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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Over-the-hill is still having something on the ball, but not sufficient energy to bounce it."

The Senate Democrats are still holding up in Albuquerque, and we've been trying to determine "Why Albuquerque."

You would have thought those guys would have gone to Ruidoso where the weather is cooler.

The New Mexico governor, unlike the Texas governor, is supportive of the Senate Demos flight to the Land of Enchantment.

The Albuquerque chamber of commerce may even be funding the deal. One solution is for the entire legislature to go join their colleagues for a quorum in New Mexico.

That would ensure plenty of fuel for the hot-air balloon festival held there every year.

The mayor of Ardmore, Okla., got a little miffed when somebody suggested that Albuquerque had more amenities to offer than his city.

Not so, countered the mayor. "Ardmore has a Michelin tire plant."

It appears that Texas has just wasted $1.7 million on a special legislative session on redistricting.

There are strong rumors that Gov. Rick Perry will call a second special session, again on the same subject.

Rick Perry needs to visit his folks in Paint Creek and get a fresh dose of rural reality. The issue about redistricting is a rural one and there's nothing more rural than West Texas and Paint Creek.

What we need in Austin is more time spent on statesmanship and less on partisan politics.

Let Tom DeLay take care of the U.S. House, and let Texas legislators handle business in the Lone Star State.

Can't argue with this one.

On an employment application, one question asks who to contact in case of an emergency.

The job seeker replied, "A good doctor.

Bumper snickers seen this summer:

—I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.

—Smile, it's the second best thing you can do with your lips.

—Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

—If you drink, don't park. Accidents cause people.

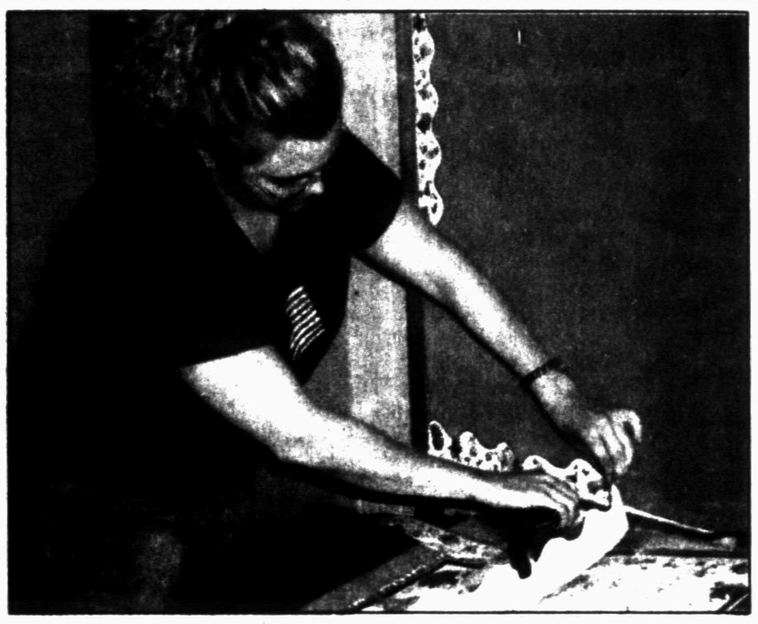
—So you're a feminist...isn't that cute.

—If you can read this I can hit the brakes and sue you.

—Can't afford a pager? Wear your garage door opener.

—IRS: We've got what it takes to take what you've got.

—Alcohol and calculus don't mix. Don't drink and derive.



GETTING READY — Laura Hamby is getting her second grade classroom at Stanfield Elementary ready for the first day of school on Aug. 18. Laura taught kindergarten at Idalou last year. She is a 1993 graduate of SHS and the daughter of Dale and Carolyn Hamby. Dale retired from Snyder ISD last school year but Carolyn is still teaching. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

In-service programs planned...

Local teachers head back to the classrooms

Scurry County students will soon be running to the ring of the bell.

Classes at all three public schools in the county begin Aug. 18, giving everyone just enough time to plan and purchase for the new year.

This weekend's edition *The Snyder Daily News* is packed with a collection of informational articles for students and parents alike.

New superintendents are in place for all three school districts. Dr. Ronny Collins is in office at Snyder ISD; Marvin Beaty is ready at Hermleigh; and Dr. Larry Devitt will be heading up the Ira school district.

Both Snyder and Ira schools will have in-services all next week.

Snyder teachers and staff are to meet at the high school at 9 a.m. Monday for an orientation led by Dr. Ronny Collins. Staff will go back to their respective classrooms at 1 p.m. to start workdays.

Ira's staff will meet at 8:30 a.m. each day except Thursday, when they will meet at Merkel ISD for a special in-service beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Hermleigh ISD staff will meet at Sweetwater High School from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday. Tuesday they will meet back at their home campus for another session. Hermleigh will only meet those two days.

Included in the back-to-school edition is information on many school programs. After-school day care, services for disabled students, health screenings and counseling services are some of the items of interest.

There is a technology update and an explanation of TEA benefits.

The first holiday for the schools will be Labor Day, Sept. 1.

County budget feels money squeeze

Scurry County commissioners' court, knee-deep in budget talks Friday, was pondering how to shave $100,000 from the proposed budget and were still getting requests for additional funding.

County Auditor Charlie Bell said he would spend the weekend going over the $7.5 million spending document before the court reconvenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

Still looming however, the shared services agreement between the city and county.

That pact – which includes fire protections, EMS services, sanitation, jail and law enforcement dispatching – could have a major impact on both the county and city budget.

Despite an estimated $200,000 in additional tax revenue this year, the commissioners' court continues to face a money squeeze.

Certified tax values increased from $798.5 million to $943,627, making the effective tax rate 42.67 cents per $100 valuation. The effective tax rate is the rate used to raise the same amount of taxes as the current year.

On two occasions, commissioners have indicated that the proposed tax rate will be above the effective tax rate, but below the rollback rate of 46.04 cents.

The county budget calls for a 3.5 percent pay increase for all county employees, and Cogdell Memorial Hospital is asking for at least a $150,000 increase in tax subsidy over the current $395,000.

Because of declining resources at the hospital, Dr. Bid Cooper, chief of the medical staff, suggested at last Wednesday's hospital board of managers meeting that the hospital should consider creation of a hospital district. Since special legislation would be required, it would be 2005 before a hospital district could be considered.

Also in the budget is extra expense for the parks department and coliseum, including $10,000 for repairing an existing water well and for fencing.

David Tate met with commissioners Friday morning to again request a concession stand to serve the ball parks in Towle Park.

The stand would cost an estimated $52,000 if done by a contractor, but Tate said donated labor could bring the cost down $38,000. He requested that the county chip in $10,000. Tate said there is a possibility of a grant from Coca Cola.

In earlier talks with the city, commissioners have indicated it would turn back the ambulance service to the city if the interlocal agreement becomes void next month.

Last year, the county spent $180,000 on the EMS, including the purchase of one new ambulance.

The court also has posted a committee meeting with the city for 8 a.m. Tuesday, followed by a commissioners' court meeting at 10 a.m.

University of Iowa provost is named Texas Tech president

LUBBOCK (AP) — A University of Iowa provost was named Friday as the sole finalist for the president's post at Texas Tech University and will be offered the job after a state waiting period.

Jon S. Whitmore, a former dean of the University of Texas was selected for his ability to raise funds and bring in top-notch faculty, said Brian Newby, a Tech regent and chairman of the search committee.

"Those two things elevated him above the others," Newby said. "We really need to have some national-level scholars at Tech. We don't have any National Academies faculty at Tech. And he's done that at Iowa."

Whitmore said those scholars could already be at Tech and just need to be nominated, or they could be recruited.

There were 112 applicants for the post.

David Schmidly resigned as president in November to become president of Oklahoma State University.

Lake Alan Henry...

New development in the works

Lake Alan Henry continues to take on a Snyder flavor as two local developers have announced a new development on the lake near Justiceburg.

Snyder natives LaWayne Fagan and Jody Ashley said survey work on Oak Canyon Estates on the west side of Grape Creek is underway and lots will be available for purchase in the near future.

"We will have 97 waterfront lots and about 200 that are not waterfront," said Fagan. Access to this development will be available off U.S. 84, some five miles south of Justiceburg.

The development's lots are being sold by J. Martin Basinger Real Estate of Slaton.

This is Fagan's and Ashley's second project on the lake as they begin selling lots in Rio Brazos Estates in 2000.

Their first development is located just across Grape Creek from their newest project.

Sales in the first development has gone well, said Fagan, as only four of the original 64 waterfront lots are left to be sold.

"We also have about 90 non-waterfront lots available in Rio Brazos," said Fagan.

"Water will be provided by the Lake Henry Water District," added Fagan, noting it is a joint venture of both Kent and Garza counties.

Restrictions on building in the new development will be more stringent than in the first development, said Fagan.

"These lots also will be $10,000 to $20,000 higher because of the restrictions."

Fagan and Ashley continue to view the two developments as very beneficial to Snyder and Scurry County.

"We are using local contractors at every point," said Fagan. "We want these developments to benefit the community in every way."

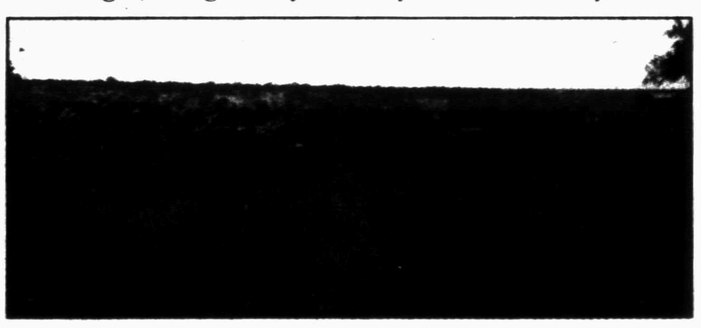
Fagan said the Snyder Independent School District is already benefiting from the increased value of the land.

"Two acre lots that were generating about $20 in tax money per year are now producing around $800 yearly," said Fagan.

"We view Snyder as the gateway to the lake from all points south to include San Angelo, Midland, Odessa or Abilene.

"We figure about two-thirds of the people who go to the lake come through Snyder," said Fagan.

"These people are buying groceries, gas and building supplies for their new homes here," he added.



New area being developed at Lake Alan Henry

Hay cutting, grazing CRP land okayed

Cutting hay and grazing livestock on land enrolled in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program, in the absence of a weather related emergency, is now an option for producers due to changes brought about by the 2002 farm bill.

Joe Hefner, executive director for the Scurry County Farm Service Agency, announced that managed haying and grazing would be allowed through Oct. 25.

Prior to the 2002 Farm Bill, commercial use of CRP land was generally prohibited.

To take advantage of the new haying and grazing options, producers must modify existing conservation plans for the CRP acreage to include managed haying and grazing practices.

Producers must also agree to certain terms and conditions. This includes signing an agreement to re-establish, at the producer's cost, any cover destroyed or damaged as a result of haying or grazing and to remove all hay within 10 days of being notified that the managed haying and grazing season has ended.

ASK US

Q. I thought the Snyder ISD received a donation to purchase band uniforms. Why did they budget $33,000?
A. A donation of $10,000 was received, but the difference in the cost of new uniforms was the $33,000.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Amy Belman...

...is a lifelong resident of Snyder. She is a stay-at-home mom that keeps busy with her four children, Tristen, 2, Gavin, 4, April, 7, and Veronica, 9. Amy is the daughter of Raymond Arriega, a retired contractor, and Margaret Arriega, a housewife. Amy enjoys traveling and spending time with her children.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Time is the least thing we have.

—Ernest Hemingway

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Fish fry

New Hope Baptist Church will hold a fish fry until 5 p.m. Saturday at the church at 3305 Ave. L. Cost are $6.50 for adult plates, and $3.25 for children's plates, ages six to 11 years. Take-outs available by calling 573-7243.

Country and gospel music

Country and gospel music begins at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center.

HHS senior class fundraiser

The Hermleigh senior class will sell chances for two Toby Keith concert tickets starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at United Supermarkets. Chances for the Aug. 21 concert in Lubbock are $10. The drawing will be held Aug. 19.

MAWC to serve lunch

Martha Ann Woman's Club, south of Cogdell Memorial Hospital, will serve lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Cost is $8.50 for adults and $4.50 for children under 10. Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. Saturday. Call Jane Crenwelge 573-5586; Jan Harrell, 573-6443; or MAWC 573-3427. Sandra Brace will cater the lunch featuring roast beef, roasted chicken, salad, vegetable, dessert and drink.

United Way board meeting

The Scurry County United Way board meeting is set for noon Monday at the UW office at 2311 Ave. T. Dutch Treat lunch will be provided.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Invitation of Jesus," followed by "A Jailer Converted."

Volleyball booster club

Snyder Volleyball Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the girls gym.

Sonshine final registration

Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ will hold final registration from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Registration fee is $40 and tuition is $50 per month. Classes for 2-5-year-olds are set for Tuesday and Thursday from 9,a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration packets may be picked up at the church office. For more information, call director Wendy Barnett at 574-1960 or the church office at 573-0154.

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Mary Williams, a Windham school teacher at the Price Daniel Unit, will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church.

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh booster club will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the high school. Everyone is welcome.

GED testing, pre-register

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

Tour SJHS

Snyder Junior High School students are invited to tour the building and locate homerooms between 4-5 p.m. on Thursday. Students will report to their homerooms at 8:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18, at which time they will receive their schedule cards.

Safe Child registration

Students in the Safe Child After School Program must be registered at Humble Smith. Safe Child is offered at the five elementary campus from 2:30-5:45 p.m. for students in kindergarten through the sixth grade. For more information, call Rhonda Ward at 574-6080.

Girl Scout swim party

All registered Scurry County Girl Scouts are invited to a back-to-school swim party from 6 to 8 p.m. next Saturday in Towle Park. Sandwiches will be served. For more information, Call Judi Martin at 573-7556.

Stanfield open house

Stanfield Open House is set from 3-4 p.m. next Sunday.

WTC dual credit enrollment

Western Texas College will hold registration for dual credit (concurrent) students from Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira High Schools from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Aug. 18-20. The registration process will be in the admissions office located in the WTC student center. Dual credit students may also register during the regular registration Aug. 21-22.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will hold its monthly stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18. All Master Masons are welcome.

Volunteer fireman fundraiser

Snyder Volunteer Fire Department will hold a fill-a-boot fundraiser starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at 37th and College. All proceeds will go to muscular dystrophy.

Car wash

Boy Scout Troop 2 will have a car wash starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at Wal-Mart. Cost will be a donation with all proceeds going to muscular dystrophy.

Taste of Snyder

The Taste of Snyder, the annual fundraiser for the Scurry County Museum, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $5 for children 5 to 12. Those under five eat free.

Head Start registration

Scurry County Head Start registration continues through Aug. 18 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 2800 2nd Street. The following will be required: child's certified birth certificate, current immunization record, social security number and proof of family income.

SCA demonstration

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will hold a demonstration in Snyder on Saturday, Sept. 13. SCA is a non-profit group striving to recreate the Middle Ages with historical accuracy. Call 574-8019 for more information.

U.S. infantry troops are coming home after serving overseas for nearly a year

FORT STEWART, Ga. (AP) — Pfc. Joseph Carson III thundered through Baghdad behind the controls of a tank and celebrated his 21st birthday with two shots of Jack Daniel's on his flight home from the war.

Still, when Carson arrived Friday at Fort Stewart carrying his company's tattered yellow flag, his father, Joe, called out to him by his baby nickname — "Fofus! Fofus!"

"Let's take it to the house, mom," the smiling soldier, gone for almost a year, said as his mother, Cathy, and 19-year-old sister, Laura, wrapped him in a smothering bear hug.

For Carson and 4,600 fellow soldiers of the Army's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, the road home has been long, hazardous and pocked with delays.

The 2nd Brigade deployed to Kuwait last September for six months of desert training and stayed through the war, leading the assault on Baghdad with their tanks and armored Bradley vehicles. After the Iraqi regime fell, the troops received a new mission to hunt down Saddam Hussein's loyalists.

"I'm kind of tired of being gone such a long time," said Carson of Leesburg, Ga., who serves in the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment.

About 750 troops from the 2nd Brigade arrived Friday, with the rest of the battle-hardened troops scheduled to come home within the week. More than 1,000 friends and family members became a cheering, flag-waving mass after hours of nervous waiting in the withering sun.

"We wanted to make sure we didn't miss him, so we came out Saturday," said Kendra Morris, who flew from Colorado Springs, Colo., to greet her husband, Spc. Mark Gatlin. "The waiting, it's been the longest time. It seemed like they were never going to get here."

For Pfc. Christopher Rarick of the 1-64 Armor, living in the desert had become second nature after 11 months. He began to question how he would adjust once he returned.

"It was almost a home away from home is what it seemed like. It was scary almost, coming back," said Rarick, 24, whose mother traveled from Ohio to greet him. "It makes it ever that much more emotional, I guess."

When Robert Myers of Chesapeake, Va., learned his son was returning from the war, he thought of himself 35 years ago arriving alone from his second tour in Vietnam. He was determined to bring a warmer welcome for his son, Cpl. Bucky Hartman of the 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment.



COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING — Fernando Candanoza with Charlie Company 35th Engineers completed basic training on July 18 at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. He will be stationed in Korea. (Contributed Photo)

Alfalfa topic of regional workshop

Alfalfa production is the focus of a half day regional workshop scheduled Tuesday in Lamesa.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Dawson County Community Building, South 8th and Houston. The program, organized by Texas Cooperative Extension, begins at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude at 1 p.m.

Target counties include Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, and Garza.

Topics will include variety selection, fertility, irrigation, weed control, and entomology.

A field visit will review insect scouting techniques and discuss insects present in the field. In addition dairy and custom hay industry personnel will share observations on achieving desired hay quality.

All participants will receive a book of alfalfa publications from Extension and Alfalfa Council, etc. As lunch will be provided participants will receive a book of alfalfa publications from Extension and the Alfalfa Council, etc. As lunch will be provided, pregistration is recommended one day in advance by calling John Farris, Dawson County extension agent,(806) 872-3444.

A $10 registration fee will cover cost of materials. 2.5 CEUs (1.0 in IPM) will be provided.

Bonnie Baldridge named for another 3-year HSU term

ABILENE — Members of Hardin-Simmons University board of trustees were newly chosen, re-elected, or face expiring terms in 2004.

The board includes Kent County resident Bonnie Baldridge, who was renamed for a three-year term.

The 42-member board is elected annually for three-year terms by "messengers" attending the annual sessions of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. HSU has been affiliated with the BGCT since 1941.

HSU trustees endorse nominations of fellow trustees, with final approval given by "messengers" at the state convention of Texas Baptists.

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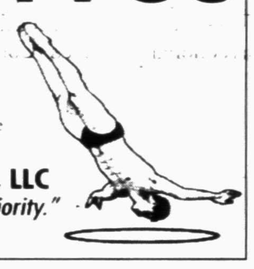
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Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-16-30-31. Bonus Ball: 13.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: $200,000.

Number matching four of four: 11. Prize: $1,509.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 33. Prize: $61.

Number matching three of four: 1,187. Prize: $23.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 950. Prize: $19.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 6,408. Prize: $7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 11,883. Prize: $5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: $250,000.

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Cash Five

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

Winning numbers drawn: 12-15-24-27-34.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $60,630.

Winning tickets sold in: Bellville, Bellville Quick Stop, 1216 S. Front.

Matching four of five: 249. Prize: $110.

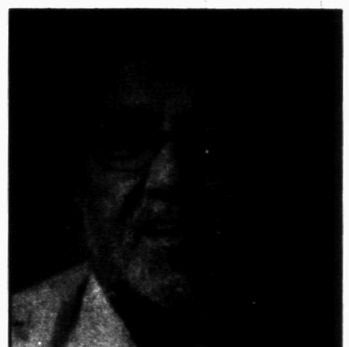
Matching three of five: 6,354. Prize: $10.

Matching two of five: 62,879. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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James Duncan

Duncan passes exam for CPA

James D. Duncan, a resident of Oklahoma, has been notified that he has passed the exam for certified public accountant in the State of Oklahoma.

He is the son of Don and Dorthy Duncan, long time residents of Snyder. His brother, Terry Duncan also lives in Snyder.

Duncan is an accountant for a large pharmacy in Oklahoma City. He received a master of administration degree in 1975. He holds a copyright on accounting computational software. He also writes a monthly column for the Oklahoma City Personal Computer Users Group.

Duncan has had computer articles published in national magazines does volunteer work for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

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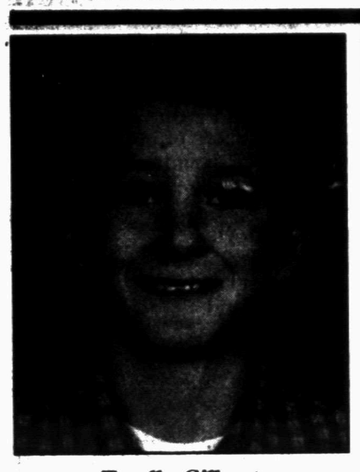
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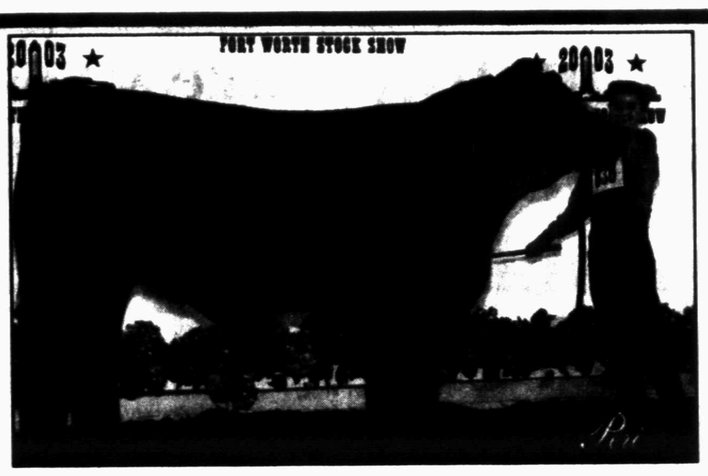
Tyrelle Gilbert

Tyrelle Gilbert gets academic awards

Tyrelle Gilbert of Ira has been named an All-American Scholar. For the second year, he also has received All American Academic Achievement Award.

All American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average.

Tyrelle is.the son of Jeff and La Chana Gilbert of Ira. Grandparents are James and Sue Boucher and Jady Gilbert, all of Snyder; and Clayton and Dot Phillips of Lubbock.



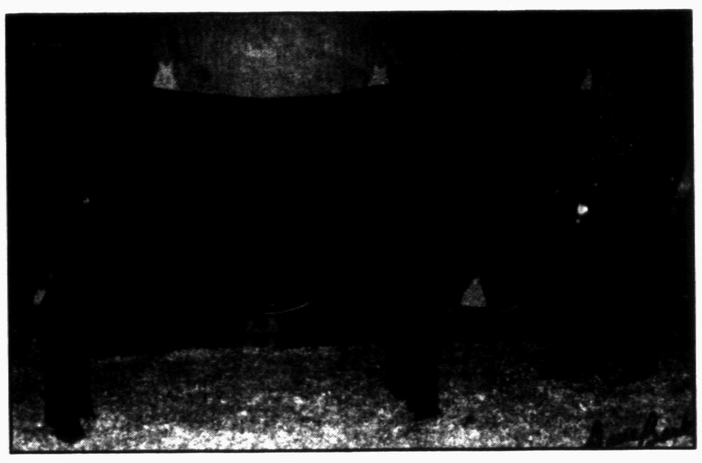


EXHIBIT STEERS — Tyrelle Gilbert (top photo) exhibited this American Steer named Brutus at the Forth Worth Livestock show, placing third in the heavy weight class. The steer was also the reserve champion American Breed steer at the Ira Junior Livestock Show. Laramie Gilbert's Brangus steer, Scaredy Cat, (bottom photo) was exhibited at the Houston Livestock Show, garnering fourth place in the light weight class. Tyrelle and Laramie are members of the Scurry County 4-H and Ira School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter. They are the children of Jeff and La Chana Gilbert of Ira and the grandchildren of James and Sue Boucher and Jady Gilbert, all of Snyder and Clayton and Dot Phillips of Lubbock. (Contributed Photos)

Senior Menu

Monday
Steak fingers w/gravy
Fried potato rounds
Green beans
Tossed salad
Sugar cookie
Tuesday
King Ranch chicken
Golden carrots
Fried squash
Broccoli/cauliflower salad
Cutie pie
Wednesday
German sausage
Mashed potatoes
Broccoli with cheese
Three bean salad
Chocolate cake w/white frosting
Thursday
Goulash
Hominy
Spinach
Cucumber/onion salad
Banana pudding
Friday
Fried fish
Southern fried okra
Butter beans
Copper Penny salad
Tropical apples

Verizon and unions set to resume talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Negotiations will resume Tuesday between Verizon Communications and its two unions after a break called by government mediators.

Long and intense negotiations have been ongoing since a 12:01 a.m. Aug. 3 strike deadline passed, with both sides saying they were making progress.

The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service has been hosting top-level negotiations at the agency's headquarters while regional talks continued at other sites in Washington and in New York.

The agency said Friday that talks will be held at the regional locations when they resume Tuesday, adding "FMCS will continue to assist the parties to reach an agreement."

Nearly 80,000 Verizon telephone workers from Virginia to Maine were prepared to walk out when their contracts expired Aug. 2. But union negotiators said enough progress was being made at the bargaining table to postpone the walkout.

Negotiators for the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have aimed to protect job security and health benefits.

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Senior Center News

Volunteers are instrumental in the many services and activities provided by the senior center and other organizations throughout our community.

Volunteers will provide music at the Community Sing beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday night in the Senior Center dining room at 2603 Avenue M. Everyone is welcome.

