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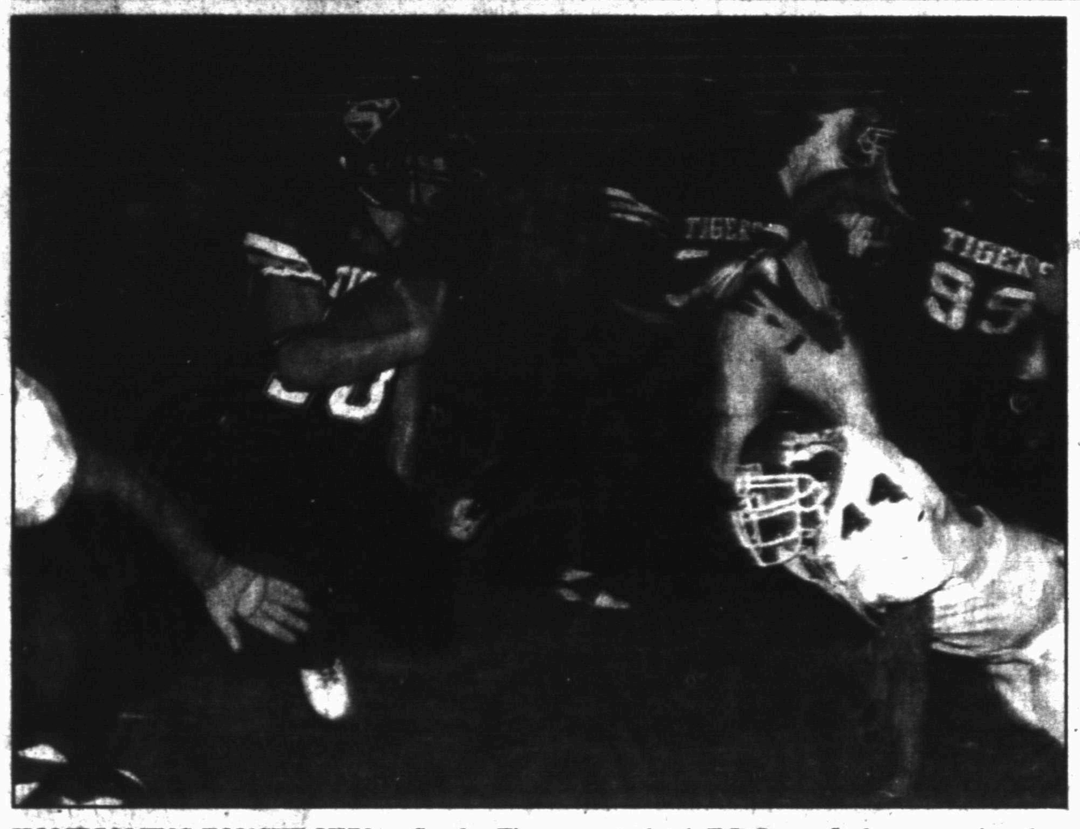

HOMECOMING TOUCHDOWN — Snyder Tiger quarterback T.J. Jones finds an opening during the Tigers' opening drive Friday night to score the first touchdown on the way to Snyder's 27-13 homecoming win over Fort Stockton. (SDN Staff Photo by Brian Brisendine)

HOMECOMING QUEEN — Snyder High senior Ira Gonzales receives a congratulatory kiss from her dad, Tom, after being crowned 2002 Homecoming Queen during halftime Friday night. (SDN Staff Photo by Brian Brisendine)

Watch your step! Rattlers on the move

Scurry County's rattlesnake population is making itself known in Snyder.

Numerous reports of the slithering reptiles finding their way into residents' yards and onto their porches have been made to local law enforcement officers over the past few weeks.

Snyder animal control officer Hope Carrillo said this summer's rains might have helped the number of snakes to rise.

"It's really not that unusual for these snakes to be on the move during this time of year," she said. "People just need to be on the lookout for them."

Carrillo said the best defense against snake bites is common sense and that people should wear appropriate clothing when outdoors.

"If you're going to work in the yard or walk off the pavement be sure to wear closed-toe shoes and long pants," she said. "If the snake is small enough, a closed-toe shoe will stop its fangs from getting you. And just look before you step and listen too."

Police Lt. Jerry Parker reiterated that statement.

"Watch the ground when you're walking around and don't reach into places you can't see," he said. "This is the time of year when snakes are on the move and they're making their way back to their dens. Just be smart."

Anyone bitten by a rattlesnake should seek professional medical assistance immediately, according to Snyder EMS technician Penny Roberson.

"The best thing to do is call 9-1-1 as soon as possible," she said. "If you can't call, get yourself to the hospital immediately."

Roberson said there are many wives tales about treating a snakebite, but few if any of them are true.

"We don't want you to cut the bite and suck out the venom or apply a tourniquet or even apply an ice pack," she said. "Most of the time, these remedies end up doing more damage than good.

"The most important thing is to remain calm," Roberson continued. "Keep the affected area lower than the heart. You can put something cool on the bite, but don't apply ice or an ice pack directly to the skin."

Roberson said modern antivenins are "very effective" at counteracting the poisons in snake venom and do less damage than other remedies.

"Also, if they can find the snake that bit them and kill it without injuring themselves, it's beneficial to be able to positively identify the animal," she said. "Put the dead snake in a container and bring it with you or call the sheriff's office and let them identify it."

Roberson said Snyder EMS has responded to no snakebites this summer.

Scurry County Game Warden Mel Reed confirmed that the snakes are preparing for winter, but said an increase in their population is hard to prove.

"Whether or not there are more snakes out there this year is hard to tell," he said. "Nobody does a rattlesnake census. But what's happening now is the snakes are preparing for winter and moving back to their dens."

Reed said more snakes are being seen because they are moving out of the grass and vegetation to warm themselves on hot pavement and concrete.

"Rattlesnakes just kind of go wherever they want to go," he said. "It's like herding cats."

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You have to wonder why trying to lead a simple life is so dang complicated."

We just found our dream job, but ole what's-her-name refused to help update our resume.

We just learned that there is a rush for the position, a spot with Fortnum and Masoni.

Although it sounds like a law firm, the cushy job is chief chocolate taster.

The upscale grocery store is looking for a chocolate buyer to replace a gal who's been on the payroll for 13 years. The firm is seeking an individual with the right skills to take over. The job pays $55,000 a year and requires lots of travel — and tasting.

We figured that anybody who goes around eating chocolate all week would have to have a month off each year — for liposuction surgery.

Ain't so however, as the person who leaving the job only weighs 112 pounds. Maybe the lady is on what could be a new fad diet — eating chocolate only. The retiring chocolate taster also is a good salesperson — she claims that she tastes only real chocolate and that real chocolate isn't fattening.

Next time you get your hand spanked for indulging, just explain that it's the real thing.

The successful applicant will be expected to travel the world to hunt for the finest chocolate makers and taste the product before deciding which creations are good enough for the customers of the grocery firm.

Our roommate refuses to update our 1968 resume because she claims we don't meet the qualifications listed under the heading, "Best Job in the World."

She claims we wouldn't know good chocolate from bad chocolate. She may be right. We might even try chicken if it were covered in chocolate.

Now we know what's wrong with the economy – not enough folks are producing at work.

Too many of 'em are playing games on the computer.

While tapping into the Internet recently, we noticed that our search engine home page claimed that at the current time (7:30 a.m. Monday) 59,695 people were playing various games on the computer.

And some of 'em were likely having chocolate while honing their blackjack skills.

Attempted sexual assault

A 27-year-old Snyder man was being questioned Saturday by Snyder police in a burglary of a habitation with the intent to commit sexual assault case that occurred in the 3400 block of Irving.

Dispatchers received a 911 call at 4:59 a.m. Saturday from a woman stating a Hispanic man had tried to sexually assault her in her bedroom.

A suspect, who was intoxicated, was taken into custody in the 3500 block of Irving less than an hour later.

Sgt. Ward said the woman managed to fight off her assailant long enough to get free and call 911. Sgt. Ward said the woman was not injured.

For athletic teams...

Buses on college agenda

Western Texas College board of trustees will convene at noon Monday for a called session to take action concerning buses to transport its baseball and softball teams.

The college issued a request for bids for vehicles earlier this month and one of the action items on Monday's agenda is to reject all three bids received.

None of the bids met the college's requirements for price or vehicle quality.

The board also is expected to waive the bid process for the vehicles, allowing Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services, to shop for and purchase either one or two used mini-buses.

Mini-buses have a seating capacity of 27-29 passengers while regular charter buses can seat up to 50 people and usually include a bathroom.

Other items included on Monday's agenda include an inter-local agreement with Scurry County.

The board was presented with a tentative agreement at its last meeting. WTC will allow county employees to use health and fitness facilities free of charge and offer discounts at its golf course in exchange for dirt work and other services from the county.

Also on the agenda is consideration of an outreach program at Northeast Elementary.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said WTC hopes to offer college-credit night courses at the Snyder ISD campus.

Buffalo festival will gain flower show

A number of events will be held in conjunction with the White Buffalo Festival Oct. 11-12, including the Snyder Garden Club's annual flower show.

The public is invited to enter container grown plants, flower cutting, shrubs and trees and the design division as was the tradition at the county fair. There is no charge to enter.

"We need the public to help make this a really great show," said Sandra Browning, chairman.

Entries will be taken Oct. 10 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rules for entries include containers being clean and the plants free of insects and damaged areas of the plants trimmed off.

Anyone interested in entering the design division (arrangements) for the first time may enter under the novice category and will not compete against members of the garden club.

This show's titles of designs are "United We Stand" which is a two-part stretch design, "Freedom of Religion" which is a still life design, "Holiday Celebrations" that can be any holiday, and "Texas Our Texas" that can be any type design. They are to be made with fresh flowers, fresh greenery or real dried plant material and/or decorative woods.

No artificial flowers or fruits or other materials are allowed.

Questions on entering any phase of the show may be made by calling Browning at 573-7277.

Judging will take place Oct. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. by nationally accredited flower show judges from District VIII Garden Clubs.

The show will be open for viewing at 4 p.m. Friday until 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

County has brief agenda

Scurry County commissioners' court will face only two agenda items when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

The only item of new business is a resolution proclaiming October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Tuesday as Breast Cancer Awareness Day.

In old business, the court is to hear a report from County Treasurer Nelda Colvin regarding the request by several Cogdell Hospital employees to have retirement credit reinstated for early years of service.

Colvin said eight or nine employees have requested the action.

Any line-item transfers and budget amendments presented also will be considered.

The meeting will be held in the county courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse.

ASK US

Q-What are the dates for this year's State Fair of Texas?
A-It started Friday and continues until Sunday, Oct. 20

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 92 degrees; low, 54; 7 a.m. Saturday, 62; no precipitation; total for 2002, 16.30 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear; low mid 60s; SE winds 5-15 mph. Sunday, sunny, high around 90; S winds 10-20 mph. Sunday night, mostly clear; low mid 60s.

Kristal Gomez
Sunny

Sunset:
7:33 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:36 a.m.
Of 270 days in 2002, the sun has shone 263 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

We cannot truly face life until we face the fact that it will be taken away from us.
—Billy Graham

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Local 4-H girls win at fashion follies

Four Scurry County Youth participated in the 4-H Fashion Follies at Panhandle South Plains Fair.

Annie Stribling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stribling of Fluvanna, placed third in the Junior Constructed Dressy Division with a dress and jacket. This was Stribling's first sewing project.

Ashleigh Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jenkins of Snyder, placed third in the Junior Dressy Division with a two-piece purchased garment. This was Jenkins' first comparison shopping project.

Danielle Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Phillips, placed first in the Junior Specialty Buying Division with a pair of pajamas. This was Phillips' first clothing project.

Whitney Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jenkins, participated in the Junior II Buying Specialty Division. This was Jenkins' first year in the clothing project.

4-H FASHION FOLLIES — Four Scurry County youth participated in a 4-H Fashion Follies held at the Panhandle South Plains Fair. Participants include Annie Stribling, Ashleigh Jenkins, Danielle Phillips and Whitney Jenkins. (Contributed Photo)

Two named to honors lists at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK — The following Snyder and area students have been named to an Honors List at Texas Tech University.

Katye Rue Draughon was named to the Dean's List. She is a senior majoring in human development and family studies.

Joni LaNell Jones has been named to the President's List. She is a senior majoring in human development and family studies.

KEY TO THE KINGDOM
The Lessons of the Book of Revelations
IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY
A Horse for a defense
Cox Cable TV Channel 2
Monday, Sept. 30, 7:00 pm

Lindh's lawyers, government differ over value of his info

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — John Walker Lindh, expected to receive a 20-year prison term next week, could be a valuable U.S. asset while incarcerated for his time as a Taliban soldier, says a report submitted by his lawyers.

Prosecutors responded Friday that Lindh's value to the government remains unclear.

The defense and prosecutors agreed in separate court motions that Lindh has been cooperating with interrogators, and both sides asked a judge to approve a plea agreement announced in July.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III will sentence the 21-year-old Californian on Oct. 4. Lindh pleaded guilty to carrying explosives during commission of a felony and supplying services to the Taliban and, under the agreement, would receive a 10-year sentence on each count.

In return for his cooperation, the government dropped charges that Lindh conspired to murder U.S. nationals and supplied services to al-Qaida.

The defense based its findings on a report by Rohan Gunaratna, a senior research fellow at the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. Gunaratna said he interviewed Lindh for eight hours on July 25 and July 26.

"Mr. Lindh was never a member of al-Qaida and he neither participated in or desired to join in any al-Qaida activities," Gunaratna concluded in a report submitted by Lindh's lawyers. "Mr. Lindh has never been a terrorist and he does not fit into the profile of a terrorist."

He contended that government agencies could benefit immensely from information Lindh is providing about Islam and his understanding of factors and conditions that spawn Islamic extremism.

"If properly utilized, Mr. Lindh's knowledge could be used to counter al-Qaida's ideology, thus weakening its widespread appeal, recruitment and support," the report said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Bellows said the government agrees that Lindh has been cooperative but added that U.S. officials "cannot at this point in time make a definitive and final assessment of Lindh's candor, because the principal debriefings of Lindh are not yet complete."

He added that the Taliban "provided protection and sanctuary to al-Qaida" and Lindh's conduct "aided al-Qaida in its despicable mission of reigning terror."

Answers sought for drivers who have medical cinditions

PITTSBURGH (AP) — For decades, lawmakers have grappled with how to license drivers who have epilepsy or other serious medical conditions while keeping them and their fellow motorists safe behind the wheel.

Now, after a pair of high-profile fatal accidents — one in Pennsylvania, another in Maryland — some policy makers are urging that legal changes be made.

Compared to alcohol-related accidents, those caused by people who have seizures while driving are considered rare, experts said. Fewer than 90 fatal automobile accidents are linked to seizures annually, according to Gregory Krauss, a professor of neurology at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

And there are a lot of drivers in the United States with epilepsy — about 1 million of the 2.3 million people in the country who have the condition drive, experts said. In recent decades, new medications have allowed more epileptics the freedom to drive by repressing seizures.

Pennsylvania requires doctors to tell the state about patients with conditions that would make it unsafe for them to drive, but it is one of only five states with such a requirement.

In other states, doctors are not held to such a standard, and licensing organizations rely on drivers to acknowledge if they have a condition which could lead to blackouts.

But even in states like Pennsylvania, there is no guarantee a patient will tell his or her doctor about past seizures.

On Wednesday, Allegheny County police refiled charges against Jack Monroe Smith, 51, a traveling salesman who authorities say blacked out behind the wheel Oct. 18, 2000, slamming into another car and killing a pregnant woman and her mother.

Prosecutors believe Smith failed to tell doctors of several other accidents he had while seeking to regain his driving privileges before the fatal crash. Police said they were aware that Smith had blacked out at least twice while driving and believe there may have been other incidents as well.

A doctor who examined Smith said he may be prone to epileptic seizures. But he was still allowed to drive.

"The doctor has to rely somewhat on what the patient tells him. It's our position that in this case, Mr. Smith misled his doctors," Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala Jr. said Wednesday.

Requiring epileptics to report seizures to the state could result in fewer patients going to doctors to seek help.

Jessica Mills in SFA play

NACOGDOCHES — Jessica Mills, a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School, will star in the upcoming production of *Ghosts* at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Mills, a senior theatre major, will play the role of Mrs. Alving.

She is the daughter of Kent and Deanie Mills of Hermleigh.

Mills studied theatre at the Rose Bruford College in London last year and performed in the productions of *Terra Nova*, *Moon Over Buffalo* and *Summer and Smoke* at SFA.

The production of *Ghosts* will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

The three-act drama is directed by Rick Jones, SFA assistant professor of theatre.

Parker gets Army medal

Army 1st Lt. Matthew Parker has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal, awarded to individuals who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, have distinguished themselves by acts of heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service.

Parker earned the award while serving as a platoon leader assigned to the 1st Battalion, 501st Aviation in Hanau, Germany. He is the son of Bill C. and Barbara Parker of Snyder.

The lieutenant graduated from Snyder High School in 1996, and received a bachelor's degree in 2000 from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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Estimated jackpot: $200,000
(fifteen, sixteen, twenty-two, thirty, twenty-two)
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(Day) 4-1-9
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WIN AWARDS – Bailey Nickerson, left, and Lacie Thompson, recently won awards at stock shows. Nickerson earned junior showmanship honors at the South Plains Fair. Thompson won senior showmanship and also exhibited the champion cross-breed lamb at the Jones County Fair. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Protective shields will be installed around police car gas tanks

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Some 350,000 police cars across the country will be retrofitted to make their gas tanks less likely to explode, although critics said the fixes haven't been independently tested and civilian owners of the same model cars won't get the free changes.

Ford Motor Co. agreed Friday to pay for the installation of shields around the gas tanks on police-issued Crown Victorias to reduce the chances that the vehicles burst into flames in high-speed, rear-end crashes.

While pleased that Ford agreed to make the modifications, the families of some victims said independent testing on the fix should be done. At least a dozen officers have been killed in rear-end crashes.

"We welcome Ford's efforts, but the consequences of an ineffective solution to this problem can be fatal. We cannot risk that," said Ann Marie Nielsen. Her husband Robert Nielsen, a police officer in Chandler, Ariz., was killed on June 12 after his patrol car collided with another car and burst into flames.

Joan Claybrook, president of the consumer group Public Citizen, said she would like to see more testing of the shields, particularly by an agency or group not funded by Ford.

"There needs to be an independent crash test," said Claybrook, a former administrator at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "This is a complicated fix, and I just want to be sure this works."

She also expressed concern that Ford was not adding shields to consumer versions of the car.

Ford officials insisted Friday the Crown Victoria is a safe car, and modifications to the consumer version are unnecessary because most drivers don't summit their cars to the pressures that police officers do.

Sue Cischke, vice president of safety engineering for Ford, said the automaker was responding to concerns raised by police nationwide, but the car still has a strong safety record.

"We're trying to make a safe car safer," Cischke said.

Shields made of plastic, rubber and aluminum will be installed on the rear axle, the differential and underneath the gas tanks of patrol cars to reduce the chances of the gas tank being punctured.

Cischke would not say how much the modifications will cost. But a state government official speaking on condition of anonymity said it would cost about $50 million to retrofit the 350,000 Crown Victorias used by police departments nationwide — approximately 80 percent of police cars on the road in the United States.

"This is a significant step forward in the safety of the Crown Victoria," said Arizona Attorney General Janet Napolitano.

Senior Center News

Tuesday and Wednesday senior citizens are asked to vote in the Advisory Board election from 9-noon. Senior citizens will choose two representatives for the policymaking board. Voters must be Scurry County residents age sixty years or older.

The senior center has a small staff and it is only because of an army of volunteers that we are able to offer the many activities and services that we have available. We have volunteers that deliver meals, serve the noon meal, organize games, and help with quilting projects.

The Meals on Wheels program requires 15 volunteers, five being drivers of the vans. We have become aware that some seniors have not volunteered because they are over seventy and believe we would not be able to cover them with insurance.

Yes, we do have insurance that covers volunteer drivers over seventy, so please phone if you would like to help. There is an open invitation to all citizens who would like to help us serve our community. If you enjoy serving others, please phone the center at 573-4035 or visit our facility at 2603 Avenue M.

The computer schedule is available at the center. Seniors may register at the center Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The schedule includes October, November and December classes at WTC and the Senior Center. For further information phone the center at 573-4035.

Transportation is available Monday-Friday during the morning hours. The driver picks up seniors at their homes from 8:30-9:30 a.m. They remain at the center until after the noon meal and are returned to their homes. Seniors may register in the office for this service. Seniors needing transportation for errands such as therapy, doctor's appointments, or other necessities, should phone the center a day in advance of the needed service.

MONDAY

Party bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues until noon. The daily exercise class begins at 11 a.m. and eighty-eight begins at 1 p.m. The eighty-eight room is located in the quilting area.

TUESDAY

Seniors may participate in eighty-eight from 10 a.m.-noon at the center or enjoy swimnastics at Western Texas College 10-11. The Mesquite Country Women's Writers Guild will meet from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. in the bridge room. Join Juanita Ellington for mild exercise at 11 a.m.

The Aubrey Wilson Band will entertain in the dining room from 11 a.m.-noon. Newcomers and visitors are welcome to join the Golden K Kiwanis for lunch and the meeting at noon in the conference room at the center.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies pool begins at 9 a.m. We have a volunteer available to help newcomers learn the game. Don't miss daily exercise at 11 a.m. It is a mild twenty-minute flexing and stretching program. Beginning at 1 p.m. seniors may line dance and clog in the dining room. Pinochle will also begin at 1 p.m. in the quilting area. Pinochle is a fun game and easy to learn. Newcomers are welcome.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class meets in the bridge room 9 a.m.-noon, the Sunshine Choir will practice at 10 a.m. in the dining room and seniors may exercise at 11. Seniors may participate in swimnastics at WTC from 10-11 a.m

FRIDAY

Bridge and the blood pressure clinic both begin at 9:30 a.m. Eighty-eight begins at 11 a.m.

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The state flower of Texas is the bluebonnet.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Goulash
Golden Carrots
Tossed Salad
Oatmeal/Raisin Cookies
Garlic Toast
TUESDAY
Chicken Strips w/Gravy
French Fries
Green Beans
Heavenly Hash
Brownie
WEDNESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Baked Potato
Whole Kernel Corn
Carrot Raisin Salad
Jell-O Cake
THURSDAY
Tuna Noodle Casserole
English Peas
Fried Squash
Tossed Salad
Pineapple Upside/Down Cake
FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Macaroni & Tomatoes
Creamy Slaw
Hush Puppies
Chocolate Pudding

Government warns of Yemen flight risk for suspects

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The U.S. lacks an extradition treaty with Yemen, one reason why the six men suspected of belonging to a terror cell in western New York should be denied bail, according to prosecutors.

"Given that the defendants have strong familial ties to Yemen, the defendants are provided an easy opportunity and incentive to go where they are free of the jurisdiction of this court," U.S. Attorney Michael Battle said in court papers Friday.

Two other suspected cell members, identified as Jaber Elbaneh and Kamal Derwish, are believed to be in hiding in Yemen. Authorities say they believe Derwish is the ringleader.

In separate documents, defense lawyers argued that the men pose no danger or flight risk, with families in Lackawanna, five miles south of Buffalo, willing to pledge property to guarantee their presence at trial.

The six, all U.S. citizens of Yemeni descent in their 20s, lived just blocks from each other in Lackawanna. They were arrested on Sep. 13, suspected of being part of a hidden terrorist cell.

The detainees deny alleged al-Qaida membership. U.S. Magistrate H. Kenneth Schroeder Jr. said he would make his decision on bail by Thursday.

All six, who are Muslims, say they went to Pakistan in the spring of 2001 to pursue religious training.

However, Sahim Alwan, 29, and Mukhtar al-Bakri, 22, said the six also attended a military training camp in Afghanistan run by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, according to their lawyers. Both gave statements to the FBI, the basis for the federal charges of supporting a foreign terrorist organization.

But attorneys for Faysal Galab, 26, Yasein Taher, 24, Shafel Mosed, 24, and Yahya Goba, 25, dispute that their clients ever went to Afghanistan and dispute the other men's credibility.

According to prosecutors, Osama bin Laden declared at the camp, a few months before the Sept. 11 attacks, that there "is going to be a fight against Americans." Also, they say that "al-Bakri acknowledged to the FBI that, when he was at the camp, he was a member of al-Qaida."

John Molloy, al-Bakri's lawyer, said his client didn't accept any of what he was told in Afghanistan. "There was no showing in the government's proffer that Mr. Al-Bakri bought into any of the propaganda or was willing or able to put any of the training offered into practice."

TFU wants House to act now

WACO — Texas Farmers Union (TFU) President Wes Sims, a farmer from Sweetwater, called on the U.S. House of Representatives to pass emergency legislation for farmers and ranchers hard hit by natural disasters in the past two crop years.

Citing an economic analysis by Dr. Daryll Ray, Institute of Agriculture at the University of Tennessee, Sims said that, "only twice since 1934 has net farm income been this bad," and this is only the forecast. I believe the situation could be even worse than the Aug. 20 USDA report, especially for farmers and ranchers already in two years in a row of natural disasters."

This week, Reps. Cubin, R-Wyo., and Pomeroy, D-N.D., offered legislation which mirrors a bipartisan amendment passed by the Senate by a vote of 79-16. "We must convince the House and President Bush to support this extremely important legislation because rural America does not have the time nor the luxury for a recess until this bill is passed," Sims added.

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Man freed by DNA

DALLAS (AP) — A North Texas man was released from jail on Friday after DNA tests proved he did not rape a pregnant woman on her way to a bus stop nearly 16 years ago.

Wiley Fountain was convicted and sentenced to 40 years in prison for the abduction and rape of a South Dallas woman in 1986. Fountain maintained his innocence from the time he was arrested through the 15 years he served in prison.

Ten years after an appeals court upheld his conviction, the 46-year-old roofer asked the trial court for a DNA comparison to clear his name in 2000.

The first court-ordered test showed that his genetic profile didn't match that taken from a rape kit. When a second test confirmed those results, state District Judge Vickers Cunningham granted Fountain a no-cash bond Friday.

Today's chuckle

Walking Naked gets results

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (AP) — Four years after Mayor Jim Whitaker walked his dog Naked through town to raise money for the city's Paws-itive Partners animal shelter, the publicity stunt is still reaping rewards.

The North Platte mayor raised a lot of eyebrows and some criticism in 1998 when he pledged to walk Naked if $5,000 was raised for the new animal shelter.

He soon after made it known that Naked was a dog.

