-grade uranium and plutonium, and have suggested that the material came from Russia. This week, Russia and Germany agreed to cooperate to combat nuclear smuggling.

In the latest case, counterintelligence agents backed by police arrested the two men and seized their stolen material Sunday, Tomarovsky said.

It was not immediately clear whether the suspects, whose names were not revealed, had any inside assistance and what they needed uranium-238 for.

According to Russia's state concern Rosenergoatom, the uranium-238 is used to produce fuel for nuclear power plants, and is being openly sold by export organizations like Technosnabexport.

Rosenergoatom experts told the ITAR-Tass news agency that the amount of stolen uranium-238 was also very small compared to about 330 pounds needed to produce one fuel cassette.

Russian criminals, however, have been stealing and smuggling virtually anything radioactive, believing there is a thriving black market for nuclear materials in the West.

Uranium-238, the most common isotope of the element, can also be used to produce plutonium, but the technology is extremely complex. Plutonium-239 is the material in many forms of nuclear weapons and is one of the most toxic substances known.

Other officials said the most recent investigation began when 11 pounds of uranium-238 were discovered missing at Arzamas-16, a once-secret nuclear weapons design center in central Russia, 250 miles east of Moscow.

Obituaries

Lester Franks

1919-1994

DUNCANVILLE — Graveside services were set for 10 a.m. today in the Little Bethel Memorial Park for Lester Howard Franks, 74, who died Sunday at his home in Duncanville.

He was the brother of Velma Palmer of Snyder.

Born in Kent County, Mr. Franks married Lillie Ruth Ward on May 11, 1947 in Colorado City. She survives.

He was a World War II veteran, worked for Superior Oil Co. for 18 years, and was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

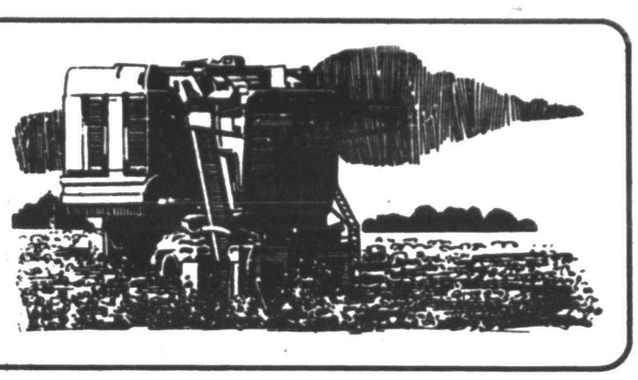
Other survivors include three sons, Jerry Franks of Amarillo; Jimmy Franks of Monahans and Jeff Franks of Lubbock; two daughters, Janlynn Dollar of Pampa and Jeanette Franks of Lubbock; a brother, Ben Franks of Duncanville; and 10 grandchildren.

Thursday service

Memorial service will be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Marilyn Crownover who died Sunday. Burial is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the Tow Cemetery in Tow, Tex.

Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware in 1638.

Scurry County Country



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Many parents are not aware of the benefits provided by the Early and Periodic Screenings Diagnosis and Treatment program that include free medical and dental care to Medicaid-eligible youth from birth through age 20.

As in well-baby check-ups, services include:

•Complete medical history
•Complete physical examination including vision and hearing
•Nutritional and development assessment
•Laboratory tests
•Immunizations
•Health education
•Diagnosis and treatment for problems discovered during checkups. Referrals to other health care providers as needed.

EPSDT Children can get routine dental check-ups every 6 months (starting at one year of age), dental sealants on permanent molars, and treatment for dental problems. Limited orthodontic treatment is also covered. Emergency or medically necessary dental services are available to EPSDT clients at any time from birth through age 20. Check-ups include age appropriate education about dental health, including use of fluoride and prevention of baby bottle tooth decay.

The EPSDT program provides one professional eye exam per year, and eye glasses every two years. The child may receive additional medically necessary vision services as needed.

The schedule for EPSDT Check-ups is as follows: Newborns 1-2 weeks; 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, and 18 months; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 years; and annual visits beginning at age 10.