We encourage citizens to volunteer for the meals-on-wheels program at the center.

The project requires fifteen volunteers and approximately two hours of service each. We deliver meals Monday-Friday.

Volunteers may donate time as their personal schedule allows. We have five routes of different lengths and time requirement.

We deliver as many as 150 meals some days. The meal trays are filled at 10:45-11 a.m., delivered to the homes, and the last van returns by 12:15 p.m. Call Glenda at 573-4035 for further information.

Volunteers are also needed to help serve the congregate meals in the center dining room. Seven volunteers are needed for the lunch hour: Five to serve food, one for preparing drinks, and one to serve the handicap.

Volunteers who enjoy quilting are invited to join us in the quilting room. Our quilting program continues throughout the year. Our goal for the May Day fundraiser is 30 large quilts.

The quilters generally volunteer during the morning, but the room is available Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

MONDAY

Dominoes, pool, and quilting are activities that are available Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Join us for party bridge beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the morning.

TUESDAY

Join us for eighty-eight at 10 a.m. at the center. Everyone is welcome to visit the Golden K Kiwanis for lunch and their weekly meeting at noon every Tuesday. Join us at 1:15 p.m. for an "Eighty Tournament." Bring a partner and have some fun.

WEDNESDAY

Newcomers are welcome in ladies pool beginning at 9 a.m. We have started playing Skip-Bo on Wednesdays, join us and learn a new game or improve skills. A volunteer will be available to help newcomers. After lunch, join us in the bridge room for pinochle beginning at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

We will play bingo today beginning at 10 a.m. Come join us for lots of fun and prizes. Tonight is game night. The center will be open at 6 p.m. for fun and games.

FRIDAY

Volunteers will take blood pressure readings from 9:30-11 a.m. The bridge tournament begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. Barbara Tune will play the keyboard from 11:15-11:45 a.m. and again during the noon meal. Beth Dannheim will present a nutrition program at 11:45 a.m.

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The 10,000-mile long Mid-Atlantic Ridge, an underwater chain of mountains that extends southward from Iceland, is the longest mountain range in the world.

Former prison chief is involved with firm bidding to build prison

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The involvement of a former director of the state's Department of Corrections with a company wanting to build a new 3,200-bed women's prison is raising some eyebrows.

Terry Stewart left the state's Department of Corrections in November, after spending about seven years as its chief.

Stewart now runs Advanced Correctional Management, a security consulting firm.

His firm and Cornell Cos., of Houston, Texas, have submitted a joint bid to build and run an 800-bed temporary prison next to the existing Douglas prison.

In addition, the Texas company is one of three firms which has submitted bids for the 3,200-bed women's prison.

That arrangement has raised concerns with critics about conflicts and favoritism.

But Stewart defends his position and said his involvement with the firm is aboveboard.

"I have ensured what I am doing and what I would like to do in the future doesn't create a conflict of interest."

Stewart cited a legal opinion from former state homeland security chief Chuck Blanchard, a prominent Democratic lawyer, which said Stewart's role in the projects posed no conflicts.

Russell Rau is a vice president at Correctional Services Corp. of Sarasota, Fla., a company that has also submitted a proposal to build the women's prison.

Rau said the situation is muddied because he has concerns that detailed plans and goals for the new prison were developed under Stewart's leadership which both companies are vying for.

"To get involved in an RFP (request for proposals) that was developed under his (Stewart's) watch is going to contribute to the confusion."

Cornell executive Paul Doucette said his firm hired Stewart because of his expertise and said Cornell competitors already have business relationships with the state.

"It seems to me that they have the advantage," Doucette said.

Officials with the Department of Corrections are reviewing the documents submitted by the three companies.



Claire A. Morris

Claire Morris is recognized in mathematics

Claire A. Morris, who will be a freshman in the fall, has been named a United States National Award winner in mathematics.

Claire was nominated by Theresa Vest, her junior high math teacher. She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Claire is the daughter of Scott and Robin Morris of Snyder. Her grandparents are Jean Morris of Colorado and the late Dr. and Mrs. Reed Collins.

Lange is ambassador

BUNIA, Congo (AP) — Jessica Lange, on her first assignment as a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. Children's Fund, said she wanted to draw attention to the use of rape as a weapon in the tribal violence that has spread through troubled northeastern Congo.

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Birth Announcement



Alyssa Benitez announces the birth of her sister Abigail Lauren Benitez. Abigail was born at Covenant Medical in Lubbock July 23, 2003 at 8:26 am. She weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19½ inches long.

Proud parents are Eddie and Laura Benitez of Snyder. Maternal grandparents are Ruben and Elsa Alvarez of Snyder and Paternal grandparents are Freddie Benitez of Snyder and Rosa Benitez of Loraine. Great grandparents are Chris and Eusevia Flores, Colorado City; Francis Benitez, Snyder; and Tanis Moreno, Sweetwater.

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BIG WINNERS — Shelby, Richard and Dayton Grice, from left, came home with a basket full of prizes from the Snyder Area Council on Drug and Alcohol Back-to-School bash last Friday. The boys won a backpack filled with school supplies, two tanning sessions, and a family fun pack filled with games, snacks, free meals and video rentals. Local merchants donated prizes to CADA. (SDN Staff Photo)

Houston dropout problem probed

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas legislator who first complained about a Houston school undercounting student dropouts is criticizing the state's decision to place the Houston Independent School District's accountability rating on suspension, calling it a "slap on the hand."

"HISD's political influence came into play and (U.S. Secretary of Education) Rod Paige's influence came into play with this slap on the hand," State Rep. Rick Noriega, D-Houston, told the Houston Chronicle for its Saturday editions.

A spokesman for Paige, who was HISD superintendent when the dropout records in question were documented, said such a claim is "absurd, unfounded and untrue."

"Secretary Paige has been gone from the Houston Independent School District for more than two years. He had absolutely nothing to do with such a decision," Paige spokesman Dan Langan said.

Texas Education Agency Deputy Commissioner Robert Scott said he would give the district six months to improve its data reporting before determining whether it should have its rating lowered. He did, however, take action at 15 middle and high school campuses within the district, where he lowered accountability ratings.

Scott said this week that HISD's rating of academically acceptable is being temporarily suspended with the rating listed as "academically acceptable: special accreditation investigation."

Noriega said he met last spring with then-TEA Commissioner Felipe Alaniz and HISD Superintendent Kaye Stripling about school employees' complaints of dropout-data tampering at Sharpstown High School.

Whatever happened to...

Denise Holladay Ereckson is a 1976 graduate of Snyder High School where she was active in the Spanish Club and the Art Club. She also was active in Girl Scouts and the First Baptist Church youth group.



Denise Holladay 1976



Denise Ereckson 2003

She is the daughter of Hoyle and Joan Holladay of Snyder.

After graduation, she attended Western Texas College and graduated from Texas Tech in 1980 with a BS degree in broad field science secondary education. That same year she married Ronny Ereckson from Rock Springs. While in Rock Springs, she taught EMS courses and was teacher of a girl's Bible study for 12 years.

Two years ago they moved from Rock Springs to Choschston, Ohio, where they are missionaries in the MMS Aviation and Denise also home schools her daughters.

Denise and Ronny have five daughters, Naomi, 9; Ruth, 7; Anna, 5; Abigail, 2½; and Rebekah, 8 months.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature free of charge. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 79550.)

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Insurance rates likely to decline

AUSTIN (AP) — Most homeowners in Texas can expect to see their insurance rates decline up to 31 percent the next time they renew their policies, according to the state insurance commissioner.

The Texas Department of Insurance estimated that the rate reductions will save Texans more than $510 million.

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor on Friday released his first round of mandatory rollbacks for the largest 32 insurance companies in Texas, which control 95 percent of the state's market for homeowner's insurance.

The rollbacks, required under a law passed by the Legislature this year, will go into effect in 30 days, but policy holders won't see the difference until their policies are renewed.

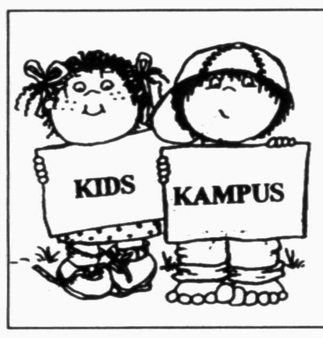
"While I believe even greater reductions may be warranted, the department's order is a significant and much-needed step in the right direction," said Rod Bordelon, the state's public insurance counsel, an advocate for consumers. "This order will result in rate reductions for the vast majority of Texas policyholders."

Among the reductions, State Farm rates must be reduced by 12 percent, Allstate by 18.2 percent and Hanover by 31 percent.

Only eight of the 32 companies were found to be charging justified rates and will not be required to lower their rates.

"Today's announcement by the Texas Department of Insurance affirms that the significant reforms I signed into law are already working for Texas homeowners," Gov. Rick Perry said. "Our legislative reforms, along with the half-billion dollars in ordered rate reductions, are leveling the playing field for consumers and the insurance industry."

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Financial Focus

Steer your 401(k) Into a "Safe Harbor"

If you run your own small business, you may well be in need of a good retirement plan. At one time, you might have considered a 401(k), only to discard the idea when you realized that some of the costs and burdens - such as testing requirements to ensure fair contributions to all employees - might prevent you and your key employees from fully benefiting from the plan. But now, you've got a "safe harbor" in which to place your 401(k), away from the uncertainties of whether you will benefit.

The "Safe Harbor" 401(k), created by the Small Business Job Protection Act of 1996, could help you build resources for your own retirement - and attract and retain employees. Like all 401(k) plans, the Safe Harbor 401(k) offers tax-deferred growth of earnings, the ability to make pre-tax contributions (which can lower a plan participant's adjusted gross income), the opportunity for employer matching contributions and a variety of investment choices.

Furthermore, a Safe Harbor 401(k) permits discretionary profit-sharing contributions. And your contributions are considered business expenses, so they are tax-deductible. Plus, if your business had no plan, you may qualify for a tax credit to offset administration fees for the plan's first three years.

Clearly, all these features are good for you and whatever employees you might have. But what really makes the Safe Harbor 401(k) a benefit to small businesses is less "testing." You don't have to deal with any non-discrimination testing to identify whether "highly compensated employees" (generally, business owners and management employees) contributed too much, as long as you adhere to the following contribution and matching guidelines:

You must contribute at least 3 percent of compensation to all "non-highly compensated employees." All non-highly compensated employees are entitled to this money, even if they don't elect to contribute to the plan. You can choose whether or not to provide this contribution to highly compensated employees, so you, as the business owner, can receive this contribution. Or:

You must provide each non-highly compensated employee who participates in the Safe Harbor 401(k) with a dollar for dollar match on salary deferrals up to 3 percent of compensation, and a 50 cents on the dollar match on deferrals between 3 and 5 percent of compensation. Alternatively, you can simply choose to make a dollar for dollar match on the first 4 percent of compensation. Keep in mind that this match is up to 4 percent of compensation - so if you have employees who contribute less than 4 percent of their compensation, you only have to match the amount contributed. Again, as the business owner, you also can receive this contribution.

The percentage of matching contributions for any highly compensated employee - including yourself, as the business owner - cannot be higher than the percentage provided to non-highly compensated employees.

However, a Safe Harbor 401(k) does offer a distinct advantage to highly compensated employees, because they are guaranteed the ability to defer from their pay the maximum amount ($12,000 in 2003, or $14,000 if they're over 50) regardless of how much the non-highly compensated employees contribute. In a "regular" 401(k), this figure might have been reduced by the amounts the non-highly compensated employees chose to defer.

A Safe Harbor 401(k) is typically inexpensive to set up and maintain - and, with the absence of testing requirements, the benefits you can receive from the plan can be maximized and are predictable. To determine if this retirement plan is appropriate for your needs, contact your investment representative, who can work with your tax or business adviser. But don't wait too long - the quicker you get your retirement money into a "safe harbor," the less time it can take for your ship to come in.



BEST CADET — Staff Sgt. Eric Ochoa, left, and Capt. Terri Rawls conducted a Star Boot Camp Junior Military Academy last week. Tye Holley was named the top cadet. The theme was "Lead from the front." The camp focused on leadership traits and team building. (Contributed Photo)

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Couple charged with homicide after girl's body found in cooler

KITTANNING, Pa. (AP) — A man and woman have been charged with killing a 4-year-old girl whose malnourished body was found in a picnic cooler behind their western Pennsylvania home, authorities said.

Kristen Tatar's 111/2-pound body was found in the cooler Thursday, after police were alerted by social workers who hadn't seen the child since at least June.

The cause of death was not immediately known, but Armstrong County Coroner Robert Bower said at a news conference Friday that the girl suffered from malnutrition, dehydration and neglect. The body had been put in the cooler, wrapped in garbage bags and then placed in a trash can near a shed in the back yard, authorities said.

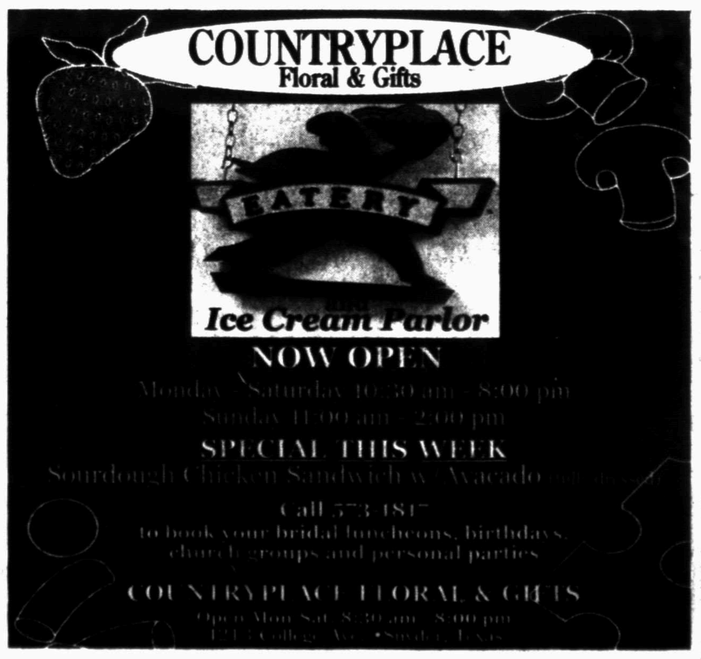
State police filed homicide charges late Thursday against James Tatar, 41, and Janet Crawford, 35, both of Vandergrift, a town about 20 miles northeast of Pittsburgh. Police said the couple was caring for Kristen, but authorities didn't know if either was her biological parent.

Officials said they believed the girl had been dead for weeks.

The defendants, who did not have attorneys as of Friday afternoon, were being held in the Armstrong County jail. A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Thursday.

Authorities said there is some indication the girl was kept in a bedroom away from the rest of the family. Armstrong County District Attorney Scott Andreassi said the many family photos in the home did not include Kristen.

"They were living as a family of three, but they really were a family of four," Bower said.



Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



End-of-life issues call for legal counseling

DEAR DR. GOTT: At the age of 84, I have seen many of my friends and relatives die unnecessarily slow, sad and expensive deaths at the hands of doctors and hospitals.

Although I do not wish to hasten my death, I am frightened at the prospect of my dear wife's assets being taken from her, when my time comes, by medical profiteers who lie in wait for such occasions. To me, the reason for this sad state of affairs is a combination of greed and religion. What can I do to reduce my fears, take control of my death and protect my wife?

DEAR READER: The issues you raise are common, important and real. I have received many letters from elderly readers that express concerns identical to yours.

Although one might be tempted to conclude that these are strictly medical problems, the situation is, in fact, largely a legal one.

First, you may want to have a family conference, to share your beliefs and wishes with your wife, children and other relatives. Everyone has got to be on the same page on this issue.

Once the family has reached a consensus, you should meet with your attorney to put into place the appropriate legal documents, such as a living will, power of attorney and health care proxy. States differ widely in how these goals are achieved, so you will want to involve an attorney who specializes in estate law and related issues.

If your children can (and are willing to) have the legal power to achieve your objectives (in the event you become incompetent), the whole process should proceed smoothly.

Once you have developed the basic documents that spell out your convictions, copies should be distributed to your family physician. Also, you should have copies readily available at home so that medical personnel (EMTs and so forth) will have access to them in an emergency situation.

In short, your attorney should be able to advise you and thereby reduce your apprehension.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am 77 and forgetful. Is there a vitamin, supplement, food or medication that I could take to regain my memory?

DEAR READER: Memory-loss normally accompanies the aging process. However, it may also reflect early dementia. Therefore, I urge you to have a full neurological evaluation, imaging studies and blood tests to make sure that you don't have a vitamin deficiency, an underactive thyroid gland or some other treatable cause for your problem. To my knowledge, there is no diet, supplement or herbal remedy to help you regain memory. Some patients have had beneficial effects from the prescription drug Aricept, but — in my experience — such improvement is inconsistent and disappointing. I believe that your best option is to see a neurologist.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Awhile back, you published a column about an extensive study on people who had colds. As I recall, you were critical of the study. I would be grateful if you would repeat this column because I believe that people have a right to complain when research dollars are used inappropriately.

DEAR READER: Gladly. Here is an updated version.

I'm as much in favor of medical research as is the next guy. Scientific studies are the only valid way to learn about ourselves, our bodies and the effects that various treatments have on us. It's the research that truly propels medicine along the sometimes rocky road of advancement, with miracles liberally interspersed among failures.

Nonetheless, I have to wonder, on occasion, about the practical consequences of studies that, at great expense, may not add a great deal of useful information to the general fund of medical knowledge. Case in point: "Computed Tomographic Study of the Common Cold," reported in the Jan. 6, 1994, issue of The New England Journal of Medicine. Before I give you the results of the research, let me brief you on how the testing was conducted.

Several doctors from a prestigious medical school studied 110 adult volunteers with "fresh" common colds. In addition to being interviewed, each subject had a test for nasal airway resistance, an analysis of nasal mucus transport, viral cultures, and computed tomography of the sinuses and nasal passages. The CT X-ray scanning produced up to 20 images of the areas under investigation.

Consider this for a moment. Here are more than 100 otherwise healthy adults who took up a lot of man-hours (and female hours, too) having their symptoms documented and their colds confirmed by sophisticated laboratory testing. I don't know the cost of the airway resistance, mucus transport and viral lab tests, but you can bet your bottom dollar that it was expensive — several thousand dollars at the least. When you pro-rate the salaries of the skilled technologists who performed the tests, we're talking big bucks.

In the community hospital where I practice, the cost of a sinus CT scan in 1994 was $811. Thus, the total initial X-ray expenditures of the study probably approached $90,000 ($811 x 110 = $89,210).

And what about all the radiation? CT scans involve extensive X-ray exposure, not a good thing for healthy adults. The 110 volunteers received substantial amounts of radiation to their sinuses (and brains), merely to satisfy the researchers' curiosity about the harmless effects of the common cold.

Hold on — it gets better.

After having been tested during the acute phase, 14 patients with abnormal CT scans underwent complete re-evaluation 8 to 15 days later. This testing included the lab analyses I mentioned above — plus repeat CT scans.

By now, I've lost track of the dollar expenditures; you can do the arithmetic, while I worry about the long-term health risks.

There's more.

Once the testing was completed, the data had to be analyzed, probably by computers and biostatisticians, at further outrageous cost. And don't forget the researchers' salaries.

Finally, the scientists published their findings. "The common cold is associated with frequent and variable anatomical involvement of the upper airways, including occlusion and abnormalities of the sinus cavities." Tada!

Folks, after more than four months of study and the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars, a bunch of doctors "discovered" that the common cold causes congestion! They stated that "although CT scanning is obviously not appropriate for the clinical evaluation of patients with colds, it is useful in research ... of this illness, which at some time afflicts virtually every human being."

Now, I don't know about you, but I am distinctly unimpressed. Do we really need to spend an inordinate amount of money (and expose healthy volunteers to dangerous radiation) to learn what every layperson already knows? Is this a sensible and appropriate use of health-care resources? Where does one draw the line between valid scientific investigation and just "stuff" — or, in this case, stuffiness?

I don't know. But I can't be bothered right now. I'm working on raising the necessary funding for a very expensive but definitive study on the emotional consequences of static cling.

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connections and Al-Anon support groups, devote this columns to current information on substance abuse, and how we as a community can work together to create a safe and drug-free environment for our children.

TALKING TO YOUR GRANDCHILDREN ABOUT DRUGS

Grandparents today play an important role in the lives of their grandchildren. Forty-four percent of grandparents see a grandchild every week and forty-five percent talk weekly or more with them. In fact, many grandparents today are raising their children's children.

According to a national survey conducted in conjunction with the 2000 Census, there are two million grandparent-headed homes with children under 18, and another 3.2 million grandparents live with and share parental responsibilities for their grandchildren.

It is clear that grandparents are doing more parenting" than ever, and with this fact, it is important to recognize that grandmothers and grandfathers play a key role in influencing children in their lives, especially when it comes to drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

The unique relationship between grandparent and grandchild provides an ideal opening for a discussion about the dangers of these substances.

The following strategies, provided by the National Youth Anti-Drug media campaign, will hopefully come in handy for those grandparents seeking guidance on how to approach the subject.

1. START: It is never too early to prevent your grandchildren from trying drugs. Building protective factors, such as letting your grandchild know you care, plays an important role in deterring them from drugs. State your position clearly and often.

One of the major reasons teens decide not to use drugs is the fear that their parents or other family members will lose respect for them. Teens do not want to let down their families.

2. CONNECT: Take the opportunity to build lines of communication and do things regularly with them. Spend time together — eat dinner with them, read together, play a game, go shopping, go to the movies, a baseball game or go sightseeing together. Use opportunities like family gatherings or inviting your grandchildren to stay over to show that fun doesn't require drugs.

3. LISTEN: Take a more active interest in what is going on in your grandchild's life. Listen to their cares and concerns by fostering family openness and communication. In this way, teens will feel more comfortable to open up to you when they need your advice.

4. EDUCATE: Spend time discussing the dangers of using drugs with your grandkids. Continue the discussion on a regular basis. Let commercials, billboards and other encounters be a lead-in for talking about the subject.

5. CARE: Make sure your grandchildren know you care that they are drug-free.

6. SUPPORT: Explain to them that you are always there for them no matter what happens. Make sure they know that they can come to you for help or information.

7. LEARN: Children today are sophisticated. In order to educate your grandchild about the dangers of drugs, you need to educate yourself first. Take the time to learn about what messages kids are bombarded with everyday through peers, school and the media.

It is up to grandparents to help teens sift through those messages and decipher right from wrong. Grandparents should also be aware of all the risks drugs pose.

8. LEAD: Young people are just as aware of what you do as they are of what you say. Don't just say the right things, do the right things. Set a good example. If you, yourself, have a substance abuse problem, seek help and be honest with the young people in your life.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free-community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcolol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

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Today's chuckle

Cryptic message opens ancient mystery

HONOLULU (AP) — A package with a cryptic message sent to Mayor Jeremy Harris has opened an ancient mystery.



Vicki Borges, Harris' executive assistant, was shocked Wednesday to find a human skull wrapped in newspaper inside the package addressed to her boss.

"This is the strangest thing we've ever received," she said.

The package also contained a note from the anonymous sender, apparently a former Marine who had been stationed in Hawaii in the early 1950s, Borges said. The man said in the note that he had taken the skull and now wanted to return it, she said.

The sender wasn't sure where the skull came from, but he believed it was from the Bellows area of Windward Oahu, Borges said.

Police took the skull to the city medical examiner's office, where it was determined to be ancient. More tests were to be conducted.



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SPORTS





CUTTING UP — Snyder tailback Malcolm Wells cuts inside his blocker during the "Best of the Best" drills at Saturday morning's practice while trainer Steve Krueger keeps a close eye on the contact. Below, wideout Justin Boyd congratulates Wells, who took the second snap of the drill all the way to the end zone. Saturday was the second day of full contact drills for the Tigers, who will face Post in a scrimmage next Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Carthon brings intensity to the Cowboys' sideline

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Maurice Carthon was a hard-headed player and a bruising fullback who gave Bill Parcells fits over seven seasons, even as they shared two Super Bowl championships with the New York Giants.

Those same qualities are why Parcells brought Carthon to the Dallas Cowboys as offensive coordinator and running backs coach — just like he hired him as an assistant with the New England Patriots and New York Jets.

"He wasn't the easiest guy to coach. We had plenty of battles," Parcells said. "But there's just something about him that I like."

Maybe that they're so much alike.

Like his mentor, Carthon is tough, blunt and focused. He's sometimes referred to as "Little Bill" because of those similarities.

"He's a Parcells-type guy. He doesn't put up with any bull on the practice field," said Cowboys scouting director Larry Lacwell, Carthon's college coach at Arkansas State. "He coaches just like he played. He's a tough guy. Players around him are going to be tough."

After playing for Parcells with the New York Giants (1985-91), Carthon was on Parcells' New England staff (1994-96) when the Patriots advanced to the Super Bowl, and on the Jets staff (1997-99) when they went from 1-15 to the AFC championship game.

When Parcells left the sidelines in 1999, Carthon remained in New York one more year. He spent the past two seasons with Detroit as offensive coordinator. He is the only Cowboys assistant who has previously worked with Parcells.

"He showed confidence in me years ago when he asked me to come coach," Carthon said. "That was enough to me, and that made me make sure that when I got in this business that I was going to be the best that I could be just because of him."

Now Carthon has more responsibility than ever before for Parcells. The Cowboys offense has gone through three straight 5-11 seasons, is far from settling on a starting quarterback and is without NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith.



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Baylor hoops program hits bottom...

Bliss, AD resign as major NCAA violations uncovered

WACO (AP) — Amid growing turmoil in the Baylor basketball program following the disappearance and death of a player and charges he was killed by a former teammate, coach Dave Bliss realized it was time to step down.