Remembering the publicity stunt, a retired Bethlehem, Pa., couple has willed their personal property and any insurance to the animal shelter upon their deaths, which could add up to more than $400,000.

"We hope to still be around awhile, but when we both go they will get everything," said Marie Spivack.

She and her husband, Marvin, made a donation to the animal shelter and have made several more since. The mayor ended up getting the attention of animal lovers nationwide and raised $9,000.

The Spivacks are not strangers to North Platte. Marvin was one of the thousands of soldiers who passed through the community on a troop train during World War II.

"We think the world of the people in North Platte," Marie Spivack said. "We also love animals so much so we thought this would be a perfect gift.

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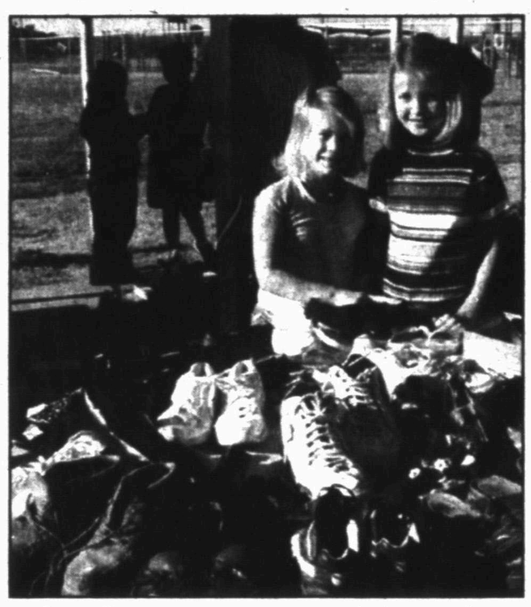
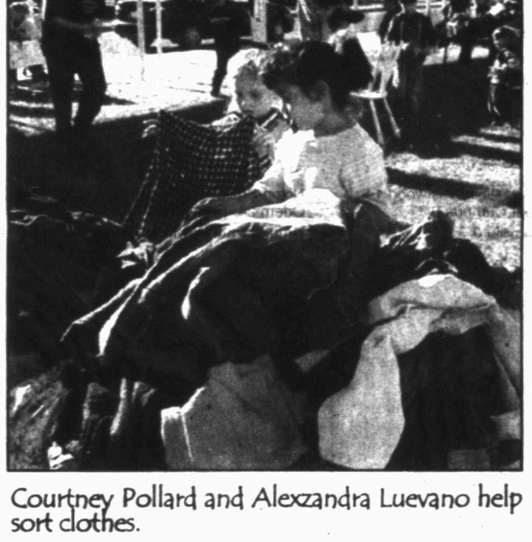
Needs of the community

Kolby Burleson and Carson Edmonds look over a box of toys.



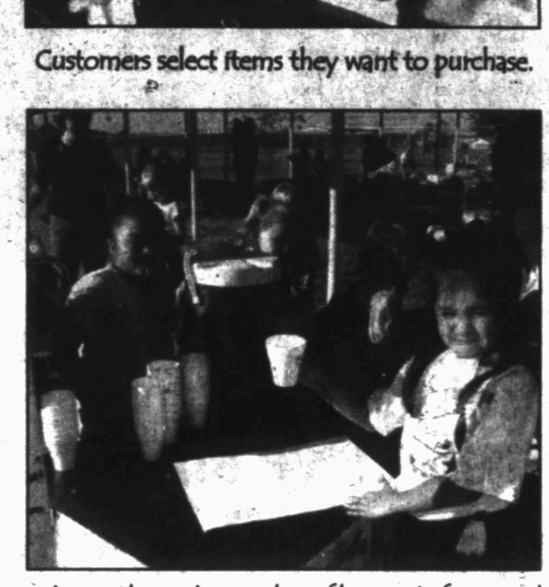
Kylie Bell and Megan Murdock help sort shoes.



Courtney Pollard and Alexzandra Luevano help sort clothes.

Stanfield garage sale

Customers select items they want to purchase.



Rebecca Alarcon buys a glass of lemonade from April Belman.

Theresa Stephen's students sold lemonade.

Stanfield Elementary School second graders recently completed their study of needs of the community. As a way to raise money, second graders held a garage sale. First graders sold lemonade. Needs of the community is a Powerful Learning project. This is Stanfield's second year of a three-year Accelerated Schools Grant.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Financial Focus

Annuities Can Help Build Retirement Savings

If you're already contributing to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, that's great. But you may need to sock away even more — and one way of doing that is by investing in an annuity.

Annuities offer a variety of benefits, including the following:

Tax-deferred growth of earnings — When you invest in a deferred annuity, you pay no taxes on your earnings until withdrawal, so your money will grow faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. However, if you make withdrawals before you reach age 59-1/2, you may have to pay a 10 percent early withdrawal penalty, plus an additional sales charge.

High contribution limits — You can basically invest almost any amount into an annuity, although some restrictions do apply. So, if you've already "maxed out" on your 401(k) or IRA, and you still want to put substantially more money into a retirement-savings vehicle, then you might want to look closely at an annuity.

Variety of payout options — An annuity can provide you with an income stream you can't outlive. But you also can decide to accept payments for a certain period of time, such as 10, 15 or 20 years. If you were to die before that period was over, your beneficiary would receive the payouts for the remainder of those years. And some annuity contracts even offer payout options that cover two lifetimes, so that when you die, your spouse can still collect income for the duration of his or her life.

Deferred annuities may be either **fixed** or **variable**. When you purchase a fixed annuity, you receive a guaranteed interest rate during the "accumulation" phase — the time in which you pay money into the annuity. You can only purchase a fixed annuity with a one-time lump sum. Although you cannot continue to add money to a fixed annuity contract, you can purchase additional fixed contracts. You also will receive a fixed payment amount when it's time to start making withdrawals.

When you buy a fixed annuity, make sure you're getting one from an insurance company that's received high safety and stability rankings from the independent rating agencies. This is essential, because annuity guarantees are backed by the claims-paying abilities of the insurer — not by the investment performance or safety of the underlying portfolio.

If you want some growth potential, you may be interested in a variable annuity, which can offer a variety of investment options, including pools of stocks or bonds, or a mixture of both. When you start taking withdrawals from a variable annuity, you can either receive a fixed payout, a variable payout or a combination of the two. If you choose a variable payout, the amount of each payment is based on the performance of your investments. Keep in mind, though, that any withdrawals you make before age 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10 percent penalty, along with a possible deferred sales charge.

When you purchase a variable annuity, you will incur some risk, as the value of the stocks, bonds or other vehicles within the annuity fluctuates over time. You could end up receiving less than your original investment.

Ultimately, the type of annuity you choose will depend on your individual needs, goals, diversification requirements and tolerance for risk. You may even want to own a combination of fixed and variable annuities. In any case, at least consider annuities — they can make your retirement years much more enjoyable.

Isidore exposes potential weaknesses

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — As the floodwaters from Tropical Storm Isidore began to recede, Louisiana officials and residents said the storm revealed some crucial problems in the state's preparedness that could grow worse in a hurricane.

Isidore, once predicted to become a hurricane more severe than anything Louisiana had seen in years, proved far less powerful, but still flooded evacuation routes from New Orleans and parishes along the Mississippi River.

This time losing the highways was an inconvenience. Louisiana officials know that unless they fix the roads, next time it could be a catastrophe.

"This is totally unacceptable," said state Sen. Francis Heitmeier, chairman of the Senate transportation committee. "We cannot have a situation in New Orleans where a crucial hurricane evacuation route is impassable. What would have happened if this had been a major storm?"

The storm exposed other flaws in Louisiana's disaster preparedness as well. Agencies quarreled over who should respond to a near breach of a levee, and the lone highway leading to the center of Louisiana's oil and gas industry was under water.

"It's a good thing that we found this out now with a tropical storm," Marsanne Golsby, spokeswoman for Gov. Mike Foster, said Friday. "We hope this wasn't a dress rehearsal for a big storm, but it very well could have been. We have the opportunity now to address the situation before it becomes a real emergency."

Isidore dumped more than 20 inches of rain in some areas as it flooded hundreds of homes, businesses and cars throughout southeastern Louisiana. Damages were estimated to be at least $18 million.

In Mississippi, Federal Emergency Management Agency director Joe Allbaugh complimented the state's storm preparedness, Gov. Ronnie Musgrove said Friday.

"The results show it," Musgrove said by telephone.

In Louisiana, a stretch of Interstate 10 that dips below a railroad track leading out of New Orleans filled up like a bowl, stranding motorists. Foster ordered a review of the situation from the state Department of Transportation by Wednesday.

Foster said a $60 million construction project on the interstate includes new pumps to remove water, but that project won't be finished for more than a year.

"If we're not going to be able to use that as an official evacuation route, then we need to know that now," Golsby said.

Backup routes for I-10 include Highway 61, which runs north from New Orleans along the Mississippi River. That highway flooded, too; northbound motorists were blocked by a sandbag wall near St. Charles Parish, where water covered the road.

Tab Troxler, the parish's emergency preparedness director, said that although the storm was not bad enough to require evacuations, the parish will be in a dangerous situation if an another emergency occurs before floodwaters recede.

"If we have an industrial problem or some other thing we need to evacuate, the storm already put the route underwater," Troxler said.

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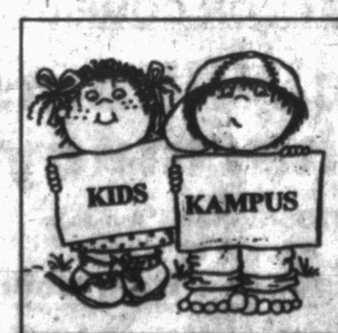

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North Mesquite 49, Rowlett 14
Odessa 46, San Angelo Central 0
Odessa Permian 24, Lubbock Monterey 6
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EP Irvin 20, EP Jefferson 0
EP Parkland 24, Clint 21
EP Riverside 35, Fabens 0
EP Ysleta 40, San Elizario 7
Fredericksburg 39, SA Harlandale 14
FW Eastern Hills 15, Seagoville 12
FW Western Hills 56, FW Arlington Heights 37
Greenville 31, Lancaster 14
Gregory-Portland 29, Alice 0
Hallsville 30, Whitehouse 0
Harlingen South 14, Brownsville Porter 11
Henderson 28, Tyler Chapel Hill 13
Highland Park 45, Richardson Pearce 21
Houston Davis 41, Houston Jones 20
Houston Kashmere 32, Houston Furr 13
Houston King 21, New Caney 20
Houston Sterling 45, Houston Waltrip 10
Jacksonville 49, Huntsville 14
Justin Northwest 14, Richland 6
Kerrville Tivy 49, Southside 0
Killeen 34, Killeen Shoemaker 21
Killeen Harker Heights 35, Killeen Ellison 6
Kingsville 35, Robstown 21
La Marque 22, Waller 14
Lampasas 28, Marble Falls 17
Levelland 29, Lubbock 28
Lewisville Hebron 48, Birdville 7
Livingston 38, Center 21
Longview Pine Tree 14, Gilmer 7
Los Fresnos 49, Mercedes 14
Mabank 33, Canton 0
Midlothian 42, McKinney North 27
Mineral Wells 24, FW South Hills 21
Mount Pleasant 17, Sulphur Springs Springs 14
New Braunfels 23, Bastrop 15
New Braunfels Canyon 24, Lockhart 3
Palestine 13, White Oak 0
Pampa 32, Amarillo Randall 21
Paris 50, Dallas Hillcrest 18
Pflugerville Connally 28, Taylor 11
Plainview 24, Dumas 18
Pleasanton 48, Crystal City 0
Port Neches-Groves 37, LC-Mauriceville 0
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CLASS 3A

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Bridge City 35, Hamshire-Fannett 32
Bullard 38, Kemp 0
Burnet 27, Marlin 21
Cameron 18, Giddings 14
Carrizo Springs 28, Charlotte 21
Celina 28, Lake Dallas 7
Childress 36, Amarillo Caprock 0
China Spring 28, Waco Connally 27
Coldspring 35, Cleveland 12
Columbus 18, Brookshire Royal 0
Commerce 61, Princeton 3
Community 28, Royse City 0
Cotulla 7, Natalia 0
Daingerfield 10, Lindale 3
Dallas Madison 54, FW North Side 7
Decatur 37, Springtown 28
Denver City 30, Kermit 13
Edna 28, Van Vleck 13
Emory Rains 42, Hawkins 20
Eustace 18, Malakoff 7
Fairfield 48, Groesbeck 7
Ferris 28, Kaufman 24
Forney 22, Crandall 0
FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 52, Godley 7
Gainesville 38, Bridgeport 14
Glen Rose 42, FW Castleberry 41
Goliad 14, Hallettsville Sacred Heart 7
Gonzales 54, Austin Johnston 0
Graham 44, WF Hirschi 22
Hallettsville 36, Calhoun 30
Hardin 22, Hardin-Jefferson 19
Hillsboro 31, Gatesville 28
Hondo 18, SA Holy Cross 7
Ingram 16, Devine 8
Iowa Park 37, Denton Liberty 14
Kennedale 42, Everman 33
Kirbyville 32, Beaumont Kelly 6
La Feria 15, Hidalgo 13
La Grange 22, Hempstead 2
La Vernia 38, Jourdanton 0
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Waco LaVega 24, West 6
Whitesboro 14, Callisburg 3
Wills Point 54, Dallas Wilson 17
Wilmer-Hutchins 51, Dallas Pinkston 0
Winnsboro 19, Gladewater 7
Woodville 27, Garrison 19
Yoakum 47, Palacios 0

CLASS 2A

Alpine 32, Reagan County 20
Alto 34, Kerens 20
Alvord 35, Era 7
Anson 51, Throckmorton 9
Anthony 59, EP Faith Christian 14
Arp 62, Mount Enterprise 14
Bangs 40, Hamilton 6
Barbers Hill 34, Huffman Hargrave 0
Big Sandy 33, West Rusk 14
Blanco 13, Hutto 3
Blue Ridge 41, S&S Consolidated 16
Caddo Mills 20, Edgewood 13
Canadian 16, Sanford-Fritch 0
Coahoma 17, McCamey 0
Colorado City 25, Stamford 15
Comfort 44, SA Cole 6
Como-Pickton 20, Lone Oak 0
Corrigan-Camden 29, Centerville 24
Crane 38, Pecos 7
DeLeon 35, Goldthwaite 7
Deweyville 45, High Island 6
Dublin 27, Millsap 21
East Chambers 39, Warren 31
Electra 13, Olney 0
Florence 30, Little River Academy 14
Floresville 27, SA Central Catholic 0
Floydada 28, Crosbyton 16
Forsan 27, Rankin 13
Fort Hancock 32, Carrizozo (N.M.) 18
Friona 26, Dalhart 21
Gilmer Harmony 35, Union Grove 0
Hearne 41, Mart 14
Hico 36, Rio Vista 33
Holliday 24, Henrietta 7
Honey Grove 56, Redwater 0
Hull-Daisetta 21, Houston Gulf Shores 14
Italy 31, Dallas Rylie 0
Jacksboro 52, Valley View 7
Johnson City 28, St. Gerard 27
Junction 20, San Saba 0
Karnes City 20, George West 6
Lago Vista 20, San Marcos Academy 16
Lexington 55, Jarrell 0
Linden-Kildare 58, Clarksville 0
Lockney 17, Tulia 7
Lubbock Roosevelt 34, Muleshoe 26
Malakoff Crossroads 28, Rice 6
Maypearl 48, Itasca 14
McGregor 49, Moody 14
Navarro 43, Austin Hyde Park 0
Nixon-Smiley 33, Three Rivers 13
Odem 24, Refugio 6
Omaha Paul Pewitt 55, Winona 6
Ozona 48, Stanton 0
Palmer 14, Argyle 0
Panhandle 21, Spearman 14
Paradise 13, Aubrey 0
Paris Chisum 40, James Bowie 0
Poth 38, Kenedy 0
Premont 13, San Diego 12
Quanah 33, Seymour 0
Quitman 24, Grand Saline 14
Rogers 41, Salado 7
Rosebud-Lott 56, Axtell 0
San Angelo Grape Creek 20, Mason 6
Santa Rosa 26, Ben Bolt 13
Schulenburg 20, Stockdale 16
Scurry-Rosser 34, Alba-Golden 0
Shelbyville 28, Beckville 21
Skidmore-Tynan 42, Riviera 20
Sonora 30, Brackettville 13
Stinnett West Texas 35, Boys Ranch 6
Tidehaven 41, Yorktown 24
Tom Bean 49, Anna 23
Tornillo 67, Juarez (Mex.) Borregos 0
Troup 30, Frankston 6
Universal City Randolph 56, SA St. Anthony 0
Vanderbilt Industrial 18, East Bernard 15
Weimar 14, Wallis Brazos 3
West Hardin 27, West Orange-Stark JV 12
WF City View 48, Nocona 13
Whitewright 35, Bells 3
Winters 17, Robert Lee 9

CLASS 1A

Agua Dulce 45, Runge 7
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Center Point 47, Nueces Canyon 6
Claude 26, Gruver 19
D'Hanis 36, Leakey 6
Eden 20, Bronte 13
Evadale 47, Houston Westbury Christian 7
Evant 15, Gorman 8
Falls City 35, Woodsboro 20
Fort Davis 56, Grandfalls 6
Granger 56, Milano 19
Gunter 25, Van Alstyne 20
Hamlin 24, Haskell 13
Hart 42, Amarillo San Jacinto 0
Iraan 42, Menard 19
Irion County 40, Sterling City 6
Knox City 26, Albany 20
Meridian 27, Grandview 22
Miles 30, Rotan 22
Muenster 42, Chico 8
Nazareth 44, Clarendon 29
Paducah 14, Petersburg 13
Petrolia 63, Archer City 22
Pettus 41, Louise 2
Quinlan Boles 20, Price Carlisle 9
Ranger 42, May 0
Roscoe 47, O'Donnell 20
Saint Jo 47, Perrin-Whitt 0
Savoy 18, Cumby 6
Shamrock 7, Vega 0
Springlake-Earth 26, Sudan 7
Stratford 35, Tahoka 26
Sunray 40, Wheeler 0
Thorndale 50, Holland 6
Thrall 32, Bartlett 21
Tolar 28, Cross Plains 7
West Sabine 35, Joaquin 19
White Deer 7, Memphis 0
Whiteface 27, Farwell 0

SIX-MAN

Aquilla 80, Coolidge 31
Blackwell 36, Santa Anna 12
Calvert 52, Bynum 7
Dell City 28, Imperial Buena Vista 21
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Juan Gonzalez...

Ranger outfielder cleans out locker

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas outfielder Juan Gonzalez, who played just 70 games this season, has already cleaned out his locker in the Rangers' clubhouse.

Gonzalez had his right hand examined Thursday, and then left for the offseason.

Gonzalez, who spends the winter in Puerto Rico, is expected to have another examination in a couple of weeks.

The two-time AL MVP has been on the disabled list since July 31 with a strained ligament in his right thumb. He initially missed six weeks because of the injury sustained the opening series of the season.

Gonzalez hit .282 with eight homers and 35 RBIs in his 70 games, the fewest he has played 25 after being called up late in the 1990 season. His homer and RBI totals were also their lowest since then.

Last season, Gonzalez hit .325 with 35 homers and 140 RBIs in Cleveland. He then became a free agent and returned to Texas, the team for which he won the AL MVP award in 1996 and 1998, when he signed a $24 million, two-year deal last January.

His nameplate had already been removed from the locker in the corner of the clubhouse, which was occupied Friday by rookie first baseman Jason Hart.

Giants edge Houston Astros, move closer to playoff berth

By the Associated Press

The San Francisco Giants closed in on a playoff berth and the Arizona Diamondbacks moved within one win of a division title.

Jason Schmidt pitched 7 1-3 innings of four-hit ball as the Giants moved to the brink of their second playoff berth in three seasons with a 2-1 victory over the Houston Astros on Friday night.

San Francisco (93-66) needs one more victory or one loss by Los Angeles to clinch the wild card. Los Angeles beat San Diego 1-0 in 10 innings on Paul Lo Duca's homer.

"There's no disappointment with what the Dodgers did," said Benito Santiago, who drove in the Giants' first run. "We don't focus on the Dodgers at all. We've just got to come back and win on Saturday, and if they win, hey, who cares?"

The Giants will have a hard time catching division-leading Arizona, which beat Colorado 8-6 to reduce its magic number to one.

Miguel Batista (8-9) won for the first time in more than a month and the Diamondbacks' bullpen wasted almost all of a 7-0 lead before Byung-Hyun Kim pitched a perfect ninth for his 35th save.

"We'd rather not count on them losing," Mark Grace said of the Giants, "because the way they're playing that's probably not going to happen."

In other NL games, it was Milwaukee 2, St. Louis 1; Montreal 4, Cincinnati 3; Pittsburgh 13, Chicago Cubs 3; and Florida 5, Philadelphia 2. Atlanta swept a doubleheader at Shea Stadium, beating the Mets 3-1 in the opener and 7-4 in the nightcap.

Giants 2, Astros 1

Benito Santiago and Kenny Lofton each drove in a run as the Giants snapped Wade Miller's 12-game winning streak, which matched Anaheim's Jarrod Washburn for the longest in the majors this season.

Schmidt (13-8), the Giants' likely starter in their first playoff game in Atlanta, finished his season with his second straight outstanding start. Robb Nen pitched the ninth for his 42nd save.

Barry Bonds was walked for the 17th straight game, breaking the NL record of 16 set by Jack Clark with St. Louis in 1987.

D'backs 8, Rockies 6

Junior Spivey homered, and Rod Barajas had a two-run single and a double as the Diamondbacks improved to 9-0 at home against the Rockies this season.

Batista (8-9) was 0-2 in his previous six starts since beating Cincinnati Aug. 22.

The Diamondbacks scored seven runs on seven hits off Denny Neagle (8-11) in the first two innings.

Dodgers 1, Padres 0

Lo Duca's homer off Jeremy Fikac (4-7) kept Los Angeles' slim playoff hopes alive.

"It's frustrating," Lo Duca said of the Dodgers' failure to gain ground. "It's not like we're giving it to them, we're playing well. They just keep winning. What are you going to do?"

The win was the third straight and fifth in six games for the Dodgers, who won each of those five games in their final at-bat. The Padres have lost six in a row and eight of nine.

Eric Gagne (4-1) pitched two scoreless innings.

Braves 3, Mets 1, 1st
Braves 7, Mets 4, 2nd

John Smoltz set the National League record with his 54th save, finishing Atlanta's win in the opener.

Chipper Jones and Darren Bragg hit two-run homers, and Javy Lopez added a three-run shot that led Atlanta to a 7-4 romp in the second game, a victory that gave the Braves 100 wins for the fourth time in six years. Bobby Cox became the first manager with five 100-win seasons in the NL.

The Mets (74-85) are assured of finishing in last place for the first time since 1993.

Brewers 2, Cardinals 1

Ben Sheets (11-16) wrapped up a late-season surge with seven sharp innings, and visiting Milwaukee slowed St. Louis' drive for home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

The NL Central champions fell one game behind Arizona with two games to play. It was only St. Louis' fourth loss in 23 games, ending a five-game winning streak.

Pirates 13, Cubs 3

Brian Giles had the kind of game Sammy Sosa needed, hitting two homers and driving in a career-high six runs as Pittsburgh won at Chicago.

Sosa was hitless for the third time in four games, and remains stuck on 498 career homers with only two games left.

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SPORTS

Tigers show character in first win

By Bobby Allen
SDN Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers were not about to let this one slip their claws.

After dominating the first half, the Tigers found themselves in a dogfight with the Ft. Stockton Panthers, fighting for their first win, 27-13.

"This character of this team really showed," head coach Chad Rogers said. "They have done everything we've asked and have continued to work hard."

Little went wrong for the Tigers in the first half, as the team sprinted into the locker room with a 14-0 lead and all of the momentum.

Snyder rushed for 204 of their 305 yards in that first half, which saw the defense bow up and the offense crackle with intensity and near flawless execution.

The Tigers jumped on Ft. Stockton early, scoring on an 18-yard run by quarterback T.J. Jones, who lined up in the shotgun and bolted through the Panthers defense just two minutes into the first quarter.

The Panthers were forced to punt on their next possession, only to recover a fumble deep in Snyder territory.

Eight plays later, the Panthers went for it on fourth and goal at the 2-yard line and were stifled by the gritty Snyder defense at the 1-yard line.

"The closer to the goal line, the more pride this defense shows," Rogers said. "They don't like teams scoring on them."

The Snyder offense then seized control of the game, reeling off a 15-play 99-yard drive that chewed over seven minutes off the clock, capping it with a 4-yard run by Chance Greenwood with 6:33 left in the half.

The Tigers did not throw a pass on the drive, instead electing to power the football through the tackles for the bulk of the drive.

"The offensive line had a great week of practice," Rogers said. "They really came off the ball, and did a good job."

Ft. Stockton took the kickoff from its own 31-yard line and inched to the Snyder 12-yard line on 11 plays.

The drive came to an abrupt halt on the next play, when Josh Mendoza recovered a fumble, giving Snyder the ball and a first half shut out.

The Panthers got the first possession of the second half, but were forced to punt after the Snyder defense and a penalty knocked them backwards on three plays.

It looked as if the Tigers would run away with the win after Josh Montoya bulled his way up the middle for a 12-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter.

Rogers then called for an onside kick, which Snyder executed perfectly, getting the ball back at the Ft. Stockton 40-yard line.

The team then tried spreading the offense out, lining up with Jones in the shotgun and an empty backfield, but Snyder lost 10 yards on consecutive motion penalties out of that formation.

Rogers said the team needs to find some balance on offense.

"We had some problems with the spread formations," he said. "We need to throw the football, and that will give us something else to work on this week."

The Tigers' 46-yard field goal attempt sailed wide, and Ft. Stockton took advantage, scoring on a 12-yard pass from quarterback Cyril Ward to receiver Kris Ellis with 1:30 left in the third quarter.

Snyder blocked the extra point, giving the Tigers a two-touchdown lead at the start of the final period.

The Tigers punted on their next possession, but the defense held, forcing another punt.

But Snyder fumbled the punt return, and Ft. Stockton edged closer on a 16-play, 69-yard drive that culminated in a 2-yard dive by Ward.

After the extra point, Ft. Stockton had scratched its way back to trail 20-13 with seven minutes still to play in the game.

"They really showed their character in the fourth quarter," Rogers said. "We worked all week on bouncing back if something goes wrong, and we just huddled together and got the bounce back."

That character was put to the test less than two minutes later, as the Ft. Stockton defense stiffened.

Snyder punted after three plays, and the lead seemed in danger of slipping away.