It is important not to miss a checkup. A child who is in poor health or who has nutritional, hearing, or developmental problems may not be able to socialize or learn normally. Public schools support the EPSDT program.

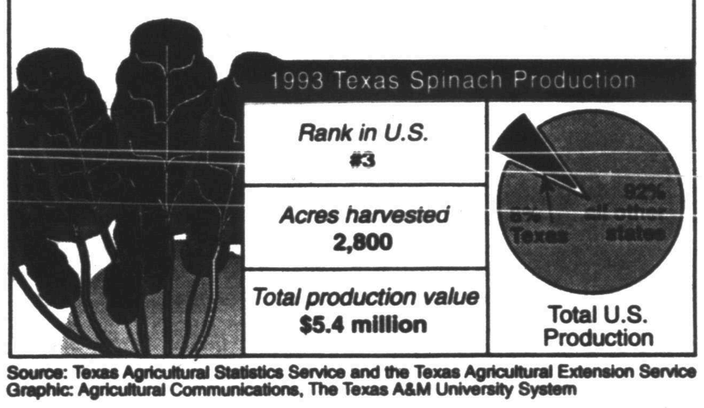
Children may be excused from schools for EPSDT medical and dental checkups.

These services are provided confidentially and without regard to sex, race, color, disability, national origin or religion. Parents can receive this help by dialing 1-800-4BABYLOVE. Questions regarding eligibility and transportation will be answered by the local Department of Human Services office.

AGRIFACTS

SPINACH

Spinach is grown primarily in the Texas Winter Garden, an area west of San Antonio. Last year's harvest totaled 22.4 million pounds, about 5 percent less than that of the previous two years.



Source: Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Graphic: Agricultural Communications, The Texas A&M University System

The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

Laying season will soon be upon us, as some emu start to lay as early as the last of September. Certainly this is an exciting time with the anticipation of eggs and chicks soon to follow. Each person who is incubating emu eggs has his own particular way from knowledge he has received from other breeders and what he has learned by trial and error. Whatever he may be doing if it works for him, he should not change.

Each breeder pair has a particular time, usually within a given hour, when they lay every third day. Knowing this, the breeder is alert to when to look for the egg and often times is able to observe the hen laying.

Rubber gloves should be worn or clean paper towels used when picking up each egg. The egg should be picked up promptly, being careful to brush off any dirt. The only time an egg should be washed is if by chance it is muddy or has fecal matter on it. When washing an egg, the water temperature should be approximately 10 degrees warmer than the egg, using a tablespoon of household bleach to one gallon water, and blot it dry immediately, as moisture left on the egg promotes bacteria growth.

Speaking at the American Emu Association convention, Dr. John Brake of the University of North Carolina revealed data concerning his extensive research on holding the emu eggs opposed to incubating them within the first 24 hours after they are laid. All of his findings point to greater hatchability from holding the eggs at least 72 hours.

Brake said he believes the eggs can be held up to 20 days, but the optimum time would be three to 10 days. Holding the eggs until you have a batch can be done a number of different ways, always keep it simple, and the temperature between 55 and 65 degrees prior to incubation. It stands to reason that this method will work since in the wild the hen lays nine to 12 eggs before the male begins setting and they all hatch within hours of each other. The holding of the egg lets the albumen break down, giving a better hatch. Another plus to this procedure is you will be hatching a number of eggs at approximately the same time, giving the chicks others to learn to eat and run with. With this method you, who work away from home, or for any other personal reason, can schedule the hatching time to fit your schedule.

An increasing number of emu raisers are willing to board them, for those of you who live in town or do not have facilities to keep emu. If you are interested in purchasing a pair that should lay this year, but you do not have the incubator/hatcher and chick building ready, check with someone who is successful in hatching and boarding. Quite possibly there are those who have a pair already on their farm that are settled and ready to breed for sale. Buying a pair such as this would give you time to prepare for the next season; also you would save moving them so close to laying time. The charge for boarding a breeder pair is usually a set amount per day for each adult bird and a percent of the hatch. This can be a very good arrangement for both parties.