"I'm the head coach and I'm accountable for everything that goes on in my program," Bliss said Friday in a hastily arranged campus news conference. "I accept that responsibility. I intend to cooperate fully as the inquiry continues. I'll do whatever I can to make things right."

After Bliss' brief resignation announcement, Baylor president Robert Sloan said the school's investigation committee already has discovered major violations regarding players getting paid and improper drug testing.

He put the program on probation for up to two years, saying it will not participate in any postseason tournaments next season, including the Big 12 tournament. He also offered to allow any player to transfer.

"Additional sanctions may be imposed as the investigation continues," Sloan said.

Sloan also said athletic director Tom Stanton, who hired Bliss, was resigning, even though he "had no direct knowledge of any of the infractions."

Since 6-foot-10 junior forward Patrick Dennehy was reported missing in mid-June, Bliss has been scrutinized for everything from who he recruited to how closely he oversaw the team.

"These were rules that over the years I've had great respect for. Despite things that have been said, we've tried to work real hard for 28 years to have a chance to work with young people," Bliss said.

Dennehy's family complained that coaches didn't take seriously threats he had reported receiving.

Dennehy's body was found last month in Waco near a rock quarry. Carlton Dotson, 21, Dennehy's roommate and former teammate, was arrested and charged with his murder July 21, after reportedly telling authorities he shot Dennehy when Dennehy tried to shoot him.

Sloan and Bliss were among nearly a dozen Baylor officials who attended the memorial service for Dennehy in San Jose on Thursday. Baylor, the world's largest Baptist university with 14,000 students, will hold its own memorial Aug. 28 on campus.

Dennehy's girlfriend, Jessica De La Rosa, said in a telephone interview from California she wasn't surprised by the announcements, just the timing.

She wouldn't comment on whether she had spoken to Baylor investigators.

"My focus has been on Patrick. I'm still trying to adjust that he's not here," she said.

Bliss, 59, has been a Division I coach for 28 seasons, working previously at Oklahoma, SMU and New Mexico. He arrived at Baylor in 1999 and in four years began turning around a program that had been placed on NCAA probation twice since the mid-1980s.

Baylor was 14-14 last season, but just 5-11 in the Big 12. The Bears were 61-57 in his tenure.

Dennehy, a transfer from New Mexico who sat out last season because of NCAA transfer rules, was reported missing by his family on June 19, about a week after he was last seen on campus.

Baylor announced that Dennehy had disappeared and asked the public to help find him after his Chevy Tahoe was found June 25 in Virginia Beach, Va.

Dotson remains jailed without bond in his home state of Maryland and awaits extradition to Texas, which could take as long as three months.

After his arrest, Dotson told The Associated Press that he "didn't confess to anything."

Bliss did not answer questions following his brief resignation announcement. Stanton joined Sloan at a news conference following Bliss' announcement but did not speak.

Stanton, who was in his sixth year as AD at his alma mater, will remain on the job until his successor is named. Sloan said the school hadn't even thought yet about how it will replace Bliss.

None of the schools where Bliss has coached have been cited for NCAA infractions while he was there. However, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported last week that Bliss left SMU months after an NCAA investigation uncovered evidence of what would typically be considered major rules violations, including booster payments to a player.

Baylor began its probe after allegations surfaced that a coach told Dennehy his education and living expenses would be paid if he gave up his scholarship for a year. The committee also examined whether Dennehy received $1,200 to $1,800 from an assistant coach toward a car loan for his sport utility vehicle, and if players passed urine tests despite smoking marijuana.

The NCAA put Baylor on five-year probation in 1994 after an investigation found that coaches were illegally doing correspondence work for players. An FBI inquiry resulted in mail and wire fraud convictions against three assistant coaches. Former head coach Darrel Johnson was fired.

In 1986, the Baylor basketball team was slapped with a two-year probation after the NCAA said it provided cash, transportation and other illegal benefits to players. A player secretly recorded a conversation in which former head coach Jim Haller agreed to give him $172 for a car payment.

Dennehy family angry at lack of communication

DALLAS (AP) — Patrick Dennehy's stepfather expressed anger that he had to learn from the media of the resignations Friday of Baylor athletic director Tom Stanton and head basketball coach Dave Bliss over alleged NCAA rules violations that came to light during the investigation of Dennehy's death.

"It would've been nice to have gotten a call and an apology," Brian Brabazon said in the online edition of The Dallas Morning News Friday night.

"I accepted Coach Bliss, I accepted Tom Stanton and (university president Robert) Sloan at Patrick's service," Brabazon said, referring to a memorial service for Dennehy that was held Thursday in San Jose, Calif. "I told them I was honored. Apparently they didn't feel I was due the respect to at least tell me what was going on."

The family has long been frustrated with Baylor's response since Dennehy vanished June 12.

Brabazon and Dotson's estranged wife, Melissa Kethley of Sulphur Springs, said the resignations weren't enough.

Brabazon said that perhaps hiring a lawyer would be the only way to make sure that what happened with his stepson and his basketball team is fully exposed.

"Maybe Patrick's death was preventable," Brabazon said. "We need to do what we can to get to the bottom of this."

Kethley said she welcomed the announcements, but said Baylor should go take more drastic action, including shutting down the basketball program until it can be thoroughly investigated and revamped.

Kethley said last month that at least five other players came regularly to the couple's Waco apartment to smoke marijuana. She said one player came to their apartment to give Dotson a urine sample so he could pass a drug test at a nearby testing lab. Players had warnings about the drug tests that enabled them to cheat, she said.

Brabazon said he is concerned that Sloan said at least two players were given improper tuition payments.

Brabazon said he believes his son was one of those two players. Other family members have said Dennehy was asked to give up his scholarship to another player last year and was told that he would be taken care of.

He said he was interested in details on how Bliss was allowed to run a program that spun so out of control.

"I would have hoped he would've stopped it before it got this far. I'm not blaming Patrick's death on him, but had the program been legitimate when Patrick started at Baylor, maybe things would've turned out differently."

Love records three eagles, tops leaderboard at International

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. (AP) — Davis Love III tied a PGA Tour record with three eagles Friday and doubled his lead after two rounds of The International.

Love, who was in front by five points after the opening round, had 17 points in the second round for a 36-hole total of 36 under the modified Stableford scoring system used in this event.

That was good for a 10-point lead over John Rollins, whose 15-point round gave him 26. Phil Mickelson was at 22.

Asked if he has ever had consecutive rounds like these, Love said, "I don't think so. These are two pretty incredible back-to-back rounds. Everything is going just right."

He eagled three — each worth 5 points — in his first 10 holes — and threatened to run away with the tournament at Castle Pines Golf Club.

During his morning round, Love increased his lead to as many as 25 points, and when he finished his round he had a 17-point cushion.

"Davis is doing something unbelievable," said Sergio Garcia, who had 10 points. "We're pretty much playing for second at the moment."

But that was before Rollins began chipping away at the lead.





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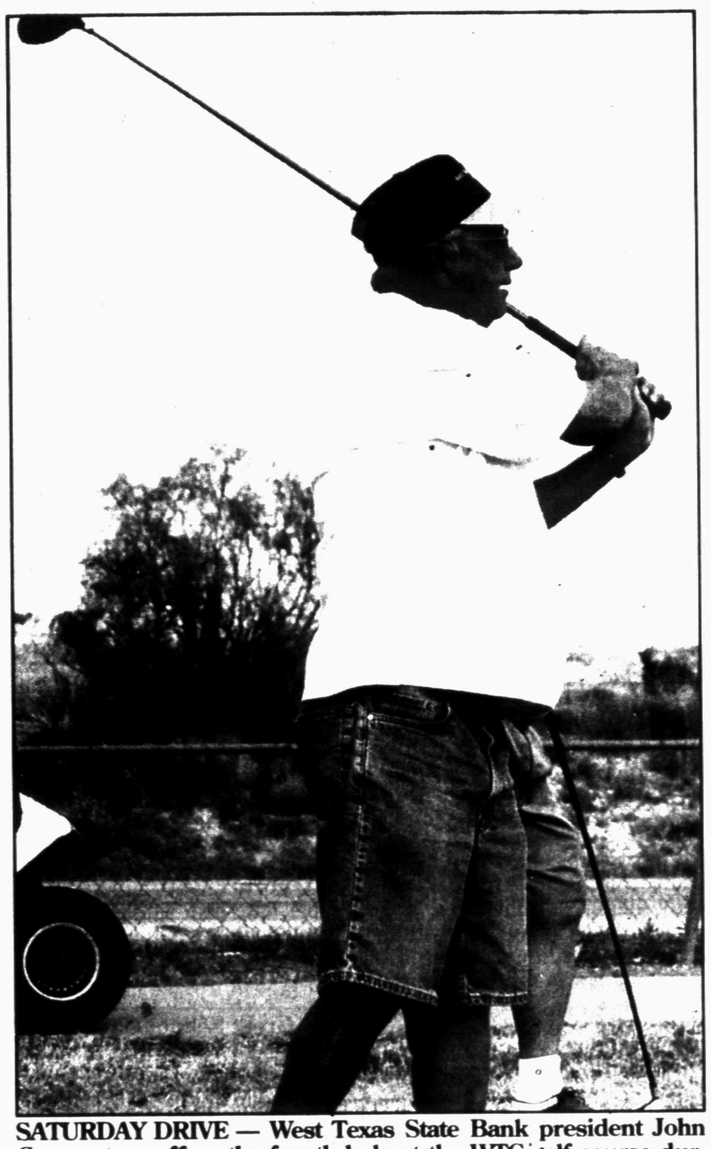
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SPORTS



SATURDAY DRIVE — West Texas State Bank president John Greene tees-off on the fourth hole at the WTC golf course during the Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship tournament Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dickey hurls Rangers past Jays

TORONTO (AP) — Despite his strong pitching of late, R.A. Dickey still thinks he's best suited for the back-end of the Texas Rangers' rotation.

"I'm not a No. 1 starter. I'm not going to go out there and be Pedro (Martinez), or Roy Halladay or Roger Clemens. I don't have the stuff for it," Dickey said after pitching six strong innings in Friday night's 5-3 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays. "But what I can give is 200 innings and keep the team in the game throughout the course of the season.

"Hopefully, that's what the front office and everybody else sees, that this is a guy that is going to help us not have to go out and find a third, fourth or fifth starter. We got one here that we don't have to pay a lot of money."

Dickey (6-5) won his second straight start, allowing three runs and six hits with six strikeouts and one walk.

"So what if I'm called a journeyman reliever? Whatever the title is," Dickey said. "I don't pay attention to those guys. Those are the dream busters."

The 28-year-old right-hander earned his first career win as a starter last Sunday against Cleveland.

"Everybody in the minor leagues kept saying, 'Don't forget about this guy. He'll grow on you and you'll want him around,'" Texas manager Buck Showalter said.

Hank Blalock, Mark Teixeira and Laynce Nix homered in the first inning off Toronto starter Corey Thurman (1-1). Blalock hit his 20th homer, Teixeira hit a two-run shot and Laynce Nix added another two-run homer.

The three home runs in an inning tied a club record, done 23 times previously.

Thurman, who pitched six scoreless innings in his first start of the year last Saturday, allowed five runs on six hits in just two-thirds of an inning.

"The game has a way of evening itself out," Thurman said. "Hopefully, this doesn't happen to me too many more times."

Carlos Delgado hit his 32nd home run for the Blue Jays, who have lost 24 of their last 35 games.

Francisco Cordero pitched 1 1-3 innings for his seventh save in 14 chances.

Mike Bordick's RBI single and Josh Phelps' run-scoring double cut the lead to 5-2.

Delgado homered in the third.

The Rangers had more scoring chances later, but the Blue Jays turned a season-high five double plays.

Palmeiro still mulling trade to Chicago Cubs

TORONTO (AP) — Texas Rangers first baseman Rafael Palmeiro needs more time to decide whether he'll accept a trade to the Chicago Cubs.

"I'll take a few days and figure out what I'm going to do," Palmeiro said Friday before the Rangers' game at Toronto.

Palmeiro used his no-trade clause to block a deal to Chicago before the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline. He cleared waivers Tuesday and the Rangers approached him again about the trade.

Texas gave Palmeiro until noon Thursday to make a decision. Rangers manager Buck Showalter said Friday the deal is off because Palmeiro told him Thursday he wouldn't accept a trade.

"In fairness to (GM) Jim Hendry and the Cubs, who have been very patient, I asked Raffy, 'How about 12 noon yesterday?'" Showalter said. "Finally, I called Raffy in after batting practice and said, 'You know, I need to get back to John and Jim. I need to know now.'"

Palmeiro said Friday he needs more time.

"I'd prefer to stay, but a decision hasn't been made," Palmeiro said. "I'm leaning toward staying here. I definitely want to stay."

"It takes time. It's my right to think it over."

Palmeiro said it would be nice to join a contending team, but that he has to think about his family.

Wounded soldier gets grant from foundation established by Cuban

MIAMI (AP) — An Army specialist injured in Iraq received a $30,000 grant Friday from the Fallen Patriot Fund, established by Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban to help cover costs of living expenses for families of soldiers killed or seriously injured in the war.

Spc. Luis Calderon, 22, of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, is hospitalized at the Miami VA Medical Center and does not have use of any limbs. Calderon is slowly improving from his injuries; he was taken off oxygen Friday, shortly before the afternoon ceremony.

It is the 11th grant given since the fund was established April 16, but the first to the family of an injured soldier. More than $165,000 has already been distributed through the fund, officials said.

In a statement, Calderon's wife, Darlene, said the grant would allow the couple to "start a new life." They plan to live in Miramar, northwest of Miami near Fort Lauderdale.

"This grant will assist us in the purchase of a home suitable for Luis' needs," Darlene Calderon said. "God bless you, Mark."

Cuban, in an e-mail to The Associated Press, said he was proud the foundation could assist Calderon's family.

"All I can tell you is that it's the right thing to do," Cuban said. "Army Spc. Calderon made an incredible sacrifice so that we can feel safe. ... We haven't done enough, but at least we have helped."

Dallas center will miss season

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dallas Cowboys rookie center Al Johnson, the team's second-round pick and a projected starter, is expected to miss the season after right knee surgery Friday.

After an exploratory arthroscopic procedure in Colorado revealed significant degeneration of the cartilage in Johnson's knee, more extensive surgery was done to repair the knee, the team said.

Johnson hurt his knee last Saturday when the Cowboys were practicing with the Houston Texans. It was initially diagnosed as a twisted knee and the team hoped the 6-foot-6, 305-pound lineman from Wisconsin would be able to play without surgery.

Already uncertain of Johnson's status, the Cowboys on Wednesday signed center Gennaro DiNapoli.

Astros' signing of White negated

HOUSTON (AP) — Reliever Rick White is not a member of the Houston Astros, it turns out.

The Astros announced Wednesday they had signed him, but there is no deal — instead of being a free agent, White still belonged to the Chicago White Sox at the time.

"I thought he was a free agent and it turns out that wasn't the case," Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker said Friday. "He's still the property of the White Sox and the transaction cannot move forward."

White was 1-2 with one save and a 6.61 ERA in 34 games for the White Sox.

Royals add more pitching

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals acquired pitcher Paul Abbott from the Arizona Diamondbacks on Friday for minor league lefthander Aric Leclair.

Abbott was assigned to Triple-A Omaha, but Kansas City plans to start him in Monday night's game against the New York Yankees. The right-hander has a 39-24 record in 132 career games, including 85 starts.

The Royals fell one-half game behind the Chicago White Sox in the AL Central on Friday night. Kevin Appier was signed earlier in the week.

Major League Baseball

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	70	43	.619	—
Boston	67	48	.583	4
Toronto	57	58	.496	14
Baltimore	56	58	.491	14½
Tampa Bay	45	69	.395	25½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	61	54	.530	—
Kansas City	60	54	.526	½
Minnesota	58	57	.504	3
Cleveland	47	68	.409	14
Detroit	30	83	.265	30

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	69	46	.600	—
Oakland	66	49	.574	3
Anaheim	54	60	.474	14½
Texas	50	65	.435	19

Friday's Games

Baltimore 10, Boston 4, 1st game
Baltimore 4, Boston 2, 2nd game
Minnesota 4, Detroit 3
Anaheim 5, Cleveland 2
Tampa Bay 4, Kansas City 0
Texas 5, Toronto 3
Chicago White Sox 3, Oakland 2
N.Y. Yankees 9, Seattle 7

Saturday's Games

Anaheim (Gregg 0-0) at Cleveland (B.Anderson 8-9), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Seattle (Meche 12-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 13-6), 12:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Shields 2-2) at Cleveland (Stanford 0-1), 6:05 p.m., 2nd game
Texas (Ellis 1-1) at Toronto (Escobar 7-6), 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Gobble 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Zambrano 9-5), 5:15 p.m.
Baltimore (Moss 0-1) at Boston (Wakefield 9-5), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 8-9) at Detroit (Roney 1-7), 6:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lilly 6-9) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 8-7), 6:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Texas (Lewis 4-7) at Toronto (Towers 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 7-10) at Cleveland (Sabathia 9-7), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Rogers 8-6) at Detroit (Cornejo 5-10), 12:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 15-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 11-7), 12:05 p.m.
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Baltimore (Johnson 9-5) at Boston (Suppan 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Harden 3-0) at Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 14-5), 1:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	76	39	.661	—
Florida	63	52	.548	13
Philadelphia	63	52	.548	13
Montreal	58	58	.500	18½
New York	48	67	.417	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	62	53	.539	—
Chicago	59	55	.518	2½
St. Louis	59	56	.513	3
Pittsburgh	52	61	.460	9
Cincinnati	51	64	.443	11
Milwaukee	45	70	.391	17

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	72	43	.626	—
Arizona	60	55	.522	12
Los Angeles	59	55	.518	12½
Colorado	60	58	.508	13½
San Diego	45	72	.385	28

Friday's Games

Houston 5, Montreal 1
Florida 5, Milwaukee 3
Atlanta 7, St. Louis 2
Los Angeles 3, Chicago Cubs 1
San Francisco 9, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 3, Arizona 1
San Diego 1, Cincinnati 0, 12 innings
Colorado 13, Pittsburgh 6

Saturday's Games

Atlanta (Reynolds 9-5) at St. Louis (Stephenson 5-11), 12:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 10-8) at San Francisco (Hermanson 2-2), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Redman 9-5) at Milwaukee (Manning 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (L.Hernandez 11-7) at Houston (Fernandez 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (D'Amico 6-11) at Colorado (Oliver 10-6), 7:05 p.m.
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Cincinnati (Harang 0-0) at San Diego (Ol.Perez 4-4), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 9-9) at Los Angeles (W.Alvarez 1-1), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Florida (Penny 10-8) at Milwaukee (Kinney 7-8), 1:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vargas 6-8) at Houston (Villone 3-2), 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Wells 5-5) at Colorado (Chacon 11-6), 2:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Myers 11-6) at San Francisco (Schmidt 12-4), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Prior 9-5) at Los Angeles (K.Brown 11-5), 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 11-5) at Arizona (Johnson 2-4), 3:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Graves 4-12) at San Diego (Lawrence 5-14), 4 p.m.
Atlanta (Ramirez 8-4) at St. Louis (W.Williams 14-5), 7 p.m.

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National Football League
Preseason Glance

Saturday's Game

Tampa Bay 30, N.Y. Jets 14

Monday's Game

Kansas City 9, Green Bay 0, 3rd quarter, susp., weather

Thursday's Game

New England 26, N.Y. Giants 6

Friday's Games

Tampa Bay 20, Miami 19
Oakland 7, St. Louis 6

Saturday, Aug. 9

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Green Bay at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Baltimore, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Indianapolis at Chicago, 7:05 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 9 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, noon

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room.

Junior high football equipment issue

The junior high football program will issue equipment Friday at the boys field house on the junior high campus. Incoming eighth-grade players will receive equipment at noon and seventh-graders will report for equipment at 1:30 p.m. Call the junior high field house at 573-6356 for more information.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day at 9 a.m. each Tuesday. Format is play 2002 club champion.

New UW coach gets contract extension

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington football coach Keith Gilbertson signed a four-year contract paying as much as $870,000 a year.

Gilbertson, previously the offensive coordinator, got the top job July 29, a day after the dismissal of Rick Neuheisel became official.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ESSIE BLANCHE DAWSON

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **Essie Blanche Dawson**, were issued on **July 29, 2003,** in **Cause No. 5822**, pending in the County Court of Scurry County Texas, to **Melba D. Gasaway.**

The residence address of such Executrix is **P.O. Box 565, Snyder, TX 79550**, and she receives her mail at **P.O. Box 565, Snyder, TX 79550.**

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to be presented within the time and the manner prescribed by law to the Executrix:

Mrs. Melba D. Gasaway
P.O. Box 565
Snyder, TX 79550

SIGNED this **29**th day of **July, 2003**.

(s) **Melba D. Gasaway**
Independent Executrix

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

KINDER MORGAN SACROC LP, 4632 W. Hwy. 180, Snyder, Texas 79549, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject water, CO2 with H2S & Hydrocarbon gas into the Canyon Reef formation, SACROC Unit Lease, Well No(s). 56-9, 56-10, 60-1, 60-2, 60-4, 61-1, 61-2, 61-4, 65-1, 65-2, 65-3, 65-5, 65-6, 67-1, 67-2, 67-4, 68-1, 68-3, 68-4, 69-1, 69-2, 69-4, 70-1, 70-2, 70-3, 71-1, 71-3, 72-1, 72-2. The proposed injection wells are located approximately 4.5 Miles to 6.5 Miles North from Snyder, Texas in the Kelly-Snyder Field, in Scurry County. Water & CO2 with H2S & Hydrocarbon gas will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth intervals from 6350' to 7250'. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: **Mrs. J. H. Anderson Heirs**; I have surveyed the property located at **2606 Ave. I,** (N65' of W35' Lot 11 & N65' Lot 12, Block 44, Wilmeth Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure(s) to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance No. 324 and intend to order demolition of the structure(s) on or about August 15, 2003. If no objections are received by this date the demolition order will be issued.

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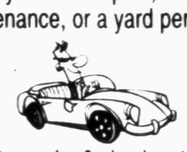
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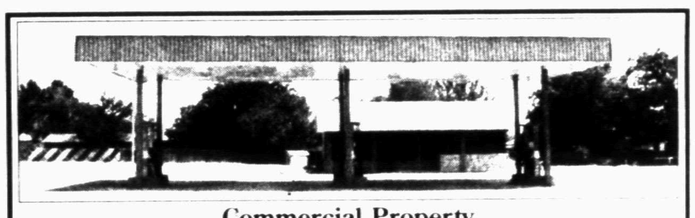
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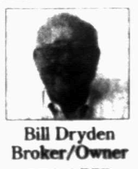
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Your Birthday

Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003
There is a strong possibility that in the year ahead you may participate in something in which you'll play only a minor role, but one that could turn out to be far more significant to your future than you thought.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't get lazy and jump to conclusions today about something that is very important to you. Take time to weigh and balance both sides of the issue and use your analytical skills to evaluate them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Backup is available today to help you accomplish something that is a bit too complicated for you to do single-handedly. Don't be too shy to ask for the assistance you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — There is no need to yield to group pressure today if you decide you don't want to go along with an activity you instinctively feel does not serve your best interests. Assert your independence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — This could be an extremely productive day for you if you spend your time tying up loose ends. Finish those projects that have frustrated you in the past.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Mental restlessness is more apt to overtake you than physical fitfulness is today, so try to rustle up companionship with folks you consider stimulating and who usually make you think.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Begin today to build for your tomorrows. It's a good day to start to lay a sturdy foundation for something you're presently involved in that could be significant, if you can pull if off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Outward appearances can be very important if you want to be a leader today. Others will follow your directives if you put on a positive face and inspire them to believe that anything is possible.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There is a good chance your hunches could reveal things today that your logic ignores. Pay close attention to your intuitive perceptions because they could provide you with valuable information.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your natural creativeness will be welcomed among your peer group today because everyone seems to be looking to do something different. You'll invent a new activity right on the spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Concentration and continuity are two of your greatest traits, which is why several meaningful objectives can be easily fulfilled today. Focus on what you want to accomplish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you make it a point today to widen your horizons and broaden your perspective, your possibilities for developing additional opportunities will be greater than ever.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Dig deep and investigate a mystery that has recently aroused your curiosity. If you apply yourself, you can ferret out all the information you need to put the pieces together.

Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

Monday, Aug. 11, 2003
Partnerships you choose to form in the year ahead will become very important to your successes or failures. Defeat will be the product of a poor choice, while victory will be the prize for a wise one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — When dealing with others on a one-on-one basis, be exceptionally careful to treat everyone the way you wish to be treated. People in general are touchy, and difficulties could easily arise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Taking on more than you can handle or letting things go until the last minute will eventually place you under extreme pressure and ruin what otherwise would have been a pleasant day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — If it starts to look like you're out of step with everyone else, stop and assess yourself. You could have taken an unyielding position on something just to flex your muscles instead of for the right reasons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Bottled-up frustration could erupt at most any time, but, unfortunately, it usually does so when you're with people who will take it — like your family. Don't let this happen today; it's not fair.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — An uncontrolled temper could be your downfall today. Instead of responding aimlessly with angry words at anyone who happens to be around, mind how you behave and what you say.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — In order to satisfy your extravagant whims today you could easily get yourself deep into debt. Remember, your first obligation is to be able to stay current on your financial responsibilities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You could be asking for a serious argument to erupt between you and your mate today if you insist on bringing up issues on which you hold opposing points of view. Why ask for dissention?

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Someone who thinks you owe him or her a favor may call on you to reciprocate today. If you're not ready or willing to do so, this person could label you a deadbeat.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — If you're in a position to choose those with whom you spend your day, pick the ones with whom you feel at ease. Group activities that include people you don't like will turn out to be a bore.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'll be enthusiastic and ready to go today. Unfortunately, associates may not be as supportive as they should, and could get in the way of what you're attempting to accomplish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Try not to point the finger of blame today for mishaps that are of your own making. Neither friends nor co-workers will tolerate any attempts by you to shift the guilt onto them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There are strong possibilities that you could be held accountable for things that your companions do wrong today, so be extremely selective who you associate with in the first place.