The Snyder defense then responded in kind, and Ft. Stockton went for it on fourth down. But defensive tackle Chris Sorrells sacked Ward at the Snyder 35-yard line.

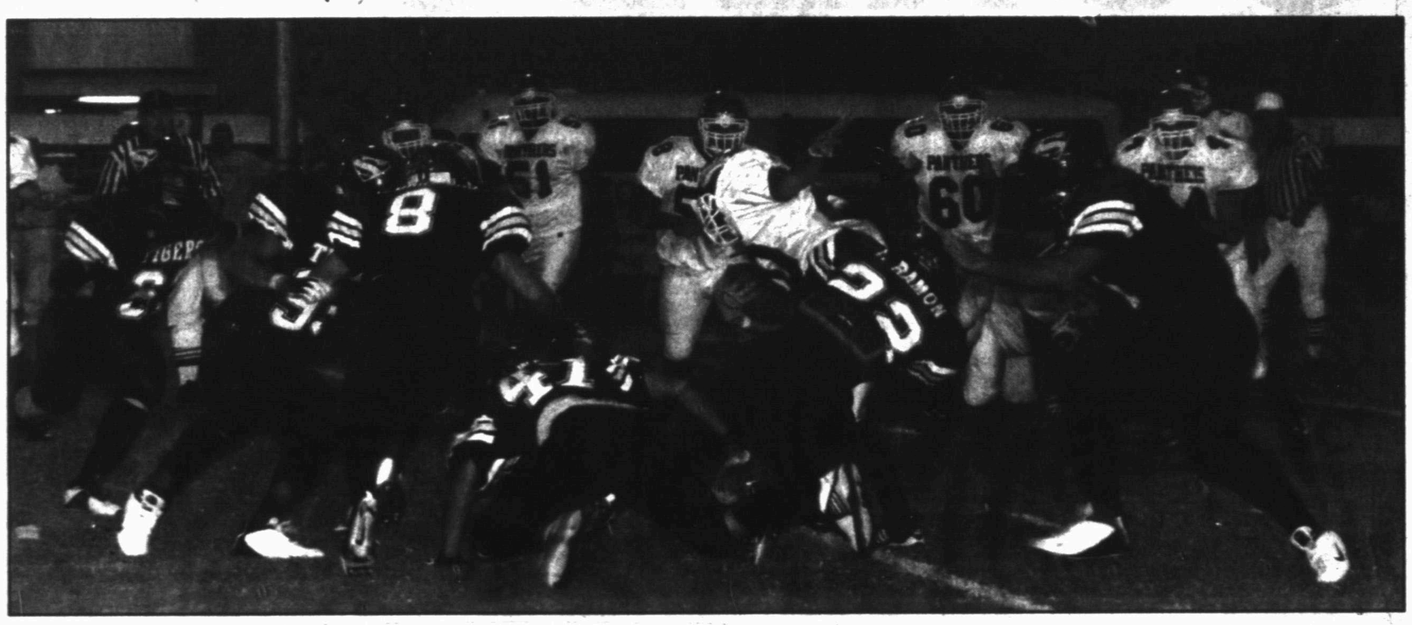
Three plays later, facing a fourth-and-three at the Ft. Stockton 18-yard line, Rogers decided on the unconventional approach.

"The smart thing would have been to kick it," he said. "It would have put us up by two scores."

Instead, the Tigers executed a perfect fake, with the ball sailing over Jones into the waiting arms of Isaac Ramon, who made a nifty cut on the edge.

When the dust had settled, the Tigers had the ball at the 3-yard line, and Boicy Martinez powered in for a 2-yard score with just over two minutes to play, giving the Tigers a comfortable 27-13 lead.

Ft. Stockton tried to rally back, but an interception by Logan Hill at the 5-yard line with 1:10 remaining iced the first victory for the home team this season.



GANG TACKLE — Issac Ramon (22), Billy Pena (41) and Colby Driggers (8) lead a pack of Tiger tacklers during a kickoff Friday night against Ft. Stockton. Snyder played a spirited game on both sides of the ball to notch its first win of the season, 27-13. Next up for the Tigers is a trip to 4-0 Levelland Friday night. (SDN Staff Photo)

Game Summary

Snyder	**7**	**7**	**6**	**7—27**
Ft. Stockton	**0**	**0**	**6**	**7—13**

First Quarter

Snyder — T.J. Jones 18-yard run (Ramon kick), 2:00.

Second Quarter

Snyder — Chance Greenwood 4-yard run (Ramon kick), 1:27.

Third Quarter

Snyder — Josh Montoya 12-yard run (kick failed), 6:30.

Fort Stockton — Kris Ellis 12-yard pass from Cyril Ward (kick blocked), 6:30.

Fourth Quarter

Fort Stockton — Cyril Ward 2-yard run, **Shyder** — Boicy Martinez 2-yard run (Ramon kick), 6:11.

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First Downs	16	13
Rushes-yards	49-305	36-143
Passing yards	35	84
Comp-Att-Int	4-8-0	6-16-1
Punts	3-29.6	3-36.7
Fumbles-lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-yards	11-70	7-50

RUSHING — Snyder: Montoya, 20-87; Jones, 9-74; Greenwood, 4-33; Jason Guynes, 1-32; Martinez, 6-27; Jacob Rodriguez, 4-18; Clay Williams, 4-19; Ramon, 1-15. **Fort Stockton:** Joseph Lauderdale, 22-113; Donny Villalba, 4-17; Ward, 8-14; Logan Hamm, 1-1; Andrew Heredia, 1(-2).

PASSING — Snyder: Jones, 4-8-0-35. **Fort Stockton:** Ward, 6-16-1-84.

RECEIVING — Snyder: Josh Mendoza, 3-27; Justin Boyd, 1-8. **Fort Stockton:** Lauderdale, 2-41; Ellis, 1-18; E.J. Alamenderaz, 1-18; Heredia, 2-7.

Boston Celtics sell for $360 million

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Boston Celtics fans hope the group buying the team will be just as generous when it comes to signing players.

The $360 million deal announced Friday surpasses the price of the last two sales of NBA teams — $200 million for the Seattle SuperSonics and $280 million for the Dallas Mavericks.

But neither of those teams is an original NBA franchise with Boston's history and 16 championships.

"It's a brand name that doesn't come on the market often," former Boston Garden president Larry Moulter said. "It's a legacy brand name."

Adding to that legacy will require more money. The incoming owners haven't indicated how freely they will spend on their own players and free agents.

"I think you can have a well run, fiscally sound team and also put a great product on the court," said Stephen Pagliuca, "and that's what we're going to do here."

Venture capitalists Pagliuca and Wycliffe Grousbeck, as well as Grousbeck's father, H. Irving Grousbeck, the founder of Continental Cablevision and now a Stanford Business School professor are buying the team from Paul Gaston, who succeeded his father, Donald, as owner in 1992.

NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said he expects league approval of the deal in a couple of weeks.

Boston went 49-33 last season, reached the playoffs for the first time in seven years and the Eastern Conference final for the first time in 14 years.

But after the season, the Celtics chose not to re-sign Rodney Rogers, and traded for Vin Baker. Some interpreted those moves as a way for the Celtics to save money under the NBA luxury tax.

Hermleigh Jr. High gets big win over Loop, 19-6

The Hermleigh Cardinals junior high football team notched a resounding 19-6 victory over Loop Thursday, and coach Don Jones said the defense played a major factor in the win.

Julian Fuentes, Jeremy Eaton, Brett McClure and Steve Henry stepped up defensively to hold the Longhorns scoreless in the second half.

Loop got on the scoreboard first, but the Cardinals answered right back on a score by Scotty Arellano to tie the game at 6-6.

Arellano scored two more touchdowns in the game, including runs in the second and third quarters.

Both squads played their rookies in the fourth in the fourth quarter.

"It was a very exciting finish," Jones said. "It was a great effort by our team."

District 3-3A Standings

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Seminole	0	0	4	1
Merkel	0	0	3	1
Denver City	0	0	3	1
Sweetwater	0	0	3	2
Lamesa	0	0	2	2
Snyder	0	0	1	3

Oct. 4 games: Snyder at Levelland; Lamesa at Monahans; Denver City at Lubbock Cooper; Breckenridge at Merkel; Seminole and Sweetwater, open.

Oct. 11 games: Sweetwater at Snyder; Denver City at Lamesa; Merkel at Seminole.

Oct. 18 games: Snyder at Merkel; Lamesa at Seminole; Denver City at Sweetwater.

Oct. 25 games: Seminole at Snyder; Sweetwater at Lamesa; Merkel at Denver City.

Nov. 1 games: Lamesa at Snyder; Denver City at Seminole; Sweetwater at Merkel.

Nov. 8 games: Snyder at Denver City; Merkel at Lamesa; Seminole at Sweetwater.

End of regular season

Junior high squads drop both games to Big Spring

The Snyder junior high Gold team was outgunned by Big Spring Thursday, 22-6, but head coach Drew Price said his team played a great game in the loss.

"We ran 45 offensive plays, but some turnovers cost us," he said.

Price said the defense got solid play from Fernando Carillo and Keith Manlieff in holding the Steers to minus 20 yards rushing.

Manlieff scored the only touchdown for the Tigers on a 40-yard touchdown sprint.

Price said the team could not keep up with the faster and bigger Big Springs receivers, and the Steers' offense ran a no-huddle shotgun offense for the entire game.

"They just threw some long bombs on us," he said. "Their receivers were between 5'11" and 6', and our corners are 5'" and 5'6".

"The kids really played hard and great the whole game."

The eighth grade Black team dropped a close game to Big Spring Thursday, 12-0.

Coach Brock Rumfiled said Kyle Sanchez ran hard on offense, and Augustine Ornelas recovered a fumble for the team.

"Defensively, we just didn't wrap up and tackle," he said. "All the kids played hard, but unfortunately we didn't come out with a win."

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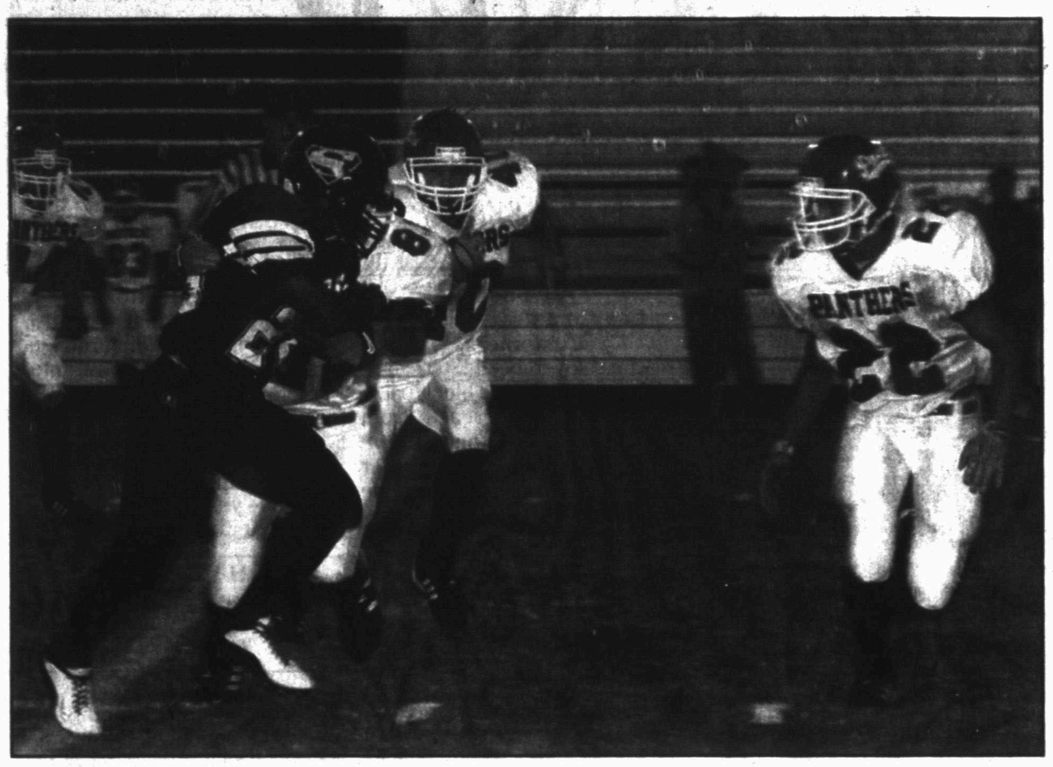

PUSHING FORWARD — Snyder Tiger Boicy Martinez moves the ball up the field in the first quarter of the Tigers' homecoming game Friday night. The Tigers defeated the Fort Stockton Panthers, 27-13, to notch their first victory of the season. Snyder travels to Levelland Friday to take on the 4-0 Lobos. (SDN Staff Photo by Brian Brisendine)

Texas Tech runs 102 plays in 49-0 victory

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Six touchdown passes from Kliff Kingsbury, 102 offensive plays and 590 total yards.

Texas Tech's 49-0 victory over New Mexico on Friday night left the Red Raiders full of confidence heading into the Big 12 race.

Kingsbury, the NCAA's passing leader set school- and Big 12-records for touchdown passes in a game as the Red Raiders became the first team in 10 years to shut out New Mexico.

"That's a big record. It's one of the records I wanted at Texas Tech," said Kingsbury, who holds 18 conference records for passing and total offense.

Kingsbury also wants a Heisman Trophy and said his performance against Big 12 teams will have a much bigger impact on his chances than his big night against a New Mexico team riddled by injuries and inexperience.

"We start conference (next week against Texas A&M) and we've got some big games lined up," Kingsbury said. "Depending on how that goes, we'll see what happens."

Kingsbury guided the Red Raiders (3-2) to four straight scores in the first half, including three in the second quarter.

He completed 41 of 59 passes for a season-high 407 yards.

"It's our third year running the offense and most of the guys that are in it have been here that long," Kingsbury said. "They're catching on and our defense shut them out, so they're coming along too."

New Mexico (2-4) lost starting quarterback Casey Kelly, who broke his left arm late in the first quarter. Kelly, who is right-handed, played the rest of the first half and X-rays taken at halftime showed he had a broken forearm. He's expected to be out at least four weeks.

The shutout ended New Mexico's streak of having scored in 111 straight games, dating to a 35-0 loss to Brigham Young in 1992. It also was the Lobos' worst loss under fifth-year head coach Rocky Long.

Kingsbury played into the fourth quarter, until the Red Raiders had a 42-0 lead. Tech coach Mike Leach said he wasn't trying to run up the score and didn't keep Kingsbury in so he could set the record.

"It's no disrespect to them, but we've got to get our work done and you only get so many opportunities," Leach said. "It's coaching and improvement throughout the course of a game."

New Mexico coach Rocky Long, however, felt Texas Tech was trying to improve Kingsbury's Heisman resume at the expense of his team.

Ira solid in single half win over New Home

The Ira Bulldogs continued to streak into district play, devouring New Home 57-0 Friday night.

The game ended at halftime, as the Bulldogs allowed only 24 yards rushing and 19 yards passing to their overmatched opponent.

"We played pretty well," head coach Toby Goodwin said. "We have to keep up the intensity level heading into district play."

Josh Gutierrez rushed for 110 yards and two scores, and Eric Dickerhoff added 62 yards, three rushing touchdowns and a punt return touchdown.

Dickerhoff also threw a 35-yard scoring strike to Jess Wall to cap off the productive night for the Ira offense.

"The kids played solid and executed well," Goodwin said. "We have to keep the momentum going in our favor."

Despite Tiger's win, Europe maintains Ryder Club lead

SUTTON COLDFIELD, England (AP) — Tiger Woods finally won, but Europe maintained its 1-point lead after the two teams split Saturday morning's Ryder Cup matches at The Belfry.

After losing twice Friday, Woods combined with Davis Love III to beat Darren Clarke and Thomas Bjorn 4 and 3 in one of four alternate-shot matches.

Woods closed it out with a 4-foot putt at the 15th hole, securing only his fourth win in 13 career Ryder Cup matches.

"Being 0-2 yesterday wasn't exactly a great feeling," he said. "It was tough sleeping last night. The fact that I had Davis coming out this morning, I was pumped up and excited about it. We went out and played well."

The Woods-Love win put the American team ahead for the first time, 51/2 to 41/2, after Phil Mickelson and David Toms won the opening match 2 and 1 over Cup rookies Pierre Fulke and Phillip Price.

But the Europeans won the next two matches to finish the morning with a 61/2-51/2 lead.

Sergio Garcia and Lee Westwood, who won their two matches Friday, continued their inspired partnership by beating Stewart Cink and Jim Furyk 2 and 1 to level the overall score at 51/2. It was an ugly match, with eight bogeys and just three birdies.

"Maybe we struggled a bit today, but that goes with the pressure of trying to win as many points as you can," said Garcia, unbeaten in seven Ryder Cup matches. "It wasn't the greatest match in Ryder Cup history but we managed to win it."

In the morning's final match, Colin Montgomerie and Bernhard Langer won 1-up in a drama-filled contest against Scott Verplank and Scott Hoch.

With the match all-square, Montgomerie made a 6-foot birdie putt at the 17th to go 1-up. At the 18th, after Langer left his approach at the bottom tier of the massive green, Montgomerie left his 45-foot putt just inches from the hole to clinch the win and put Europe back in front.

Europe began the day with a lead, but the Americans came in with the momentum after mounting a gritty comeback.

Only single race left in AL

By the Associated Press

There's only one race left in the American League, and the New York Yankees and Oakland Athletics both want to win it.

They know home-field advantage in the playoffs might be the difference between a trip to the World Series and a winter of what-ifs.

Bernie Williams got his 100th RBI and Andy Pettitte won his fifth straight start as New York beat Baltimore 6-2 Friday night to maintain a slim lead over Oakland for the league's best record.

Mark Mulder pitched seven scoreless innings for his 19th victory and Oakland beat Texas 3-2, one day after wrapping up the AL West title.

The A's improved to 101-59, a half-game behind New York. The Yankees have the edge in the tiebreaker.

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The SHS football booster club will meet Tuesday night at 7 in the film room.

Football booster club raffle

The SHS football booster club members are selling raffle tickets for a $10,000 CD. Cost is $25 per ticket with 1,000 tickets to be sold. Call Steve Rich at 573-4800 for more info.

Youth bowling league

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

WTC golf tournament

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

Flag football

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

Couples golf tournament

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

McNabb gets record contract

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Donovan McNabb and the Philadelphia Eagles agreed to a new 12-year contract that could be worth up to a record $115 million.

The total potential value would be the highest in NFL history, topping the 10-year, $103 million contract Drew Bledsoe signed with the New England Patriots in March 2001.

McNabb's deal includes a $20.5 million signing bonus

Coach sees improvement in Hermleigh's loss to Loop

The Hermleigh Cardinals suffered another loss Friday night, falling 44-12 to Loop, but coach Don Jones saw some things he liked.

"I thought we played a lot better than we have this year," he said. "There was times we played extremely well. Unfortunately we made lots of mistakes in the first half and Loop didn't."

Both of Hermleigh's touchdowns against Loop came from David Duck, who rushed for 82 yards on 13 carries.

Robbie Anderson also contributed 83 offensive yards on 12 rushes.

Loop got off to a quick start, notching 20 points in the first quarter, while holding the Cards scoreless.

By halftime the deficit was increased to 36-0. A third quarter safety netted Loop two more points, making the score 38-0 heading into the final period.

But Hermleigh wouldn't go quietly and turned up the heat in the fourth quarter.

The Cardinals found the end-zone twice before the final buzzer and allowed Loop to score only once more.

Coach Jones said playing so well in the fourth quarter is a boost for his team and gives them something to work on during the next week of practice.

"We found a little life in the fourth and that helped a lot," he said. "Things are starting to come along. Every week, we're doing things better than before."

The Cardinals are 0-3 on the year and will try to improve on that record Friday when they host Sands JV.

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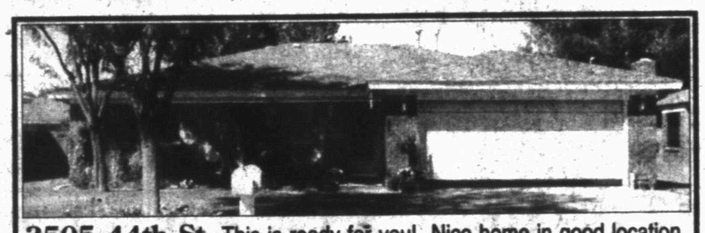

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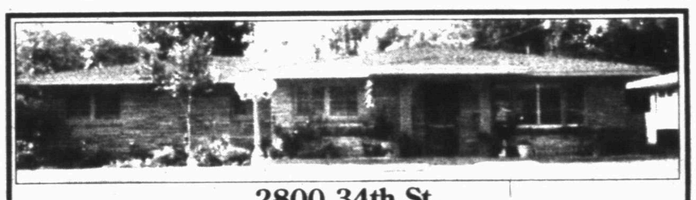

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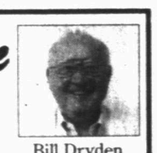
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Trooper's suicide deepens pain in Nebraska town

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — A town still trying to cope with a deadly bank holdup got another dose of sad news when a state trooper used his service revolver to kill himself, apparently guilt-ridden that he failed to catch one of the alleged robbers a week before.

Nebraska State Patrol trooper Mark Zach had stopped one of the robbery suspects for a traffic violation, but failed to detect that the gun the man was carrying was allegedly stolen.

Although the gun was confiscated by authorities, Zach apparently felt responsible for not getting the suspect behind bars on a more serious stolen weapons charge

"Trooper Zach could not accept that," said Col. Tom Nesbitt, Nebraska State Patrol superintendent. "He took his responsibility very, very seriously."

The suicide came hours after police laid out their case against the four suspects in Thursday's robbery at the U.S. Bank branch in Norfolk in which five people were murdered.

The three alleged gunmen were caught Thursday in a stolen pickup after stopping at a gas station 75 miles away. A fourth suspect was later arrested. All are from the area.

The holdup men walked in with guns blazing, and within 40 seconds all five victims had been shot in the head, Capt. Steve Hecker testified in dramatic detail at a bond hearing for the suspects.

Hecker said one suspect was asked why they opened fire at the bank, and the man would say only, "It went to hell in the bank." All four men were denied bail.

Hecker said the suspects planned to steal the vehicle of one of the victims. Instead, police say, the three gunmen ran away and stole a car at gunpoint from an elderly couple after breaking into their home. The fourth suspect, the alleged scout, apparently had fled.

About 50 people — mostly friends of the suspects and relatives of the four bank employees and one customer who were killed — packed the 30-seat courtroom. The customer's college-age daughter wept in the hallway before the hearing and sobbed in the courtroom every time her mother's name was mentioned.

The suspects sat stoically throughout the hearing, one of them yawning several times. Each suspect faces five counts of first-degree murder, which carries a potential death sentence in Nebraska.

Later Friday, gospel songs sung in both Spanish and English punctuated a Hispanic healing service that drew more than 100 citizens, held two blocks from the bank branch office.

No money was recovered on the men or along their suspected escape route, Norfolk Police Chief Bill Mizner said. An audit was being done at the bank to see if any money was missing.

Three handguns were found along a road between Ewing and Clearwater, the route police believe the suspects used to escape. Investigators had not yet determined if the weapons were used in the crime.

The employees killed were Lola Elwood, 43, Jo Mausbach, 42, Lisa Bryant, 29, and Samuel Sun, 50; the customer was Evonne Tuttle, 37. The suspects were identified as Jose Sandoval, 23, Jorge Galindo, 21, Erick Fernando Vela, 21, and Gabriel Rodriguez, 26.

All the suspects have criminal records, mostly involving drugs and weapons charges. Sandoval and Rodriguez spent time in prison for burglary. Galindo and Sandoval previously had assault charges filed against them.

Police said Trooper Zach pulled Vela over Sept. 19 and ticketed him for carrying a concealed weapon, a 9 mm handgun. But the officer apparently transposed two digits when entering the gun's serial number into a police computer, a mistake that kept him from learning the weapon had been stolen.

Zach used his service revolver to kill himself just outside Norfolk early Friday afternoon, authorities said. The 12-year veteran leaves a wife and six children, ages 4 to 15.

"This tragedy only compounds yesterday's tragedy," Gov. Mike Johanns said Friday during a somber news conference in Lincoln, hours after Zach shot himself.

Franklin Kubes, 25, attended high school with Sandoval and Galindo, and he remembered them as quiet. Kubes also knew the victims: He banks at the branch where the slayings took place.

On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Is iodized salt essential?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: How essential is it to use iodized salt? I use sea salt crystals that do not contain added iodine. — **S.S., Hayward, Calif.**

Dear S.S.: Irrespective of whether or not one uses iodized salt, it is rare these days for anyone eating a varied diet to suffer from iodine deficiency. Iodine is an essential element needed for the manufacture of the thyroid hormones, the substances that help regulate the body's metabolism. The Recommended Daily Allowance for iodine is 150 micrograms, a trace amount. (One microgram is 1 millionth of a gram.)

Iodine is plentiful in the ocean but is not well-distributed on land. Foods containing iodine are limited to sea foods, crops grown in coastal areas and dairy products or meat from animals that have grazed on feed containing iodine.

Prior to advances in transportation, there were vast areas in the middle of the country without a dependable supply of dietary iodine. Such regions were nicknamed the "goiter belt" because of the prevalence of one of the symptoms of iodine deficiency — a noticeable bulge in the lower throat area.

That's why in 1926, as a public health measure, the government legislated that iodine be added to a commonly used commodity — table salt — to provide a reliable source that everyone would be using. This move reduced the incidence of goiter drastically. Iodine, in fact, was the first nutrient substance purposely added to food. Iodized salt contains 76 micrograms of iodine per gram of salt, which means that the RDA for iodine can be met with as little as 1/2 teaspoon. As for your sea salt crystals, since they come from the sea, it's likely that they contain iodine.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Your column has always been most interesting and informative. Even though I am a retired dietitian, I have learned a lot from you. I started wondering about partially hydrogenated fat when a friend served me a pie made with shortening (Crisco), and I refrained from eating it. They are very careful not to eat partially hydrogenated fats (margarine), but they never gave a thought to Crisco and were amazed when I said Crisco is just as bad, or even worse. I assume that it also contains trans fatty acids, or am I wrong? Maybe this is what your reader was referring to when she asked about hydrogenated fat. Crisco is a product so many people use all the time without giving it a thought. They do not think of it as being the same as margarine. I have kept many of your columns to refresh my memory from time to time. — **B.G., Walnut Creek, Calif.**

Dear B.G.: Thank you for your kind comments. Here are some basic points:

1) Trans fats are THE fats to avoid.