The fact that the emu eggs are laid and hatched during the winter months is an especially good time for many people, when most other outside activities are on standby. What better way to spend those long winter hours.

For further information contact PATE EMU FARM, 573-5340.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market was steady to lower on a run of 1,067 head of cattle for the Aug. 17th sale. All stocker and feeder cattle 2 to 3 cwt lower with packer cows and bulls 2 cwt lower. Pairs and bred cows steady on young cows.

STEERS
—300-400: 95-108.
—400-500: 87-95.
—500-600: 80-90.
—600-700: 78-84.
HEIFERS
—300-400: 84-95.
—400-500: 80-85.
—500-600: 77-82.
—600-700: 72-78.
BRED COWS
—Good: 550-650.
—Older and plainer: 400-500.
Pairs
—Good: 700-830.
—Older and plainer: 600-700.
PACKER COWS
—Good: 42-47.
—Low yielding: 35-42.
PACKER BULLS
—Good: 58-62
—Low yielding: 52-57.

Colorado City livestock auction

COLORADO CITY — All classes of cattle were $1 to $2 lower on 1,100 head at the Colorado City Livestock Auction on Saturday, Aug. 20.

Heifers: 200-400, 85-105; 400-600, 78-85; 600-800, 68-78.

Steers: 200-400, 90-112; 400-600, 82-90; 600-800, 75-82.

Springer cows good: 600-700; older bred cows: 400-550; cows and calves good: 700-830; older pairs: 500-650; good packer cows: 43-47; fat packer cows: 38-41; old Shelley, 25-35; packer bulls: 52-65.

"Life is 10 percent what you make it and 90 percent how you take it," said composer-lyricist Irving Berlin.

The Royal Air Force was established in Britain in 1918.

September 15...

CRP meet to be held

The first Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts will expire Sept. 30, 1995.

A meeting is to be held at the Kiva Inn, 5403 South 1st (West Highway 80), in Abilene, Sept. 15 at 9 a.m., to inform CRP contract participants about the options available as these contracts expire.

The future use of CRP land will have a direct affect on lending institutions, agricultural related businesses, livestock organizations, farm commodity groups, as well as, taxing entities, real estate agencies and chambers of commerce.

Congressman Charles Stenholm will provide a legislative update on CRP and the 1995 Farm Bill during the meeting.

Speakers and program participants include: Dr. Billy Harris, soil specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, College Station; Wes Oneth, state conservationist, USDA Soil Conservation Service, Temple; Norman Bade, state resource conservationist, USDA Soil Conservation Service, Temple; Dr. Ron Sosebee, chairman Department of Range and Wildlife Management, Texas Tech University, Lubbock; Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Wildlife Specialist, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, San Angelo; Pat Henson, assistant state conservationist, management and operations, USDA Soil Conservation Service, Temple.

Also, Darrel Davis, chief, conservation division, USDA Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, College Station; Dr. Terry Ervin, professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas Tech University, Lubbock and Dr. Jerry Cox, resident director of research, Texas A&M University, Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Vernon.

EPA advises test for lead

COLLEGE STATION — The Environmental Protection Agency is advising homeowners with submersible brass pumps to have their well water tested for excess lead levels.

Laboratory studies have found that significant levels of lead can leach from some types of brass, said Dr. B.L. Harris, a soils specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

For more information regarding lead in drinking water, contact your local county Extension agent for a detailed fact sheet. Additionally, you can call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791, or the National Lead Information Center at (800) 424-LEAD.

St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City was consecrated in 1910.

Beef forum scheduled Sept. 15-16 in Lubbock

LUBBOCK — The second annual Southwest Beef Efficiency Enhancement Forum (BEEF) is set for Sept. 15-16 at Texas Tech University's Meat Lab and Livestock Arena.

This year's theme is "Sustaining Healthy Ranch Environment: Rangelands-Cattle-Wildlife." BEEF is being held in conjunction with the National Ranching Heritage Center's Golden Spur weekend.

BEEF is co-sponsored by Texas Tech University (TTU), Texas A&M University (TAMU), Oklahoma State University (OSU), New Mexico State University (NMSU), The Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and the New Mexico and Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Services.