Major changes are ahead for Leo in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Hearing on Rural Public Transportation

Notice of opportunity to make comments at a public hearing is announced by South Plains Community Action Association, Inc. 411 Austin Street, Levelland, Texas 79336 on the proposed continuation of rural public transportation service within Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Hockley, Lynn, Lamb, Mitchell, Terry, Yoakum and Scurry counties and the rural areas of Lubbock county. Financial assistance to continue this service is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation under the Section 5311 grant program.

Service will be for the general public, fares will be charged for the service. Funds for additional vehicles to provide the service are not being requested in this grant application. The public hearing will be at 1:30 p.m. on August 14, 2003 at the *Texas WorkSource Center - Meeting Room 2, 1218 14th Street, Lubbock, Texas.* Written comments can be forwarded to SPCAA, Attn: SPARTAN, P O Box 610, Levelland, Texas 79336.

Esquire has canceled Blair's writing job

NEW YORK (AP) — Esquire has canceled a movie review it commissioned former New York Times reporter Jayson Blair to write, the magazine said Friday.

Blair, who resigned from the Times after editors learned he had embellished and plagiarized parts of dozens of reports, was to have reviewed "Shattered Glass," a film about another journalist found to have fabricated stories, Stephen Glass.

David Granger, editor in chief of the 68-year-old men's magazine, said Esquire reversed its decision after news of Blair's assignment became public.

"It was intended as a joke that readers would see when they picked up the issue," Granger said. "All the news reports took away that element of surprise. Mr. Blair never got to see the movie and was very understanding when we told him of our decision."

Glass left The New Republic in 1998 after editors learned he had fabricated stories for their magazine and others where he freelanced.

The review had been scheduled to run in the November edition. Granger had earlier said it would be "a clever way to do a movie review, to have the most infamous fabricator review another infamous fabricator."

The scandal surrounding Blair, a 27-year-old former national correspondent, was followed by the resignations of Executive Editor Howell Raines and Managing Editor Gerald Boyd.

Bill Keller, a former Times managing editor and foreign correspondent, was appointed as Raines' replacement last month.

Also Friday, New York Times Publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr. said race was not an issue in the problems with Blair, who is black.

"We took a gamble on a promising young journalist," said Sulzberger, speaking in Dallas on a panel of journalists at the annual meeting of the National Association of Black Journalists. "Jayson Blair was a promising young journalist and may we always have the courage to take a risk."

Blair will not "poison the well" to attract talented journalists, he said.

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Four U.S. troops wounded in attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops came under renewed attacks Saturday that wounded at least four soldiers, and a team of FBI investigators prepared to take control of the probe into the car bombing of the Jordanian Embassy.

Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade on patrol in the northern city of Kirkuk were fired on with a rocket-propelled grenade and small arms early Saturday, said Lt. Col. Bill McDonald, spokesman for the 4th Infantry Division operating in the area.

Two soldiers were wounded in the explosion and were in stable condition, McDonald said. The troops returned fire, he said.

Also Saturday, soldiers west of Kirkuk opened fire on a car that ran a military checkpoint, wounding two Iraqis, McDonald said. The victims were evacuated to a Kirkuk hospital in stable condition, he said.

In south-central Baghdad, two soldiers were wounded in a roadside bomb attack on their armored Humvee vehicle, said Maj. Todd Mercer of the 82nd Airborne Division.

In the southern city of Basra, which is controlled by British troops, about 1,000 angry residents protested in the streets over the lack of power, water and gas.

Witnesses told Associated Press Television News that three British soldiers were injured by stones, and two young Iraqi boys were wounded in the melee. A British military spokesman denied any soldiers were hurt.

The U.S. military in Baghdad said troops acting on a tip from an Iraqi seized and destroyed 24 rocket-propelled grenades, improvised explosives and other weapons. In two other raids in and around Baghdad in the previous 24 hours, U.S. troops also seized one surface-to-air missile and captured 13 Saddam loyalists.

Bush: Iraq mission vital to U.S. security

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush says Iraq is making steady progress establishing its economy, basic services and a democratic system and that should improve security in this country and the Middle East.

"We're keeping our word to the Iraqi people by helping them to make their country an example of democracy and prosperity throughout the region," Bush said in his weekly radio address Saturday. "This long-term undertaking is vital to peace in the region and to the security of the United States."

After giving his report on Iraq 100 days after he declared the end of major combat operations, the president was turning his attention to re-election politics.

Bush and his top political adviser, Karl Rove, planned to greet about 350 people on Saturday who had raised $50,000 for the 2004 campaign by June 30. The barbecue hosted by Stan and Kathy Hickey at the nearby Hickey Broken Spoke Ranch is a way to thank top fund-raisers for their work.

Two groups that monitor fund-raising activities, Public Citizen and Texans for Justice, said they would show up in Crawford to complain about the Bush campaign's fund-raising tactics.

The president's fund-raising program is "a bundling operation that has skirted and sidetracked the spirit of campaign finance laws," said Craig McDonald, executive director of Texans for Justice.

While individuals are limited to $2,000 contributions apiece, top fund-raisers for the Bush campaign, called Rangers and Pioneers, gather up to $100,000, $200,000 or more from many sources.

McDonald said these fund-raisers gain additional clout with the administration by their efforts — and the campaign should provide more information about the total amount they collect.

Bush campaign officials said they are very open about donors.

"The president's campaign in 2000 set a standard for disclosure in political fund raising and the campaign will again in 2004," said Dan Ronayne, a campaign spokesman. "The president's supporters are expressing their appreciation for his leadership and his compassionate conservative agenda."

In his radio address on Iraq, Bush pointed to significant progress on several fronts — establishment of a police force, reopening of banks, schools and hospitals, and production of oil.

"Life is returning to normal for the Iraqi people," he said. "Hospitals and universities have opened, and in many places water and other utility services are reaching prewar levels."

Bush said the Iraqi people are moving steadily toward democratic government.

"There is difficult and dangerous work ahead that will require time and patience," he said.

Deadline looms to qualify for first recall ballot in California

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Hundreds of potential candidates faced a decision Saturday on whether to pony up $3,500 and jump into the campaign to succeed Gov. Gray Davis, who faces a recall vote on Oct. 7.

Election officials said Friday that at least 443 Californians had taken out candidacy papers to run for the state's top job but only 17 had completed the process of getting on the ballot for the two-part election.

The rest had until 5 p.m. Saturday to pay the $3,500 filing fee and submit signatures of at least 65 registered voters to qualify. A candidate could avoid paying the fee by submitting 10,000 voter signatures.

Peter Ueberroth announced his candidacy Friday. The former baseball commissioner, who also organized the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, said he'll run as an independent, although he's registered as a Republican. He pledged to serve only the remainder of Davis' term, which is up in January 2007.

"Between now and Oct. 7, California voters will be subjected to the same bitter partisanship that too often interferes with getting California to work again," Ueberroth, 65, said in a statement. "Once the campaign has ended, I believe that I will be the best qualified person to get the tough job done."

Other Republicans running include actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, state Sen. Tom McClintock and businessman Bill Simon, who lost to Davis last November.

Two high-level Democrats, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante and Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, also announced this week that they would run. But some in the party, fearful that a split vote could cost the Democrats the governor's office, were trying to urge one of the candidates to pull out.

U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman, a Democrat, said he had spoken with U.S. House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, state Senate President Pro Tem John Burton and Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson about meeting with the candidates and anointing one as the party's choice in lieu of a primary election.

Arafat condemns Israeli raid

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat reacted angrily Saturday to an Israeli raid in the West Bank that killed three Palestinians, saying the violence threatens the peace process.

Two of those killed in Friday's raid on a bomb lab by Israeli troops were members of the Islamic militant group Hamas. An Israeli soldier also was killed.

The firefight marred a period of relative calm since Palestinian militants declared a unilateral cease-fire June 29.

"Israel is not only violating the truce — it is also destroying the whole peace process," Arafat said Saturday from his headquarters in the West Bank.

Troops were searching for Hamas fugitives when they came under fire in the Askar refugee camp near Nablus, the Israeli military said. One militant was killed in the ensuing gunbattle; another was buried under rubble after an explosion tore through the building the military said housed the bomb factory.

Hamas' military wing threatened revenge for the killing of two of its members, although the group's leaders stopped short of saying they would scrap their truce as a result.

A third Palestinian from the refugee camp also died Friday. He joined a group of youths throwing stones at the troops; doctors said he was shot, though an army spokesman said troops fired only rubber bullets and tear gas.

Despite the threat from Hamas, it appeared unlikely the militants' five-week-old truce would collapse over the Israeli raid. Hamas political leaders suggested privately they would not call off the cease-fire, and in public statements refrained from making threats against Israel.

Meanwhile, Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan said it would cost $250 million and take three years to rebuild police stations destroyed during nearly three years of fighting. The Palestinians are seeking the money from international donors, Dahlan said in a statement late Friday.

White buffalo at coliseum is spray painted orange

Criminal mischief

Friday at 9:13 a.m. Jackie Roberson called police after finding the white buffalo at the coliseum spray painted orange. A Class B criminal mischief report was filed.

Deborah Sturdivant requested an officer Friday at 8:15 a.m. in reference to a window being broken at Hair Razors. A report for criminal mischief was submitted.

Keith Mathis reported at 9:19 a.m. Friday that a window at his shop on 30th Street had been shot out. A report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Arrest

Saturday at 2:41 a.m., a 25-year-old man was taken into custody for public intoxication and warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.

Burglary

At 8:38 a.m. Friday, Mike Carter reported vandalism at East Elementary school. A report for burglary of a building was filed.

Friday at 2:18 p.m., Tim Escobedo of 2907 Ave. E called in reference to a television being stolen. A report for burglary of a building was filed.

Trespassing

At 10:30 a.m. Friday, in the 500 block of 32nd, a woman requested officers after finding sugar in her gas tank. A criminal trespass warning was served.

Friday at 7:21 p.m., a woman requested officers regarding a man threatening her. A warning for criminal trespass was served.

Suicide threat

Friday at 10:35 a.m., officers received a call in regard to a juvenile who was suicidal. He was taken to the police station, where MHMR was contacted, and he was later released to his mother.

Loose livestock

Teresa Moore reported at 4:07 p.m. Friday 15 head of cattle out on County Roads 3114 and 3115. The owner was contacted and the cattle was put up.

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Obituaries

Myllise Rhoades

1934-2003

Myllise Faye Rhoades, a native of Scurry County, died Friday, Aug. 8, in Iberia Manor Nursing Home in New Iberia, La.

Graveside service for Mrs. Rhoades, 68, is set for 10 a.m. Monday at Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Gypert-Seale Funeral Home. Rick Williams will officiate.

She was born Oct. 14, 1934 in Snyder and was preceded in death by a sister, Florene Seyler.

Survivors include her husband, William Donald Rhoades of Pampa; a daughter, Pam Sue Hataway of Austin; three sons, Donald Ray Rhoades of Abilene, Rick Rhoades and Tabby Joe Rhoades, both of New Iberia; a sister and brother-in-law, Freida and Dan Dever of Snyder; and seven grandchildren.

Howard Tucker

1915-2003

ANDREWS — Howard Tucker, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Aug. 7.

Funeral service for Mr. Tucker is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Melton officiating. Burial will follow in the Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Born March 2, 1915 in Nocona, he married Mary Frances Polk on April 11, 1936 in Hobart, Okla. She died July 19, 2003.

The owner of Tucker Construction Co., the Tuckers moved to Andrews from Snyder in 1961. He also owned Andrews Gas Company from 1977-87 and was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Gerry Tucker and Lee Van Tucker, both of Andrews; a daughter, Micheal Ann Hall of Streetman; two brothers, Bill Tucker of Wichita Falls and Coy Tucker of Seagraves; a sister, Freda Edwards of Tipton, Okla.; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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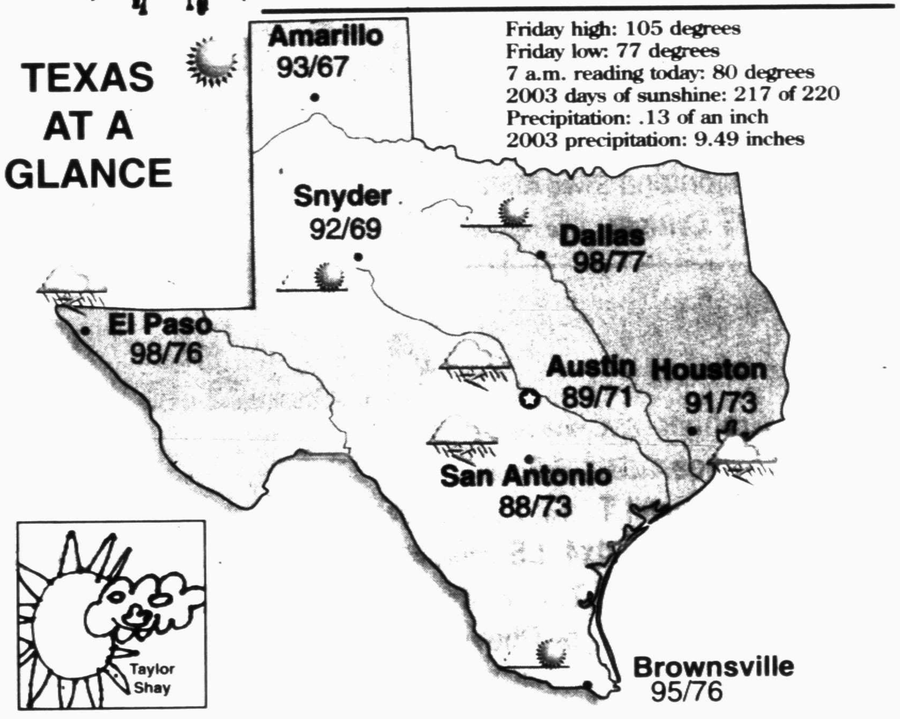
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 8/10	Mon 8/11	Tue 8/12
92/69	96/70	95/68
Partly cloudy. High 92F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s	More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s
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Friday high: 105 degrees
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2003 days of sunshine: 217 of 220
Precipitation: .13 of an inch
2003 precipitation: 9.49 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	93	72	t-storm	El Paso	98	76	t-storm	Midland	94	71	pt sunny
Amarillo	93	67	sunny	Fort Stockton	93	70	pt sunny	Raymondville	97	74	pt sunny
Austin	89	71	t-storm	Gainesville	98	72	pt sunny	Rosenberg	91	73	t-storm
Beaumont	93	72	t-storm	Greenville	96	71	pt sunny	San Antonio	88	73	t-storm
Brownsville	95	76	pt sunny	Houston	91	73	t-storm	San Marcos	90	72	t-storm
Brownwood	96	71	t-storm	Kingsville	94	73	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	97	70	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	91	75	t-storm	Livingston	93	70	pt sunny	Sweetwater	92	70	t-storm
Corsicana	96	73	pt sunny	Longview	93	70	pt sunny	Tyler	95	73	pt sunny
Dallas	98	77	pt sunny	Lubbock	93	69	pt sunny	Weatherford	98	71	pt sunny
Del Rio	92	75	rain	Lufkin	93	72	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	98	72	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	84	65	t-storm	Houston	91	73	t-storm	Phoenix	110	91	mst sunny
Boston	81	70	t-storm	Los Angeles	85	66	mst sunny	San Francisco	74	58	windy
Chicago	82	63	mst sunny	Miami	88	78	t-storm	Seattle	71	55	rain
Dallas	98	77	pt sunny	Minneapolis	83	66	t-storm	St. Louis	86	67	mst sunny
Denver	89	63	t-storm	New York	84	73	t-storm	Washington, DC	86	72	t-storm

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 20	Aug 27

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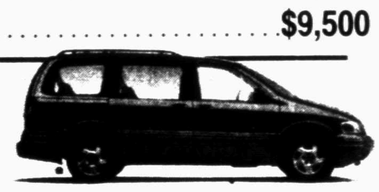
1994 GMC 1500 Excab	V-8 power windows/locks, A/C	$6,750
1998 Chevy 1500 Reg. Cab	83K miles, white, #C6136A	$5,950
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2000 Chevy 1500 Reg. Cab	Shortbed, V-6, auto, white, #C6143A	$11,800
1999 GMC 1500 Excab SLE	40K miles, great condition	$14,000
2001 Chevy 1500 Excab LS	V-8, power windows/locks, copper, 25K, #C5939A	$18,900
1997 Chevy S10 Excab LS	V-8, auto, A/C, bright red, 32K, #TC6269A	$8,950
2003 Dodge 1500 Reg. Cab	Shortbed, V-6, 14K, bright red, #C5877C	$13,950
2003 GMC 1500 Reg. Cab	Shortbed, V-6, 4K, like new #TC6247A	$15,000

CLEAN CARS!



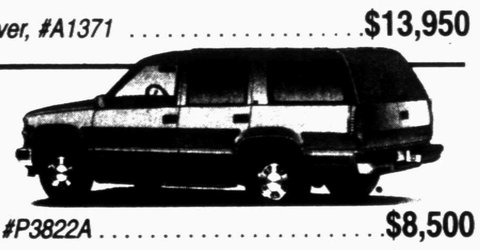
1999 Buick Century Custom	Metallic blue, #A2886A	$6,500
2000 Chevy Cavalier	4 door, auto, bright red, 47K, #A2092A	$6,500
2000 Chevy Impala	Power windows/locks, CD player, tan, #G6056A	$8,850
2001 Ford Escort	4 dr. sedan, automatic, 22K, red, #P5264	$7,950
1998 Ford Crown Victoria	Big car ride - small price, #P8308	$7,950
1999 Ford Mustang Sport	V-6, auto, 47K, red, #TC6029A	$9,500
2- 1999 Mercury Cougar	V-6, new body style, black, "Priced Your Way"	$7,950
2000 Pontiac Grand Am	Sport sedan, silver, low miles, #A2092B	$6,950
1998 Olds Aurora	White diamond, #C6081A	$9,500

VANTASTIC VANS!



2000 Pontiac Montana	#TG6279A	$11,950
2003 Chevy Astro Van	Dual a/c, like new, 21K, #TC6167B	$15,500
2002 Pontiac Montana	Silver, #C5720B	$14,950
2003 Dodge PT Cruiser	Like new, silver, #A1371	$13,950

SUVs!



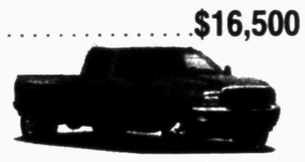
1997 Jeep Wranger	65K, local owner, #P3822A	$8,500
1999 Chevy Tahoe	Loaded, high miles	$8,500
1998 Ford Explorer XLT	Teal, V-8, #TC5944C	$9,900
1997 Chevy Suburban 4x4 LS	White, #C5877B	$9,200
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2003 Jeep Liberty	4 door, power windows/locks, new body style, #A5065	$16,950
2001 Chevy Tahoe LS	4 Door, charcoal gray, local, #PT5884A	$21,500
2001 Chevy Suburban LS	Split bench seat , dual a/c, #C6107A	$19,950
2001 Chevy Suburban	Loaded, bucket seats, one owner, #TC5852A	$22,000
2003 GMC Envoy	White, local owner, 17.5K, #TC6247A	$22,500
2002 Chevy Trailblazer	36K, white, power wind./locks, CD pl., #C5696A	$19,550
2002 Chevy Trailblazer	Pewter, 39K, "Priced Your Way", #TC6085A	$18,950

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2002 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT	Silver, V-8, equipped not stripped, #A3893	$21,500
2002 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT	White, V-8, chrome everywhere, #TC6205	$22,300
2001 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab	V-8, LS pkg., 4x4, 1 owner, #P7473	$23,500
2002 Chevy 2500 HD	40K, shortbed LS	$22,750
2000 Chevy 2500 HD	78K, LS, must see	$16,500

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2002 Dodge 2500 Quad Cab	Cummins SLT pkg., bright red #TC6057A	$23,500
2001 Ford F350 Crew Cab 4x4	Powerstroke Lariat, #P0722	$26,500
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Snyder ISD adds 32 new staffers

Snyder ISD will have 32 new faces when school begins Aug. 18.

Joseph Anaya will coach and teach high school social studies. Previously, he taught special education, math and physical education at Casa Grande, Ariz.

Dana Bailey and **Lane Minze** are the high school's new English teachers. Dana moved here from Andrews where she also taught English. She taught in Snyder during the 1990-1991 school year.

Lane just graduated from McMurry University.

Mike Brogden, who recently graduated from Texas Tech University, will coach and teach physical education at the junior high.

Terri Collins will teach history at the junior high. She is a recent graduate of Tarleton State University.

Jessica Colvin, a graduate of Texas Tech University, will teach agriculture science at the high school.

Rod and Becky Cottrell are also new to the district. Rod is executive director of curriculum and instruction and Becky will be the counselor at the junior high. They moved here from Jacksboro where Rod was the high school principal and Becky was a counselor.

Paul Davis is the new science teacher at the high school. Previously he taught science for the Pecos ISD.

Laura Hamby, Stanfield's new second grade teacher, is a graduate of Snyder High School. Last school year, she taught kindergarten at Idalou ISD.

East Elementary will get three new fourth grade teachers. **Sara Hanson** taught fifth and sixth grade science at McCamey ISD. **Misty Hinton** just graduated from Texas Tech University and **Mary Ann Wright** taught fourth grade at Ira ISD last school year.

Rebecca Jackson will teach the fifth grade at Northeast. Previously, she taught English as a Second Language at Dalby Correctional Facility.

Bradi Johnson, a recent graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, will teach math and coach at the junior high.

Becky Johnson will teach business, computer and information systems (BCIS) at the high school. Previous assignment was at the Windham School District.

Terry Jones will teach industrial arts at the junior high. Previous assignment was shop teacher at Glasscock County ISD.

Alisa Keller is the new drama teacher at the junior high. She recently graduated from Southwest Texas State University.

Cindy Martini will teach the fifth grade at Northeast Elementary. Previously, she taught family and consumer science at Westbrook ISD.

Michael McQuerry, a 1995 Snyder High School graduate, has returned to become the high school drama director. Last school year, he taught theatre at a middle school in El Paso.

Mark Miles will teach social studies at the high school. Previously, he taught world geography at San Angelo ISD.

Yvette Perez will teach first grade at Stanfield. She previously taught first grade at Brownfield ISD.

Kelly Porter has been hired to teach social studies at the high school. Previous assignment was tutoring supervisor at Texas Tech University.

Holly Potts will coach and teach physical education at the junior high. She just graduated from McMurry University.

Julie Priddy is one of the new coaches at the junior high and she will also teach English. She recently graduated from Angelo State University.

Esther Stansell will teach the third grade at Central Elementary. She is a graduate of Pensacola Christian College.

Halea Huestis will teach physical education and coach at the junior high. She received her BS at Lubbock Christian University in 2002.

Huestis taught 6-8th grade computer classes and coached at Seagraves ISD from January through May of this year.

June Isbell joins the school district as a licensed specialist in school psychology. She received her masters in education at Abilene Christian University in 1970. She worked for Hobbs Municipal Schools in homebound and special education programs from 1994 through May. From 1965-1994, Isbell was the seventh grade teacher and counselor at Anson ISD.

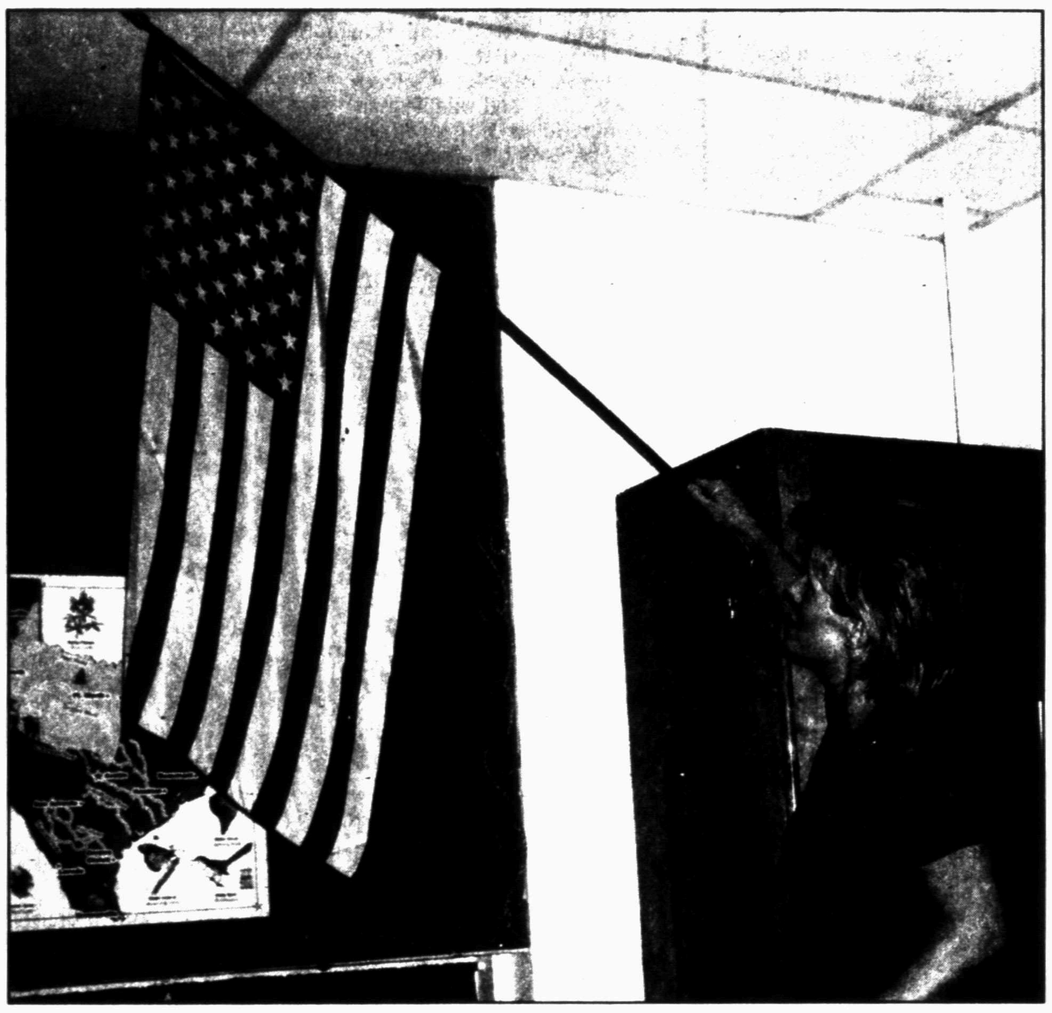
Charlene Light returns to Snyder ISD as an elementary counselor. Previously, she was a counselor at the high school from August 1990 until June 2000.