2) Partial hydrogenation is the process that changes the "normal" fatty acids in vegetable oil into trans fats.

3) Avoiding foods made with partially hydrogenated vegetable oil is the same as avoiding those that contain trans fats.

4) Traditional vegetable shortening is partially hydrogenated vegetable oil plus a little water whipped in, so foods made with this type of shortening contain trans fats. (Note my use of the term "traditional" shortening. There are a few shortening products that are made in a way that reduces or eliminates trans fats. It is a more costly process, so these products should state this fact clearly on the label.) If the label says nothing, it is reasonable to assume that it is "traditional" shortening.

5) Our food labels will eventually list the amount of trans fats in a serving (finally!), but until that time, we have to rely on the ingredient statement for guidance.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Father, mother charged after stun gun was used on stepson

SWEENY (AP) — A Sweeny man and his wife were arrested Friday after they were indicted for using a stun gun to discipline the woman's 8-year-old son.

Theodore E. Moody was charged with one count of injury to a child. His wife, Tsianina Moody, was charged with child abuse.

Friday evening, Theodore Moody remained in the Brazoria County Jail. His bond had been set at $5,000. Meanwhile, his wife had bonded out.

The couple's two children and Tsianina Moody's son and daughter from a previous marriage all had been removed from the couple's custody earlier this week.

Theodore Moody has stood by his use of a stun gun on his 8-year-old stepson. He said he had tried a belt and a piece of wood, but neither got his stepson's attention.

In Friday's editions of The Brazosport Facts, Theodore Moody said he talked to a Children's Protective Services worker who told him he couldn't "break bones" or "draw blood" in disciplining his stepson.

Theodore Moody said that is what caused him to turn to the stun gun, which he got in exchange for a pack of cigarettes. Moody said he had previously left welts on the boy, and the stun gun left no marks.

"CPS is looking for evidence," he told the newspaper. "Now they have no evidence — welts — which is what they are trying to hold against people."

In addition, Theodore Moody said the stun gun didn't hurt his son as bad as a belt.

"The belt didn't work; this did," the 27-year-old said.

Brazoria County District Attorney Jeri Yenne said the more she heard Theodore Moody talk, the more concerned she became.

"It's almost like he's proud of it," she said Friday. "I believe this is a really unsafe situation."

Officials from the child's elementary school called police Monday after the boy showed up at school with his clothes torn. The boy told police his stepfather used the stun gun on him.

Theodore Moody said he made his son walk to school when he missed the bus after being warned not to do that.

"So we went for a walk and every time he slowed down, I hit him (with the stun gun)," the father said.

Tsianina Moody said she didn't approve of the stun gun but didn't think it constituted abuse. She said her son was a hard child to raise and the couple had tried to get help from state agencies but didn't get the assistance they requested.

"They want to tell you, 'Why don't you do this, why don't you do that,' after they take the kids away," she told the newspaper. "Why don't they help you prior to the so-called abuse?"

A court hearing was scheduled for next week to determine if the children should remain in foster care.

Theodore Moody says if he has to go to prison, he's willing to go, but he doesn't want anyone to think he doesn't love the children.

"I don't want people to look at me like I've got no love in my heart," he said. "It's not a part of me. It's not who I am."

Sweeny is located about 65 miles southwest of Houston.

Streets renamed

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Michael Bloomberg signed a bill Friday to name 81 streets after civilians, firefighters and police officers who died in the World Trade Center attack.

The streets are located throughout the five boroughs where the firefighters and police officers lived.

"While no actions that we may take can ever adequately convey the appreciation that the entire city has for these heroes, erecting these signs throughout the five boroughs will at least express the city's desire to permanently remember their sacrifices and to rebuild our city in their memory," Bloomberg said at a City Hall ceremony.

The mayor then read each of the 81 names.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Cooper is in 'Paradise'

Q: What is the name of the movie in which Gary Cooper and other seamen are stranded on a South Sea island? Cooper's character falls in love with a native woman. He leaves the island, and years later he returns to find that his love has died and he has a daughter. It think it was made in the early '50s. — **M.B., via e-mail**

A: You're thinking of the 1953 movie "Return to Paradise." It starred Cooper, Donald Ashford and Henrietta Godinet.

Q: There is a commercial on television advertising Raymond Weil watches. There are four female violinists, and the music sounds like a cross between modern music and classic symphony. Can you tell me the name of the song and artist, and whether it is available for purchase? Or is it just a lead-in for the commercial? — **C., via e-mail**

A: The song is called "Victory." It's one of 13 songs on "Born," the debut album of the string quartet "Bond" that was released last year. Check your local music store. If they don't have it and can't order it for you, try CD Universe at www.cduniverse.com; (800) 231-7937. They sell the full CD for $14.69. Tower.com (www.tower.com; 800-ASK-TOWER) has the CD for $18.99 and the single for $3.99.

Q: Is the video "What a Way to Go!" available on VHS? Some of the actors in it are Shirley MacLaine, Dick Van Dyke, Gene Kelly and Paul Newman. — **S.B., No City Available, Massachusetts**

A: "What a Way to Go!" is no longer in print, but I did find a copy at Robert's Hard to Find Videos for $19.95. Their stock changes frequently, so call to see if they have it. The phone number is (306) 955-3763, and the store is in Saskatoon, Canada.

Q: My girlfriend is absolutely convinced that Rick Schroder was in a version of "Little Lord Fauntleroy" in the early '90s. If this is so, where can she get a copy of it so I won't have to hear anymore about it? — **R.L., via e-mail**

A: I'm not sure whether to praise you for being thoughtful or scold you for being testy. While I ponder, your girlfriend can decide how much she really wants the video. "Little Lord Fauntleroy," starring Schroder and made in 1980, sells for $49.95 at Amazon.com (www.amazon.com). I also found several copies on eBay (www.ebay.com) for $10 to $30.

Q: I would like to know if the TV show "Touched by An Angel" has been canceled. I do not see it on television, other than the reruns on PAX-TV. — **D.B., Methuen, Mass.**

A: "Touched by An Angel," starring Roma Downey, Della Reese, John Dye and Valerie Bertinelli, has not been canceled. It's been on summer hiatus. The season premiere airs on CBS, Saturday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. EST.

TRIVIA: Roma Downey was once turned down for an Irish Spring commercial because the producers thought she didn't sound Irish enough.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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The family of Herbert Grover would like to express our thanks to the doctors, nurses, Cogdell Home Health, our church family, friends, neighbors and loves ones for the tender care and love shown during this time of sorrow.

Thank you for your prayers, food, calls, visits, and cards. We celebrate the "going home" of our dear Dad and husband to be with his Lord and Saviour.

May God richly bless each of you.
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Thank You

The family of Alexis Diaz wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the gracious acts of kindness shown to us during our loss. Our "little Angel" is gone, but will always remain in our hearts. We Love You Lexie!

Words cannot express our appreciation for all the telephone calls, cards, food, prayers and flowers that were sent by so many concerned and thoughtful people.

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Herbal therapies, part three

(Editor's Note: This is the third installment in an occasional series discussing herbal remedies.)

Goldenseal

This is now an endangered species because its popularity as an herbal antibiotic led to overharvesting. It is now cultivated as a cash crop in the state of Washington.

While it is true that extracts from the plant do have documented antibacterial properties, most authorities believe that goldenseal is so poorly absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract that it could never reach therapeutic levels in humans. The herb has, however, been shown to be effective in treating infections with giardia, an intestinal parasite, and throat inflammation (probably because of direct contact with the sites of infection).

It does not effectively prevent or treat colds, despite extensive marketing campaigns to the contrary; nor does it mask the presence of illegal or controlled substances in the urine.

The usual dosage is 250 to 500 milligrams three times a day; goldenseal can also be made into a tea.

Side effects, although uncommon, include hallucinations, irritability, stimulation, and — in rare cases — heart toxicity. In addition, the remedy may interfere with the cytochrome P450 liver enzyme system that usually degrades many prescription drugs. Thus, goldenseal could, at least in theory, set the stage for significant drug toxicity.

Finally, because goldenseal products are costly, they have been adulterated with other compounds, so the consumer may not be getting what he is paying for.

Cranberry

Along with the blueberry and the Concord grape, the cranberry can honestly claim a North American heritage, stretching back for centuries. Native Americans used the fruit for food and dyes, as well as for treatment of arrow wounds.

Modern scientific studies have confirmed that cranberry juice is effective in preventing and treating urinary infections in both men and women. It also may help patients with peptic ulcer, control gum disease, lower blood-cholesterol levels, and — in some cases — improve the outcome of certain cancers.

There is no uniform dosage, but excess consumption may lead to acid stomach, diarrhea and kidney stones.

Valerian

Medically, the root stock of this plant has been used as a sedative, sleep-aid, pain-reliever and anti-anxiety product. It has been a popular herbal remedy for at least five centuries.

Its successes are apparently the result of several oils contained in the plant. Medical studies have clearly shown that valerian, when taken on a regular basis, is an effective sleep-aid, without the "hangover" effects of grogginess and poor concentration that may accompany prescription sleeping pills.

The usual dose is 2 to 3 grams of dried herb made into a tea and taken about an hour before bedtime.

Although valerian appears to be safe, rare cases of liver toxicity have been reported. The product, like so many others, affects the cytochrome P450 system; thus, drug interactions are potential hazards. Patients taking valerian should avoid driving or operating heavy machinery for a few hours after ingestion.

A final comment: Herbal remedies appear to be gaining popularity for treating a multitude of disorders. However, caution is still appropriate. Many countries, notably Germany, have laws regulating the purity of botanical supplements; such compounds are considered similar to prescription drugs. Not so in the United States, where such supplements are neither tested (for constituents, safety or efficiency) nor monitored. Consequently, there is a distressing absence of standardization: What you think you're getting may be more, less or different than what you are truly getting. Medical health care workers look forward to the day when so-called "dietary supplements" — including herbals — will be monitored and judged by the same criteria as prescription medications. Until then, buyer beware.

To give you related information, I am sending a copy of my Health Report, "Fads: Herbs and Healing Fads" to those who wrote in about herbal remedies. Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I live in a part of the country where squirrel brains are considered to be a dietary delicacy. Are there any health hazards associated with this practice?

DEAR READER: Unfortunately, yes.

As reported in the New Yorker magazine (July 17, 2000) and based on a letter in the medical publication the Lancet (1997), five patients with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease — a form of dementia related to mad cow disease — all consumed squirrel brains. This practice is particularly popular in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. Based on the observation that the eating of squirrel brains may be associated with an incurable and untreatable central nervous system disorder, many authorities are now advising that the delicacy could well be deadly and is best avoided.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 69 year-old male with polymyalgia rheumatica for which my doctor prescribed prednisone. Initially, I was given 30 milligrams a day (with astonishing results); the dose was gradually reduced until, after about a month, the drug was discontinued. Three weeks later, the pain returned and I had to resume treatment. It now appears that I have to take 5 mg every two days as a maintenance dose. What do you think of this?

DEAR READER: Polymyalgia rheumatica, a common disease of unknown cause, is characteristically associated with joint and muscle pains. Some patients, however, have headaches, visual problems (from arterial inflammation) and other more unusual manifestations.

The affliction is somewhat unique in that symptoms usually respond promptly to steroid therapy with prednisone and similar medications. Then, the medicine is tapered and eventually stopped. In many instances, the polymyalgia does not return. However, in a significant number of patients, symptoms again appear, necessitating one or more rounds of therapy. Further, some patients require long-term maintenance treatment with steroids. Here is where the trouble begins.

Prednisone, and other drugs in this class of steroids, virtually turn off the immune system. Consequently, it is extremely effective therapy for treating autoimmune disorders, such as polymyalgia. But there is a trade-off: 100 percent of patients on chronic steroid therapy develop serious side effects sooner or later. These effects include susceptibility to infection, osteoporosis, diabetes, cataracts, changes in facial characteristics, bruising and a host of other unpleasant results.

Therefore, to help reduce the incidence and severity of steroid side effects, physicians attempt (by experimentation) to discover the smallest possible effective maintenance dose. For some patients, that may be on the order of one or two milligrams a day. For others, alternate-day therapy may succeed. On occasion, one or two pills a week will do the trick. This is a highly individualized matter that must be worked out between doctor and patient.

You are on a reasonable dosage schedule that should minimize the appearance of side effects. Nonetheless, were I your physician, I'd try to reduce your dosage even further. Again, this requires experimentation but I believe that if you could cut way back, the results would be well worth the effort. Work closely with your doctor and follow his advice.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report, "Managing Chronic Pain." Other readers who would like a copy should send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My father is 88, lives in a skilled nursing facility and does not enjoy life anymore. He has made his "Do Not Resuscitate" wishes known. Do I have the right to refuse hospitalization for him if he gets pneumonia? He wishes to let Nature take its course.

DEAR READER: If you have a legal document called a health care proxy or conservatorship, you can order a "comfort only, no hospitalization" status for your father. But, frankly, I'd rather he make his wishes known, providing he is competent to do so.

I have several nursing home residents who have adopted this approach. It is both legal and appropriate.

Pneumonia has been termed "the friend of the aged," meaning that patients who die from it do not ordinarily suffer untoward pain and discomfort. However, your father must be informed of the potentially lethal consequences of such a decision before he can request a "comfort only" status.

Under the circumstances, you will surely want to put your proverbial ducks in a row, in advance of a serious illness. So involve your family lawyer and your father's doctor so that your dad's preference will be honored if and when the time arises.

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Residents joining forces in opposing annexations plan

FORT WORTH (AP) — From Fort Worth to San Antonio and New Braunfels to Balch Springs, they're fighting mad.

Residents who don't want to be annexed are going to meetings, rallies, and even court — and they aren't going it alone.

Connecting through an Internet site for a grassroots group, Citizens Against Forced Annexation, homeowners across the state who don't want more taxes or regulations are trading tips and learning how to fight the cities.

"It's so much bigger than I thought, and I have a feeling it will get bigger," said Stephanie Pivec, who formed the group earlier this year when Fort Worth's annexation plans were made public.

Protesters' tactics are different, but their argument is the same. They accuse city leaders of rushing to avoid a new Texas law.

Starting Jan. 1, a city that announces intent to annex property must wait three years before it can bring the land into the city. Current rules mandate only a 90-day waiting period.

More cities than usual are annexing this year, some because of the impending changes in the law, but it's within their right, said Monte Akers, director of legal services for the Texas Municipal League.

"Citizens who don't want to be annexed don't want to be annexed, period," Akers said.

Officials in cities annexing this year say they have been planning on expanding their municipal limits for years.

"It's not a rush, and it's not a land grab," said Jesus Garza, comprehensive planning manager for San Antonio, which next month plans to annex 11 areas totaling 93 square miles, the largest in city history. "If you're going to bring an industry into San Antonio, they want to feel that the area is protected with zoning and building codes."

Attorney Philip M. Ross said he plans to file a federal lawsuit Monday against San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza and the city unless leaders agree to hold more public hearings on annexation.

Ross, representing 16 San Antonio residents, said the mayor refused to let some people speak at public hearings earlier this month, a violation of the federal Civil Rights Act.

Many plaintiffs are part of a group of hundreds who have been fighting the annexation, saying the police and fire departments would be further strained with 1,000 more homes to protect. Another protest rally was planned for Saturday.

"We've turned up the heat so much — I don't believe the City Council has any more fight left in them," said Tim Bushaker, one of the plaintiffs.

In Balch Springs, a town of about 20,000 residents just east of Dallas, some people sued the city in May over a proposed annexation of 400 acres. A judge granted an injunction, agreeing that the city didn't include the land in its three-year annexation plan. But the city is appealing, saying the plan isn't required until the new law takes effect, said Dallas attorney David Berman, representing Balch Springs.

In Fort Worth, the City Council is to vote Tuesday on annexing about 3 square miles west of town, including two subdivisions.

After two public hearings next month, Fort Worth officials could vote in November on about 36 square miles near Eagle Mountain Lake, where dozens of the 6,300 residents have been protesting.

That's down from 55 square miles in the original proposal, which would have been the largest annexation in Fort Worth's history, affecting some 10,000 people in parts of three counties.

Fort Worth and San Antonio are using limited-purpose annexation in some areas, in which they can implement zoning, building and fire codes and other regulations and residents will not pay city taxes. Residents cannot vote in bond elections or run for office.

"To a lot of us, that's even worse," Pivec said. "You're in the city but not really. You can't run for office, but they can tell you what to do."

On the Net:

Citizens Against Forced Annexation: http://www.noan-nexation.com

City of Fort Worth: http://www.fortworthgov.org

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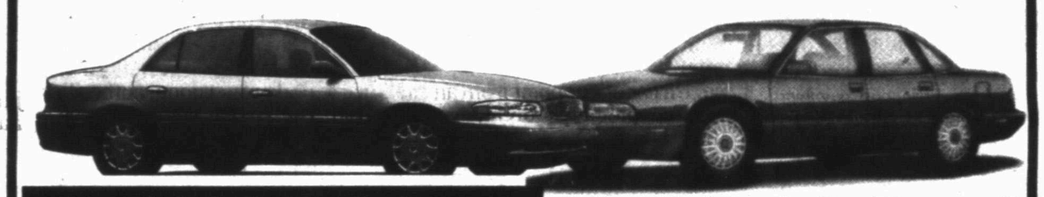

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Bush: Congress close to agreement

CRAWFORD (AP) — President Bush says Congress, guided by leaders of both parties, is nearing agreement on a resolution authorizing the use of force against Iraq's Saddam Hussein.

Soon the nation will "speak with one voice" in demanding that the Iraqi president rid his nation of weapons of mass destruction, Bush said Saturday in his weekly radio address.

He said the Democratic and Republican leaders with whom he met this week are united in their determination to confront what he called a grave and growing danger posed by Iraq to the national security interests of the United States and its allies.

In a move to win international approval for action to disarm Iraq, the United States has drafted a tough resolution for the U.N. Security Council that would force Iraq to reveal all weapons of mass destruction in its arsenal and give inspectors from the United Nations total access to verify the information. The resolution's wording was to win over skeptical China, France and Russia, who can veto any resolution. The United States and its close ally, Britain, are the other veto powers.

"We refuse to live in this future of fear," Bush said in his radio address. He spelled out the threat his administration says is posed to the world by Iraq's possession of chemical and biological weapons and what he said is its determination also to acquire nuclear weapons.

"We're moving toward a strong resolution authorizing the use of force, if necessary, to defend our national security interests against the threat posed by Saddam Hussein," Bush said.

"We are making progress, we are nearing agreement, and soon we will speak with one voice."

The president, however, still has a way to go in building firm bipartisan support. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, once an advocate of granting Bush the right to strike Saddam, is now questioning the administration's political motives as the Nov. 5 midterm elections draw near.

On Friday, speaking before Republican audiences in Colorado and Arizona, Bush repeatedly made clear that while war is a possibility it is not his first option and that he would prefer a peaceful resolution of the crisis under the auspices of the United Nations.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer also underscored the theme, declaring that Bush has said "a million times" that war doesn't have to be the first choice and that the United Nations should have the chance to compel Iraq to abandon its arsenal of weapons of mass destruction.

The text of the draft U.N. resolution was not released, but officials outlined its substance. The document would give inspectors the right to designate "no-fly" and "no-drive" zones in Iraq, similar to flight-interdiction zones in northern and southern Iraq now policed by U.S. and British warplanes. The resolution also would nullify assurances Secretary-General Kofi Annan gave Saddam in 1998 that restrict inspections of presidential sites such as Saddam's palaces.

Several arrests reported

• ***Arrests***

DPS troopers arrested a 35-year-old man at 10 p.m. Friday on Hwy. 350 for felony driving while intoxicated, possession of a controlled substance and possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana.

Trooper Rick Campos arrested John Steven Renfro of 103 Broken Bow Road in Big Spring about two miles south of Snyder.

Snyder officers arrested a 21-year-old female at 5:35 p.m. Friday on outstanding DPS warrants.

Officers arrested a 46-year-old male at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop at 9:17 p.m. Friday for public intoxication and failure to identify. An offense report for Class B theft was also submitted.

Deputies arrested a 20-year-old male at 12:40 a.m. Saturday in Hermleigh for public intoxication.

At 5:23 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 21-year-old male for public intoxication.

• ***Burglary of a vehicle***

Carolyn Torres reported items missing from her vehicle early Friday morning in the 3700 block of Avenue U, and Laura Canada reported items taken from her vehicle while it was parked in the 3700 block of Dalton.

• ***Criminal mischief***

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed at 6:40 p.m. Friday as someone slashed a tire on a vehicle belonging to Wayne Merrit while it was parked at the VFW.

• ***Runaway***

Officers filed a report for a juvenile female runaway at 5:53 a.m. Saturday.

• ***Grass fire***

An electrical transformer blew up and a hot wire caused a small grass fire around 10 a.m. Friday in the 200 block of 38th St.

• ***Gas drive offs***

Gas drive offs were reported Friday from Allsup's in Hermleigh for $43.40, from Rip Griffin's for $44, and from Town & Country East for $10.

• ***Possible gas leak***

Several calls were made to dispatchers around 8 p.m. Friday in reference to residents smelling gas on the west side of Snyder. TXU Gas was notified, but the source of the smell was not determined.

• ***Loud music***

Several reports of loud music were made from the 3400 block of 44th Street around 1:30 a.m. Saturday.

Finance ministers pledge to improve corporate reporting

WASHINGTON (AP) — World financial leaders on Saturday sought to portray optimism about the global economy's prospects, insisting the fledgling recovery could withstand threats from plunging stock markets and fears of possible war in Iraq.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and British Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown said the world's richest industrial countries were committed to a united effort to promote economic growth.

While acknowledging a "recognition that the recovery is slower than expected and risks remain," Brown said the wealthy nations know that "each continent had to play its part in creating conditions for faster growth."

O'Neill, at a separate news conference, listened as a questioner raised concerns about the declining stock market and the effect on economic confidence from military action against Iraq. "I don't find the world such a gloomy place," O'Neill said.

Despite the optimism, signs abounded of the toll from last year's weak global performance, the worst in a decade, as well as the fitful U.S. recovery from recession and Japan's decade-long struggle with economic downturns.

Japanese Finance Minister Masajuro Shiokawa publicly rebuked his top aides Saturday for a statement that contradicted an assertion he had made the day before about his talks with O'Neill.

Shiokawa told reporters late Friday that he had informed O'Neill during their meeting that the Japanese Finance Ministry might use public funds if necessary to shore up Japan's banking sector.

The aides later issued a statement saying the two officials had not discussed injecting public money into Japan's banks, a subject of great political debate in Tokyo.

Shiokawa said he had not authorized the statement and that he had accurately portrayed his conversation with O'Neill.

Births

David and Alicia Graves announce the birth of their daughter, Ryleigh Michelle Graves, at 11:40 p.m. on Sept. 27 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Ryleigh weighed seven pounds, 7½ ounces.

Paternal grandparents are David and Mary Graves and maternal grandparents are David and Judi Martin of Snyder.

Obituaries

Dorothy Rodriguez

1924-2002

Dorothy H. Rodriguez, co-founder of the Spanish Inn in Snyder, died Friday, Sept. 27, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Rosary for Mrs. Rodriguez, 78, is set for 7 p.m. Sunday in the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Chapel in Big Spring.

Rodriguez

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring with Fr. Richard Reagan officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 11, 1924 in Knott, she married Raul Rodriguez on Sept. 24, 1943 in Big Spring.

Mrs. Rodriguez started in the restaurant business, the Casa Blanca, with her parents in September, 1943. It later became the Spanish Inn in Big Spring.

The Rodriguez family moved to Snyder from Big Spring on July 4, 1976 and opened their restaurant business in the former Blazing Saddle location on North College Avenue.

It operated as the Spanish Inn in that location until a new facility was completed in November, 1977 at 2212 College Avenue.

When the business was started in 1976, a son, Chon, and his wife, Mary Ann, became part of the family business. A daughter, Joni Gonzales, joined the business in May, 1981 and Chon's son, Michael, became the fourth generation in the firm.

In an earlier newspaper article, Mrs. Rodriguez attributed the restaurant's success to "consistency and hard work."

Mrs. Rodriguez was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Snyder.

She was preceded in death by a son, Raul Rodriguez Jr.; a brother, C.J. "Buddy" Harris; and her parents, C.J. "Lum" and Rosa White Harris.

Survivors include her husband Raul "Ralph" Rodriguez of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Chon "Pogie" and Mary Ann Rodriguez of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Joni and Tom Gonzales of Snyder; five sisters, Virginia Parkhill, Ruthie Elsberry, Susie Kilgore, Wanda Wolf and Nell Rogers, all of Big Spring; five grandchildren, Mark Rodriguez and Josh Gonzales, both of Austin, Michael Rodriguez, Ira Gonzales and Bianca Gonzales, all of Snyder; and one great-grandchild, Patrick Rodriguez of Midland.

Mrs. Rodriguez will lie in state at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home until 5 p.m. Saturday.

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Bernice Kuss

1928-2002

Bernice Adela Kuss, longtime Hermleigh area resident, died Friday, Sept. 27, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Bernice Kuss

Funeral service for Mrs. Kuss, 73, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in St. John Catholic Church in Hermleigh. Fr. Roy Badilles, pastor of the church, and Fr. Gerald Latham of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Levelland, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hermleigh Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Born Nov. 21, 1928 in Ganada, Tex., she married Edwin Kuss on April 30, 1947 in Hermleigh. She was owner and co-founder of Kuss Insurance Agency in Hermleigh. A graduate of Hermleigh High School, she attended Draughon's Business College in Lubbock and worked as bookkeeper at the Inadale Gin. Mrs. Kuss was a homemaker and a member of St. John Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Edwin Kuss of Hermleigh; a daughter, Janice Kuss of Hermleigh; a son and daughter-in-law, Allen and Brenda Kuss of Hermleigh; a brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Kay Krejci of Florida; two grandsons, Mark Kuss and wife Jenine of McKinney and Luke Kuss of Round Rock; two great-granddaughters, Baylee Kuss and Jordan Kuss, both of McKinney; and a step-grandson, Jake Alexander of Snyder.

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Ira First Baptist Church revival

Ira First Baptist Church will hold a revival at 7 nightly from Saturday until Wednesday. Murlyn Keller is the evangelist.

Support groups

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

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Lessons of the Book of Revelation," followed by "A Horse for a Defense."

Ira senior pictures

Ira seniors will have their pictures made Tuesday at the school. Brochures were passed out to the seniors and they will need to bring a minimum of $24.50 for their photography session.

Lord's Acre fish fry

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

Junior high open house

Snyder Junior High will host an open house from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Report cards will be distributed to parents who can also visit with teachers.