BEEF participants can earn 16 hours of CEU credit towards ARPAS Certification.

Sept. 15 activities begin with a 7:30-10 a.m. Lubbock area feedlot tour for preregistered participants. Buses will load at the Texas Tech Meat Lab and Livestock Arena.

BEEF registration is from 10-10:30 a.m. at the livestock Arena. Lowell Schake, professor and chairman of animal science and food technology, TTU, will welcome participants.

The remainder of the morning will be devoted to "Total Quality Management," a two-part series continuing Sept. 16 sponsored by the Texas Beef Council. As part of the effort, Bill Miles, Associate Professor of Beef Cattle, TAMU, College Station and Jim Pumphrey, Noble Foundation, Ardmore, Okla., will conduct a live cattle evaluation.

The early afternoon session at 1:30 p.m. will deal with the health and productivity of natural range resources. Carlton Britton, professor of range and wildlife management, TTU, will address brush management; Larry White, professor and range specialist, TAEX, Uvalde, and Karl Wool, New Mexico State University, Las Cruses, New Mexico. The session wraps up with a producer panel discussion featuring Bill Masterson, Guthrie; Sid Goodloe, Capitan, New Mexico; Bill Jacobs, Sulphur, Okla, and Dick Hamilton, Arnett, Okla.

"Managing Wildlife Resources" is the late afternoon topic beginning at 4 p.m. Scot Lutz, assistant professor of range and wildlife, TTU, will speak on developing private land lease agreements. Then producer perspectives will be offered via a panel consisting of Stan Kimbell, Wichita Falls; Dub Waldrip, Colorado City; and Tony Dickenson, Picacho, New Mexico.

The evening program will be at the Ranching Heritage Center. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. followed at 7 p.m. by an Environmental Stewardship panel. Panelists are producers Roger and Debby Bowe, San Jon, New Mexico, and John and Barbara Anderson of Gail. Both couples are recipients of the National Cattlemen's Association Environmental Stewardship Awards.

The Sept. 16 morning session in TT's University Center Coronado Room is devoted to nutrition and herd health. Speakers and their topics include: "Managing the Nutrition of Range Cattle," Ted McCollum, professor of animal science, OSU, Stillwater, Okla and "Managing Herd Health Issues," with special guest, Dr. Bill Bennett, veterinarian with Bill Bennett Presentations, Eaton, Colo. Three discussions are also planned on topics ranging from herd health to worksheets

Following lunch in the TTU Center Ballroom, participants will move to the TTU Meat Lab and Livestock Arena for the final segment of the Texas Beef Council's "Total Quality Management" program.

Pre-registration until Aug. 26, is $55 per person. Late registrations are $75 per person.

For further information call Dr. Lowell M. Schake, (806) 742-2505.

An adult albatross spends as long as 18 hours a day in flight, searching for food.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

How the body fights off inflammation

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain what macrophages in the lungs are. Are they normal or does this indicate a particular illness or disease?

DEAR READER: Macrophages are cells that act like SWAT teams in the body. In their resting state, these burly cells hang around in tissues, passing time, not knowing really what to do, not bothering anyone.

However, if macrophages sense foreign protein, such as microorganisms beginning an infection, they immediately turn into killers, push their way between other cells, and congregate ready to do battle: This is, in a word, inflammation.

Once activated, macrophages expel caustic enzymes to kill the invading protein and they engulf the paralyzed bacteria — and digest them. The wonder of this remarkable phenomenon is that it occurs minute by minute in various parts of the body, and we are rarely aware of these millions of life-and-death struggles that are a normal part of a healthy immune system.

Therefore, when macrophages are identified in tissues, such as lung, examined under the microscope, doctors have incontestable evidence that this tissue is under siege: Inflammation is present and the macrophages are doing their duty.

Macrophages will attack any "foreign" substance — viruses, bacteria, yeasts, cancer cells, minuscule particles of matter — even normal tissue sometimes in the presence of "autoimmune" diseases, such as lupus or rheumatoid arthritis.