Tina Miles will be the resource teacher at Central Elementary. She earned her BS at Angelo State University in 2002.

Kimberly Merket is a new diagnostician at Snyder ISD. She received her master's in education at Sul Ross University in 2002. She was a counselor at Western Texas College from January 2001 until the present. She worked for the Big Spring school district from August 1997 until December of 2000.

Previous assignments include Windham School District and Colorado ISD.

Darren Pool will coach and teach physical education at the high school. He earned a BA at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 1997. He both taught and coached at Pleasanton ISD, Kermit ISD and Ector County ISD.



GETTING READY — Mary Ann Wright, a new fourth grade teacher at East Elementary, hangs a flag in her classroom. Classes for the fall term begin Aug. 18. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Safe Child enters 8th year at local elementary schools

The Safe Child After School Program is sponsored by the Snyder Independent School District. Established in 1995, the program remains highly popular as it serves elementary school students whose parents work or attend school full time.

Safe Child is offered at each elementary campus from 2:30 p.m. until 5.45 p.m. for grades K-6. Safe Child is held each school day with the exception of early release days and school holidays.

It offers a safe place for children to stay after school, and provides homework time, crafts, recreation, enriching activities and snacks.

Safe Child also offers lessons on self-esteem, character building, conflict resolution, and drug and alcohol prevention. The Safe Child After School Program staff works in collaboration with campus principals, teachers, local businesses and organizations.

Local school funds, various foundations, grant monies, and daily rates paid per day to attend the safe child program will be $2. Fees are based on the number of days that Safe Child is held, not the number of days that the student attends. If you are interested in enrolling your child in the program, or want more information, contact program coordinator Rhonda Ward at 574-6080, 3100 37th Street.

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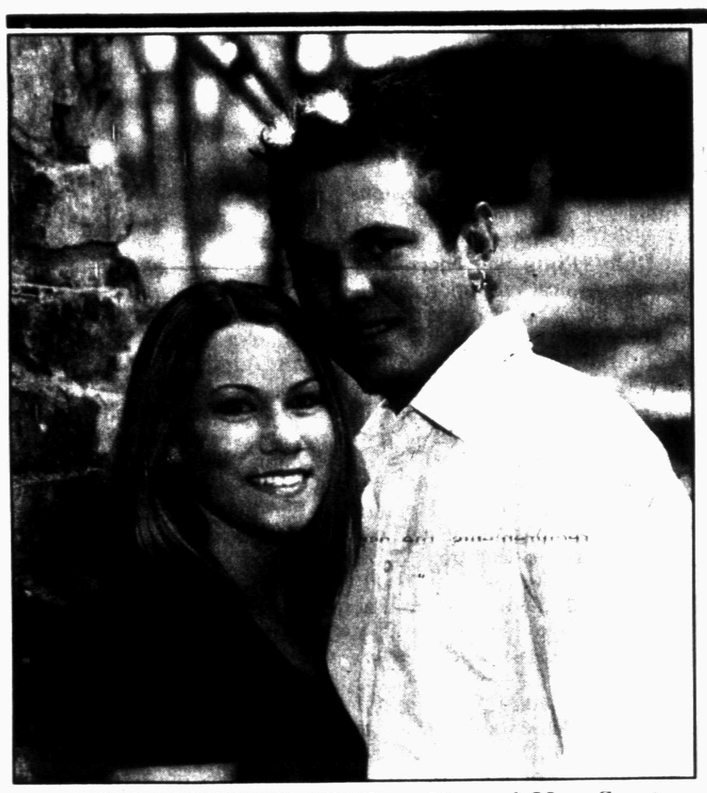
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PLANNING NOVEMBER VOWS — Mr. and Mrs. Courtney King of San Angelo and formerly of Snyder announce the engagement of their daughter, Lila King, to Dale Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Beard of Snyder. They plan to marry Nov. 1 at Johnson Street Church of Christ in San Angelo. The bride-elect, a graduate of Baylor College of Dentistry's Caruth School of Dental Hygiene, is the granddaughter of Flo Price of Sterling City and the late Foster S. Price. The prospective groom is a graduate of North Texas University and is pursuing a master's degree in sociology. His grandparents are Dale and Francis Hess of Snyder. The couple plan to reside in Lewisville. (Contributed Photo)

Library News & Views

By Sharon Sumruld, librarian
TEACHER'S COLLECTIONS

The Scurry County Library staff would like to remind teachers that they may check out a collection of 25 books for classroom use, for a 4-week period. We have recently enlarged and updated the juvenile non-fiction collection, and invite everyone to come to the library to see the new materials.

BOOK FEATURE

Sleeping With the Devil, by Robert Baer.

Mr. Baer vividly portrays our decades old relationship with the increasingly dysfunctional and corrupt Al Sa'ud family of Saudi Arabia. He documents with chilling clarity how our addiction to cheap oil and Saudi petrodollars caused us to turn a blind eye to the Al Sa'ud's culture of bribery, human rights abuses, and its financial support of international terrorist groups.

Fierce anti-Western sentiment is sweeping their kingdom. The royal family, in order to save its own neck, has been shovelling money as fast as it can to mosque schools that preach hatred of America.

NEW NON-FICTION

Seeking Enlightenment - Hat by Hat: A Skeptic's Path to Religion, by Nevada Barr.

Fun Texas Festivals and Events, by Jim Gramon.

NEW FICTION

Taste of Honey: A Carson Springs Novel, by Eileen Goudge.

Last Things, by Ralph McInerny.

Shadow of the Protector, by Elizabeth Lord.

Fire in the Rainbow: A Western Story, by Stephen Overholser.

Bare Bones, by Kathy Reichs.

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By Phillip Alder

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♥ K Q 3
♦ 9 4
♣ K 9 7 4

West
♠ —
♥ 10 8 5
♦ Q J 10 8 3
♣ J 10 8 6 5

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

South
♠ 10 7 6 4 3 2
♥ A J 4
♦ A K 6 5
♣ —

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003

Do not be beguiled by superfluity

By Phillip Alder

William Shakespeare takes the first bow for the second time this week. In "The Merchant of Venice," he penned, "Superfluity comes sooner by white hairs, but competency lives longer."

That could be considered apposite for today's deal. Look only at the North-South hands. How would you try to make four spades after West has led the diamond queen?

If you were West, would you be tempted by the favorable vulnerability to overcall two no-trump, the Unusual No-Trump? Say it isn't so! If you do not buy the contract, you have given declarer useful information; and five clubs doubled should cost 800 on a red-suit lead.

North's three-spade response was a limit raise, promising 10-12 support points and four-plus trumps.

You have 10 trumps, surely a superfluity. So, there is a natural temptation to lead a spade immediately. Here, though, it is fatal. East takes his three winners in the suit, leaving you with only one trump in the dummy for two diamond losers. West should collect trick 13 with his diamond jack.

Instead, you must ruff those low diamonds before touching trumps. So, after winning the first trick, either cash the second top diamond or cross to dummy with a heart to lead a diamond toward your hand. Then, ruff a diamond in the dummy. East may overruff and cash his other two trump tricks, but you still have one trump remaining in the dummy with which to ruff your last low diamond.

Your competency staves off the arrival of white hairs and keeps this partnership living longer.

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Bridge Scores

Friday, Aug. 1

Jane Hinton directed at the Snyder Country Club.

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2. Jane Hinton, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Gwen Riggs, Carol Williams tied with Nona Morrison, Nina Nesbit.
4. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.

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Shay Goode and Janine Reenen to wed in Canyon

Mr. and Mrs. Dirk van Reenen of Paducah announce the engagement of their daughter, Janine, to Shay Goode of Amarillo. Shay is the son of Ronnie and Jane Goode of Pampa, and the grandson of Mrs. Earl Foree and the late Earl Foree of Snyder.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Midwestern State University with a bachelor of business administration degree in business computer information systems. She is employed by West Texas A&M University as a computer programmer.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in range and wildlife management. He is employed by BWXT Pantex in radiation safety.

An Oct. 4 wedding will be held in Canyon.



Janine van Reenen and Shay Goode
...to marry

'Crock Files' method used to catch alligator

WILKINSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Taking a cue from a Discovery Channel show, police captured a 4-foot-long alligator in a residential yard by using a dog snare and a shirt.

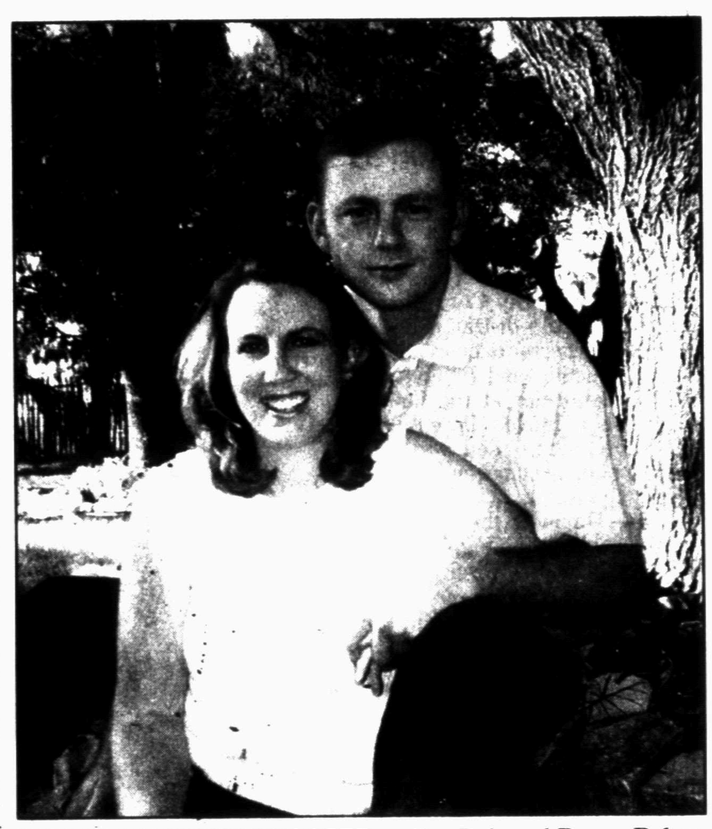
Officer Richard Grande threw a shirt over the gator's head after another officer used a dog snare — a long pole used to keep animals at a safe distance — to restrain it.

Sgt. John Snyder and Officer Doug Yuhouse taped the alligator's mouth shut and took the reptile to animal control.

"They watched that on Discovery's 'Croc Files,'" Lt. Todd Ruggiero said.

Animal control officer Paul McIntyre says the retile captured Tuesday in the Pittsburgh suburb is an American alligator about 6 or 7 years old.

"People buy them as pets and let them go once they get too big. They shouldn't even be buying pets like this," McIntyre said.



ROBERSON-STONE ENGAGED — Jim Bob and Penny Roberson announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Jill Roberson, to Zachary Daniel Stone. Zachary's father is Don Stone of Lake Tahoe, Calif. The wedding is set for Oct. 11 at the Patterson Ranch. (Contributed Photo)



BABY WEST HONORED — Jaden Landry West, held by his parents Jami and Jason West from Abilene, was honored with a baby shower on Aug. 2 in the home of Billie McCormick. Others from left are Joy West McKinney, Jaden's great-grandmother from Midland; Linda West, his grandmother from Snyder who is holding Carter West, his cousin from Midland; and April West, his aunt from Midland. (Contributed Photo)

Lagoon smells terrible but was said harmless

LITTLE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — It smells like rotten eggs at best, decomposing flesh at worst. It looks like the pods from "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

To the people whose homes back up onto a Tuckerton Creek tributary where the gelatinous substance recently appeared, it's just "The Blob."

"It's frightening," said Eileen Masterson. "We can't swim because the odor is so horrible and we won't crab here because we don't know whether it's safe."

The substance, which was noticed about two weeks ago, consists of jelly-like bulbs that undulate with the waves just below the surface.

By most accounts, it generally stays submerged in about 8 feet of water in the lagoon. At low tide, some of it pokes through the surface of the water, looking like marbled rocks.

But no one's sure what it is.

The state Department of Environmental Protection poked at the blob and took samples as part of a half-dozen field tests Tuesday before deciding it's not hazardous.

"We've determined that it's not toxic. It's mostly like some algae or fungus," said DEP spokesman Jack Kaskey. "It may be an algae growth that lived on the bottom of the lagoon and after its life cycle ended, gases brought it up to the surface."

Robert Ingenito, environmental health coordinator for the Ocean County Health Department, said he hadn't seen anything like it in 30 years of public health work.



Texas has the second largest special education population

Texas has the second largest student population in the nation for special education services, serving approximately 400,000 students.

Every child identified as being an individual with a disability is entitled to a "free appropriate public education" mandated by state and federal law.

Related services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and counseling are also provided to students.

A child may be eligible if he or she has a physical, mental or emotional condition that requires special services in place of or in addition to instructions in the regular classroom.

"Snyder ISD adheres to a philosophy of early intervention as being crucial to a child's optimal development," Dixie Haggard, director of special programs, said. "Early intervention remediation provides the greatest success."

If a child is deaf or blind, special education services may be available for that child from birth to age 22 through the public school system.

A preschool program for children with disabilities (PPCD) may also be available for children with other identified disabilities from the date of a student's third birthday through age 22.

Eligibility is determined following a referral for in-depth assessment and a determination of need addressed by an admissions, review and dismissal (ARD) committee.

When a child reaches his or her third birthday, he or she may be eligible to receive instruction in areas for speech, language, cognition, social, emotional, motor and perceptual guidelines. Federal and state guidelines are strictly adhered to for determination of eligibility.

A child may be referred by a parent, teacher or any other concerned individual for an in-depth assessment. Student and parent rights are respected and strictly enforced throughout the referral and assessment process.

Nothing will be done to or for the child without the prior consent and knowledge of the parent or legal guardian.

Parent/guardian participation is a vital in the special education process.

When the assessment is completed, a committee made up of the parents, principal or other administrator, regular teacher, special educator and representatives of the assessment team meet to agree if the child needs special education services.

If the committee is in agreement that services are needed, an individual education plan (IEP) is developed to meet the student's individual needs.

The IEP identifies the child's specific needs, sets goals and objectives and establishes criteria and a timeline for accomplishing those goals.

Special education classes are more intensive than regular classes, often involving reduced teacher-student ratios for individualized instruction. A certified special educator must teach these classes. Instructional arrangements vary according to the specific needs of the individual students.

Children with all kinds of disabling conditions may qualify for special education in Texas.

These include deafness, blindness, mental deficiency, speech, learning, orthopedic, autism, emotional and traumatic brain injury and other health impaired disabilities ranging from mild to profound in severity.

Homebound services are available to students who have a medical need to be out of school for at least four weeks.

Bilingual and ESL programs benefit many local students

Dixie Haggard, SISD director of special programs, praises the success of students enrolled in the ESL (English as a Second Language) classrooms.

Caring, certified ESL instructors provide quality instruction of students who have a dominant language other than English.

Haggard relates that just because a student can speak the English language conversationally, does not mean they are able to be successful in an "academic" language.

The Bilingual-ESL program enters its 20th year in Snyder ISD.

Bilingual-ESL classes are provided on the elementary and secondary levels.

Placement and eligibility for the program is determined by criteria from the Texas Education Agency. A Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) is responsible for the student data compiled for each child considered for the program.

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The LPAC will determine eligibility for student participation in the program according to TEA guidelines.

Members of the LPAC are the campus principal, Dixie Haggard, director of special programs; the campus ESL teacher; and a parent of a bilingual of ESL student.

Parents of students registering for the first time in Snyder ISD are asked to fill out a Home Language Survey. This form indicates if a language other than English is spoken in the home.

If a language other than English is spoken in the home, then the student will be tested to determine his/her language proficiency.

In grades 2 through 12, current test information will be used as additional data in determining the student's placement in bilingual or English as a Second Language class.

If the LPAC determines the student meets Texas Education Agency requirements, the parents are notified for permission to place the student in a bilingual or ESL class.

Students placed in the program are re-evaluated each spring or at a teacher's request to determine if continued placement in the program is needed.

All decisions regarding student placement are made by the LPAC. A student cannot be placed in a bilingual or ESL program without parental consent.

Students are taught using their active language until they speak and understand the English language well enough to make the transition to an all English-speaking classroom.

ESL students are provided the opportunity to work with a bilingual or ESL teacher each day to help them understand the concepts that are being taught in the public school. This assists the learning ability of limited English proficient students and enhances their command of the English language.

An English as a Second Language Teacher will teach secondary students identified these same skills. These classes will be correlated with their English language arts classes.

Several certified bilingual and/or ESL instructors will serve Snyder ISD students. They include Mike Velasquez, kindergarten; Vera Arredondo, Celia Barrera, first grade; Elvira Gonzales, second grade; Magdalena Jaimes, third grade; Sandi Wells, fifth and sixth grades; and Lynn Price, seventh and eighth grades.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank community room, 27th & College Ave.; for more information call 573-2850; 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

American Legion Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 573-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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SUNDAY

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Entertainer trying for fashion success

MIAMI (AP) — Mexican singer-actress Thalia is trying for a hit — in the fashion world.

She launched Kmart's Thalia Sodi collection at a store here Wednesday. The line will include women's clothing, accessories, footwear, eyeglasses, linens and home furnishings.

The collection is one of several commercial projects that she has in mind. "Since I was little I've had that vision of a businesswoman inside me," she said.

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Gifted/talented program meets needs of students

The gifted and talented services provided by Snyder ISD are varied to meet the needs of students at different developmental stages.

Students in grades K-2 are served through a "pull out" program. Students leave their regular classrooms for approximately three hours of enrichment activities once a week.

The second and third grades GT program at Stanfield Elementary and Central Elementary are inclusion programs. GT teachers are Debra Judah, Liffin Molter, both third grade; and Sherry Patterson, Susan Doolittle, Carolyn Torres, Elvira Gonzales and Aleta Long, all second grade.

East Elementary students are also provided GT services in inclusion set up. Instructors for the program are Lorinda Hardin and Dale Neves.

Fifth grade students are served through a self-contained setting at Northeast Elementary with Rebekah Thornton as the instructor

Gifted and talented students at West Elementary will have a combination of self-contained and inclusion program. Students participate in math, language arts and reading with other GT students and then they are included with honors students for the remainder of the curriculum.

GT teachers include Becky Hale, language arts; Stacy Peevy, reading; Vickie Crawford, math; Kathy Scott, science; Susan Scott, social studies; Jo Ann Ham, science; and Jo An Williams, social studies.

Snyder Junior High School students are pulled out of regular classes twice a month to participate in "The Cutting Edge."

They also have advanced classes in language arts and math. Eighth grade GT students many also opt to receive high school credit for algebra I.

SJHS teachers are Stewart Long, Theresa Vest, Elaine Bragg and Virginia Trevey.

Snyder High School GT students enroll in honors and AP classes taught by Thomas Strayhorn, Janice Mitchell, Jamie Hall and Jo Ann Cotton.

Future advertising to come in all shapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Coming soon to your mailbox, advertising shaped like a sports car or a stop sign, a hula doll or hamburger. Indeed, almost anything an artist can conceive.

Customized MarketMail begins Monday, offering advertisers a chance to think outside the envelope and send material that really shows their products to buyers.

The first mailing, to southern California, will be simulated boxes of Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

Other designer ads are in the works.

A card showing a shiny new motorcycle, for example, cut into the shape of the powerful two-wheeler. Or an oval hamburger, lettuce and onions sticking out from the side, a bunch of grapes, a sad-eyed bulldog puppy.

Other coming ads are for a Japanese automaker and a cell phone company, postal officials said.

It's a battle for audience attention, said Nick Barranca, postal vice president for new products. Customized MarketMail will allow businesses to make their products stand out.

Even though it's not cheap or simple, leaders of the direct mail industry welcome it.

It's an "exciting new development," said H. Robert Wientzen, head of the Direct Marketing Association. "There's no doubt that CMM is the shape of things to come."

And Tom Becker, president of ShipShapes in Park Forest, Ill., one of the companies designing these new ads, praises the idea as an innovative way to reach customers.

With new restrictions in the works for telemarketing and spam advertising, companies are looking for better ways to deliver their messages, Becker said.

The final decision on whether it works, of course, is in the hands of the public.

To help gauge acceptance, at least some of the ads will be coupons.

For example, the simulated box of doughnuts in the first ad, targeting Orange County, Calif., offers recipients a dozen doughnuts for a dime when they buy a dozen and bring in the ad.

Four get new positions at Snyder ISD

Four Snyder ISD personnel will have new assignments when the fall term begins Aug. 18.

Brooke Mackey will teach kindergarten at East Elementary. Previously she taught the fourth grade.

Andrea Crane will now teach reading at East. She taught fourth grade last school year.

Reagan Key will teach social studies and serve as the junior high athletic coordinator. He had coached and was in charge of ISS (In School Suspension).

Susan Scott moves to West Elementary to teach sixth grade. In 2002-2003, she taught fifth grade at Northeast.

More students may be eligible for special education services

Students attending private school or home school may be eligible for special education services.

A student, who has been placed in a private school by his or her parent or is home-schooled and is suspected of being disabled, may be referred by anyone through the counselor or principal of the campus of legal residence or through the Snyder Independent School District's Special Education Department.

The referral process is the same as for other students. Upon receipt of the referral packet, the teacher of the student or parent provide required information and submits it to the SISD Special Programs Department.

The district will conduct a full individual evaluation of the child. If the student qualifies as a student with a disability he/she may be eligible for special education and related services.

Parents, guardians, community members and/or teachers may initiate a referral. Contact Dixie Haggard, director of special programs, at 325-574-6078, EXT. 33, for additional information.

Pectol new at Ira ISD

Ira ISD will start school on Aug. 18 with a new principal, Dale Pectol who comes to Ira from Hearne where he served as high school principal.

Prior to that he served in administrative posts in the Mineral Wells area.

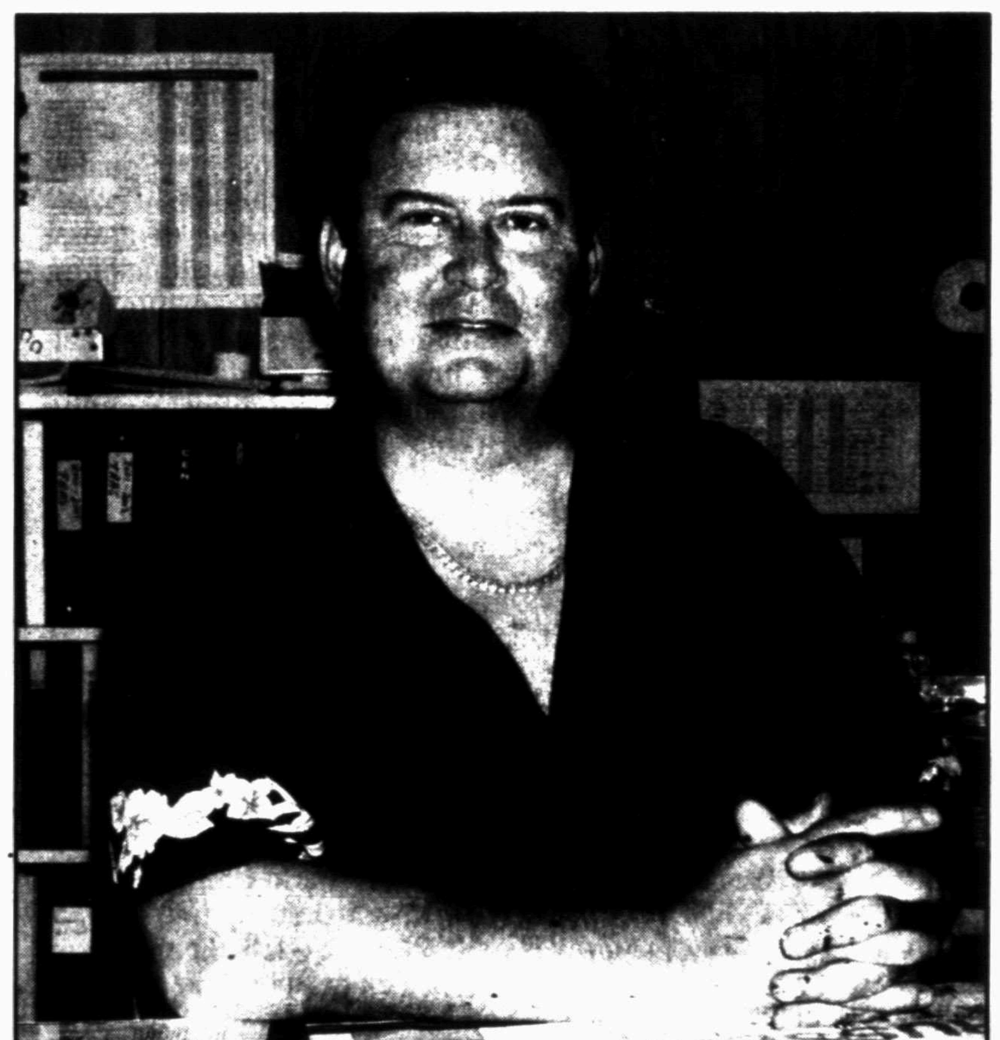
Pectol was the girls basketball coach at Monterey High School in Lubbock from 1986-1995.