June 2003 tour meeting

A meeting set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the junior high library will discuss plans for a June 2003 tour. The trip will include visits to Washington D.C., New York City, Philadelphia and Boston. The trip is open to students, adults and families. For more information contact Charlotte Clifton at 573-2430 or Darlene Robbins at 573-0795.

Relay for Life training

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

Ira homecoming

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

Trains and things

Scurry County parks department is looking for loans of model trains and railroad-related items to be displayed during the Oct. 12 White Buffalo Festival. Items are needed by Monday, Oct. 7.

Worship workshop

Generation Praise from Dallas will be in Snyder Oct. 11-12 to hold a worship workshop, including classes on tambourine, streamers, basics of worship, prophetic worship, and Hebrew and Greek words for praise and worship. It is sponsored by His Joy Ministries and Word is Life Church. Discounted registration before Oct. 4. Call 573-9799 for more information.

Football T-shirt sale

SHS student council will sell football t-shirts before home games at the front stadium gate. Shirts are also available by calling Christy Smith at 573-6301.

District auxiliary meeting

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

Ennis Creek reunion

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

WTC Lions Club fundraiser

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

Head Start program

Scurry County's Head Start program still has openings for children. For information, call 573-7403.

Call to poets

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

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322. GED tests will be administered on next Friday. Pre-registration will be held on Thursday.

WTC pool, gym hours

The WTC pool and gym are now open Monday through Thursday. The gym is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The pool is available from 6:30 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 7 to 8:50 p.m. The gym closes at 4 p.m. on Friday and the pool is open only in the morning and at noon on Fridays. Memberships are $50 per semester or visits are $2. Contact Christy Cerecedes for information at 573-8511, ext 290.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Ira postmaster to end long career Monday

Thirty-two years ago, Leona Wiggins walked into the Ira Post Office one day and Postmaster Norene Murphy asked her "to take the test because I need a clerk."

The test was the Civil Service exam and it had to be passed by anyone who wanted to work for the government. Wiggins needn't have worried. She passed the test in Big Spring, scoring 95 points.

She has been at the post office ever since. For the first five years, she worked part-time doing a little of everything, including waiting on customers, keeping books, mopping and carrying out the trash. At the time she worked two hours on Saturday and Monday mornings, alternating days with Annie Daves who later became a full-time employee at the Snyder post office.

After five years, Wiggins was named postmaster. To be selected she had to be interviewed by five professional men. That's how postmasters were then chosen.

"I thought I was calm," Wiggins said, "Until they all stood up and my heart sank. They asked me if I was nervous and I said, 'I certainly am. Can we get on with this.'"

Wiggins was selected and installed as postmaster on Sept. 25, 1975.

Wiggins soon learned that as the postmaster she would have duties similar to a clerk, just more of it, including more forms and reports to fill out, more red tape to plow through and more things to remember to do. She also still waited on customers and took out the trash and mopped, just as she had done for the five previous years.

Wiggins also changed the post office's hours to 8 a.m. until noon and 12:30-4:30 p.m., taking 30 minutes for lunch. Saturday's hours were 9:30-11:30 a.m.

During the past three decades, rules and regulations have changed in the postal service. For instance, stamps have to be ordered on a certain day, rather than as needed as had been the case.

Wiggins said it's not easy to determine how many stamps to order because you don't always know about weddings, showers and graduations which require more stamps.

Today's postal service emphasizes saving money and cutting costs. However, service has always remained one of Wiggins' highest priorities. If you forget your key, she will get your mail for you. Wiggins also saves stamps for stamp collectors, including those living elsewhere. She still hand cancels Ira's mail and "breaks out" or separates Ira's route mail from the rest of the mail. Ira's route has 75 boxes. The total indoor box count is 200, up from the 150 boxes required in the 1980s.

During her tenure, the post office has always been located where it is now. Before 1960, about when the current post office was established, the post office had been located in a room in what was then called (R.C.) Howard's Grocery Store. Since then the building has been maintained with no remodeling or changes except for adding 50 mail boxes.

Wiggins loves her job because she likes waiting on people. However, after 32 years she will retire on Monday.

Barbara Martin also works at the post office as a clerk and postmaster relief.

Other workers during Wiggins' tenure include Johnnie McNew, who is now the postmaster at Dunn; Randa Sterling and Barbara Richards.

Joe Graves, formerly of Snyder's Post Office, has been named the new postmaster at Ira.

Wiggins hasn't made any retirement plans, except "to do whatever." This past week she went on a "mystery bus tour" for four days to an unannounced destination. Participants were told to dress for 50-degree nights and 80-degree days.

Even when she isn't working, Wiggins keeps her self busy. She is a member of the American Cancer Society, has served on the Scurry County Child Welfare Board and was a member of the now defunct American Business Women Association. She has also taken pool lessons and she plays canasta and bridge.

LONGTIME POSTMASTER TO RETIRE — Leona Wiggins sorts through special delivery mail for the last time. Monday will be her last day as postmaster at Ira Post Office. She has worked there for 32 years , including the first five as a clerk. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

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Charges dropped against agency

LAREDO (AP) — Federal charges have been dismissed against an adoption agency employee accused of operating an international baby-buying scheme, though she still faces state charges.

In court documents filed Thursday, the U.S. Attorney's office referred to the ongoing state investigation, explaining why it dropped immigrant-smuggling charges against Maria Dolores Bondoc, 53, and her daughter Alda Mae Nishiyama.

They were accused of smuggling pregnant Mexican women into Laredo so Bondoc could buy their babies and put them up for adoption through the San Antonio-based AAA-Alamo Adoption Agency.

Bondoc's lawyer, David Almaraz, said, "I'm not opposing it. That's all I have to say about that."

Attorney Isidro Alaniz, who represents Nishiyama, said he and the family were pleased by the dismissal.

"My client and her family just want to get on with their lives," he told the Laredo Morning Times in Friday's editions.

Bondoc and Nishiyama were arrested Sept. 17 when authorities raided their homes after a monthlong investigation. Bondoc still faces three state counts of sale or purchase of a child and two counts of unlawful transport.

"We will monitor (the state's) prosecution," Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Nancy Herrera told the San Antonio Express-News. "Even though the federal charges have been dismissed, they are not gone forever."

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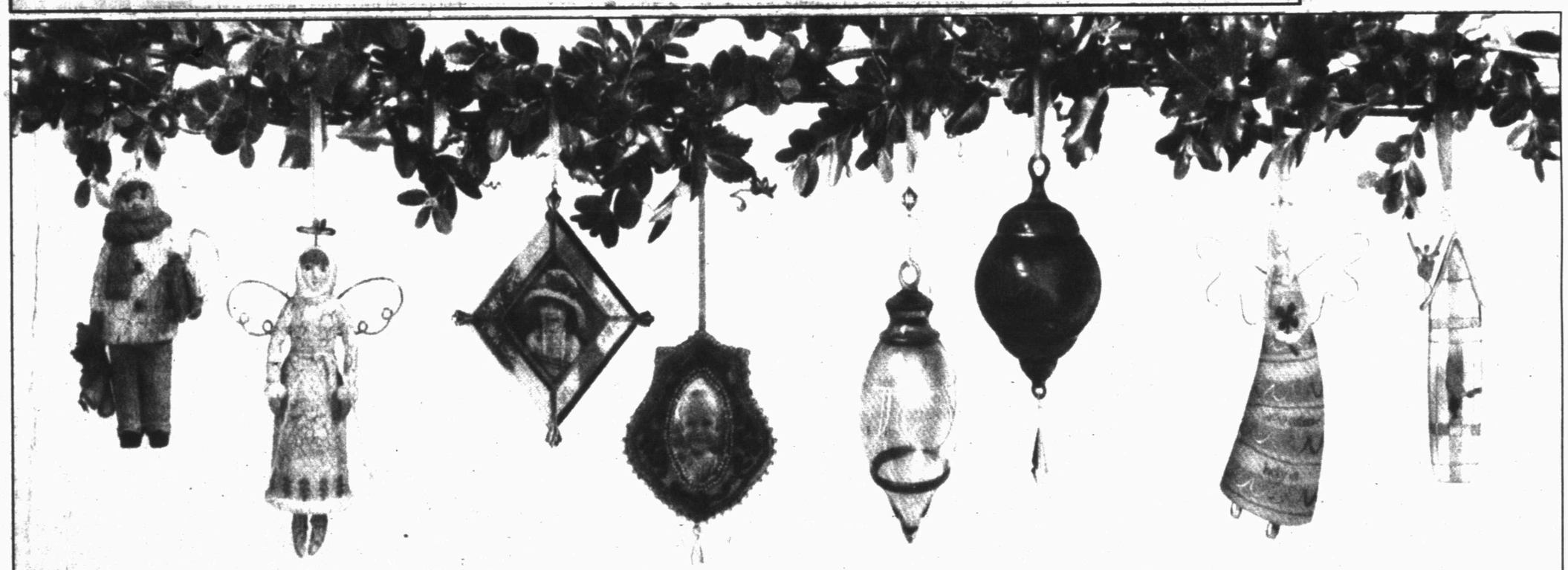

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Friday
Pigs in a Blanket

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Waffles w/Syrup or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Cinnamon Toast or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Pigs in a Blanket or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Or Popcorn Chicken Burrito
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Mexicorn
Chilled Peaches
Tuesday
Italian Beef Lasagna or
Soft Taco
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Garlic Bread
Chilled Fruit
Wednesday
Sliced Roast Beef w/Gravy or
Turkey & Noodles
Cheese & Chives Mashed Potatoes
Peas & Carrots
Cinnamon Chocolate Quesadilla
Thursday
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce or
Pizza
Cucumber & Tomato Salad
Applesauce
Garlic Bread Stick
Friday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger or
Nacho Grande
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Chocolate Brownie

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
French Toast
Juice
Tuesday
Blueberry Muffins
Juice
Wednesday
Sausage on a Stick
Juice
Thursday
Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat
Toast
Friday
Breakfast Tacos
Juice

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Broccoli
Hot Rolls
Applesauce
Tuesday
Fish Sticks
Macaroni & Cheese
Pork & Beans
Bread
Peaches
Wednesday
Stromboli
Green Beans
Parsley Potatoes
Oranges
Thursday
Chicken Patties on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Corn
Strawberry Short Cake
Friday
Hot Dogs
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Jell-O and Pears

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BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Oatmeal
Toast
Tuesday
Juice
Cinnamon Toast
Wednesday
Juice
Breakfast Burrito
Thursday
Juice
Apple Muffins
Friday
Juice
Breakfast Pizza

LUNCH
Monday
Corn Dogs
Potato Wedges
Pickle Spears
Chocolate Cake/White Icing
Tuesday
Hamburger Casserole
Mixed Vegetables
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Pudding
Wednesday
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Bean & Pea Salad
Orange Slice
Thursday
Steak Sandwich
Lettuce & Tomato
French Fries
Apricot Cobbler
Friday
Pancake/Syrup
Sausage Patty
Tater Tots
Baked Apples

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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 73-1822 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.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 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.

Best, Kerr wed in outdoor rites

In an outdoor ceremony, Cara Lisa Best and Thomas Archibald Kerr were united in marriage on May 25 at her parent's land on Ennis Creek Road. The 10 a.m. service was conducted by Daniel Hayhoe of Ontario, Canada.

Parents of the bride are Dr. John and Vicki Best of Snyder and the groom is the son of Dr. Thomas and Carol Kerr of Snyder.

The bride's gown of ivory silk peau de soie with fitted princess bodice was enhanced with appliques of Alencon lace traced with seed pearls. Tiny self-covered buttons fastened the back of the gown, accented below the waist by two sashes touched with jeweled lace appliques. The bouffant dome-shaped skirt, traced with garland appliques of jeweled lace, swept into a chapel-length train. Her fingertip veil was of ivory silk illusion. She carried a bouquet of white peonies and lisianthus, light blue delphinium, and rosemary, tied with navy blue and periwinkle ribbons.

Maid of honor was Laura Greene of Austin, longtime friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Snyder friends, Alesha Miller and Pamela Stelluti, sister of the groom, and Dana Schmeltzer of Wichita Falls, college friend of the bride. Bridesmaids wore sleeveless two-piece periwinkle ensembles and carried bouquets of white lisianthus, delphinium, rosemary and misty blue.

Ring bearer Mark Stelluti, nephew of the groom, wore ivory bibbed pants and a white shirt. Alexis Smith of Merkel, a relative of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a sleeveless floor-length gown of ivory organza, layered with chiffon, complemented by a flower bracelet of white lisianthus.

Best man was Kevin Kerr of Lubbock, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were David Kerr of Dallas, Trevor Kerr of Lubbock and Matthew Kerr of Snyder, brothers of the groom. The groom and his attendants were attired in black Crossroads tuxedos by Ralph Lauren. Jackets were single-breasted style of worsted wool with satin grosgrain lapels and buttons.

Each outfit was complemented by a navy vest and navy Windsor tie. Matching wool trousers completed the ensemble. The groom's boutonniere included a maple leaf brought from Canada by the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Archibald Kerr.

Guests and family were seated by ushers Alex Best, the bride's brother, and Jonathan Kerr, brother of the groom. Prelude music was a variety of favorite hymns and classical music provided by the string quartet, Strings Unlimited, of Abilene. Grandparents and mothers of the couple were seated as "When Morning Gilds the Skies" was played.

The bridal party and bride, escorted by her father, entered to the strains of Pachelbel's "Canon in D Major." Wedding vows were made and rings exchanged on a carpeted platform designed by the bride's brother, Jason Best, and constructed by her brothers. The platform was fitted with iron fencing and adorned with roses and ivy.

Following a prayer by Daniel Hayhoe, the groom's brother Jonathan Kerr recited 1 Corinthians 13. Special music was a solo "Be Thou My Vision," sung by Alesha Miller, who was accompanied by guitarist Marcus Best, brother of the bride. As the bride and groom knelt, Dr. Thomas Kerr, father of the groom, recited the wedding prayer "Holy Matrimony." Recessional music was Handel's "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba." Ushers were Alex Best, the bride's brother, and Jonathan Kerr. Wedding videographers were Tyler Kerr, brother of the groom, and Will Davis of Snyder.

The reception was held at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church of Snyder. Guests entered through a flower-covered archway designed and made by Jason Best, to be greeted by the bride and groom and their parents. They were then treated to a buffet lunch, catered by Leta Smith of Lubbock. With hundreds of flowers and small lights, vines and cloth, friends and family had transformed the room into a romantic May Day setting with a soaring canopy and large wreath above the buffet tables.

An array of foods featured marinated shrimp, roasted stuffed tenderloin, and pecan-crusted chicken, with grilled vegetables and fresh fruit. The tables were accented by bouquets of floral-styled vegetables. Guests dined at tables with centerpieces of grapevine wreaths twined with live flowers and ivy. Background music provided by Strings Unlimited included a variety of popular selections.

The groom's cake was set on a round table covered by a navy blue cloth and sheer gold topper, with an arrangement of white hydrangeas and lemon leaves in a wire pedestal vase. The table was in a garden setting, with walls of simulated stone and timber. The cake was a single layer chocolate raspberry mousse cake with chocolate icing, garnished with chocolate maple leaves and fresh raspberries. Jemma Richburg of Snyder, attended the groom's table.

The bride's table was sheltered by a lattice and vine-covered gazebo. The table was covered by a cream colored floor-length cloth, overlaid with an antique lace cloth belonging to Rita Carter.

The bride's cake was a three-tiered white and red velvet cake with buttercream icing, accented with gumpaste peonies and freesias and navy and periwinkle ribbon. Attendants at the bride's table were Alison Newhouse and Anna Freiman, friends of the bride from Hardin-Simmons University.

A special display featured photographs of couples of both families, going back four generations. The photographs hung on a section of weathered fencing. Incorporated into the display were a quilt made by the bride's great-grandmother and an afghan crocheted by the groom's great-grandmother.

Following their honeymoon to the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas, the couple settled in Dallas where the groom, a graduate of Snyder High School and a 1997 Texas Tech graduate, resumed his studies at Southwestern Medical School.

The bride, a 2000 graduate of SHS, had completed pre-nursing studies at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and will continue her education at Baylor University School of Nursing in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Archibald Kerr
(Contributed Photo

Duplicate Bridge Winners

Bridge games are played at the Snyder Country Club. Jane Hinton directed Friday and Monte West directed Tuesday.

Friday, Sept. 20
1. Ann Davis, Jane Hinton.
2. Durelle Gorman, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.

Tuesday, Sept. 24
1. Monte West, Linda West.
2. Jane Hinton, Nonnie Ward.he daughter and granddaughter of coal miners," said Yurkunas, who grew up in Summit Hill.

Bridal Registry
Angela Cox and Ryan Dooms
Julie Doolittle and James Monzingo
Kara Herrley and J.D. Smith
Shelley Feist and Jason Warren
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DAR ANCESTRAL QUILT — Members of the Martin Preuitt Chapter of the DAR, Jean Everett, left, and Virginia Clark, place the ancestral quilt on the bed at the Cornelius-Dodson House. The historical house and the Dermott Schoolhouse will be open to the public from 4 to 6 p.m. on Oct. 11, during the White Buffalo Festival. The Dermott Schoolhouse will feature a display of rural schools of Scurry County and across the U.S. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

DAR chapter honors ancestors with quilt

Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter, National Society of the Daughter of the American Revolution members have created a patriotic quilt that honors chapter members' Revolutionary War ancestors who were part of the American Revolution War.

Fifty gold stars were placed on the quilt to represent all of these ancestors and the place of the ancestor's birth determined where the star would be placed.

The quilt displays:

- The 18 squares with white background features a staff and flag name and the state where it was used.
- Navy blue strips framed each of the 18 squares.
- White thread was used for the design in the quilting stitch.
- Red, white and navy blue strips framed the "drop" panels of the quilt.

A large pillow sham was created to display each Revolutionary War ancestor's name. Patriotic pictures and memorial words were included on the sham.

The original 13 colonial states, with the ancestor state of Kentucky, were used. States of ancestors' birth depicted by stars are: Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, New Hampshire, Georgia, Rhode Island and Kentucky. Other states included were New York, Connecticut, Vermont, Delaware and New Jersey.

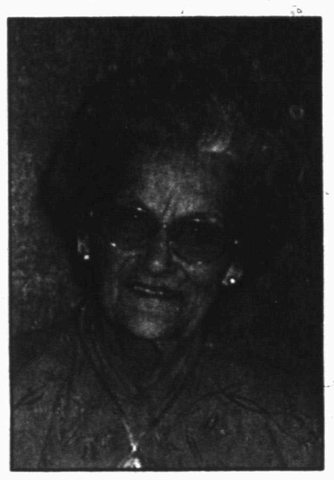
According to Virginia Clark, many people contributed to the project. Margaret Sharp of Gail was artist of the quilt and Pam Fenton presented a chapter program on the art of quilting. Kathy Thompson and Stephens Office Supply helped in forming quilt preparations. Jean Everett, DAR and Historic Scurry County member, also had input in the quilt.

The quilt will be a gift to Historic Scurry County Inc. to be used on the bed at the historic Dodson House during special occasions.

The first appearance will be at the Dodson House during the White Buffalo Festival on Oct. 11-12. The Cornelius-Dodson House and the Dermott Schoolhouse will be open for the public to visit from 4-6 p.m. Oct. 11.

Oct. 6 at MAWC...

Reception will honor Hood on 80th birthday



LaVerne Hood

Longtime Snyder resident LaVerne Hood will celebrate her 80th birthday Sunday, Oct. 6, at a reception at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

The event will be from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and her son Jim Buck Hood, his wife, Margie, her grandson, Terry, and her brothers and sisters "invite all her friends to the celebration and let your presence be the only gift."

Mrs. Hood has been active in Snyder community affairs and organizations. She helped to plan and implement the Snyder Neighbor's Sharing Day when local citizens repair homes of those in the community who could not do it themselves.

A 50-year member of the Snyder Garden Club, she has served in many of the local offices and several offices in District VIII. Mrs. Hood is a member of the Altrurian Daughters Club, the Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club, and the Martha Ann Woman's Club where she served two terms as president.

She also helped in the organization, moving, refurbishing and preserving the historic Cornelius-Dodson House located west of the coliseum. She is a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church.

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

The importance of reading to children is well established. Studies have shown that very young children who are read to by an adult are mentally prepared to enter school ready to learn. They also have a larger vocabulary, and they enjoy feelings of security and personal well being.

The studies also show that older children who are read to improve their own reading abilities, improve their grades and enjoy special personal moments with their parents. In most homes, however, the predominant caregiver who reads to a young child is the mother.

It is very important, however, for fathers or other male role models to read to children. It is especially critical for boys to see men reading, because if the men are never observed reading, boys often will not view reading as a masculine activity. Research has shown that children learn to express their ideas and feelings better when Dad reads to them. A recent national study has shown that all children (both boys and girls) do better in school when their fathers read to them.

It is always interesting to read about literacy studies and programs around the country and the state of Texas. This fall, the Austin Public Library and the Austin Independent School District are teaming up with the Texas Cooperative Extension to pilot a new program called FRED (Fathers Reading Every Day). The schools and the public library in Austin will sponsor this program, which will track the time a male role model spends in reading with a child. Special programs are planned to help dads and other males choose books, and to also help with getting a library card.

It is never too early to read to a child. As soon as the child is born, a parent can hold the child and read aloud. Just hearing the words, the rhythm of language, and the voice prepares a child for speaking and reading, and the bonding between parent and child is an added bonus. Do you have a reading program in your home? Do you have a special time of day when you read to your child? If not, start one. Are you unsure of how to start?

If you are not reading to your children already, start now. Your children will thank you for it, and their teachers will thank you for your efforts. Not only that, but you will reap tremendous rewards in sharing magical moments with your children! Come see us soon at the Scurry County Library, and we will help you choose that special book.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 09-28-02
♠ A 5 3
♥ J 8 4 3 2
♦ Q 9 6
♣ 10 4

West
♠ J 10 8 2
♥ 10 5
♦ J 4
♣ 9 7 5 3 2

East
♠ K Q 9 7
♥ 9 7
♦ K 10 7
♣ K Q J 8

South
♠ 6 4
♥ A K Q 6
♦ A 8 5 3 2
♣ A 6

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		Pass	1 ♣
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002

An unusual play for an overtrick

By Phillip Alder

If you will permit me an immodest ending to the week, I made a rare play during the final session of the Life Master Pairs at the Summer Nationals in Washington, D.C., last July. If you were South, how would you have planned the play in four hearts? Although Marilyn Eber (East) opened one club, Norma Sands (West) led the spade jack.

In a pair event, overtricks are important. You receive one point for each pair you beat on a deal, and get half a point for an exact tie. If, for example, all the other North-South pairs are plus 420, you get a top by registering plus 450.

George Tornay (North) might have bid one heart at his second turn, but feeling his suit was too weak, he contented himself with a diamond raise.

Success depends on your handling of the diamond suit. Clearly, East should have the king for her bid. If the king is singleton or doubleton, cashing the ace first would work. (You plan to duck the second round completely if the king hasn't dropped.) However, the columnist in me decided to play East for king-third.

After winning trick one with dummy's spade ace, I drew trumps with honors from hand, then led a low diamond to dummy's nine. East won with her 10, cashed the spade king, and shifted to the club king. I won with the ace, entered dummy with a trump, and called for the diamond queen, which flushed out East's king and pinned West's jack. Now I had 11 tricks: one spade, five hearts, four diamonds and one club. Plus 450 was worth 57.5 matchpoints out of 64.

I had brought off my first-ever intrafinesse.

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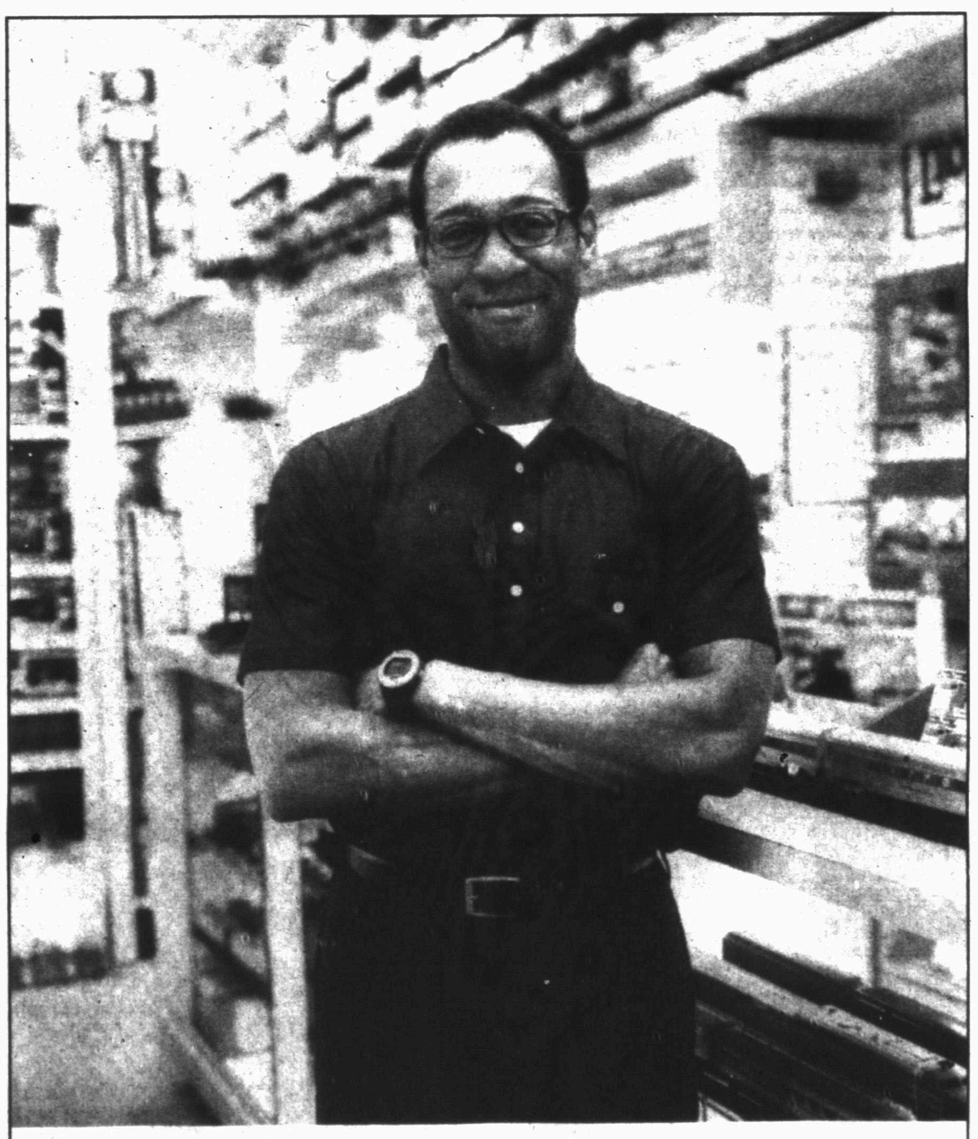

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Topless in Texas

Cindy Nix and Bluff Creek Edition

White Buffalo Festival performers record album

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

White Buffalo Festival entertainers will include local favorites, Bluff Creek Edition.