Of course, this is sometimes a suicide mission: The macrophages die carrying out their job, leading to the formation of pus. But, by and large, the system works with astounding efficiency.

Be grateful for your macrophages. These tiny soldiers usually enable us to lead healthier lives.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss transient global amnesia. An enhanced CT scan showed no damage or signs of a stroke.

DEAR READER: This fascinating neurological phenomenon is believed to be a form of temporary stroke, caused by a disruption of circulation (at the back of the neck) to the brain, leading to amnesia and confusion that last a matter of minutes or hours.

Complete recovery, without treatment, is the rule. Because some authorities believe that transient global amnesia may be the result of a blood clot, they suggest that patients take one aspirin a day for life, in order to prevent future clots from forming. This condition does not necessarily presage the development of a full-blown stroke, however.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Stroke." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to my attention at P. O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

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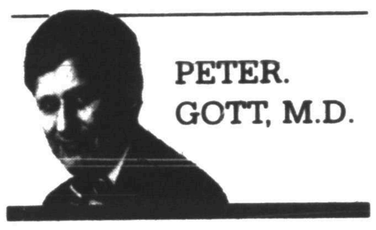

PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Doctors wonder who will pay for vaccine deliveries

WASHINGTON (AP) — The controversy that killed a plan for the government to deliver free vaccine to America's children has doctors questioning whether they'll have to pay drug companies more to do the same job.

Nobody knows how much drug makers will charge to deliver vaccine under the immunization program that starts Oct. 1, and some states fear they'll foot the bill if a deal isn't made quickly.

"Vaccine in bottles doesn't help," said Dr. Ed Thompson, chief of Mississippi's health department. "It's vaccine in children that helps. That's what we like to spend our dollars for, not distributing vaccine."

At issue is the Vaccines for Children program, in which the government will buy specially priced vaccine for public clinics and certain private doctors to give free to any impoverished, uninsured or American Indian or Eskimo child. In addition, any child whose insurance doesn't cover vaccinations could get free shots at special clinics.

The program provides vaccines against measles, whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus, mumps, rubella, polio, hepatitis B and haemophilus influenza type b.

Most states now deliver their own vaccines, and will continue to do so. But 25 states asked the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help, so the agency planned to spend $14 million buying and distributing vaccine from a warehouse in Burlington, N.J.

The states that sought aid were: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

Criticism from drug companies and Congress killed the delivery plan. On Tuesday, lawmakers readied legislation giving the CDC authority to negotiate delivery contracts with drug companies.

But that might cost more than the warehouse, said the CDC's Dr. Walter Orenstein. "We won't know for sure until we enter negotiations" with vaccine manufacturers, he said.

And Thompson, the Mississippi official, fears that if the CDC doesn't make a deal quickly, state workers will have to spend precious dollars now used to track down unvaccinated children to make some deliveries themselves.

"We don't have the money," Thompson said.

Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., whose criticism of the CDC warehouse as an unneeded bureaucracy helped torpedo the plan, said Tuesday he was completing the new delivery legislation, and hoped to pass the bill by Oct. 1.

Regardless of whether that happens, health officials vowed the program will start Oct. 1. But states without a delivery plan will have to keep a costly Medicaid program delivering vaccine to public clinics, and the 25 that sought help have no way to get vaccine to private doctors.

"Immunizations will be available to kids, it just may not be in their doctors' offices in every state," said Assistant Health and Human Services Secretary Bill Corr.

Bumpers said he doesn't think drug companies will charge more to deliver vaccine than CDC would have spent on the warehouse.

But companies now charge as much as $2 a dose for delivery — on top of the vaccine's price. So Bumpers said if he's proved wrong, he'll work to appropriate additional funds for CDC.

Car found in Mexico but tourist remains missing

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Family members of a man missing in Puerto Vallarta say officials have told them they've located the rented Volkswagen the man and his companion were believed to be driving.

But officials still have not located Jerry Inman, 51, of Irving, who was last reported seen while drinking margaritas at a mountainside restaurant on Aug. 2 with his girlfriend, Ann Jarnigan, 43, of North Richland Hills, a suburb of Fort Worth.