He received his undergraduate degree at Lubbock Christian University. He earned his master's in education at Texas Tech University.

Pectol returned to West Texas when he accepted the Ira post. He noted that the people in Ira are the "most friendly" of any place he has lived. He complimented the teachers who started working in their classrooms sooner than they had to.

"I'm feel blessed to work here," he added.

Pectol has five children ages 12-29 and two grandchildren, which he keeps in touch with via the Internet. He loves to fish and travel to see his children.



NEW PRINCIPAL — Dale Pectol is the new principal at Ira schools. Pectol moved to Snyder from Hearne where he was high school principal. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

School to begin Aug. 18 at Ira ISD

Ira students trek back to class at 8 a.m. Aug. 18.

Continuing a longstanding tradition, members of the school board will cook hamburgers for students and employees.

In-service starts Monday, including three on-campus sessions and one in Merkel. Friday is a workday for teachers.

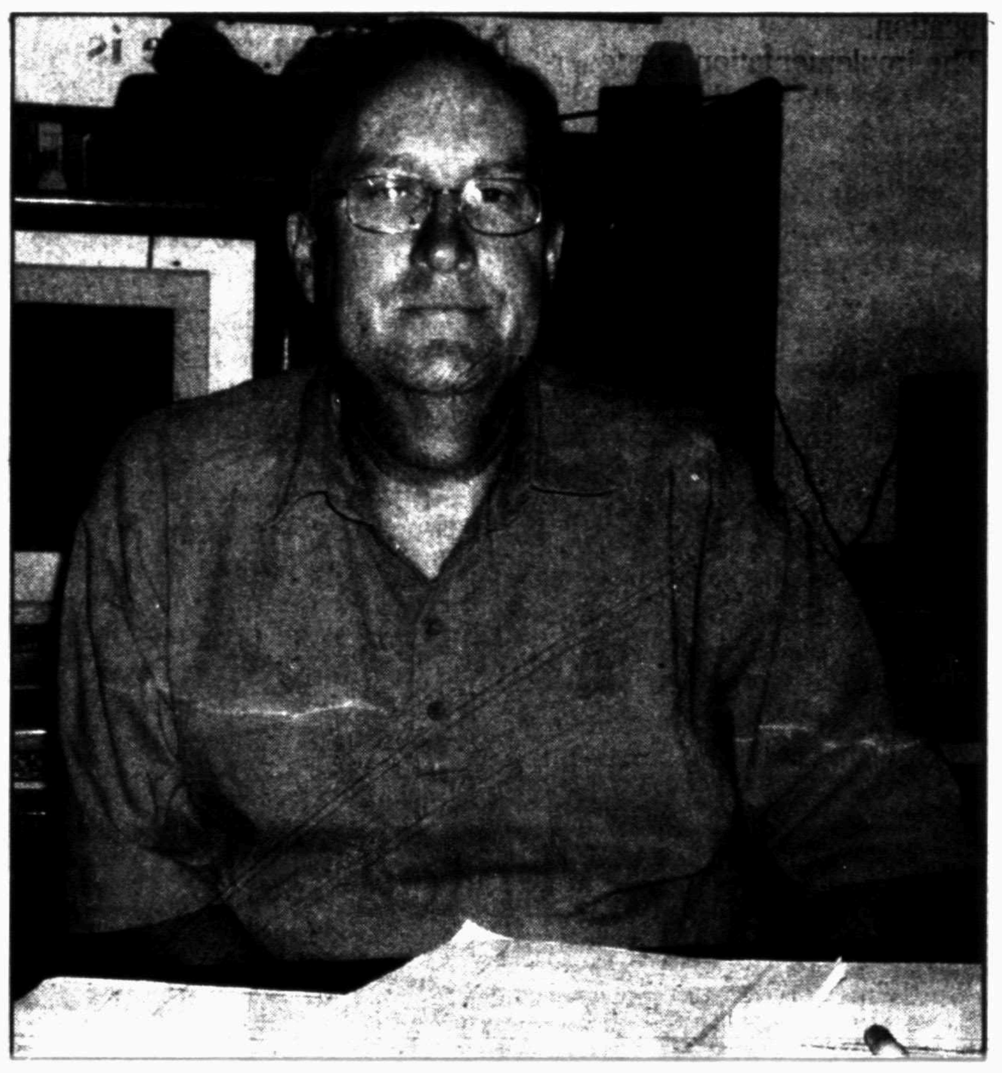
For the first time, Ira ISD will receive a Title I federal grant tentatively set at $8,200. The funds will be used to help pay an aide for the Title I program. The money is part of the "no child left behind" campaign. Title I monies are for at-risk students.

Routine cleanup and maintenance were carried out over the summer.

Dr. Larry Devitt, superintendent, said all Ira ISD vehicles will now be serviced (oil changes etc.) by Quick Auto. He said the districts expects to save the school district money and allow personnel to spend more time on other duties.

He noted that more students also will transfer to the school district.

Devitt said they project an enrollment of 214 by the time the school year kicks off with about 14 more students transferring into Ira. Registration continues at Ira ISD.



ALMOST HERE — With the start of the 2003-2004 school year just around the corner, Dr. Larry Devitt, superintendent at Ira, and the rest of the staff are working to get everything ready for Aug. 18 when students will return. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

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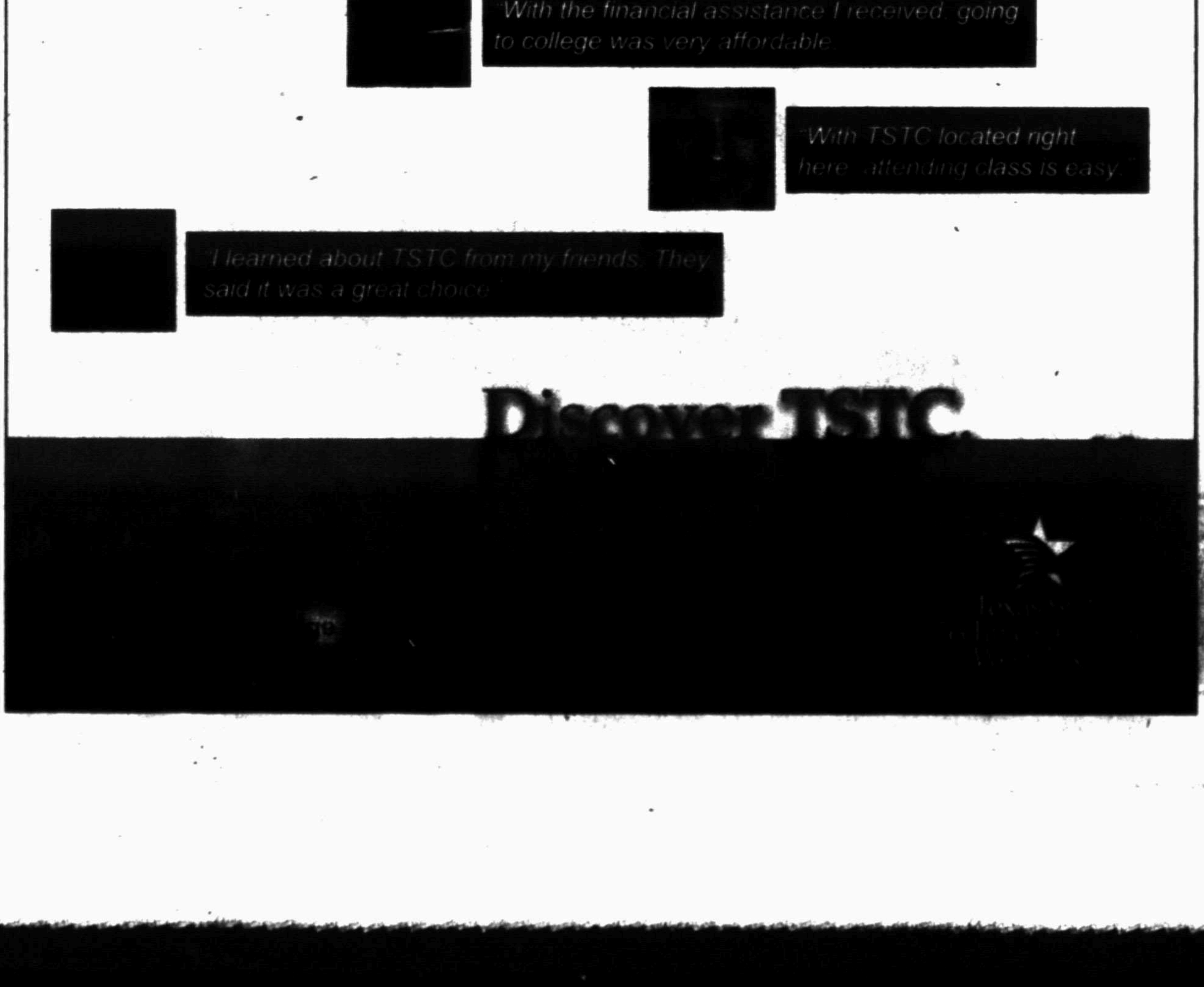
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Hermleigh ISD ready for new school year

Hermleigh School students head back to the classroom Aug. 18.

Teachers report Monday for in-service from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sweetwater High School.

Tuesday will kick off with an 8 a.m. breakfast in the home-making room. Marvin Beaty, the new superintendent, will serve as chef.

Introductions are planned at 8:30 a.m. The new handbook will be distributed from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Great expectations for the new year will be the topic of an hour meeting staring at 9:30 a.m.

Teachers are free to work in their classrooms for the remainder of the week.

Students new to the district will register on the first day of school.

Hermleigh has two new teachers. Leticia McJimsey will teach the second grade. She will also coordinate the Accelerated Reader program and sponsor the varsity cheerleaders.

McJimsey earned an elementary education degree from Hardin-Simmons-University. She taught at an Abilene middle school in 2002-2003.

Raymond House is the new resource teacher and coach. After graduating from Snyder High School, he obtained his bachelor degree in behavioral science from HSU and earned his masters in school administration from Abilene Christian University.

House taught two years at Colorado City.

Hermleigh will also need a vocational agriculture teacher as Richard Smith, who taught at the school for 35 years, has resigned due to health reasons.

Smith had taught full time for a number of years and then he taught part-time.

Beaty said the school is exploring the possibility of hiring a full time teacher and adding junior high level classes to the program. Beaty wants the program to concentrate on agriculture science as well as the wood and metal shop.

Beaty noted that a goal of the board of trustees is to upgrade and all school structures.

A handbook for students and teachers has been adopted and will be distributed for the first time this school year.

Beaty said they are also making some changes in the cafeteria. Periodically six students will meet with Beaty and cafeteria manager Paula Jones to decide on the menu. High school students selected represent a cross section of the student body.

Students are Alana Culp, Dustin Williamson, Justin Williamson, Robby Anderson, Danni Webb and Cassie Harbin.

The first three weeks' menu has already been approved. It will be repeated with some variations during the second three weeks. Then Beaty said they will all meet again to plan future meals.

Beaty noted that they will not please everyone all of the time but this is an effort to make the cafeteria meals be what students prefer. And it will provide them with an opportunity to make decisions.

Another change in the works involves the junior high athletic program. Beaty said it will now probably start at 7:30 a.m. and then "flow into first period."

Counseling vital to all pupils

Counseling is a vital part of Snyder ISD curriculum.

These professionals provide a multiple of support services throughout the school year.

At the high school, counselors are involved in the students' total program, beginning with developing the master schedule of classes for teachers and students, implementing schedule changes on an ongoing basis, monitoring student grades and evaluating transcripts and registration of new students.

An integral part of their duties is the administration of student tests — the TAKS, NAPT, SAT, PACT and advanced placement tests - in the spring for college-bound seniors and providing career and scholarship information to students. Counselors order materials regarding scholarship applications, college catalogs and career information for SHS students.

Counselors provide financial aid workshops and presentations to the senior class. Every other year, they organize and coordinate with the Rotary Club and Western Texas College to present "Career Day." This coordination with the members of the Rotary Club, WTC faculty and counselors provides a positive link between the school and the community.

SHS students also participate in College Day at WTC, an opportunty to meet recruiters who present information regarding college opportunities.

Counselors deal with students' individual problems. They are there to listen and to help meet the needs of these students on an hourly basis. They handle referrals for psychological assessments and constantly monitor students' progress to prevent dropouts and school failure.

Debbie Phillips assists SHS students who are enrolled in the 9th and 10th grades and Janell Jones works with students in grades 11-12.

The SJHS counselor is available to help with student guidance activities regarding course selection, documenting students' grades, compilation of the honor roll and monitoring students having academic and emotional difficulties in the classroom.

Other duties include referrals for special needs students and cooperating with state agencies for the coordination of school and community services. Also there is involvement in parent conferences, individual student counseling and career and technology assistance.

Betty Cottrell will provide counseling services for students at Snyder Junior High.

Elementary students will be served by counselors at Snyder ISD who will provide individual groups and classroom counseling to offer support to help students learn effectively by building self-esteem, instilling the motivation to achieve, interpersonal relationships, cross-cultural awareness and the developing of responsible behavior.

Shelly Freeman is counselor at the elementary level.

"Our counselors' professionalism and expertise in the guidance field is unequaled and we need and appreciate them," said Dixie Haggard, director of special programs.



NEW SUPERINTENDENT — Marvin Beaty, the new superintendent at Hermleigh, looks over a copy of the new handbook for teachers and students. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Migrant services provided for eligible students at SISD

More than a 1,000 children in Education Service Center Region XIV come from families that move in order to work in fields and ranches.

Situations may vary. Some families may go out of state during the summer to find work. Others may go to nearby farms or ranches to cultivate cotton, wheat, cantaloupe, or work in dairies or ranches.

Children of these families comprise a valuable segment of the school population. Students may remain in the same school all year or may change schools numerous times during the year. Historically, many of these students have not had the opportunity to complete their high school education.

The implementation of a federal program designed to help the children of migrant farm workers has changed this situation. The Title I initiative has academic success for all children as its goal. Students are provided assistance in overcoming interruptions in their education, cultural barriers and language difficulties.

Various services are offered to students and parents. Some services include summer school, correspondence courses, materials and books for pre-school children, university scholarships, health screenings, online record transfer and orientation classes for parents.

Program participants are not required to be U.S. citizens or legal residents. Migrant students can be of any race, ethnicity or language group.

The seven areas of focus of the program include migrant services coordination, identification and recruitment, early childhood education, graduation enhancement, parental involvement, secondary credit exchange and accrual, and new generation system for migrant student record transfer.

Inquires about the program may be made to Sandy Hernandez, migrant coordinator, at 573-6301 or Dixie Haggard, director of special programs, at 573-6078, ext. 33.

Nobel laureate is writing kid's book

NEW YORK (AP) — Nobel laureate Toni Morrison is working on a children's book about Brown v. Board of Education, the Supreme Court's landmark ruling against segregation.

"Remember: A Pictorial Tribute to the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court Decision" will be published in 2004, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the court's unanimous order for public schools to be integrated.

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IRA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MEAL POLICY 2003-2004

Ira ISD has announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the Ira School District. Each school and / or the central office has a copy of the policy which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the Social Security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate that a Social Security number is not available by writing the word "NONE," "No Number," or some indication that the person does not have a Social Security number. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy,the Principal will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to the Principal. Ira ISD, P.O. Box 240, Ira, Tx. 79527, 325-573-2628

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over $50 per month or $600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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2	15,756	22,422	1,313	1,869	303	432
3	19,838	28,231	1,654	2,353	382	543
4	23,920	34,040	1,994	2,837	460	655
5	28,002	39,849	2,334	3,321	539	767
6	32,084	45,658	2,674	3,805	617	879
7	36,166	51,467	3,014	4,289	696	990
8	40,248	57,276	3,354	4,773	774	1,102
9	44,330	63,085	3,695	5,258	853	1,214
10	48,412	68,894	4,036	5,743	932	1,326
11	52,494	74,703	4,377	6,228	1,011	1,438
12	56,576	80,512	4,718	6,713	1,090	1,550
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Saturday, Aug. 9, 2003
Today is the 221st day of 2003 and the 50th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1842, the Webster-Ashburton Treaty defined the U.S.-Canada border from Maine to the Great Lakes.

On this day in 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, killing more than 20,000 people instantly.

On this day in 1974, Richard Nixon became the first U.S. president to resign.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Shaw (1927-1978), writer and actor; Melanie Griffith (1957-), actress, is 46; Whitney Houston (1963-), singer, is 40; Deion Sanders (1967-), athlete, is 36; Gillian Anderson (1968-), actress, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1936, African-American track star Jesse Owens won his fourth gold medal at the 11th Olympic games in Berlin.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I don't think I'm beautiful. When I look in the mirror, I just see me — and I'm pretty used to me." — Melanie Griffith

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Aug. 5) and full moon (Aug. 12).

Sunday, Aug. 10, 2003
Today is the 222nd day of 2003 and the 51st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1821, Missouri was admitted as the 24th state.

On this day in 1846, the Smithsonian Act of Organization was passed, establishing the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. The institution was established from funds left by British scientist James Smithson.

On this day in 1977, David Berkowitz was arrested in Yonkers, N.Y., and was accused of being the "Son of Sam" killer.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jimmy Dean (1928-), musician and sausage mogul, is 75; Ian Anderson (1947-), musician, is 56; Rosanna Arquette (1959-), actress, is 44; Antonio Banderas (1960-), actor, is 43; Angie Harmon (1972-), actress, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, the Phillies and the Expos played a doubleheader that lasted until 3:23 in the morning.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." — Jimmy Dean

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Aug. 5) and full moon (Aug. 12).

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Judge won't stop weapons' incineration

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge cleared the way Friday for the Army to begin incinerating Cold War-era chemical weapons at a military facility in Alabama, rejecting environmentalists' claims that the process could endanger nearby residents.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson denied a request from an environmental group for a temporary restraining order to block the startup of the incinerator at the Anniston Army Depot.

The group then asked for a preliminary injunction, which the judge also denied.

At the hearing, Jackson said the plaintiffs did not sufficiently show that "harm will flow." He said any danger suggested by the group "is purely speculative."

Following the ruling, incinerator spokesman Mike Abrams said officials in Anniston were awaiting word from the Pentagon on whether to begin operations immediately.

Craig Williams, executive director of the Chemical Weapons Working Group, which filed for the restraining order, expressed disappointment with Jackson's decision.

"It's a sad day for those in Anniston and for this nation when our government is unwilling to prevent U.S. citizens from exposure to toxic chemicals," said Williams.

He said it might take days to decide whether to appeal the ruling.

The incinerator, located about 50 miles east of Birmingham, would be the nation's first near a populated area. Emergency planners say about 35,000 people live within nine miles of the plant, which under the Army's plan would destroy some 2,254 tons of nerve agents and mustard gas over seven years.

The burning was to begin Wednesday, but the military agreed to a delay so the hearing before Jackson could be held.

The Army insists incineration is a safe way to dispose of the weapons, which have been stored at the depot for decades.

But the environmentalists say the community is not prepared in case of an accidental leak and that enough safeguards have not been put in place to ensure that harmful agents aren't released into the air.

About 19,000 people who live near the depot have yet to pick up protective hoods, air filters and other gear being distributed in case of an accidental release of nerve agent, and officials still are installing safety equipment at some schools.

Also, the Army revealed this week it plans to evacuate more than 3,000 people who work at the depot during any chemical release rather than issuing them safety equipment in advance.

The Chemical Weapons Working Group's Williams called the idea of quickly evacuating so many workers during an emergency "totally insane."

Speech pathologists, diagnosticians help assess local students

Snyder Independent School District's special programs department provides services for students with a variety of special needs.

Educational diagnosticians provide assessment and individual education plan service recommendation for students. Gloria Jenkins is the diagnostician assigned to Snyder High School and Hobbs Alternative School.

Kathy Landes, Tracy Munson and Linda Clark, speech pathologist, provide speech and language service for eligible students in Snyder ISD.

Parents who have a student with any physical, emotional, language or learning difficulty may contact their campus principal or Dixie Haggard, director of special programs, at 574-6078, ext. 33.

Students with disabilities may be eligible to begin public school on their third birthday. Students with visual impairments may be eligible at birth.

Two registered nurses work with SISD students

Angel Duncan and Chris Bane are registered nurses who seek to provide the fullest possible educational opportunity for each Snyder Independent School District student by minimizing absences due to illness and creating a climate of health and well-being for students and staff.

Snyder school nurses have previously received the state award from the Texas Council of Health for the "All-Wellness Student Program."

This award was for the program of dental care and prevention sponsored at the elementary school level. This program is made possible through the community efforts of local dentists who provide screening for elementary students as a public service.

Snyder school nurses maintain cumulative health records on every student in the district including a record of student immunizations. They administer first aid as needed. They weigh and measure each student in grades K through 6 twice a year and record the data on their permanent record.

They also conduct annual screening for vision and hearing deficiencies for Pre-K through 7, all 9th grade students and new students from another state. They also conduct vision and hearing screening for students referred to the early childhood program as early as age 3, and all students referred for special education assessment.

They assist local dentists in the annual dental survey of all elementary students. They conduct scoliosis screening for all 5th through 8th grade students.

Snyder school nurses also conduct blood pressure screening for Snyder ISD professional staff three times annually and for 4th graders during Heart Month.

School nurses assist with pre-registration of elementary students prior to the beginning of each school year.

Each year programs are initiated by school nurses to increase the wellness of students and professional staff through educational opportunities at each campus.

Duncan and Bane maintain contact with local and state health agencies in regard to special health services required by children and/or the families.

They make home visits and family contacts as referred by campus principals and district administrators.

The school nurses screen students' vision and make referrals to Snyder's Lions Club to purchase glasses for those students who qualify for assistance.

SISD to maintain expanded infracture

Snyder Independent School District's technology department will continue to maintain its expended infrastructure. The last five years have seen expansion of hardware, software and infrastructure funded by the state's allotment as well as various grants.

With the expanded infrastructure, maintenance of grade reporting records, e-mail accounts, for students and staff and an infusion of technology into the curriculum has warranted the restructuring of the technology department's staff.

As a result of increased technology training that was provided to many staff members at the local campuses, proficiency level of many teachers has increased with regard to use of the technology. Additionally, Snyder ISD will maintain two distance-learning labs located at SHS and Northeast Elementary.

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Snyder ISD benefits from TEA, other grants

A number of grant opportunities are available to the Snyder ISD through the Texas Education Agency, the Department of Education, foundations and corporations. Grant funds provide programs that help enrich the learning experience.

Snyder ISD continues to reap rewards from competitive grants awarded by TEA.

Stanfield and Central Elementary are entering their third and last year of an approximate $1 million Improving Teaching and Learning grant. The project began during the 2001-2002 school year with the adoption of the Accelerated Schools model.

The Accelerated School model helps children excel to higher levels. Accelerated Schools treats all children as gifted and builds on students' strengths through enrichment strategies, independent research, problem solving, science writing, music and art.

Stanfield and Central staff and members of the school community developed a vision of their ideal school in which they collaborated to achieve that dream by making decisions about curriculum, instructional strategies and school organization.

Since 1986, the Accelerated Schools Project has been dedicated to turning schools — particularly those with large at-risk populations — into places where all students are brought into the academic mainstream.

By using accelerated learning and enrichment strategies instead of remedial instruction, under-achieving students eventually perform at levels appropriate to their age group, rather than falling farther behind through the slowed-down, remedial process. Presently there are more than 1,000 accelerated elementary and secondary schools in 41 states and four foreign countries.

The Texas Head Start Educational Component Grant is being implemented this year. The Head Start program is a comprehensive child development program that serves children from birth to age 5, and their families. The program is child-focused and has the overall goal of increasing the school readiness of young children in low-income families.

One of the grant's main projects is the implementation of HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents and Preschool Youngsters). HIPPY is a parent involvement and school readiness program that has been operating since 1984. HIPPY offers home-based early childhood education for three- four- and five-year-old children working with their parents as their first teacher. The parent is provided with a set of materials, curriculum and books that are designed to strengthen the child's cognitive skills, early literacy skills, social/emotional and physical development.

HIPPY helps parents empower themselves as their children's first teacher by giving them the skills and confidence needed to work with their children.

Another grant component includes the training and development of Snyder ISD pre-k staff. The staff is already undergoing training provided by the Center for Improving the Readiness of Children for Learning and Education from the University of Texas Houston Health Science Center. Currently the center is involved in numerous research, community programs and training activities related to the goal of promoting quality learning environments.

Snyder ISD continues to seek funding opportunities for new programs that supports academic achievement, promotes parent and community involvement, and provides staff development.

The district averages from $350,000-$500,000 annually in competitive grants.

SISD seeks donations for school supplies

With the increasing number of economically-disadvantaged children in the Snyder ISD, comes the hardship to equip students with the school supplies needed.

More than 50 percent of Snyder's elementary population is considered economically disadvantaged, with almost 30 percent residing in single-parent homes. In past years, the Snyder community has donated the funds needed to purchase school supplies for many of these students. Snyder ISD again is asking for donations for school supplies, including backpacks.

Other organizations helping the district in collecting donations of either money or supplies are the Scurry County Child Welfare Board, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), Chamber of Commerce, Wal-Mart, United Supermarket, American State Bank, West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank, Texas Savings Bank and the Spanish Inn.

Financial contributions may be mailed to the attention of Mary Ann Juarez and made payable to the Snyder ISD School Supply Fund at 2901 37th Street. For more information, call 574-6012.