Snyder's Cindy Nix has been singing with the band for about a year, but she'll miss the annual celebration because she'll be performing in Ruidoso.

Pennie Keltz of Roaring Springs will fill in for Nix and Kelly Keltz, her husband, will play the bass.

Bluff Creek Edition regulars include Ross and D'Ann Preston. Their sons, Matt and Clay Preston, perform with the group when they can. Jennifer Cochran of Abilene is also a member.

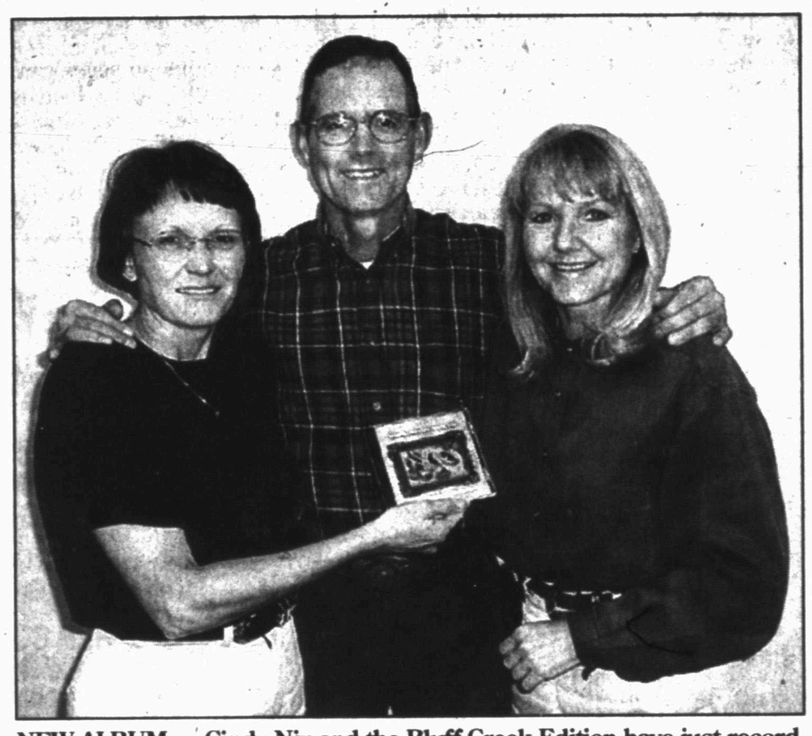
Cindy and the Bluff Creek Edition have recently recorded their first album, *Topless in Texas*, featuring 11 Western Swing songs and one gospel song.

The title comes from the trademark topless hats that Western Swing artists often wear. The topless hats seen on the album cover belong to Matt and Clay Preston.

The performers began working on the CD around the middle of June, recording in the Castle Sound Production Studio in Abilene.

Nix is the lead singer. Ross plays lead guitar and sings. D'Ann plays the keyboard and provides backup vocals. Matt plays rhythm and lead guitar and provides backup vocals. Clay is the drum player, Cochran plays the fiddle and Dave Keown plays the bass.

Michael Henry Martin, who owns Castle Sound Production, engineered and produced *Topless In Texas*. One thousand copies of the CDs and 500 cassette tapes have been made.



NEW ALBUM — Cindy Nix and the Bluff Creek Edition have just recorded their first album, Topless in Texas, which takes its name from the topless hats western swing artists sometimes wear. From left are D'Ann Preston, Ross Preston and Cindy Nix. Not pictured are Matt Preston, Clay Preston and Jennifer Cochran of Abilene. (SDN Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

At first, Nix said they planned to record one gospel tune only. The song's given name is *He Will Carry You*, but they call it *Donna's Song*, named for Donna Smith of Midland, Nix's sister who is terminally ill.

After they started recording the song, Nix said they decided to complete an album. The 11 songs include *Sugar Moon, Faded Love, Redwing/Preston Rag, Across the Alley From the Alamo, Old Fashioned Love, My Adobe Hacienda, Boil That Cabbage Down, Hubbin It, I Fall To Pieces, Bring It On Down,* and *Milk Cow Blues.*

Nix and Ross and D'Ann practice once a week and usually perform twice a month; but they have more engagements set up for October.

Since Cochran doesn't live here, they send a tape to her so she can learn the new songs. Matt and Clay practice and play with the group when they can.

The local performers love to perform. Their gigs usually range from the Western Swing Festival, banquets and family reunions to oprys and private parties.

Nix said music makes her happy. Good-paying jobs are great but the love of performing is what keeps them going. Playing before a good audience is especially satisfying.

Before Nix teamed up with Bluff Creek Edition, she had established herself as a solo artist. Nix's performing keeps her busy. She played the part of Patsy Cline in the Ritz Theater's *Always Patsy Cline.* She has performed in the last three Western Swing festivals.

Nix is a department head at Scurry County Health Unit.

Ross Preston has been playing the guitar since he was 12 years old. He started playing for Nix when his was 15, and continued until he and D'Ann got married. Nix sang at their wedding. He has performed at various civic events including the chamber of commerce banquet.

Ross is a hay farmer and contract pumper.

D'Ann Preston became involved in music at an early age. Her mother taught her how to play the piano. She also performed at the last Western Swing and chamber banquet. She works parttime for Edward Jones and helps her husband farm.

Matt Preston started playing the guitar when he was 5, learning from his dad. He played in *Always Patsy Cline* and plays with Bluff Creek Edition when time permits. He graduated from Lubbock Christian University in December with a degree in ag business.

Clay Preston didn't start playing the drums until he graduated from high school. He also played with Nix and the group for the last chamber banquet. He is currently enrolled at South Plains College in Levelland in the diesel technology program and will graduate in May.

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Priced at $15 for the CD and $10 for the tape, copies of *Topless in Texas* will be available during the White Buffalo Festival, and are currently available at the chamber of commerce, Edward Jones, and the Scurry County Health Unit.

Voting early: More people are getting jump on Election Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — People are already voting in the Nov. 5 elections, mailing in ballots in states from New Mexico to West Virginia and walking in to vote in clerks' offices in a handful of others.

By mail or at the mall, it's becoming more popular every year to vote somewhere and sometime other than at the local school or fire station on Election Day.

In this summer's primaries, for example, more than half the voters in some Arizona counties cast their primary ballots early or by absentee. In Nevada it was 39 percent. In Oregon, everybody votes by mail.

"If you're a traveling salesperson or a truck driver, with early and absentee voting you don't need to worry about getting to the polls," said Cindy Smith, a West Virginia elections coordinator. The same goes for people who have no special circumstance, who just want to vote when they want to rather than going to the polls on a designated day.

West Virginia is one of more than a dozen states with "no excuse" absentee voting that, depending on the state, lets anyone cast a walk-up ballot beginning two or three weeks before the election.

Tennessee, one of the first states to adopt no-excuse early voting in 1994, reported early voter turnout for its Aug. 1 primary at around 36 percent of the total vote, the same as the 2000 general election when native son Al Gore lost to George W. Bush in the presidential race.

"It's becoming routine. That's just what voters do now. They know about it and know when and where it's going to be," said Brook Thompson, an election coordinator in Tennessee.

He expects early voter turnout numbers to be about the same for Nov. 5.

"It'll be good for a nonpresidential year," he said.

Large numbers of absentee ballots also are expected in Washington state, where 54 percent of votes cast in 2000 were by absentee.

"It's really big here. You'd have to go to Oregon to beat us," said Charlotte Ottavelli, who works in the secretary of state's office.

By law, all registered voters cast ballots by mail in Oregon.

In states where people have a choice, officials say, the appeal of early voting is convenience. Voters don't have to leave work for the polls.

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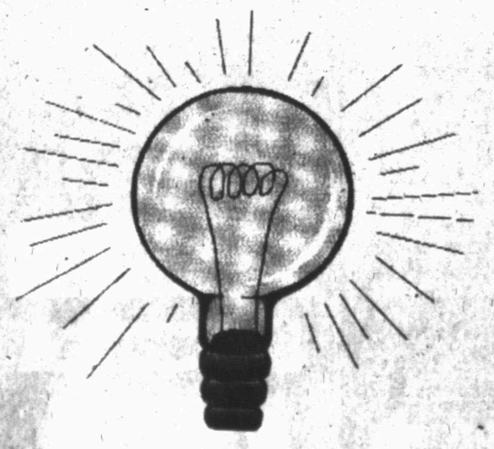

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Timothy Bryant Craig and Marlayna Lynn Deloach, both of Snyder.

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Chon Michael Savedra and Angela Denise Shoemake, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Randy Morris and Todd Owens, dba Collision Specialists vs. Alfredo D. Ventura, dba Ventura Construction, breach of contract.

Action in District Court

Mary E. Rinehart vs. Dexter O'Neil Rinehart, default judgment for plaintiff.

In the marriage of Daisy Rose Aguilar and Juan Luis Aguilar, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Tamala Jewel Cooper and Neil Aaron Cooper, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Walter Lee Holmesly Jr. and Tammy Gail Holmesly, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Luz Maria Guzman and Jesse Guzman, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Dale B. and Virginia Martin Johnston to Freddie H. Johnston and Rebecca A. Polston, Lot 23 in Block K of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

James D. and Dana Barnes to Corey and Jamie Hatley, 8.43 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 89, Block 3, H&TC survey.

First American Bank to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Lot 16 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition.

Rhonda Gail Maytubby to Francisco and Monica Esparza, Lots 1 and 2 of the H&A Addition, a subdivision of 31.97 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Shirley Hagins to Jay M. Callaway, Lot 14, Block E of the Highland Park Addition.

Garth R. Austin, independent executor of the estate of Frances G. Austin, to Garth R. Austin, tract one being Lot 8 in Block 9 of the Warren Crest Addition; tract two being the south 85 feet of Lot 2, Block 48 of the Blankenship Addition.

Frances Lea Sherman and Gayrene Johnston to Ford M. and Doris S. Spikes, Lot 6 in Block 7 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Ford M. and Doris S. Spikes to Robert M. and Monica Medrano, Lot 6 in Block 7 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Estelle Pierce, independent executrix of the estate of Robert Billie Pierce, 58.6 acres in Section 123, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Estelle Pierce, independent executrix of the estate of Robert Billie Pierce, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 8 of the Warren Crest Addition.

Danna Rae and Marcus Wayne Daughtry to Swartz and Brough Inc., Lot 12 in Block 2 of the Morningside Subdivision of Blocks 9-10, 15-16 and 25-26 of the Adams Addition.

K.R. Smith, Hugh C. Smith and B.J. Smith to Richard and Mary G. Hernandez, Lot 5, a replat of Block 72 and the east 60 feet of Lot 1 in Block 73 of the Grayum and Nelson's Second Addition.

Juan Manuel Benitez to Virginia Ann Luna, Lots 9-12 in Block 3 of the J.B. Cloye's subdivision of Blocks 12 and 17 of the Cody Addition.

Garth R. Austin to Marissa Sue Austin, the south 85 feet of Lot 2 in Block 48 of the Blankenship Addition.

James Sullivan to Anthonio and Juana Maria Lopez, Lot 8 in Block 12 of the Bootheland Addition.

A&M Investments to Robert Lee and Linda Ann Casarez, Lot 18 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition.

Donald J. and Kathy Patten to Jackie and Gradine Roemisch, the north 27 feet of the south 75 feet of the west one-half of Lot 2 in Block 33 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Jackie and Gradine Roemisch to Donald J. and Kathy Patten, the south 27 feet of the east one-half of Lot2 Block 33 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Travis and Helen Hatter to Jeanne Duke, Lot 7 in Block 27 of the Replat of the north one-half of Blocks 25-28 and part of Block 24 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

Timothy D. and Sherri A. Williams to ReloAction, Lot 5 in Block 2 of the North Bank Addition.

ReloAction to Christopher S. and Melissa A. Northcutt, Lot 5 in Block 1 of the North Bank Addition.

Monty Wayne Key, independent executor of the estate of Wayne Key, to Monty Wayne Key, Kristyne Denise Glass and Merri Kayla Moreland, tract one being 18:27 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 73, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 38.24 acres in Sections 54 and 73, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being 1.53 acres in Sections 54 and 73, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract four being 8.083 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 54, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract five being parts of Section 73, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract six being 4.12 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 126, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Melinda Kay Stewart to Jeffery Dee Stewart, all the northwest one-quarter of Section 139, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Dorothy Addison Gober to Peggy Addison Hicks, Lots 24-26 of the subdivision of Blocks 39-42 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Families claim city knew about contaminated site

LAREDO (AP) — Dozens of South Texas families have joined a class action lawsuit claiming the city failed to come clean about contaminants at a former Air Force base that has since been developed for housing.

Plaintiffs' attorney Ronald Rodriguez said Thursday he expects more residents of the Alta Vista subdivision to join the action, which he planned to widen to target the federal government and possibly developers as well as the city of Laredo.

Resident Francisco Cardenes filed the original petition through Rodriguez last week, shortly after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released results of water and soil testing performed as early as 1996. Twenty-nine families were added to an amended petition filed Wednesday.

The testing was part of the Formerly Used Defense Sites program started in 1986 to diagnose and, if necessary, clean up contaminated military sites. The former Laredo Air Force Base closed in 1974. It will take more testing to determine if a FUDS-funded clean-up is merited, Scotto said.

Corps Project Manager David Scotto said that the Corps was public about its initial findings in 1997 and had since been involved in more testing and in the long process of securing state regulators' review of findings. He conceded the Corps could have held more public meetings at least a year ago.

Date Book

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002

Today is the 271st day of 2002 and the seventh day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1066, William the Conqueror led the beginning of the Norman Conquest of England.

On this day in 1864, the First International, a group of revolutionary workers, met for the first time in London, England. Among those in attendance was the political theorist Karl Marx.

On this day in 1991, jazz musician Miles Davis died at the age of 65.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William S. Paley (1901-1990), CBS founder; Ed Sullivan (1902-1974), TV personality; Al Capp (1909-1979), cartoonist; Marcello Mastroianni (1923-1996), actor; Brigitte Bardot (1934-), actress, is 68.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, Oakland A's pitchers Glenn Abbott, Vida Blue, Rollie Fingers and Paul Lindblad didn't allow the California Angels any hits. The A's won 5-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The public is like a piano. You just have to know what keys to poke." — Al Capp

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

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002

Today is the 272nd day of 2002 and the eighth day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1988, Stacy Allison became the first American woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

On this day in 1988, the Space Shuttle Discovery was launched, the first flight to be flown after the Challenger explosion.

On this day in 1988, Charles Addams, cartoonist and the man behind the Addams Family, died at the age of 76.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Enrico Fermi (1901-1954), physicist; Gene Autry (1907-1998), singer, actor and executive; Jerry Lee Lewis (1935-), musician, is 67; Madeline Kahn (1942-1999), actress; Bryant Gumbel (1948-), TV personality, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, in the Woodward Stakes, Prove Out defeated Secretariat.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If I could remember the names of all these particles, I'd be a botanist." — Enrico Fermi

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter (Sept. 29).

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Bush wants to cover unborn children with fed health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration said Friday that it would classify developing fetuses as unborn children as a way of extending prenatal care to low-income pregnant women, brushing aside complaints that the move is a backdoor way of undercutting abortion rights.

The change allows states to extend health insurance to fetuses — or even embryos — from the moment of conception by enrolling them in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

It specifically allows coverage for all fetuses even if their mothers are immigrants who are ineligible for government help. CHIP does not cover any illegal immigrants and only covers legal immigrants who have been in the country for five years. But babies born in the United States are citizens and therefore eligible for assistance.

Because CHIP is aimed at children, it does not typically cover parents or pregnant women, although states can get permission to include adults if they ask for it. Under these new rules, it will be a routine matter for states to add unborn children to their CHIP programs.

"It represents a speedy new option for states that want to do more to ensure that women get critical prenatal care that will increase the chances that their children are born healthy," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said in a statement Friday.

He also praised the benefits of prenatal care and called the change a "common-sense, compassionate measure."

The final regulation, first proposed in January, will be published Wednesday in the Federal Register.

Women's and abortion rights groups were outraged by the move, calling it an effort to give the fetus legal status and therefore undermine Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision guaranteeing women the right to abortion.

"To me it's a very offensive backdoor way to get coverage for a fetus," Laurie Rubiner of the National Partnership for Women and Families, said Friday.

The administration says it has nothing do to with abortion.

"This has to do with prenatal care, which is undisputedly very important for the health of mother and the health of the child," HHS spokesman Bill Pierce said Friday. "It's about that issue and that issue alone."

Rubiner said she was particularly outraged that the administration would cover the developing fetus carried by a legal immigrant while supporting the ban on direct benefits for her.

"It's so offensive to immigrant women to say we don't care about you, but if you're pregnant, we'll give your fetus coverage — but never you," she said.

States can already cover pregnant women under their CHIP programs, though they need to get a government waiver.

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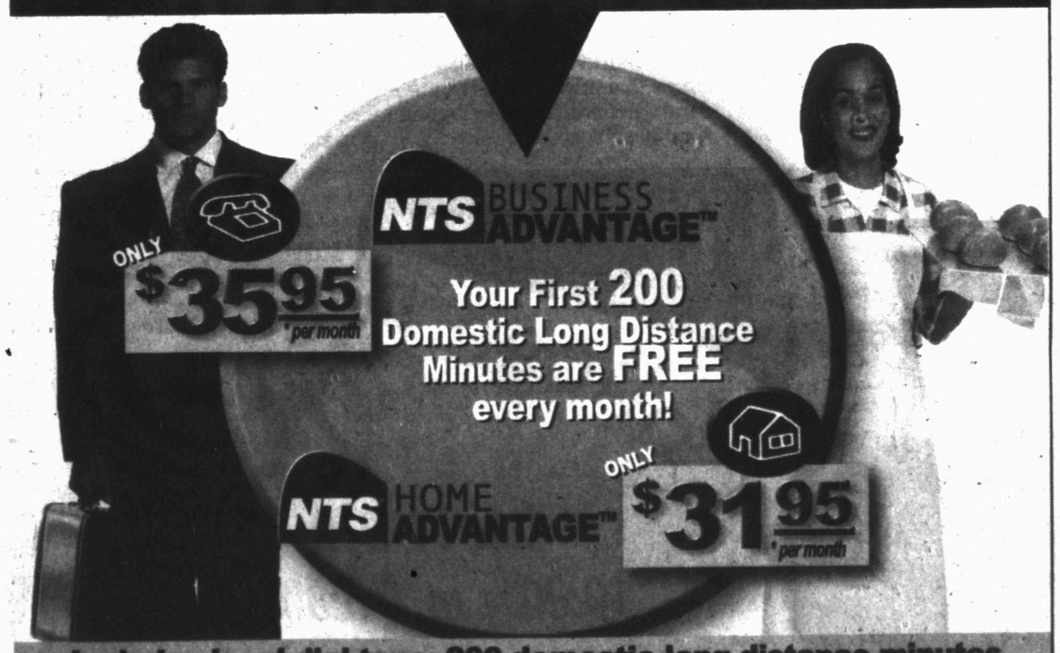

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Environmental liability protection sought for MTBE

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wider use of corn-based ethanol in gasoline is almost a sure thing if Congress passes a pending energy bill.

In return, makers of the additive it would replace — which has been found to contaminate drinking water — want protection against future environmental lawsuits. And lawmakers appear close to giving it to them.

A House proposal, gaining support among those trying to craft a compromise energy bill, would give manufacturers of MTBE, the additive now widely used in gasoline and blamed for fouling drinking water supplies in numerous states, a "safe harbor" from lawsuits seeking damages.

The liability protection, offered by Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, whose state is home to major MTBE producers, is viewed as a final hurdle before approval of a politically popular measure that would triple the demand for ethanol over the next decade. MTBE would be banned nationally within four years under the measure.

Senate sources say the House proposal for liability relief has a good chance of being accepted by Senate negotiators. Democrats and Republicans alike view it as a small price to pay in return for getting the politically popular ethanol provision into an energy bill only weeks before the upcoming elections.

Several of the key Senate races this fall are in farm states, including Missouri and South Dakota. Any congressional action that would triple demand for ethanol has widespread, powerful support.

President Bush has championed ethanol while pursuing farm-state votes. The two most powerful lawmakers on Capitol Hill — Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. — are from farm states with ethanol production facilities.

The MTBE industry, aware that its future is dim, has tried to get the best deal it can with help from its own allies on Capitol Hill, including Barton, chairman of the House Commerce energy subcommittee, and Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., who is chairing the energy bill negotiations. Virtually all the MTBE produced in the United States is made along the Gulf Coast in Texas and Louisiana.

It's only fair, argued Tauzin, that the MTBE makers be given some liability protection by Congress "when the government is responsible" for oil companies originally turning to the additive to meet federal air quality requirements. "We mandated MTBE to help the environment," he said.

The ethanol provision already contains liability protection for refiners that blend gasoline with ethanol, Tauzin said, and MTBE makers should be given equal protection.

Environmentalists urged lawmakers to reject liability protection for gasoline blends containing either MTBE or ethanol.

"It's an outrageous proposal," the leaders of nearly a dozen groups, from the Sierra Club to the American Lung Association, wrote lawmakers. "Polluters, not taxpayers or victims of pollution, should pay for the damages caused by their products."

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., called the liability protection "a special interest boondoggle" that simply "shields corporate bad actors" from having to help pay for having polluted drinking water supplies. But an attempt by Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., to scuttle the liability provision in the House proposal was turned back by a 10-4 vote.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Grandma's complex health care is more than she can handle

DEAR ABBY: My 76-year-old grandmother refuses to take care of her health. She is dangerously overweight, diabetic, has M.S. and heart disease — among other ailments.

Grandma has more specialists than she can keep track of and self-medicates on a regular basis. Her trips to the emergency room are frequent, and she has been close to death on several occasions.

I'm not the only one worried about Grandma. Her husband and two children cry, beg and plead with her to take her health more seriously — or to allow us to help manage her meds and medical appointments. Each time she has a close call, she promises she's "learned her lesson and will do better," but she doesn't change a thing.

I am at my wit's end! Grandma refuses to see the damage she's doing to herself. Our small family doesn't want her to die. My guilt and frustration have led to anger, which I know hurts her, because we've always been close. However, I'm at a loss about how to get through to her.

Please help, Abby. Grandma reads your column religiously. Maybe if she sees herself in print, along with your advice, it might push her in the right direction. Thanks for any help you can offer. — **AT THE END OF MY ROPE IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR AT THE END: While you love your grandmother and want her with you as long as possible, it may not be possible for her to make the lifestyle changes you and her doctors would like. She's 76, and a lot of damage has already been done.

For some people, making lifestyle changes can be stressful — even if they're positive changes. From your description of your grandmother's condition, it might be better to let her live out the time she has left without being too hard on her.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I "had" to get married because I got pregnant. We scraped together $70 and bought a set of wedding bands, and one very small engagement ring with a little diamond dust on it. Our early days were difficult, as we had no money and a baby on the way.

Over the years, through a lot of hard work, we formed a strong, loving union. I am proud of my husband, who works two jobs six days a week so I can stay home and raise our son.

Last year, we celebrated our 10th anniversary, and my husband took me out for a rare restaurant meal. After we had eaten, he put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a small black box. He slid it across the table and said, "This time, I mean it. Will you spend the rest of your life with me?" Inside was a gorgeous ring with a beautiful stone. He then went on to tell me that the first ring was for where we started, but this ring signified where we are going. I was deeply touched.

My ring may not be the biggest or most beautiful, but it is my dearest treasure, for it signifies the love of my husband — and for that, I am truly blessed! — **JAMIE IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR JAMIE: You are both blessed in many ways. Your marriage succeeded where many do not. The reason is you and your husband put all your efforts into building your relationship and making it strong.

I wish you happiness and success in your future together. You have earned both.

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DEAR ABBY: I received the enclosed "memo" from a friend. When I read it, I was floored. Once you read it, I'm sure you'll understand why. What's your take on this? — **AGAPE IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.**

DEAR AGAPE: If the document you sent me is on the level, the bride-to-be appears to have an abundance of unresolved control issues and an astounding lack of tact. Read on:

MEMO TO MY ATTENDANTS: Hey, girls! Mom has your dresses for the wedding. She'll bring them to the shower next weekend. You can pick them up there. "Allison" sent me an e-mail asking what style shoes and jewelry to wear. Great question, Allison! There are so many details. I keep forgetting to tell my girls what to do.

This is an excellent opportunity to go over my expectations for each of you:

About the shoes, please wear tasteful flats. Most of you are taller than me. I'd rather you not all tower over me.

I want all of you to wear your hair down. Since "Babs" and Allison have similar hair, I'd prefer that Babs straighten hers and let Allison be the curly-haired girl. After all, she's my friend and you are just bridesmaids! I'm sure you understand.

"Judy" and "Molly," you have both mentioned that you intend to shed a few pounds. This would be the perfect time! Watch your diets; we will all start weekly weigh-ins. Allison could use some trimming down, too.

Also, you should all stay away from alcohol for at least a week before the wedding. None of us should be puffy or bloated. I think this is mainly for Babs, as none of my ladies drink all that much.

Other than that, I don't have any real suggestions. Oh, please don't go tanning! I prefer to blend in with you than stand out as the pale one!

Judy, Allison and Molly, please call me. There are a few other things that I need to go over with you on this topic. Babs, you are "Scotty's" friend so I wouldn't presume to tell you what needs to be corrected — plus, your own wedding is coming up after mine. So I'm sure you're already more than a little aware of what you need to work on.

See ya'll on Saturday. Babs, remember you'll attend the shower with us girls rather than the paintball fun with the boys. Dress accordingly, dear!

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DEAR ABBY: I recently married a wonderful man. I am 31; "Cliff" is 42. His mother, "Margie," is the problem. She lives down the street. Margie bought furniture for our home and gives us money when we come up short. Because of this, she thinks she can stick her nose into our personal business whenever she wants.

Don't get me wrong; I appreciate everything Margie has done for us because, without her, we wouldn't be nearly as well fixed. But how do I get her to back off and let Cliff and me live our own lives? — **WANTS NO STRINGS ATTACHED IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR NO STRINGS: When you accept money, there are usually invisible "strings" attached. As long as you continue to accept your mother-in-law's money, you will have forfeited your right to "live your own lives." You won't truly regain your independence until you have repaid her the money.