Friday, authorities said in broadcast reports that the body of a woman found in a Puerto Vallarta river was that of Jarnigan. She had suffered head and chest injuries in an apparent auto accident.

Her identification and cash had been found in a purse that was with the body.

Police speculate Jarnigan could have been thrown in the river during a car crash.

Gary Inman of Burkburnett, the missing man's son, told KAUZ-TV in Wichita Falls that the rental car was found Tuesday afternoon in the river, about 200 yards from the mountainside restaurant, Chico's Paradise.

He says Mexican officials think the car had a blowout, the couple lost control and the vehicle went over a cliff. The son told the station that Mexican officials found skid marks on road.

Divers are supposed to search the river tomorrow for Jerry Inman's body.

DATE BOOK

Aug. 24, 1994

Today is the 236th day of 1994 and the 65th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 79, Mount Vesuvius in southern Italy erupted, burying the cities of Pompeii, Herculaneum and Stabiae.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Malcolm Cowley (1898-1989), editor-writer; Gerry Cooney (1956-), boxer, is 38; Steve Guttenberg (1958-), actor, is 36; Cal Ripkin Jr. (1960-), baseball player, is 34; Marlee Matlin (1965-), actress, is 29; Reggie Miller (1965-), basketball player, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1989, Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose was permanently banned from baseball, for betting on games.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "They tell you that you'll lose your mind when you grow older. What they don't tell you is that you won't miss it very much." — Malcolm Cowley

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1897, Mark Twain wrote in the Hartford Courier, "A well-known American writer said once that, while everybody talked about the weather, nobody seemed to do anything about it."

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 21) and last quarter (Aug. 29).

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'Home Improvement' to face 'Frasier' beginning Sept. 20

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC pulled its aging hit "Roseanne" out of a fall schedule fight with the rising young sitcom "Frasier," sending television's top show, "Home Improvement," to face the challenge instead.

"Home Improvement" and its Wednesday night companion show, sixth-ranked "Grace Under Fire," will swap places with "Roseanne" and its Tuesday night companion show, "Ellen," beginning Sept. 20.

"Roseanne" and "Ellen" will make their season debuts the following night, opposite "Dateline NBC" and CBS' hourlong "Touched by an Angel."

"This change maximizes the strength of these assets by positioning them in a way that will keep ABC dominant in these time periods for many seasons to come," ABC Entertainment President Ted Harbert said Tuesday.

"Roseanne," has been a Top Five hit on Tuesdays since it debuted Oct. 18, 1988, starring a standup comedian named Roseanne Barr, who since has shed her surnames. It was fourth last season, behind "60 Minutes" and "Seinfeld."

"We think it is a very interesting move," said Ed Harrison, a West Coast NBC Entertainment spokesman. "It certainly shows that ABC had tremendous respect for 'Frasier,' as do audiences.

"We believe that 'Frasier' will perform well wherever it is on our schedule." There was no immediate word on whether NBC contemplated any countermoves to ABC's shuffle.

Matt Williams said he and "Home Improvement" co-creators and executive producers David MacFadzean and Carmen Finestra were dismayed by the move.

"With this move to Tuesday night, it's highly unlikely we're going to remain No. 1," Williams said. "We're probably going to bounce around, maybe even out of the Top Five. ... I understand Mr. Harbert wanting to protect his network and his schedule, but we're disappointed."

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Observers question quality of Mexico's presidential vote

MEXICO CITY (AP) — American observers who scrutinized Mexico's presidential contest say the vote was cleaner than in past elections, but they and others still found widespread irregularities.

Civic Alliance, the largest Mexican election monitoring group, said it found that voters were pressured in about a quarter of rural precincts.

"The quality of elections is in doubt," said Rogelio Gomez, a board member of the Alliance, which groups some 400 organizations.

Alliance officials said the problems, which included large numbers of eligible voters removed from voting lists, might not have been enough to swing the election.

But, said Alliance official Enrique Calderon, "Whether you steal 100 pesos or a million from a bank, it's still called a bank robbery."