TAKS test will continue to be required assessment program

The 2003-2004 school year in Texas will see a continuation of the state assessment program that holds students to higher performance standards.

The goal of the assessment program in Texas is to measure student progress toward achieving academic excellence. The primary purpose of the state student assessment program is to provide an accurate measure of student achievement in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, social studies and science. The test results are used as a gauge for institutional accountability.

Texas students will take a new test known as Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS).

The TAKS exam was given for the first time in 2002-2003. The TAKS is a test for higher-order thinking skills.

In reading, students will have to perform a deeper analysis of texts. In math, they will be asked to solve multiple-step problems. TAKS also will have more essay questions and cover a broader spectrum of knowledge than the current TAAS test. Without a doubt, the TAKS test is harder than the TAAS, but it won't ask for anything that isn't part of the required curriculum.

"No Texas test has an item on it that hasn't been field-tested by real Texas kids," said Ann Smisko, the Texas Education Agency's associate commissioner for curriculum, assessment and technology.

For ten years, as required by state statute, Texas assessed minimum basic skills in reading, mathematics and writing, first with the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills (TABS) tests and then with the Texas Education Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) examinations. In fall 1990, changes in state law required the implementation of a new criterion-referenced program, the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS).

SISD encourages parent involvement

Parent involvement has taken a significant leap in education. Parents are the most powerful influence on their child's well-being and development.

Parent involvement in the public schools improves student learning. Parents are welcome in the school, and their support and assistance are sought. Students benefit with more positive attitudes and behavior, higher grades and test scores, better attendance, higher rate of homework completion, greater sense of responsibility, higher self-esteem and higher graduation rates.

Parents indicate that their reasons for not getting involved include not realizing the importance of their role as their child's first teacher, they believe that their involvement doesn't help their children, or they don't know what to do to help their children learn.

Snyder ISD offers many opportunities for parent involvement. Snyder ISD believes in building a home, school and community partnership. Various programs help parents understand the importance of their role in their children's education. Parents are encouraged to come to the school to find out what their children are learning, and what they can do to help their children succeed.

Snyder ISD encourages all parents to get involved and make a difference in their children's education. For more information on parent involvement programs, call Mary Ann Juarez at 574-6012.

SISD receives Title 1, Part A federal funding

Snyder ISD receives funds from the federal government through various federal grants. The largest grant received by Snyder ISD is the Title I, Part A grant. A Title I program is a program to help all students get a good education and meet academic standards.

Snyder operates a school-wide Title I program for Stanfield, Central, East, Northeast and West Elementary. A school-wide Title I program allows schools that qualify to use Title I money to pay for education programs for the whole school. (Schools with 40 percent or more of children from low-income families qualify for school-wide Title I programs).

Snyder ISD's Title I program offers many benefits including: classroom services, teachers, resources and professional development for teachers and other staff. One percent of Title I funds are used for parent involvement activities including Title I parent meetings, family literacy and activities designed to improve parenting skills.

A school-wide Title I program follows these steps:

1. A Needs Assessment — Completed through surveys from school staff, teachers, parents and students to see what is needed for all students to meet educational standards.

2. Planning — this involves deciding how to best meet the needs shown in the assessment.

3. By site-based school committees.

4. Professional Development — Teachers receive training for specific learning needs. Funds are also spent to ensure that staff meets the definition of highly qualified per the No Child Left Behind Act.

5. Putting Resources in Place — These include resources for the classroom and materials to improve test scores.

6. Yearly Review — School staff, teachers and parents see if there has been improvement in student's skills. If not, they may suggest changes to the program.

As part of the title I program, Snyder ISD distributes to parents a school-parent compact titled Pledge of Success included in the Student Code of Conduct handbook. This pledge outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student achievement.

Immunizations must be updated before school year begins

Child immunizations must be updated.

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) reminds people that children enrolling in public or private school or in licensed, certified or registered child-care facilities must be up-to-date on their immunizations.

- Children are now given Hepatitis B vaccine at birth.
- 1 month of age: Hepatitis B number 2.
- 2 months of age: DTaP, Hib, IPV
- 4 months of age DTaP, Hib, IPV.
- 6 months of age DTaP, Hib, Hepatitis B.
- 12 months of age DTaP, Hib, IPV, MMR, chicken pox (if hadn't had disease).
- 4 years of age: DTaP, IPV, MMR.

Children on an ideal or optimum schedule as recommended will have received 5 DTaP vaccine, 4 doses of IPV vaccine, 4 doses of Hib vaccine, 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, 2 doses of MMR vaccine and 1 dose of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine if they haven't had the disease.

- 12 years of age: Must show proof of two doses of MMR vaccine, must have 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine, must show documentation of varicella disease (chicken pox) or received 1 dose of varicella vaccine. If varicella vaccine is received after age 13, 2 doses of varicella vaccine are required.
- 14 year olds need TD booster.

Jay Leno prepares to show off a car

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is preparing to show off one of his 150 cars and motorcycles — a 1927 Bugatti Type 40 Grand Sport.

Leno and designer Ralph Lauren are entering rare Bugattis at the 53rd annual Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance on Aug. 17 along the Monterey Peninsula. Leno is a former Pebble Beach class winner.

Lauren is entering 1934, 1937 and 1938 Bugattis in the competition.

Considered the thoroughbreds of the classic car culture, 50 Bugattis are coming to Pebble Beach for the largest ever gathering of the collector cars. The new $1 million Bugatti Veyron 16.4 also will be unveiled at the Concours gathering.

"The Bugatti reflects a masculine, aggressive design," Pebble Beach co-chair Glenn Mounger said Thursday.

The Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance attracts some 15,000 car enthusiasts each year.

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Letters to the Editor

Great people

Dear Editor:

Scurry County and Snyder are blessed by so many wonderful people. We have those people who serve on boards, giving their time to the benefit of the citizens of our community.

We many times do not agree with their decisions, but we truly appreciate their efforts. We have wonderful dedicated public servants contributing their efforts to make Snyder and Scurry County a wonderful place to live. Our preachers and teachers trying to encourage us to live righteous lives. We have our service organizations promoting to the good of our citizens who have fought for our county and our freedom. The civic organizations are helping those who have need. We wish to thank all of these people for their contribution to our way of life.

I remember a lady, I think her name was Agnes Sorrells, who wrote articles for the Snyder Daily News. Her articles usually were on things happening to our nation. She was promoting loyalty and wanting us to help keep our nation free. The Snyder Daily News is to be praised for publishing Letters to the Editor.

The staff of the Snyder Daily News works hard to keep us informed on the happenings of our community. There are so many benefits that our paper performs that they cannot be listed. One and most important it is a bastion of liberty. The pen is mightier than the sword. If the pen is used correctly we can avoid use of the sword.

God gives us words of wisdom. Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation; sin is a reproach to any people.

May the blessings of God rest upon our people.

Yours truly,
Surry Gillum

Proud of players

Dear Editor:

I would just like to compliment and add to last week's "Letter" on our young gentlemen playing baseball in tournaments out of our town.

I had the pleasure to watch the local tournament with our 9- and 10-year-olds. If you did not attend these games, you missed the excitement of the quality of offense and defense that the young players demonstrated. I almost feel sorry for Coach Bollinger because of the large selection of excellent athletes he will have to choose from.

The sportsmanship that these young people showed was second to none. Of course, none of this could have been accomplished without the dedication and support of the parents and coaches of these young players.

You have all made me proud to say "I'm from Snyder, Texas." I look forward to next year when that call goes out loud and crisp, "Play Ball."

Cy Posey

Tribute

Dear Editor:

I just got back from some pretty extensive summer travels and was devastated to learn about the death of Donna Fowler. I'm sure by now the city has recovered from the initial shock of the news, and is beginning to awake to the harsh reality of how dearly she will be missed.

I had the distinct pleasure of working with her, the civic leaders and the citizens of Snyder as the USAF Air Combat Command project officer for the Realistic Bomber Training Initiative. Donna's electric up-beat personality, cheerful attitude, and hard working ways were always evident every time I saw her. One thing that will always stand out in my mind is her adamant love for the town and people of Snyder, Texas. Her love of the area and it's people was so contagious that it was one of the factors that convinced me and my wife that Snyder made the short list of considerations as a possible home upon retirement from the Air Force. Though we ended up settling in Springfield, Mo. due to a university teaching opportunity, Snyder will always hold a very special place in our hearts.

One thing I knew from the very beginning of meeting Donna was, that although she was among the friendliest and kindest people I ever met, she would never allow the USAF or anybody else do anything to harm her beloved town or county. As RBTI developed we began to meet with her, and other town and area leaders on the best ways to ensure the best interests of Scurry county could be served while providing the greatest training possible for the young men and woman called to protect us all in combat. Once we showed that these two worthwhile goals were compatible and could be accomplished by partnering together no one worked harder than Mrs. Fowler to make the Air Force family welcome.

Donna Fowler was a great lady! Ms. Fowler's greatness was found in the fact that she was capable of readily displaying all the beautiful characteristics and values that is prevalent in all the people of Snyder, Scurry County, and West Texas. She worked with other great people like Max Von Roeder, John Gayle, John DeLille, Rodger Sullenger, Snyder's mayors, county commissioners and 100s of other Scurry County residents to make sure we understood community concerns. A community made up of people who are patriotic, love their country, sacrifice to provide for their families, and serve their God. In short, people who are true Americans, and the reason we are still a magnificent and free nation.

It was a true honor to have known Donna Fowler, and work with her as she served the wonderful people of Snyder, Texas and Scurry County. I mourn with you the passing of this great American!

Dale L Garrett Lt. Col. (retired) USAF



Speaker for all seasons

by Don Newbury

"When can we turn on the television?" kids of the '50s asked. Moms usually gave "not until 2 o'clock" answers." That's when test patterns hit TV screens, meaning that 7.5 hours of television was just 60 minutes away. TV stations would run "non-stop" until the end of the 10 p.m. news.

Hang the news, we thought. We wanted to see "Gorgeous George," a bulky "wrestler" with long hair hanging below his waist. We sixth graders had no clues as to whether he could really wrestle, but was he ever a showman.

"I'm not saying I'm the best wrestler ever to enter the ring, or that I'm the most intelligent athlete who ever lived or that I'm the most handsome man in the world," he often said. "But what's my opinion against millions of others?"

We ate it up, but we should have been tipped off about "professional" wrestling. A sports page of the day carried an apology — that the wrong wrestling results had been printed in the previous edition. Those were next week's results, the correction said.

More than 50 years later, a scenario of an athlete — one who has proven his athletic prowess beyond any doubt — is providing "un-George like" quotes. Emmitt Smith fails to amuse. Clearly, he critically needs a doctor — a "spin doctor," and fast.

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It started last year, when he tried to extract a hefty appearance fee at a Waco induction ceremony of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. The initial shocking figure was reduced, but the Hall of Fame folks still balked. They had no budget for any fees. Further, no previous inductees had taken such positions.

Emmitt said his agent misunderstood, etc., but it didn't matter. He couldn't attend anyway. One of his children had a recital that night. Had that been his initial response, more fans would have understood.

Recently, in an interview, he said that in his final year with the Cowboys, he "felt like a diamond surrounded by trash." Teammates? Owners? Fans? "Talking trash" takes on new meaning. The many bridges Emmitt crossed en route to becoming the NFL's leading rusher are smoldering behind him.

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There may one day be better humor writers; I don't know. There will never, however, be another one who can deliver humor like the inimitable Bob Hope. Two months after reaching the century mark he exited the world's stage.

Someone may succeed him; no one can replace him. Learning that the world press had declared him dead in 1998, he retorted, "It's not true, is it?"

He lived almost 2,000 more days. A while back, when asked where he would like to be buried, our hero answered, "Surprise me." About 100 relatives and closest friends gathered for his service at dawn and they provided one last standing ovation.

This icon "sang of his thankfulness" to close each of his thousands of appearances around the world. We salute him—deeply thankful for his memory.

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Scene seldom seen —The bank thermometer read 102 degrees, and the Stephenville, Texas, department store nearby seemed under siege, packed with customers happy to deprive "the gov-mint" of a solitary penny of tax on this one special weekend.

Merchants say "thank you" for what has become the year's third busiest weekend!

It was an unlikely scene out front. A tall man, decked out in a white shirt and nice tie, was pacing back and forth, wearing one of those old "sandwich board" signs (you remember — big letters urged "Eat at Joe's" on front and back. The 2003 version read "33% off sale prices.")

I watched this Renaissance man greet customers. He assured them that the sign was indeed true, pacing slowly back and forth as customers scrambled through racks and stacks of merchandise.

Soon I realized he wasn't a guy whose name they found in the newspaper classified section. No, this sign-carrier is a 42-year retailing veteran, and he is manager of the store.

He's from the old school, arriving at work daily in a long-sleeved white shirt and tie. A Michigander by birth and Texan by choice, Joe Sawyer loves people and his work. He defies his job description, which says nothing about carrying signs or dressing like a vampire at Halloween -shirt and tie underneath, of course.

Oh, I should add that he also has two university degrees. He has mastered "the common touch," and his several dozen employees applaud him. One reason, of course, is that he tabbed himself to carry the sign on one of summer's doggiest days.

He's no ordinary Joe. Don't be surprised when he retires up the way if he volunteers to be a store Santa Claus. Just lift the beard and look for a tie….

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Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

Snyder ISD	9
Hermleigh ISD	7
Ira ISD	7
DCOS	4
City of Snyder	4
Cogdell Hospital	1
WTC	1
Scurry County	0



EDITORIAL COMMENT

No more aggie journalists?

Texas A&M University seems determined to do away with its journalism program, and that's a shame. A university that aspires to greatness needs a journalism department that aspires to greatness. For now, though, A&M's journalism department aspires just to stay alive.

It won't be easy to save. Charles Johnson, dean of the College of Liberal Arts of which the journalism department is a part, wants to kill the department after the students currently enrolled graduate. That decision still has to be ratified by the A&M board of regents, where the fight to keep journalism alive at A&M will be difficult.

The department for many years has suffered from institutional neglect. Insufficient funding from the university hampered the ability to attract the outstanding department head needed to bring the department out of its downward spiral and point it on the road to respectability and even greatness. Infighting among the few faculty who remain has not helped the situation. Nor has the university's efforts to enroll students in the program who have no business being there and have no real interest in journalism helped.

The department's $1 million budget is completely inadequate. While other departments at A&M are handling cuts of up to 12 percent in light of the state's budget problems, the College of Liberal Arts has cut the journalism department budget by 40 percent. Already hurting financially, the department cannot survive such drastic loss of funding.

Why is the university doing this? It is quite common for universities across the country to have love-hate relationships with their own journalism programs. At good schools, student journalists are taught to ask the tough questions that university administrators often would prefer to avoid. That really doesn't seem to be the case at A&M, though. Students aren't being taught what the tough questions are or how to ask them.

Perhaps a couple of recent embarrassments with The Battalion, the A&M student newspaper, have soured administrators on the journalism department — although the newspaper's relationship with the department is tenuous at best.

Most likely, administrators do not understand or accept the importance of a good journalism department. It's natural for people to associate bad news with the messenger, and often, journalists are the bearers of bad news. But if journalists don't ask tough, probing questions of our leaders, who would?

Who else would work to ensure that government is conducted in the open for the benefit of all the people?

We're proud of our profession, even though we are the first to admit journalists are far from perfect. We took great pride in the amazing war stories and pictures sent back from Iraq by the journalists embedded with coalition troops. (Proportionately, the number of journalists killed covering the war far exceeded the number of service men and women killed.)

In April, the University of Texas announced it was buying the Watergate papers of Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein. Without their dogged efforts, government corruption emanating from the Oval Office would have gone uncovered. In times of emergency or crisis - the sniper shootings last fall, the terrible events of Sept. 11, natural disasters and on and on — people turn to the media for information, for guidance, for reassurance.

It is critical that the journalists covering those and more routine stories have a firm foundation that is gained by participating in a quality journalism program. Over the years, many papers had a number of outstanding journalists who trained at A&M - although more recently they were good in spite of their training at A&M.

It's a shame that a school that is rightly proud of the government and business leaders it trains isn't equally proud of the journalists it trains to report on the doings of those leaders. Rather than kill the department of journalism, A&M should reinvest in the program, doing as much to recruit a qualified department head as it does to find a football coach or basketball coach or the heads of other departments and then giving that person the resources needed to turn the department around.

As A&M moves ever closer to the goal of greatness, it must do a better job telling the world of all it has to offer. Who better to tell that story than good journalists who received their training in a quality A&M department of journalism?

And ole Ags who complain of those "liberal journalist — here is an opportunity to turn out some conservative ones.

The ninth circus court that appals

by Joe Klock, Sr.

This isn't hot news, but neither is it a dead issue, since dedicated Atheists seem to have a tenacity rivaling that of Super Glue and Yasser Arafat.

It started in a Sacramento, CA court room where Doctor/Lawyer/Atheist Michael A. Newdow sued his daughter's Elk Grove School District, protesting the classroom recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, specifically its inclusion of the words "under God"

Newdow contended that these words violated a constitutional ban against establishment of a national religion and asked that the Pledge be declared illegal.

After one rejection at a lower level, the case went before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, where a stunning 2-1 decision ruled that, at least within its jurisdiction (which extends westward from Arizona to the island of Guam), school children could no longer recite the Pledge in class.

Enforcement of the order is on hold, pending appeals that are trudging toward the U.S. Supreme Court, which should, methinks, have weightier problems to tackle than one man's beef against a local school system.

Ironically, if the matter makes it to that highest of American shrines of jurisprudence, proceedings will begin with the traditional plea: "God save the United States and this honorable court." (How, one may be forgiven for wondering, will that affect the odds against a verdict favorable to the appellant?)

The Ninth Circuit, widely viewed as being seated at the left hand of the ACLU, enjoys the dubious distinction of being the most often reversed of all the federal courts, its opinions having been overruled almost as often as those of Edith, the embattled spouse of Archie Bunker, and the sidekicks of most talk-but-don't-listen show hosts.

Among the eggs on its collective face was the Year 2000 decision that a job applicant with health problems could not be rejected, even if his condition would be worsened by working in the place where he's applying for employment. (DUH?)

Underlying this latest whine-tasting party is an ongoing campaign to rethink the intention of our "framers" (known for centuries as our "founding fathers," before their semantic castration by the scalpel of political correctness).

Said framers, everyone agrees, clearly wanted to prevent establishment of a national religion, such as the one created in England to accommodate Henry #8 when he wanted to shed a barren spouse and legitimatize the hots he had for an extramarital squeeze.

Their objective was separation of church and state, which has been interpreted by the anti-God guerillas as separation of the state from any higher power than elected officials, the judiciary and a lawless mob of lobbyists.

If there be nothing or nobody positioned above that bunch, there is reason to fear for the future of our great land!

Building a barrier between God and country could hardly have been in the minds of the men (sorry about that, but they were all guys, gals) who referred to God or the Creator four times in the Declaration of Independence.

Further evidence of a Deity's visceral presence in our national body is the continuing fact that each daily session of Congress begins with a prayer and our national slogan, 'In God We Trust" is still right on the money, as it has been since 1864.

Admittedly, the disputed words "under God" were relatively late (1954) additions to the Pledge Of Allegiance, but there was almost no opposition to it at the time. Then, as today, objections are heard only from a strident minority who find it inconvenient to simply ignore something that they believe doesn't exist anyway. (Go figure!)

The Ninth Court's opinion belatedly noted that "the mere enactment of the 1954 Act constitutes a religious recitation policy that interferes with (plaintiff) Newdow's right to direct the religious education of his daughter.

Personal to the Doc: Hey, Mike, how about just telling the kid that, in your not-so-humble opinion, the "guy in the sky" is nothing more than a bunch of hot air? It will get your pitch across to the only listener whose reaction is any of your damned business, as well as sparing her a lot of harassment in the school yard.

Happily, the Edith Bunker Court's opinion is almost certainly D.O.A. at the Supreme level, given the tidal wave of ridicule from Main Street USA to the Belchway, where George W. dismissed it as"ridiculous," momentarily swapping images with non-cowboy Tom Daschle, who said it was "just nuts."

Meanwhile, one must apprehensively assume that, under the Big Top of the Ninth Circus, revisionist crackpots will continue to second-guess the Framers, nee Founding Fathers, who recognized that there must be something or someone somewhere watching over us.

Something, that is, with a clearer vision than those performing on a judicial clown alley at the Ninth Circus.

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WTC News

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Fall 2003 Registration
Thursday and Friday
August 21 and 22
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Teacher Certification Programs . . .

UTPB Education Dean Scheduled to Visit Campus

Dr. Pete Ienatsch, Dean of the School of Education at the University of the Permian Basin (UTPB), will be on the WTC campus, Tuesday, August 19th, from 9:30AM until 4PM, to visit with individuals interested in teacher certification programs at UTPB.

The Vocational Instruction office is arranging appointments with Dr. Ienatsch every 30 minutes, beginning at 9:30AM through 3:30PM on the 19th. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a certified public school teacher and would like to visit with Dr. Ienatsch, please call 325-573-8511 or email VoCareers@wtc.edu to schedule an appointment.

If you are planning on taking coursework with UTPB this fall, you need to make application as soon as possible. The information below provides a brief synopsis of the course offerings, as well as UTPB application information.

Area residents will have the opportunity this Fall 2003 semester to pursue Teacher Certification Programs in Snyder as the result of a partnership between Western Texas College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB). This fall, UTPB will offer the teacher education core courses, which satisfy introductory requirements for those wishing to teach elementary grades up to Grade 4 and those wishing to teach Grades 8-12.

The concept behind the joint effort would allow individuals to stay in Snyder while earning their bachelor's degree and teacher certification. While it may not be possible to complete 100% of the necessary coursework in Snyder, a significant amount could be available making the pursuit of the degree attractive. Junior and Senior level coursework and education classes will be provided by UTPB. Planned course delivery from UTPB to Snyder this fall will be via interactive television (ITV).

Proposed teacher certification fields will include "Early Childhood – Grade 4" and "Secondary Certification – Grades 8-12". Undergraduates in UTPB's teacher education program earn their bachelor's degree in an approved area while fulfilling certification requirements. Students typically complete a multidisciplinary major or an academic major and supporting minor, and will consult with faculty members in Education and the academic discipline for help in planning a program. Students who already hold a Bachelor's degree may be eligible to pursue Post-Baccalaureate certification.

UTPB coursework scheduled for this fall is as follows:

EDUC 3352 901 The Exceptional Child	TTH	2:00-3:15 (ITV)
EDUC 3362 901 Bilingual/Multicultural Ed	TTH	4:15-5:30 (ITV)
EDUC 3370 901 Foundations of Ed	TTH	5:40-6:55 (ITV)

A related Education course offered by WTC for Fall 2003 and transferable to UTPB is PSYC 2308 Child Growth and Development (equates to UTPB's EDUC.3341 Child/Adolescent Psychology).

Individuals interested in taking UTPB courses this fall are strongly encouraged to make application to UTPB and meet with UTPB Educational staff to set up a degree plan.

For questions about the UTPB Education Program, visit the UTPB School of Education website at: http://www.utpb.edu/educ/index.htm. Direct questions concerning Education programs to Dr. Pete Ienatsch Email: ienatsch_p@utpb.edu, Phone: (432) 552-2120, Campus Website: http://www.utpb.edu

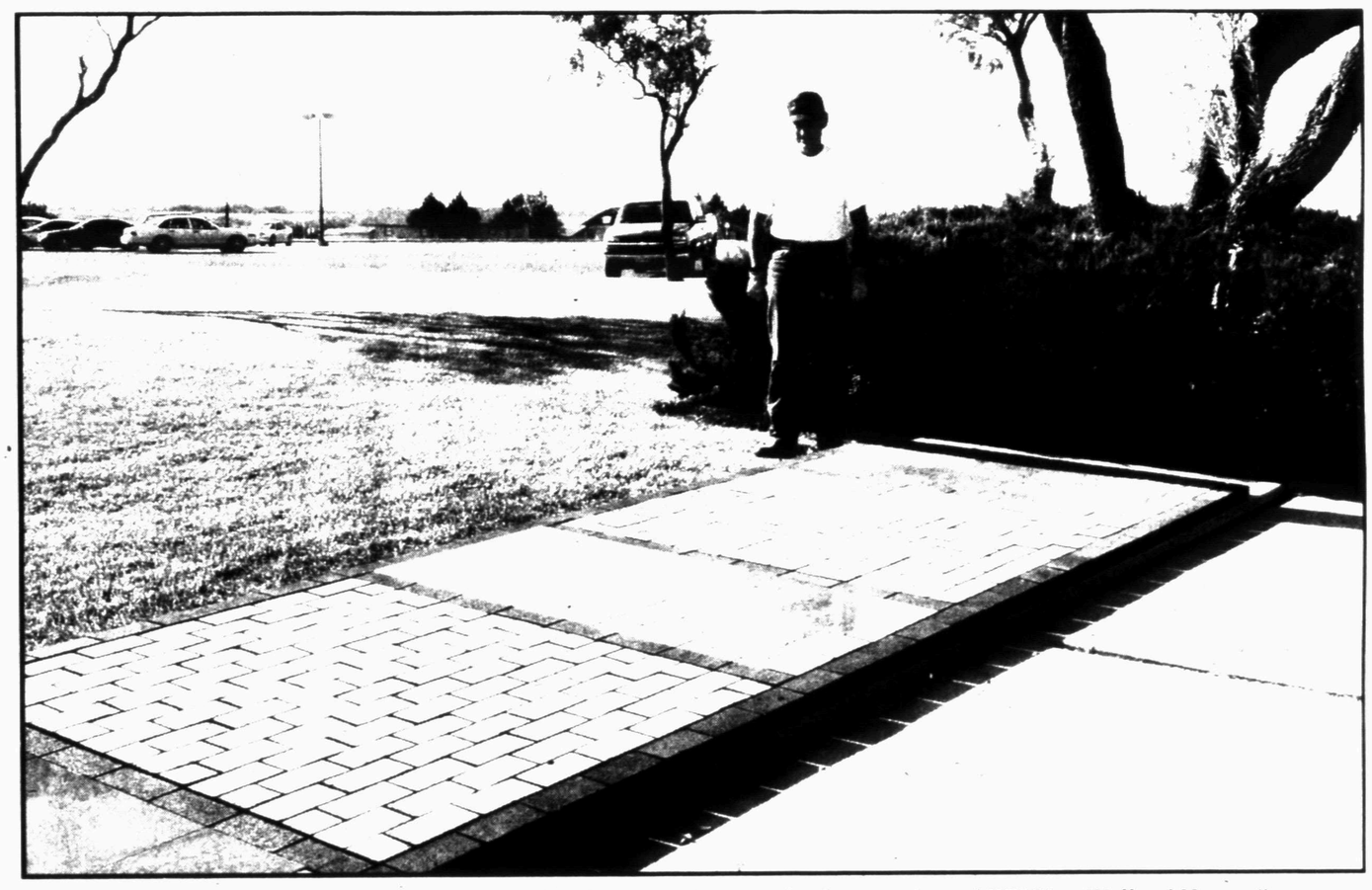
On the WTC campus, contact John Gibson, Dean, Vocational Instruction, email: vocareers@wtc.edu, phone: (325) 573-8511 ext 250

UTPB Contact for Admissions and Enrollment
Ms. Vickie Gomez
Vice President of Enrollment Management
Phone: (432) 552-2605
Email: gomez_v@utpb.edu

To apply online to UTPB
1. UTPB website: http://www.utpb.edu/
2. Click on Prospective Students
3. Click on Admissions Applications
4. Click on Transfer Student Application (if you have 24 hours or more. If not then click on appropriate application).
5. Click on Electronic Application
6. Just follow the directions. If you have any problems, please feel free to contact Ms. Gomez.