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Democrats' West Texas caravan finishes tour

LUBBOCK (AP) — After traveling hundreds of miles, a caravan showcasing Democratic candidates finished up a four-day tour of West Texas in Lubbock on Thursday.

The caravan drew about 1,400 supporters and logged about 1,100 miles while visiting 19 towns and cites in the region. Various combinations of candidates for state offices joined up at the various stops along the way.

Two candidates — Richard Baker, candidate for chief justice against incumbent Republican Tom Phillips, and David Schaeffer, who is running for State Board of Education against Republican Bob Craig — arrived in Lubbock late Thursday. Both were on the tour from start to finish.

"We had fun out meeting with the people," said Schaeffer, a Dimmitt resident. "The excitement that's out there this year is very good and we're looking forward to the election."

The organizer of the tour, West Texas Coalition of Democrats president Pam Brink, called the tour "a resounding success."

"We reached the people in small towns and the urban areas of West Texas with a message about the issues that affect West Texans — rural economic development, rural health care and water."

However, state Republican Party spokesman Ted Royer said GOP candidates are the ones on the right side of the issues.

"The Republican team is the one that is offering Texans proven leadership, experience and vision," Royer said. "Our candidates have strong records of working for the people of Texas and we're confident that we are well on our way to victory in November."

Candidates who participated in the parts of the tour included Kirk Watson, who is seeking the attorney general's office against GOP candidate Greg Abbott; Tom Ramsay, candidate for agriculture commissioner who faces incumbent Republican Susan Combs; and William Moody, seeking a seat on the Texas Supreme Court against Republican Wallace Jefferson.

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, and Democrat Marty Akins, who faces incumbent Republican Carole Keeton Rylander, also joined the group in some of the communities.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez, who is up against Republican Rick Perry, and Ron Kirk, the former Dallas mayor who faces Republican John Cornyn in the race for the U.S. Senate, had other campaign stops scheduled and did not join the caravan.

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Hi Fellow Snyderites!

I spend a large part of my life attending meetings. Meetings that have to do with everything, some huge problems, some small, but all-important to somebody. Now these meetings all get down to one thing after you hear the good and the bad, then they get to the ugly-money. Everyone needs, wants, and has to have money to pay for the things that caused the meeting! Here at the chamber, not only do I have to worry about making the budget each year, but how to pay for all those things that I have to pay for that aren't in the budget. For instance, July 4th, (makes me sick every year before it's over worrying about if I can pay for the fireworks), the Western Swing Festival, the Christmas ornaments and lights that decorate our town every holiday season, the concrete so I can finish the Deep Creek project-and the list goes on and on.

Then there's Gateway, Oh, how much money they need to maintain, staff and stock the safe house for abused families. The Scurry County Museum-always looking for money to keep it interesting and beautiful and educational for our town. The Senior Center is one of the busiest places I know and constantly looking for projects to fund themselves.

The parks committee needs a million dollars in grants and donations to re-do the park for our citizens. The hospital has trouble getting Dr.'s, because they need (you guessed it) more money for better equipment and to upgrade their facilities to attract outside medical personnel to Snyder.

The United Way has kicked off its new campaign for $85,000 for all the agencies they support and who couldn't survive without them. The school system is bleeding because of tax troubles and maintenance problems and shrinking enrollment. WTC needs lots of help as they strive to upgrade the quality of education in several areas and add a baseball program to their curriculum to boost school spirit and put some excitement back into the college experience for the college crowd.

Then there is heart, cancer, muscular dystrophy, diabetes and St. Jude's Hospital who have all needed help lately, and even my grandchildren are selling cookie dough, candles and candy bars for their schools. Now, that's not counting girl scout cookies, the Kiwanis fish fry, the church burrito sale, the Lord's acre, the community garage sale at Borden County and the list goes on and on.

The point of this is-we need to "meet" about how to build it, put it on, save it, restore it, or help someone with it, and they're all wonderful causes, but where do we start to set priorities? Common sense tells us we can't help them all! Our church even depends on our 10% tithe and the missionaries overseas need donations too!

Someone told me the other day-"I feel so guilty that I have to say no, but I'm having enough trouble paying my bills and feeding my family"-taxes are up-income is down-what do we do? And this is all true.

I have a system that's worked for me for years. When I'm short of cash or run out of month way after the end of the money, I put all the bills in a hat-shake them up good-hold the hat high in the air and let them flutter to the ground. The ones that land face up, God means for me to pay!

As for the wonderful projects and charities that all need our help, thank goodness we all have one or two that are closest to our hearts and somehow we manage to help those each year. Somehow we manage to find the money to go to the doctor or dentist, buy gasoline, clothes every now and then, food, make house and car payments, and maybe see a play, movie, or ball game, eat out, or take a trip every now and then.

I have no easy answers. I know Snyder is a "Can Do" city, I see and have seen impossible things happen here. Dr. Greg Williams, WTC's wonderful new president and enthusiastic leader was the keynote speaker at a meeting I attended for the kick-off of this year's United Way Campaign. He ended with the following poem that I thought was absolutely beautiful-and summed up all those very real needs for money so very well-with his permission to share it with you, I hope it touches your heart like it did mine.

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast, and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim-
For that sullen stream has no fears for him;
But he turned, when he reached the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man" said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting strength in building here
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way,
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

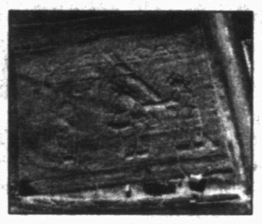
The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,

"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way,
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be,
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."
Will Allen Dromgoole

And so my friends-my advice for all of us--
Do what you can, for whomever you can, with whatever you can share; that's called Love.

God Bless you,
Donna

"MAZE" DAZE COMING TO AN END



What most of us locals don't realize is that one of Snyder's newest businesses and certainly one of our most daring ventures, the "Amazing Maze" cornfield, can be open all year! Greg Gabrd, owner, says there's only about three to four more weeks of the maze left, so if you haven't been, gotta go now! Mother Nature has stepped in and the corn is dead and drying up. The maze field is still in place and fun for the whole family, but the first high winds or freeze will probably cause the stalks to begin to fall, then we'll all have to wait until late spring to " get lost" again!

A lot of us who live here (like me) have been planning to go and take the kids all summer, but haven't made it yet-thinking we could go when we wanted!

Get ready-get set and go to the cornfield! For more information, call 915-573-4136 or go out to Greg and Donna's innovative field of dreams! Just go to the blinking light on Hwy 84 and Ennis Creek road and follow the signs.

"THANKS SNYDER"

"Thanks" to all that continue to help us with our huge Deep Creek project. This month, the owner of the land on the west side of the creek has given us permission to clean over there too, we received another donation, we've started the rock and cement work, and Perry Westmoreland and company burned off all the mountains of trees in a training exercise. It's looking good! Thanks for all the nice words of encouragement. It's a slow, long, hard project! If you have any cement, please let us know!

WHITE BUFFALO FESTIVAL

Lots of booths, vendors, cowboys, trains, planes and automobiles will be at the White Buffalo Festival this year. Tours to see the white buffalo hide at the Hays Ranch have been arranged, the Dodson House has a gorgeous quilt being donated to it's furnishings by members of the DAR, the train in the park is being moved to the Historical Village. A display of train collections of several local folks will be a highlight of the event, and a rodeo and barrel race will be held in the coliseum. There will be entertainment all day and a dance by Jody Nix that night. This and a lot more will all be taking place at the Scurry County Coliseum on October 11 and 12 under the direction of the coliseum staff and the festival committee. It promises to be one of the best yet! For more information, call 915-573-9811.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WHITE BUFFALO DAYS CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

8:00 a.m. Setup Booths
4:00 p.m. Booths Open to Public
4:00-6:00 p.m. Cornelius/Dodson House Open House
Dermott School Reception
Dodson House Spinning wheel demonstration - Jo Flynn
7:00 p.m. Bull Ride in Annex - Admission $5/under 12 - $3
9:00 p.m. Booths Closed

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th

8:30 a.m. Horseshoe Tournament Registration
Move Train from park to Coliseum
9:00 a.m. Booths Open
Team Roping - all day- Annex-no charge
Dodson House & Dermott School opens - New historical displays
Dermott School - Old fashion school class - Millie Sentell
9:00-11 a.m. Dermott School - Whittling Demonstration - Ed Barkowsky
9:00-12 noon Dodson House - biscuit making - Dot Stokes
9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dermott School New Exhibit of rural schools
Dermott School - Jean's Everett's New Book for sale
9:30 a.m. Entertainment - Heart & Soul
Horseshoe Tournament Begins
Dodson House Pioneer Demo
Dermott School - Old fashion school games
Rona Sikes/Jean Littlepage
10:00 a.m. Car Show Registration (East parking lot)
Stick Horse Rodeo & Pet Parade
Book Signing-Charles Anderson- "In Search of the Buffalo"
Dodson House - Crochet Demonstration - Lisa Moore
Dermott School - Horse Shoeing Demonstration - L.J. Mueller
Folkloric Dancers
11:00 a.m. Blue Prairie - entertainment
12:00 Noon Welcome RS&P Engine/Speeches
1:00 p.m. Blue Prairie - entertainment
1-3:00 p.m. Dermott School - Whittling Demonstration - Kenneth Atchinson

1:00-6:00 p.m. Dodson House - Crocheting - Angelea Cary
2:15 p.m. Bluff Creek Edition - entertainment
2:30-5:30 p.m. Dermott School Lye soap making - Peggy Vernon
3:00 p.m. Awards
4:00 p.m. Cloggers
5:00 p.m. The Mumble Some - entertainment
5:30 p.m. Dermott School - Drawing for Jess Everett painting
6:00 p.m. Booths Closed
8:00 p.m. Jody Nix - Dance

Master of Ceremonies - Max Von Roeder

Train Display in Room A
Flower Show on Northside
Artist - Bryan Asher - In Foyer
Door Prizes on the hour - starting 11:00-6 p.m. 8 items needed

Awards include: Pet Parade, Stick Horse Rodeo
People's Choice & WBD Committee Choice for Car Show (plaques - by the car club)

Booth Display - Commercial
Most attractive
Oldest continually operating business
Largest Display
Best portrayal of why I like to live in Snyder
Train Display

Flower Show
Main Events on Air: Bungee Run, Blues Clues House, 40' slide, baseball throw, candy house

There will be a $1.00 admission

October 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Museum Rummage Sale - Oct 11-14 White Buffalo Festival Scurry County Coliseum	12
13	14 Columbus Day 4-H Banquet Coliseum	15	16 National Boss Day	17 Snyder Opry	18	19
20	21 Chamber Board Meeting 11:30 a.m. Installing Christmas Exhibit - Museum	22	23	24	25	26
27 Daylight Savings Time Ends	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween		

WTC FALL FEST

OCTOBER 31, 2002
5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
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Proceeds to Benefit Campus Organizations And United Way

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Saints and Sinners by George R. Plagenz

Third commandment

Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy (Exodus 20:8 and Deuteronomy 5:12).

There are several possible reasons why the Sabbath (the word means rest) was instituted in ancient Israel.

It may have been in commemoration of the seventh day of creation when God rested. The Israelites probably did not think of it so much as a holiday in remembrance of the last day of creation as a command to "imitate God." To rest on the seventh day would be to express this aspect of God's nature in their own lives.

But this commandment as it is recorded in Deuteronomy suggests that the Sabbath was also to be a weekly thanksgiving to God for what he had done in rescuing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and bringing them to the Promised Land.

Deuteronomy also adds a social and humanitarian motive for keeping the Sabbath. It was less perhaps that the Israelite should rest himself than that he should give rest to others — the hard-worked cattle, the hired hands ("thy manservant and they maidservant") and the "stranger within they gates."

A church in Michigan excommunicates members who do not faithfully attend church on Sunday. Harsh as it seems, it has the effect of restoring this neglected commandment to an importance it has unfortunately lost.

We all ought to be concerned about what the exploitation of Sunday by commercialized entertainment (and commercialism, generally) is doing to us. It has given the quest for a good time and the quest for bargains in the store precedence over the cultivation of the spiritual resources by which mankind ultimately lives.

This lack of relaxation in our lives and our frantic misuse of leisure is also, some doctors say, exacting a toll on our heart valves and arteries.

Some critics of the state of modern culture are inclined, moreover, to trace the decline of the arts to "the acceleration of life and the loss of the capacity for rest and reflection and that serenity of spirit, which is the parent of all creativity."

I predict that before this century is over, we will be commemorating the Sabbath by going to church in the evening, not in the morning. We will have discovered that, psychologically, a morning service is all wrong.

Earlier in the day, our mental faculties are keenest. We are more alert and less likely to accept uncritically what the person speaking has to say.

But when we are tired and the evening shadows have their relaxing effect on us, our minds are more receptive. The artificial darkness and candlelight in some churches can produce the same hypnotic effect. Spiritual truths planted in our minds in such a setting grow better.

"Slowly, through the sleeping hours," as Robert Schuller reminds us, "these truths will find their way to the hidden hallways of the mind where powerful and silent and unseen forces gather."

In the meantime, a good exercise for all of us would be to observe an old-fashioned Sunday for a month or so — or longer.

"Sunday used to be a day for having leisurely family dinners after church, getting to know your neighbors or taking an afternoon drive in the country. We got in touch with the values that made our country great and our lives more liveable," in the words of one woman who looks back wistfully to the old-fashioned Sunday.

Our old-fashioned Sunday may not be exactly like that, but let's make it a quiet, restful day.

A final thought on the third commandment: Most of us think we have fulfilled the commandment if we have gone to church on Sunday morning. It would be well to consider that this commandment requires us to "sanctify the holy day" — not just one hour in the day!

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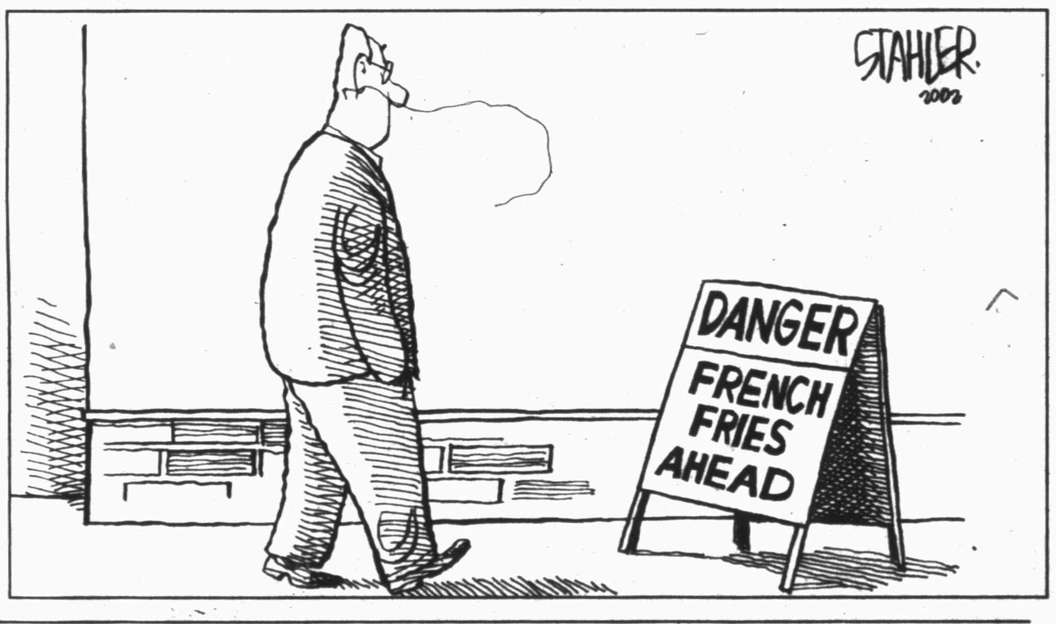
Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2002.

Scurry County	8
Snyder ISD	5
City of Snyder	4
DCOS	4
Cogdell Hospital	2
Hermleigh ISD	2
Ira ISD	2
WTC	2



Letter to the editor

Cox needs to fix it

Dear Editor:

I think many people in Snyder wish we had our SCAT cable TV system back. Cox has been nothing but problems, there is usually one or more stations off at all times.

If SCAT cable was off they got on the problem and fixed it. Saturday, my cable went off early in the morning, when I called I was told they could not call a man to check until 5 or 6 people had called.

So, now I have to call neighbors to complain to get it back on. Cox Communications, you would do well to remember that each home that is paying for service is entitled to service, whether 5 or 6 call or not I want my service working.

Betty Boyd

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

UT system investments

New University of Texas System Chancellor Mark Yudof's commitment to opening the books of the system's vast investment fund is a welcome change.

Yudof and UT Board of Regents Chairman Charles Miller persuaded the system's investment arm to engage in full disclosure. The board of directors of UTIMCO, the University of Texas Investment Management Co., had balked at the change. But in Dallas on Wednesday it voted unanimously to support a policy of full and open disclosure of financial information "regarding all of its investments of public funds, including public and private investments."

UTIMCO invests billions of dollars in public money earned for UT and Texas A&M University through the Permanent University Fund, which consists mainly of oil and gas revenues earned from public land and dedicated to the two universities. If investors don't like playing by the rules of the state of Texas that call for full and public disclosure of those investments, they don't have to work for UTIMCO.

It's not a difficult concept: It's the public's money, and the public has not only the right but the obligation to know what is being done with it. Nevertheless, UTIMCO has struggled with the notion of openness since its beginning in 1996. After a series of embarrassing disclosures about sizable investments handled by managers with connections to UTIMCO board members, the company agreed in 1999 to make public the performance of private equity managers.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

New mileage standards

Congress is often accused, sometimes wrongly, of being a "do-nothing" lawmaking body.

But when it comes to mandating a meaningful improvement in fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks, the "do-nothing" label applies in spades. House and Senate members negotiating a broad energy bill agreed on a proposal Thursday to require that minivans, sport utility vehicles and pickups in model-years 2006 though 2012 use at least 5 billion gallons less gasoline than the 2002 model-year fleet.

Gee, 5 billion gallons is a lot, right?

Quite the contrary. It probably would mean, at best, an improvement of one mile per gallon in fuel economy. And critics say that, as a result of other provisions in the energy bill, fuel consumption actually would increase slightly if the legislation wins final approval.

Under the current Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, each automaker's fleet of new cars must average 27.5 miles per gallon. Light-truck fleets — minivans, SUVs and pickups — must average only 20.7 mpg.

President Bush and Congress continually harp on the need to reduce U.S. reliance on foreign oil. If they really mean it, they should support a substantial improvement in fuel economy standards.

That would curb fuel consumption, which in turn would reduce air pollution, decrease America's dependence on foreign oil and save motorists money at the pump.

The CAFE standards have not been raised for 17 years. In that time, automakers have significantly improved engine efficiency, but those gains have been offset by millions of Americans buying ever-larger, gas-guzzling vehicles.

San Antonio Express-News

Army command moves to San Antonio

Winning the U.S. Army South command is an important accomplishment for San Antonio and Texas leaders.

The command not only will add an estimated 500 good jobs to the city's economy, it also will boost the case for keeping Fort Sam Houston open when Pentagon officials begin the next round of base closures.

The arrival of the command, which is leaving Puerto Rico, will lead to the rapid renovation of the historic Brooke Army Medical Center. The renovation will be financed by private firms, and the Army will lease the space.

San Antonio won the command in an intense competition with 11 other communities.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Rep. Ciro Rodriguez and other political and business leaders led the charge to bring the command to San Antonio. Their efforts will benefit the city as well as the U.S. Army.

As Hutchison put it, the U.S. Army South command is a good fit for San Antonio because of the city's "synergy with Mexico, Central and South America."

The command is in charge of operations in Central and South America.

Hutchison has been lobbying the Army on behalf of San Antonio for several years. She and her allies obviously did the job effectively.

The Dallas Morning News

Underperforming schools

The Bush administration had a good idea with the No Child Left Behind Act. To help ensure school accountability, parents could transfer their children out of low-performing schools. Texas already had some public school choice, but few parents were using it. Many believed that was because parents had to provide their own transportation to new schools. So the federal legislation required districts to provide the transportation.

Yet this first school year for the federal program saw only a handful of eligible students transferring in the Dallas Independent School District just four students transferred out of the more than 4,000 eligible.

What's happening?

Students want to stay with friends? Convenience? Parent inertia?

How about that parents don't have a clue?

Parents may not even be receiving the information on their options. Children at low-performing schools are given one letter to take home to their parents. Does the letter make it out of the backpack? Parents are not asked to sign any acknowledgment of having received the information.

Timing is important too. The letters on the federal program were sent home after the students had started their fall semester. Who wants to transfer once school has started?

Schools and districts could have given some advance notice. The state announced its accountability ratings on Aug. 1. Districts could have mailed preliminary letters alerting parents to the possibility of assisted transfers. The Dallas district already knew several of the schools would be on the list.

When the state sent the final list to principals on Aug. 22, Dallas had five of Texas' 17 regular public schools found to be leaving children behind under the terms of the federal act.

Districts and schools have absolutely no incentive to encourage transfers. The letters struck a positive tone about school improvements. At Edison Henderson Academy, for example, the district letter noted the school "is close to getting out of their (sic) current low performing rating."

If the goal is to have accountability, don't ask the poor-performing schools to inform parents. Education Secretary Rod Paige should ensure state agencies take on the task.

The Village Idiot by Jim Mullen

I brake for all kinds of stuff

Over the years, we've all collected stuff that we are ashamed to have in the house. Stuff that is too ugly to keep, too expensive to throw out — unfortunate Christmas presents, out-of-date furniture, wide paisley ties we thought might come back into fashion. So what do we do with it? The town dump? The Goodwill? The Recycling Center? Of course not. We spread it out on the front lawn and put prices on it. We have a lawn sale.

It sounds like such a good idea. A way to get rid of six-pound wooden tennis rackets, dented chafing dishes, Carpenters' albums, eight-track tapes, battered recliners, unused fondue pots, Dictaphones, coolers in the shape of giant beer cans; beat-up copies of "Jonathan Livingston Seagull"; embroidered linen pillowcases and stacks of "Reader's Digest Condensed Books." Unfortunately, it is the exact same stuff everyone else is trying to get rid of. That's why lawn sales are held on the weekend, so the entire mess won't be confused for garbage and accidentally collected.

I don't stop at lawn sales because I think I will find a copy of the Declaration of Independence hidden behind a $2 picture of dogs playing poker, I stop because I'm a snoop. There's nothing like pawing through a table full of personal effects in the hot sun to learn how your neighbors spend their time and how they spend their money. Junk on a folding table in the driveway speaks to me.

One silver teaspoon. Did someone steal the other seven or did you always just have one? Or do spoons in a dishwasher disappear like socks in a dryer?

A cross-country-ski exercise machine for fifty bucks. They twisted their ankle trying to learn how to use it the day it arrived and then gained two pounds convalescing. Here it is out in the front yard, making them feel guilty every time they look at it. "Buy it," it says to me, "get it out of their life."

Lawn sales are full of kitchen gadgets that are so food specific no one ever used them. A left-handed, deep-fat frog-leg fryer. A waffle iron in the shape of Paul Prudhomme. "Nothing peels kiwis better than the New Zealander 5000!" It is still in the box. "Grill Fish In Your Hotel Room With the Fry It and Forget It!" Where do these people stay? Motel 666?

Skis, wheelchairs, hurricane lamps, roller skates, TV trays, baby clothes. You never find good stuff at the yard sales selling baby clothes. You can either have children or you can have good stuff. But there is a law of physics that you can't have both.

Golf clubs. Tons of golf clubs. I saw a beautifully balanced putter at a yard sale, the lady said I could have it for a quarter. I told her that brand new it probably cost $80. She said she was glad it made me happy, "because it never made Henry happy."

"He doesn't play any more?"

"Not since he died."

"Oh, I'm sorry."

"I'm not."

I asked Sue if she'd sell my stuff after I died. She said, "What makes you think I'll wait for that?"