Observers were allowed for the first time to monitor the election, under sweeping reforms designed to clean up a fraud-ridden system that has kept the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, in power for 65 years.

PRI candidate Ernesto Zedillo won the vote, having built an insurmountable lead by late Tuesday. Final results were not expected before today.

The government spent $730 million to overhaul voter rolls, issue photo identity cards, create a new indelible ink to prevent double-voting and create an office for a new election fraud prosecutor.

About 900 foreign "guest" observers and 82,000 domestic poll watchers took part in what was the most-scrutinized election in Mexican history.

"We have seen a more open election," said former Democratic Party Chairman Paul Kirk, president of the National Democratic Institute. "What happened on Sunday was something that has never happened in Mexico before."

Government authorities said Tuesday as many as 77 percent of Mexico's 45.7 eligible voters cast ballots Sunday in an unprecedented exercise in democracy.

"Whatever skepticism may have been in people's minds ... the turnout here in Mexico was a powerful statement made by the most important group who participated in the elections," Kirk told a news conference Tuesday.

Kirk released a preliminary report of the International Republican Institute and National Democratic Institute, which sent a joint delegation.

In twenty-five states observed, the 34 delegation teams found only "minor irregularities and isolated instances of intimidation of voters."

The report added that the observers found "no evidence to suggest that they would have affected the outcome of the presidential contest."

But some foreign observers glossed over serious problems, said Enrique Oteiza, an Argentine researcher from the University of Buenos Aires.

Man stung nearly 1,000 times by swarm of bees

ROBSTOWN (AP) — A man was swarmed by nearly 4,000 bees while mowing a lawn, and he was stung an estimated 1,000 times, officials say.

Christopher Graves was reported in serious but stable condition today at Spohn Hospital in Corpus Christi. He was attacked about 10 a.m. Tuesday while mowing an overgrown lot on U.S. Highway 77 a few miles north of Robstown. Officials said about 1,000 bee stings peppered his lips, nose, eyes and body.

Officials said the bee colony was from a nearby vacant building.

After a sheriff's deputy who was passing by radioed for help, rescue crews arrived and found Graves lying on the ground, awash in bees and covering his face.

"He was covered head to toe," Robstown Fire Chief Julio Flores told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "It was like a horror movie."

Robstown is about 15 miles west of Corpus Christi.

Nueces County Animal Control workers put Graves on the flatbed of their pickup truck and rushed him to Riverside Hospital, four miles away. At the emergency room, bees flew out from Graves' clothes. One nurse was stung.

Bees stung five people who came to Graves' rescue, officials said. A Robstown police officer controlling traffic a mile away reported that he also was stung.

"I've been stung by bees before, but this was like a nightmare," said Robstown firefighter Ernest Gallegos, 35.

"It's like someone coming after you with a knife or a gun. You run for your life."

Gallegos was trying to start the water pump when bees zoomed inside the fire truck. They stung Gallegos about 30 times, and his partner, Ricardo Gonzalez, 33, about 10 times. The men fled under attack, despite the weight of their heavy fire boots and thick insulated pants.

Nueces County sheriff's deputy David Maldonado said he saw the attack and stopped to help, but bees charged him. Two Robstown firefighters arrived to spray Graves with water, but bees protecting their queen stung them and chased them away.

Maldonado had an allergic reaction to the bees but was treated at Riverside Hospital and released Tuesday afternoon, a hospital spokesman said.

Officials with Nueces County Animal Control said the swarm was believed to be Africanized bees, which first appeared in Texas in 1990 and in Corpus Christi in 1991.

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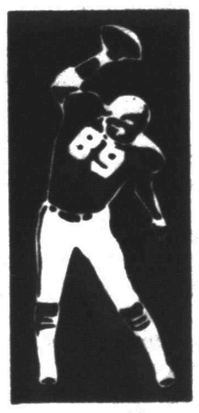

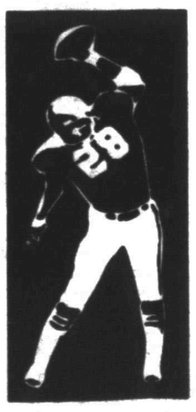

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