Vocational Nursing
Graduation and Pinning
Ceremony
Thursday, August 21
7pm
First United Methodist Church

WTC '*Walk of Honor*' Expands



Maintenance employee, Ed Galyean puts the finishing touches on the first section of WTC's "Walk of Honor." Granite Markers and Bricks are available for purchase to be engraved in honor or memory of an individual, family, group, or business. The cost for bricks is $100 each, and the granite markers are $300 each. To place an order, fill out the form included below and mail to the address listed. For more information, call 573-8511 ext 202. (WTC Photo)

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Give a tax-deductible gift to someone important to you that will last for decades and benefit others for years to come!

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Numbers are looking good for fall

By Britt Canada, Dean of Information Technology Services

Obviously, it is hard to predict what will happen for the Fall 2003 semester. On the one side, it seems that we will probably have an enrollment increase BUT the students aren't here yet - so, we have to wait until the 4th class day. Something about not counting your chickens before they hatch.

However, here are some indications:

1. Student inquiries to admissions is greater than it was last year
2. Pre-registration is proceeding at a brisk pace
3. The DL schedule is filling up

Here is some more information about the DL schedule. We are currently (I say 'currently' because this schedule will probably change, maybe within the next few minutes) scheduled to teach 17 MWF, 9 TTh and 9 night classes (a total of 35 ITV classes). We are going to 30 high schools with these dual credit classes. Contrast this with the 28 high schools that we sent classes to in the Fall 2002 semester. Basically, a 7% increase in the number of schools. In addition, we are sending a college level class to TSTC,and receiving classes from UTPB and ACU.

We added some new high schools this year - Comstock and Sonora. And, schools are still signing up for classes. Education and higher level Criminal Justice courses are coming in from UTPB.

Those are the classes that involve the ITV equipment on the WTC campus. We are also using the Borden County classroom to beam into Region 17 and using the ITV classroom at Northeast Elementary as a 5th ITV classroom because the maximum of 4 ITV classrooms are already used at 8:00 on MWF.

In TI#49, I predicted that we would reach 655 dual credit students in the Spring 2003 semester. Dual credit is given when a high school student gets both college and high school credit for taking a college course. The courses can be delivered via ITV, tape or face-to-face.

We did not reach the 655. So, in TI#64, I predicted that we would reach 655 in the Fall 2003 semester. To me, it looks like we will reach that prediction. Hopefully, right after Labor Day, I can tell you "I told you so". (If not, then I'll predict the same number for the Spring semester - one day, we will get there.....)

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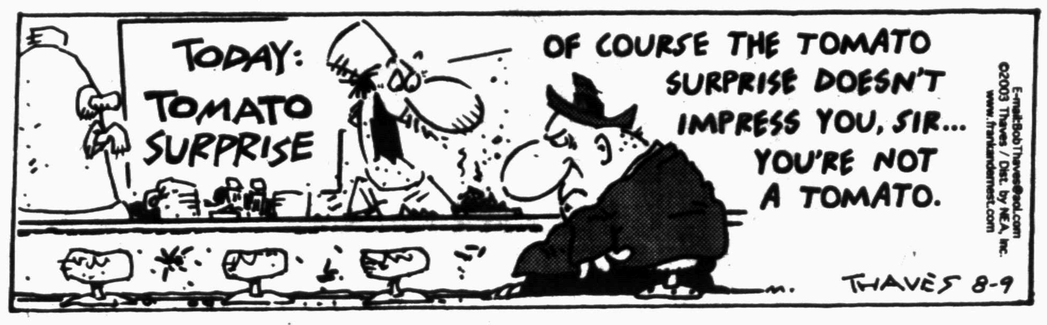
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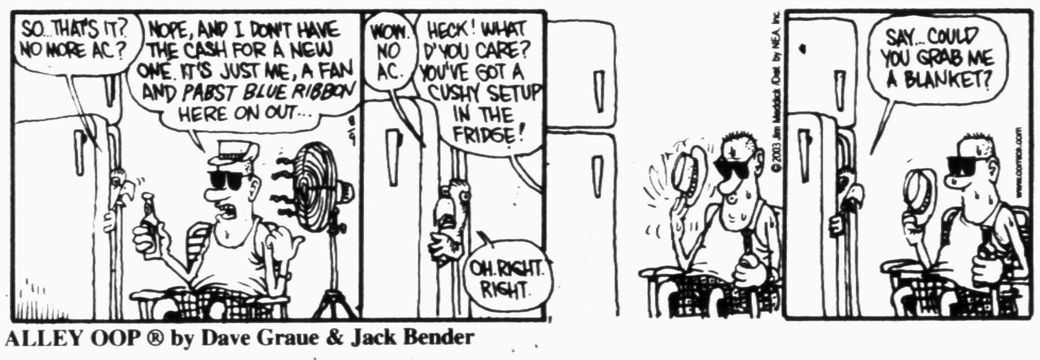
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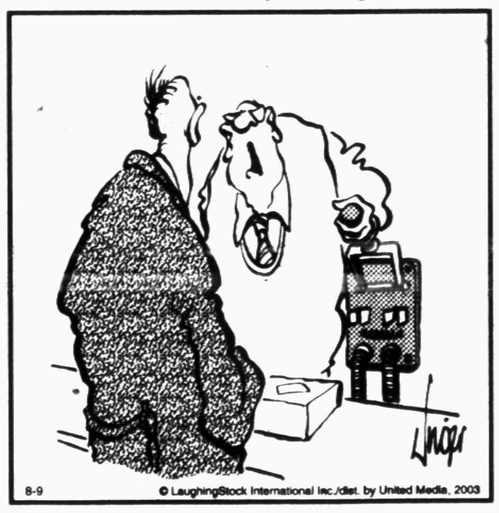
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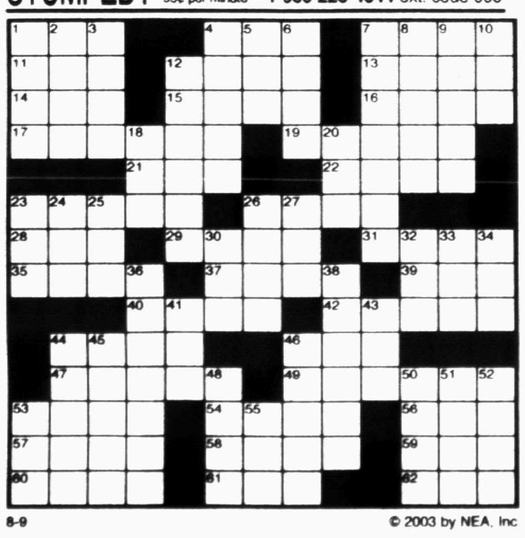
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Beautiful couple's marriage is perfect except in bed

DEAR ABBY: I am a beautiful woman in my early 30s. My husband, "Brad," is a handsome man in his late 20s. We both dress stylishly, exercise regularly and eat healthy food. We turn heads when we walk into the room. We have been married for nearly five years and are devoted to each other. We prosper in all areas except in the bedroom.

Brad seems to have no interest in sex at all. None. Zip! Our honeymoon was nothing short of amazing. We waited until after our wedding to consummate our union. Now we make love about every six weeks, if that. This is not enough for me. I gently told him that I "need more," and asked, "Is it me?" Brad says it's not me and that he feels guilty. He apologized for hurting my feelings and blames his lack of interest on being "tired." (Brad does not work long hours.)

I have tried clearing our social calendar and doing all the household chores. I suggested he go to sleep earlier in the evening and take naps whenever he needs to. I have even tried being assertive in my Victoria's Secret lingerie. Nothing has worked. Help! — **GOING WITHOUT IN THE SOUTHWEST**

DEAR GOING WITHOUT: This is a question that needs to be honestly explored both separately and together. The first step is to schedule an appointment for both of you with your physician.

Not all men have raging sex drives. Your husband may need his testosterone levels checked, or he may suffer from performance anxiety — or have other issues. Your problem will not be resolved until you are both able to pinpoint exactly what the problem is. Please don't wait any longer.

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DEAR ABBY: Four years ago, I hired a woman to help me with household chores I could no longer handle. (I am 83 and in poor health.) "Nelly" came for two hours every other week and was a great help. She started out at $10 an hour, and last year she requested her hourly rate be raised to $12.50. I obliged.

During Nelly's visits, I learned about her family: a "macho" husband who showed her little respect; a daughter with a jailbird boyfriend and a pack of kids; and several brothers who cheated her out of her inheritance from her parents.

I liked Nelly and I felt sorry enough for her to consider leaving her a bequest in my will. It was my way of saying thank you beyond what I paid her.

A few weeks ago, I noticed some jewelry and $150 in cash were missing from my bureau. Among the missing items were two rings that had been given to me by my late husband. They were of great sentimental value to me.

No one other than Nelly and I had been in my bedroom. I suppose the temptation was too much. Finally I asked her if she'd seen the missing items. She claimed she hadn't. However, the next evening she called and said that her husband no longer wanted her to work for me because she was "needed at home."

Should I confront her and demand that my jewelry and money be returned? Nelly cleans for other folks I know, and perhaps they need to be warned. — **PUZZLED AND ANGRY IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR PUZZLED AND ANGRY: Do not confront Nelly — and do not do anything that would spread rumors. DO call the police and report the missing items. Tell them who was in your home at the time the items went missing and let them investigate. It's their job.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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DEAR ABBY: It's hard to believe, but today in the United States more than 8.5 million children have no health insurance. They do not have access to annual checkups or eye exams, and are less likely to receive proper medical care for common childhood illnesses such as sore throats, earaches and asthma.

Covering Kids and Families, a project of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is working to let parents know that low-cost and free health care coverage IS available through the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and Medicaid.

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As parents prepare their children to go back to school, Covering Kids and Families is encouraging parents of uninsured children to enroll them in a low-cost or free health care coverage program now.

Thank you for helping me spread the word, Abby. — **RISA LAVIZZO-MOUREY, M.D., M.B.A., PRESIDENT AND CEO, ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION**

DEAR DR. LAVIZZO-MOUREY: Thank YOU for your important letter. Parents, I urge you to call (877) KIDS-NOW ((877) 543-7669) to establish whether your children are eligible for these important programs.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 17, and just graduated from high school. I have been accepted at two awesome colleges, but I have no clue as to what my major should be. What I really want is to go to a vocational school and become a hairdresser.

Do you think I should blow off those colleges, Abby? I have to choose before September. — GIRL WITH HAIR-RAISING PROBLEM

DEAR GIRL: Attend one of the "awesome colleges" for at least a year, and sign up for courses in business. Whether or not you choose to graduate, those courses will be helpful to you in starting and running your own business.

Discuss your goal with your college counselor. In addition to the business courses some knowledge of chemistry and marketing would also be valuable. Although you may think you want to concentrate on cosmetology, you might at some point want to come up with your own product line.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been teased by my classmates since third grade. In the sixth grade, I tried to act like I could read palms — and I also wore strong perfume. The teasing got worse.

I will be in seventh grade in the fall, and I'm wondering if I should still try to be an "actor," or be myself. One person likes me the way I am. His name is "Nate," and he is my boyfriend. Nate says it doesn't matter to him whether I put on an act — or if I'm just myself. (I think he would prefer me to act more natural.) What do you think I should do? — **UNPOPULAR — BUT LOVED**

DEAR UNPOPULAR: Your friend Nate is wise beyond his years. Be yourself. It's a lot less work than pretending to be a fortune teller or someone you're not.

P.S.: If you enjoy acting, try out for the school plays and musicals. It doesn't take a crystal ball to predict you'll be sensational.

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Soros commits $10 million to Dem-leaning group

WASHINGTON (AP) — Making a major foray into partisan politics, multibillionaire George Soros is committing $10 million to a new Democratic-leaning group aimed at defeating President Bush next year.

Soros, who in the past has donated on a smaller scale to Democratic candidates and the party, pledged the money to a political action committee called America Coming Together, spokesman Michael Vachon said Friday.

The group plans a $75 million effort to defeat Bush and "elect progressive officials at every level in 2004," targeting 17 key states: Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

"The fate of the world depends on the United States, and President Bush is leading us in the wrong direction," Soros said in a written statement. "ACT is an effective way to mobilize civil society, to convince people to go to the polls and vote for candidates who will reassert the values of the greatest open society in the world."

Soros has been better known for his philanthropy and a $1 billion effort to try to prevent the proliferation of Russian nuclear weapons after the Soviet Union's collapse. He announced earlier this summer that he was scaling back his Russian spending after finding it was subsidizing programs such as education reforms better paid for by the government.

Soros helped finance an ad in The New York Times two Sundays ago accusing Bush of using intelligence "exposed as exaggerated or even false" to justify the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

ACT said it plans a large-scale effort to register voters and mobilize them to go to the polls. It has $30 million in commitments so far and plans a national fund-raising drive starting next month.

The group is headed by Ellen Malcolm, president of EMILY's List, a group dedicated to winning the election of Democratic women candidates who support abortion rights, such as New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The new PAC's co-founders include Steve Rosenthal, head of the Partnership for America's Families and former political director for the AFL-CIO; Andy Stern, president of the Service Employees International Union; Carl Pope, the Sierra Club's executive director; and Cecile Richards, president of America Votes, a new Democratic-leaning group that includes many of the same members as America Coming Together.



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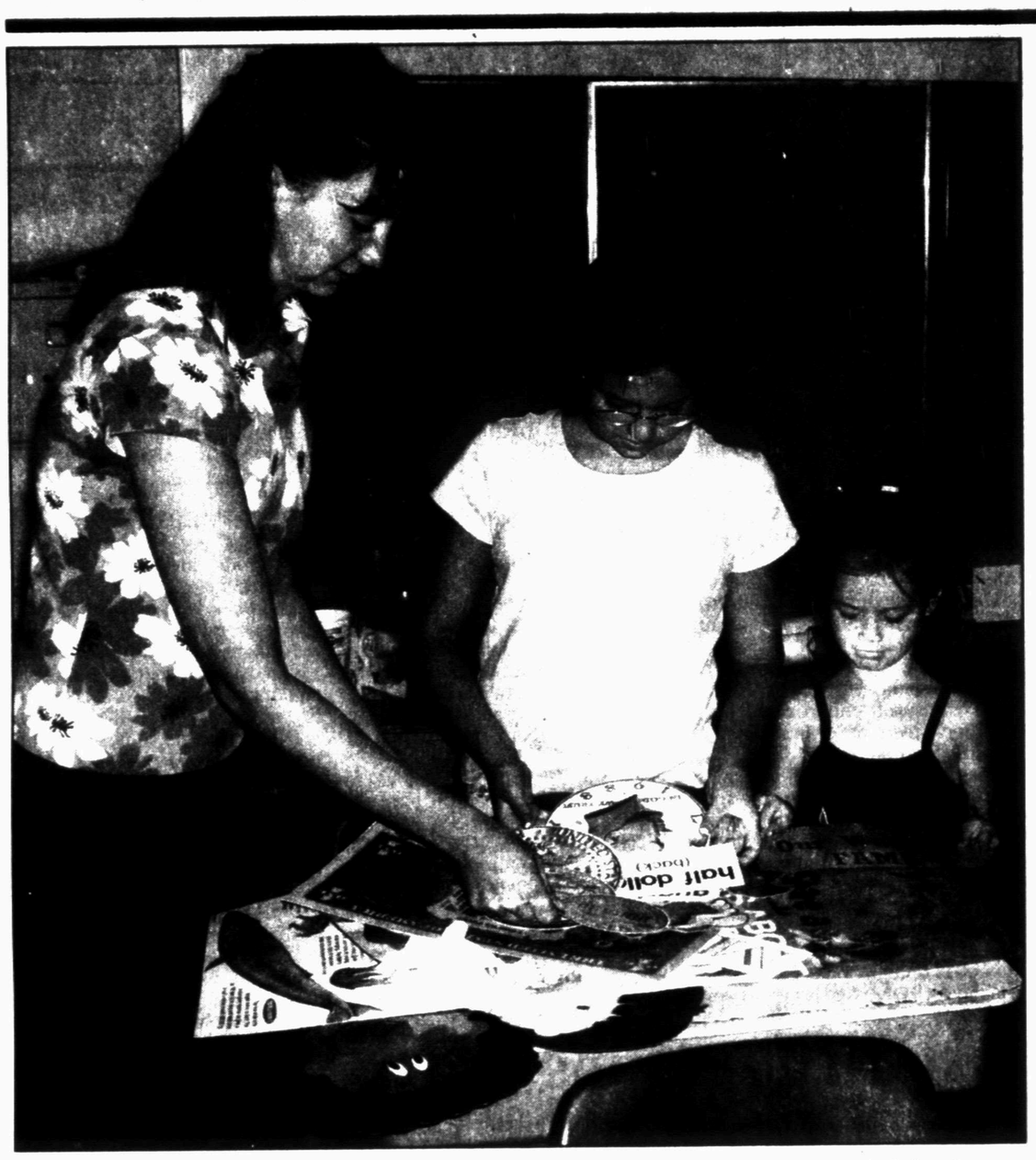
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HELPING MOM — Cindy Martini's daughters, Loryn, center, and Alyssa, are helping her get her classroom ready for the first day of class on Aug. 18. Cindy will teach fifth grade at Northeast Elementary. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Critics complain about delays in arming of American pilots

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer than 100 pilots have been trained to carry guns in the cockpit in the eight months since Congress approved the idea, and hundreds more are waiting, but pilots and members of Congress say the program is not moving fast enough.

Pilots say it's more important than ever to get weapons in the cockpit because the Transportation Security Administration froze hiring in the air marshal program in May and the government is warning al-Qaida may try more suicide hijackings.

"Between the air marshals and the federal flight deck officer force, we should cover a vast majority of the domestic flights," said Capt. Bob Lambert, president of the Airline Pilots' Security Alliance. "It just seems like we haven't learned very much from Sept. 11."

Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee on aviation., said he's angry that the TSA is moving at "a snail's pace."

"You can't imagine my frustration," he said. "This should be a quick orientation."

The first 44 pilots to complete the five-day weapons training program were designated "flight deck officers" on April 19 and began flying with weapons. The second class finished in July, and now classes are conducted weekly.

Hundreds more who have undergone background checks and psychological tests are lined up for the weapons training program in the fall, said TSA spokesman Robert Johnson.

TSA is already in trouble in Congress. Lawmakers say the agency, which has a $900 million shortfall, has grown too large, too fast, doesn't properly prioritize spending and is slow to respond to queries from Congress.

The TSA had opposed arming pilots, believing heightened security at airports, bulletproof cockpit doors and more vigilant passengers made it unnecessary. Critics also said adding weapons to airplanes was inherently dangerous.

Pilots lobbied Congress, arguing they could supplement the air marshals, who cover only a small percentage of the 35,000 daily flights in the United States.

TSA chief James Loy grudgingly endorsed the idea after it became apparent Congress would pass such a directive.

Under the program, pilots take a week of classes, weapons instruction and hand-to-hand combat drills at the TSA Law Enforcement Academy in Glynco, Ga. Background checks and psychological testing can take two months to complete.

Johnson said the TSA believes pilots must be submitted to the same kind of screening that other federal law enforcement officers go through before they're sworn in.

Mica calls the psychological testing "nonsense."

"It's been captured by the bureaucrats and they've run amok," Mica said of the program.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., a sponsor of the bill to arm pilots, charged the TSA is dragging its feet because it didn't want pilots to carry guns in the first place.

Mica is circulating a letter in Congress urging the TSA to turn over the program to the private sector. Pilots are lobbying to move it to another agency, preferably the FBI.

Public Records

Marriage License

James Claude Hanks of Irving and Tamara June Cox of Snyder.

Daniel Gutierrez and Lori Daniell Hollis, both of Snyder.

Jason Chance Brown and Misty Dawn Wilson, both of Snyder.

Taylor Hollingsworth of Grand Prairie and Alesha Lynn Miller of Hermleigh.

Filed in District Court

Cloyce Talbott vs. Stephen J. DeGroat, suit on note.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Ramon Luna Herrera and Pamela Renee Herrera, divorce granted.

Jackie North vs. Dr. Richard Hults, Dr. Rowley, Dr. Curran and Dr. Curti, change of venue to Mitchell County granted.

Deed Records

Rubiel Diaz to Cristina E. Escobar, all of Block 21 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Southern Electric Inc. to Primer Igelsia Bautista, the south 60 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3 in Block 14 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

Elouise Lambert to Kenneth W. and Kathye G. Parker, Lot 3 in Block 41 of the Winston Replat of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Kenneth W. and Kathye G. Parker to Melvin and Becky Lewis, 18.454 acres in the west one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 250, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Bennie G. Denton to Teresa Graves, tract one being a 0.238-acre tract in Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being a 100x165-foot tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Roscoe Massingill to Ryan Paul Schoenenberger, Lot 30 of the 2nd Replat of Block 3, Section 1 of the Parkway Addition.

Keith L. and Temi Matthies to Kenneth and Pamela Turner, the east 42.8 feet of Lot 3 and the west 25.8 feet of Lot 4 in Block 2 of the Sunrise Addition No. 2.

Lee A. and Debra C. McNair to Rodney Glenn and Rebecca Powell Cottrell, the west one-half of Lot 1 in Block 44 of the Winston Replat of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Dawn I. Fish, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Walla D. Fish, to Trans Tex Tool & Rental, 2.0 acres in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Joe Zamora, the east 100 feet of the south 70 feet of Lot 2 in Block 37 of the Blankenship Addition.

John and Mary Hardin to Joe Richard and Vanessa Taylor, a 208.71x208.71-foot tract out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 94, Block 3, H&TC survey.

William Benton Bowlin to Verlene Bowlin, Lot 7 in Block 1 of the Parkview Addition, Section 1.

Jaycie Ann Wright to Robbin R. Nobles, Lot 2 in Block G of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Louise Engel Kirby to Diane Brunson, Lot 18 in Block K of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Donald and Lori P. Pavlovsky to Kevin D. and Tina Holt, the west 239 acres in Section 83, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Elga Stahl Chapman to Federico and Michelle Gonzales, Lot 4 and the west one-half of Lot 5 in Block 48 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

First Baptist Church of Snyder to Jerry Wayne and Darla Kay Tatom, the east 90 feet of the south 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 55 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Troy Lemoine Evans, independent executor of the estate of Opal A. Evans, to Hilario M. and Cinia D. Cabrera, Lot 18 in Block 2, Section 2 of the Replat of the south one-half of Block 2 in the Martin Addition.

Tracy Dennis to Carlton Dennis, the south 90 feet of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 6 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Wayne F. Bethel to Asburn Gale Branscum, Lot 16 in Block E of the Highland Park Addition.

Amy Carol Bollinger, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Linda Elaine Bollinger Killian, and Kevin Lee Bollinger, individually and trustee under the will of Lola Jane Bollinger, to Steve and Renee Moore, tract one being 18.23 acres in the north one-half of Section 245, Block 3, H&GC survey; tract two being 18.23 acres in the north one-half of Section 245, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract three being 18.232 acres in the north one-half of Section 245, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Fagan Inc. and LaWayne L. Fagan to Grimmett Bros. Inc., tract one being 159.2 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 98, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract two being 159.4 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 98, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract three being 160 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 97, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract four being 23.43 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 74, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract five being 136.47 acres out of the northeast part of Section 74, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Actress's home now torn down

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The curtain has come down on the childhood home of actress Dorothy McGuire.

The red brick house was torn down Wednesday to make room for a 60-unit student housing complex for the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Don Leuenberger, the medical center's vice chancellor for business and finance, said it would have been too expensive to try to preserve the McGuire house and build around it.

Bricks from the house will be used to create a memorial to McGuire at the site, he said. The actress died two years ago at age 85.

McGuire was born in Omaha and grew up in the house in the heart of the city. Her films included "Gentleman's Agreement," co-starring Gregory Peck, and "Friendly Persuasion," co-starring Gary Cooper.

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