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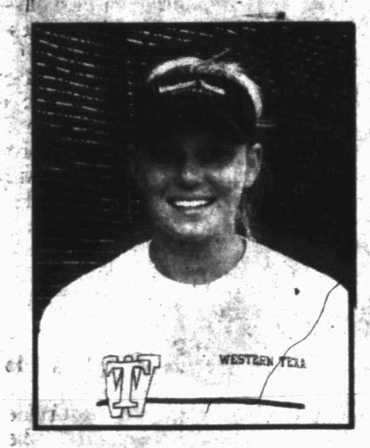
WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
Weekend, Sept. 28-29, 2002

SECOND ANNUAL WTC SGA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 5
WTC Golf Course
Four-Man Select
Shotgun Starts, 9a.m. and 1:30p.m.
Entry Fee $160 per team
Cash Prizes
Proceeds benefit Student Government Association

Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

Lady Dusters Softball Team Off to a Good Start



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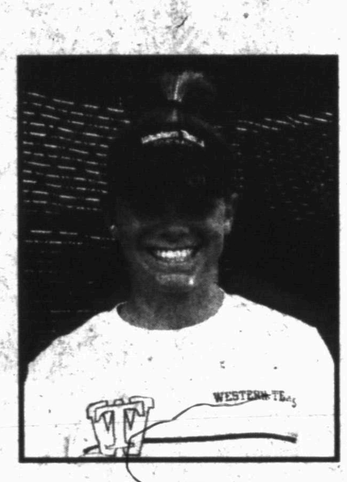

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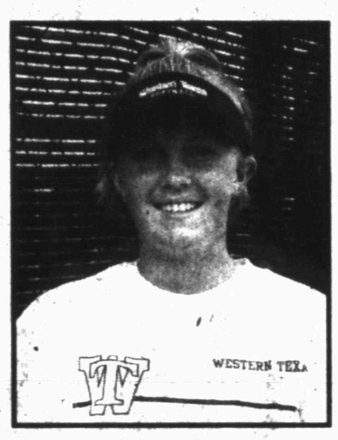

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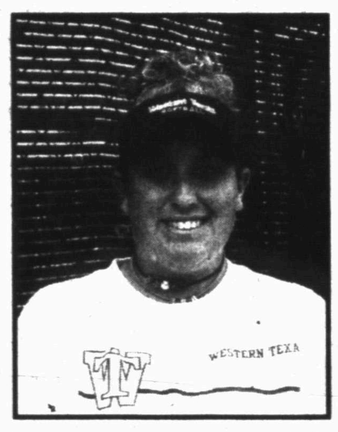

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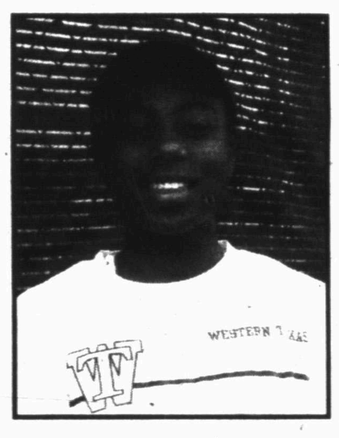

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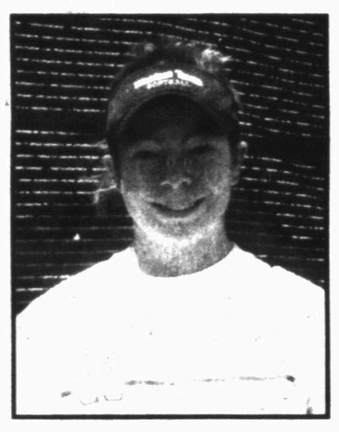

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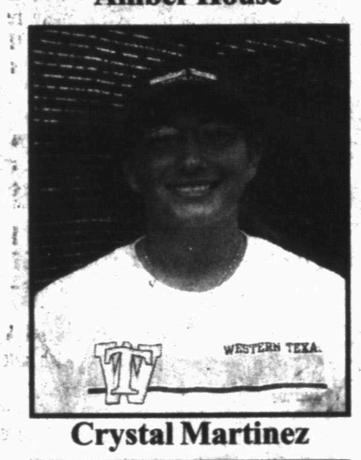

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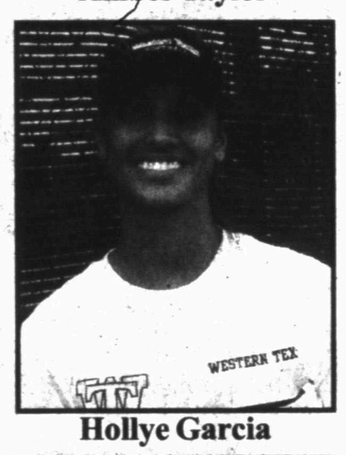

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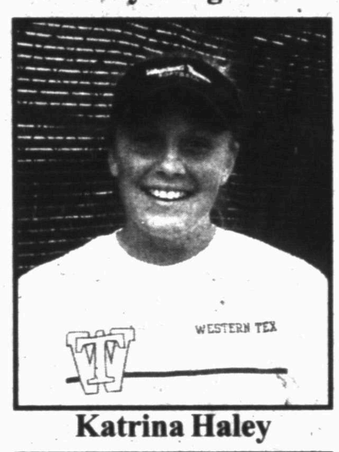

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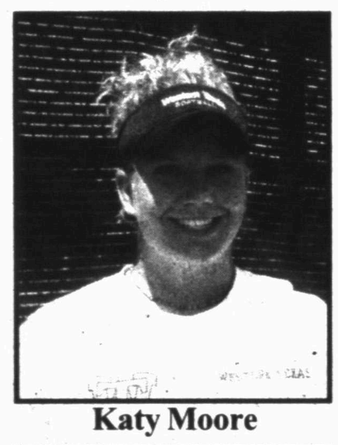

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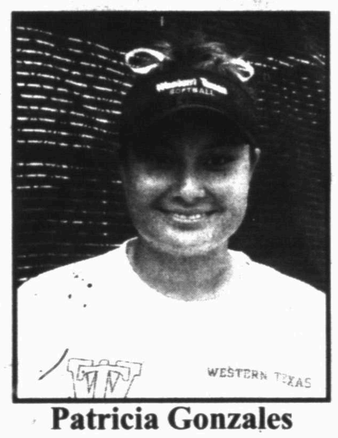

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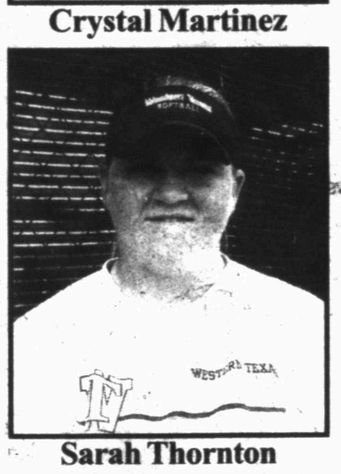

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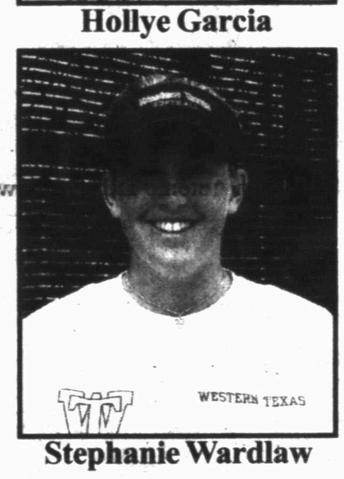

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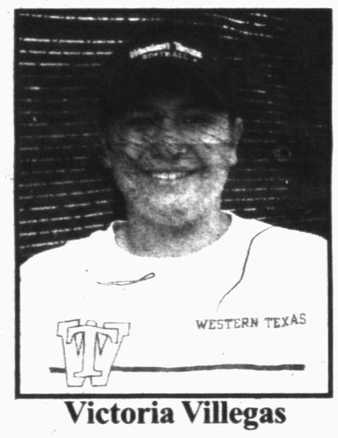

Victoria Villegas

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Two styles to choose from:
Gameshirt Replica
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"The Tradition Begins"
Proceeds benefit the Softball Program.
For more information,
contact Joyce Boyd at 573-8511 ext. 283.

(Not pictured, Heather Patterson)

The inaugural Lady Duster softball team at WTC has 17 players on its roster from a variety of backgrounds. Head Coach Rodney McNeil says the team is really coming together and he has high expectations for each of the players.

Brandy Jordan is a freshman from Chino, California, who plays the Pitcher/ First base positions. She is the daughter of Orson and Sandy Jordan and graduated from St. Lucy's Priory High School.

Amber Shea House, a freshman from Wataiga, Texas, graduated from Fossil Ridge High School. She is the daughter of Jeff and Sandra House and a Pitcher for the team.

Christina Gourd, from Grapevine, is playing Outfielder as a freshman. Her parents are Eli and Joanne Gourd. She graduated from Colleyville Heritage High School.

Amber Taylor is a freshman from Arlington, Texas and a graduate of Mansfield High School. Her parents are Don and Brenda Taylor. As a junior in High School, she was chosen for the Junior Olympic Team. Amber is an Outfielder.

Sarah Thornton is a freshman from Sequin, Texas where she graduated from Sequin High School. Her parents are Jeff and Dana Thomton. Sarah will pitch for the WTC Lady Dusters.

Stephanie Wardlaw, from Midland, Texas, will play third base as a freshman at WTC. She is the daughter of Steve and Ann Wardlaw.

Victoria Villegas from Burleson, Texas, is a graduate of Burleson High School and a freshman at WTC. She is the daughter of Santos and Lilly Villegas and will be Centerfielder for the Lady Dusters.

Betsy Langdon is from Midland, Texas where she graduated from Greenwood High. She is a freshman at WTC. Her parents are A.J. and Patsy Langdon. Betsy will play First Base.

Tabitha Rodriguez is a freshman from Heath, Texas where she graduated from the Rockwall Christian Academy. Her parents are Rocky and Eliza Rodriguez. Tabitha will play Third Base and Middle Infield.

Crystal Ann Martinez, from Midland, Texas will play First Base as a freshman at WTC. She is a graduate of Midland Senior High School and is the daughter of Adam and Betty Martinez.

Sara Davila is a freshman from Lubbock, Texas and will play Outfield for the Lady Dusters. She is a graduate of Monterey High School and is the daughter of Olga Mesa and Abelardo Davila Jr.

Kathy Olean Moore is a freshman from San Angelo, Texas, where she graduated from Central High School. She will play as Catcher and Outfielder. Her parents are Harold and Dianna Moore.

Patricia Aurora Gonzales is from Los Angeles, California and will be a Pitcher and play Third Base for WTC. She is a freshman and her mother is Aurora Marquez.

Katrina Haley is a freshman from Joshua, Texas, who will be an Outfielder for the Lady Dusters. She graduated from Steppingstone Christian Academy and her parents are Randy and Toni Steed.

Hollye Garcia is from Merkel, Texas where she graduated from Northwest High School. She is a freshman and will play as an Outfielder and Middle Infielder. Hollye's parents are Brenda and Mike Forbes.

Heather Patterson is from Greenville, Texas and will Catch for WTC as a freshman. She is a graduate of Greenville High and her parents are Byran and Cindy Patterson.

Candace Dupree is from Lubbock, Texas. She is a freshman at WTC and is a graduate of Monterey High School. Candace will play Middle Infield for the Lady Dusters. She is the daughter of Ardie Langston.

Plaque Lists 250+ Donors

The names of several businesses, organizations, and individuals are included on a plaque located outside the WTC President's Office the administration building. The plaque recognizes donors of $250 or more to the college's kickoff campaign earlier this year. The list

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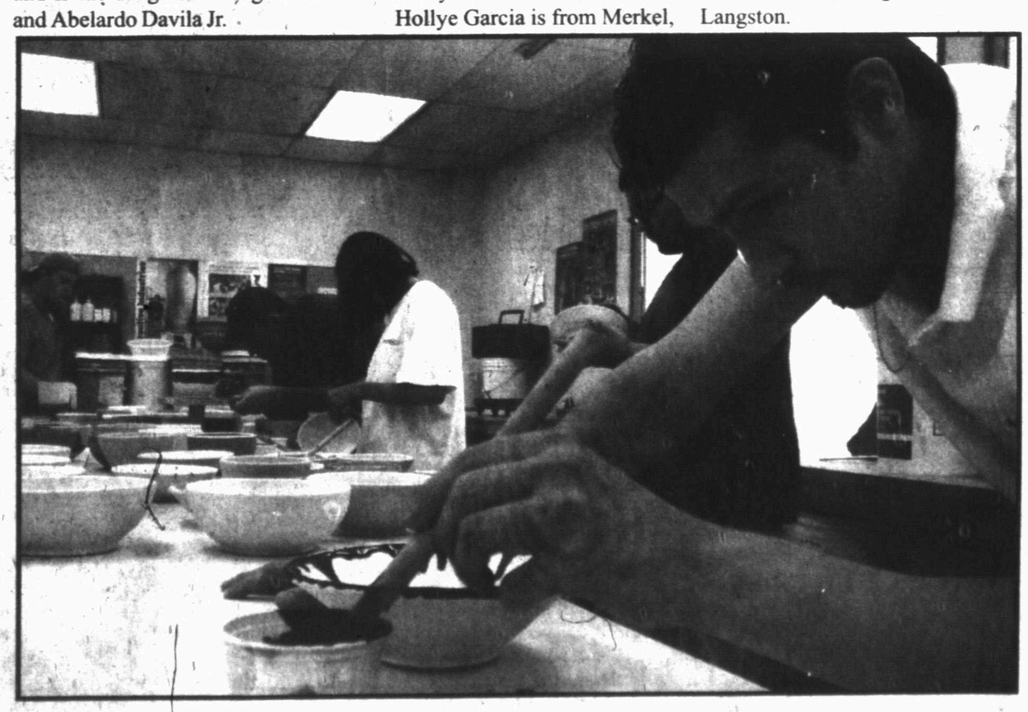

Gearing Up

WTC art students glaze ceramic pieces to be sold at the WTC Art booth at the annual White Buffalo Days Festival next weekend. Art professor, Ben Sum will also be on hand to draw portraits for $20 each. Proceeds from the two booths will benefit the "Applaud the Arts Program" at WTC. The college will hold six separate booths for the event, representing the Art Department, the Student Government Association, The Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the Recruiting Office, and the International Student Organization.

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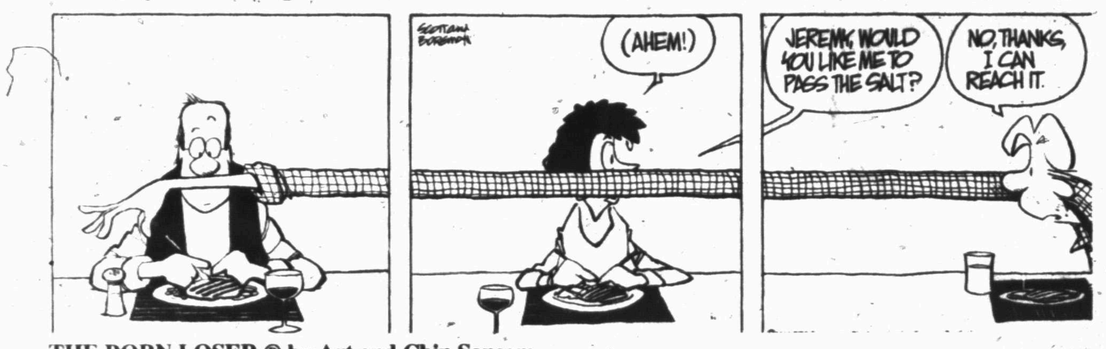

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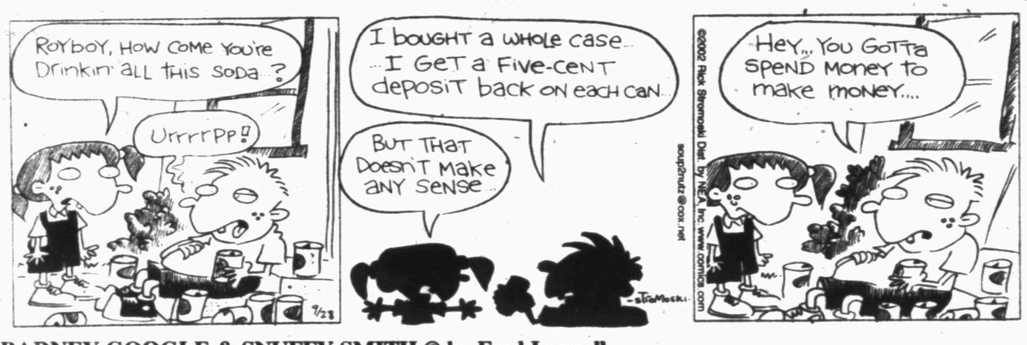

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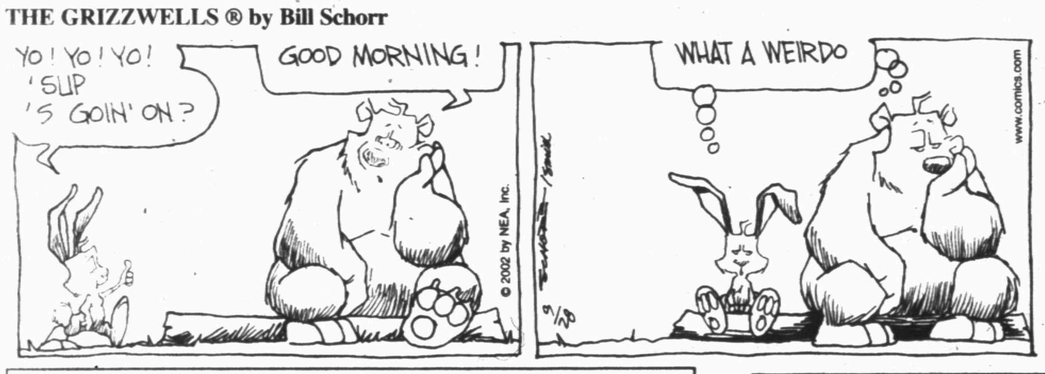

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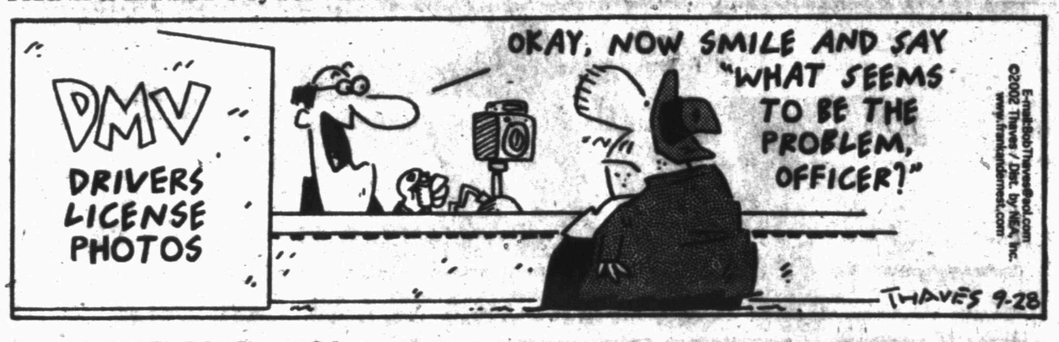

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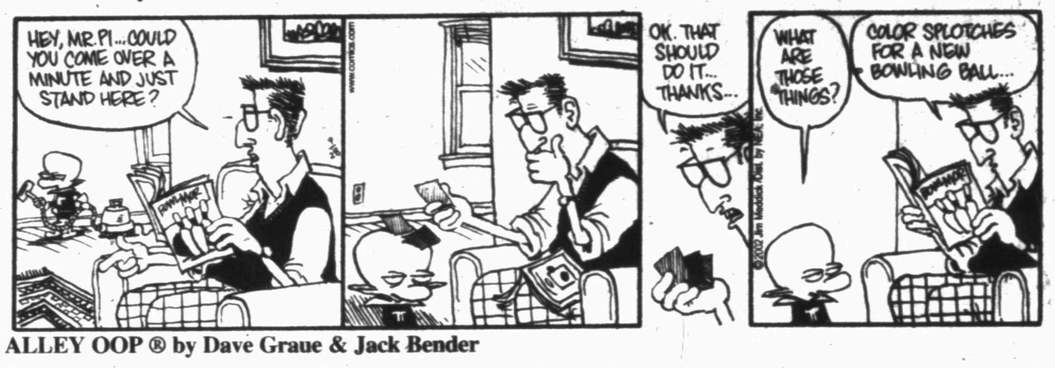

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"Run upstairs and see who it is!"

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Big rigs' radios
4 Term of respect
7 Actor — Bridges
11 Busy place
12 Hardy vegetable
13 Part of WATS
14 Woof
15 Raines of 1940s films
16 July sign
17 Strikes back
19 Card game
21 Ms. Hagen
22 Gamblers' rolls
23 Mutiny
26 Fence
28 Thurman of films
29 Collar style
31 Flower stalk
35 TWA guesses
37 Choir member
39 Motorist's org.
40 Hassock
42 Docks
44 Sudan neighbor
46 Want-ad abbr.
47 Tears apart
49 Horror-struck
53 Ice floe
54 Leaning Tower site
56 Actress — Wray
57 Goddess's statue
58 "Et tu" time
59 Indiana Jones quest
60 Fillet a fish
61 Skosh
62 Funny Charlotte —

DOWN

1 Despot
2 Dull one
3 Lobby furnishing
4 Tortilla dip
5 Not well
6 Glean
7 Wild dogs
8 Miscalculated
9 Is suspicious
10 "When We Was —"
12 Pot
18 Billiard stick
20 Night flyer
23 Wish undone
24 CPR giver
25 Pasture sound
26 Lobo
27 Aardvark morsel
30 Sweater letter
32 Way of Lao-tzu
33 Pitcher handle
34 More, in Mexico
36 Sequin
38 Bulova rivals
41 Peculiar
43 Admirer's response
44 Tenet
45 Marsh bird
46 Slackened off
48 Hiss
50 Nowhere near
51 Cake maker — Lee
52 Kindergartner
53 Overalls front
55 Boise's st.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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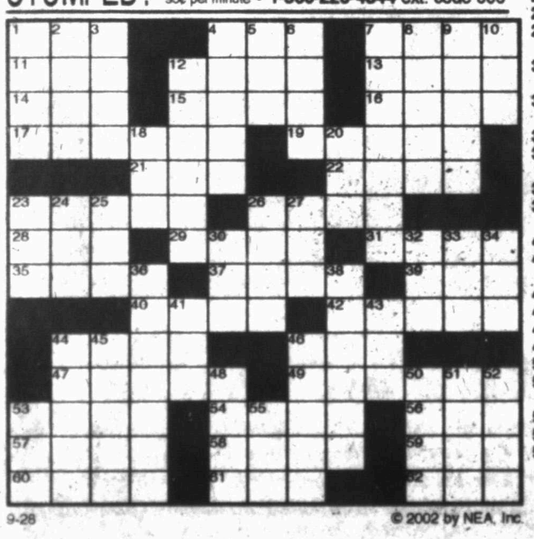

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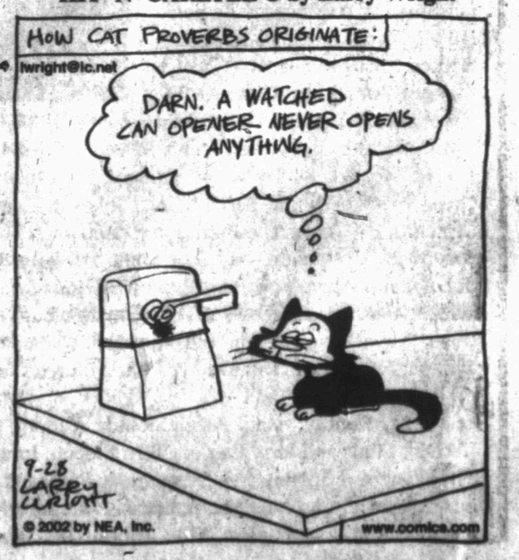

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002

There are strong indications that this could be the year that you enjoy greater material security than you have in the past. This will happen because your income will be derived from more than one source.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be extra careful today that you don't overreact and lose your cool in front of the wrong people to the point to where your dignity and reputation could suffer. Stay in character and in balance. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — If you don't make your own plans today, someone else will harness your day and put you to work participating in their involvements. Don't waste your own time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Do all that you can today to avoid the company of a person with whom you've recently had a misunderstanding that isn't yet resolved. It is still a hot issue and swords could cross again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Airing a disagreement in public between you and your mate will only make matters worse. Everyone within earshot will feel uncomfortable and blame you for causing it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — A lot of aggravation with precious little accomplishment is very likely today if you fail to be prepared and methodical when attempting a difficult task. Prepare first so this doesn't happen.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Every once in a while, you allow your head to get caught in the clouds and can get a bit careless regarding something you promise to do for another. Try to be very conscientious today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't let opposing views cause a skirmish today between you and your mate. If you see one coming, for the sake of peace, you be the one who sets the example of being more agreeable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Because your critical faculties are especially sharp today, you could blurt something out that might wound someone else's feelings. Guard your words carefully and don't speak out of turn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It could be just one of those days when any money you put in your pocket wants to burn a hole in it. For the sake of your budget, stay away from expensive goodies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Should you find that feelings are running a bit intense at home today, yield on those minor points that don't matter in order to avoid locking horns with a family member or in-law.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Egos could be running high today and tempt you to pretend to be knowledgeable about a certain subject you know nothing about. If your facade is pierced, you'll be highly embarrassed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It may be more convenient to delegate some kind of matter to another that can affect your material security, but it definitely won't be smarter. No one understands it like you.

Monday, Sept. 30, 2002

In order to create more favorable conditions, you're very likely to take the bull by the horns and do something about your affairs in the year ahead. You will no longer want to settle for second best.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today, contact that person who is in the position to do you a favor on a project that needs his/her expertise. This person is energized and won't hesitate to take something on for you. Major changes are ahead for Libra in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167 Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Do not hesitate to immediately put into practice your recently acquired knowledge. It will greatly help you develop something important you've been working on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Go for the gold today. That old fight and drive you possess when challenged is stirring within you at this time and wants to be released. Use it in a competitive situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Once you set your mind on something today, there won't be anything that can hold you back. Your possibilities for realizing what you envision are excellent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Do whatever is necessary today to change a negative situation that concerns your work or career. There is no reason you should live with it any longer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Link up today with someone who is as ambitious and energetic as you are; you can accomplish far more with this person than you can by yourself. Double effort yields double results.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Because you love your home and family so much, you're not apt to mind working extra hard for them today. This labor of love will be most satisfying for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — What will help put you in an exhilarated frame of mind for the rest of the week is if you start it off by participating in some form of vigorous, fun, social activity. It'll give you a high for days.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Make a family involvement that is personally meaningful the chief issue on your list of priorities today. With loved ones in mind, you'll be both dedicated and persistent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If the world hasn't been moving quite fast enough to suit you, take direct action today to get things rolling in the direction you wish to take.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be resolute in what you want to do today, but make your moves in subtle, discrete ways. These tactics will fare better than those that are overly assertive or demanding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — That time you've been hankering to spend on a new and stimulating venture could avail itself today. When that door opens, move quickly before something else taxes your hours.

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Mother wants doctors to remove son's life support

CHULA VISTA, Calif. (AP) — Miles Dabord's mother wants doctors to remove life support systems from her son, who is suspected of killing his brother, former NBA player Bison Dele.

Dabord, 35, remained in critical condition Friday morning at Scripps Memorial Hospital, spokeswoman Monica Montano said. She declined to say whether the hospital had received a request from the brothers' mother, Patricia Phillips, to remove life support.

Dabord, believed to be the only person who could have told investigators firsthand what happened to Dele, slipped into a coma after overdosing on insulin and failing to take his asthma medication, his mother said.

Patricia Phillips said Thursday morning she had planned to pray at Dabord's bedside with some relatives and friends before asking doctors to unhook her son from the machines keeping him alive.

Reached at home late Thursday, Phillips refused to comment.

Dele, his girlfriend and the skipper of their boat were last seen in early July near the tiny island of Maiao, west of Tahiti.

Dabord, a computer operator whose name was once Kevin Williams, overdosed on insulin and failed to treat his asthma, Phillips said. He was found in Tijuana, Mexico, and taken to Scripps on Sept. 14.

Investigators believe Dele, girlfriend Serena Karlan and boat captain Bertrand Saldo were killed while sailing in French Polynesia.

Dabord made a satellite phone call from the catamaran in what was possibly his first conversation after the deaths at sea, authorities in French Polynesia said Wednesday.

Dabord abandoned his brother's boat in Tahiti and flew home.

Authorities have interviewed Dabord's ex-girlfriend Erica Weise, who spent time with him on the island of Moorea after the others disappeared, and she described an on-board struggle.

FBI agents also planned to question the person on the other end of the satellite phone call, who has been reluctant to speak to authorities, Tahiti-based investigating judge Jean-Bernard Taliercio said. The name of the person, a South Pacific resident, wasn't disclosed.

Dabord wasn't charged. After returning to the United States, he signed his brother's name while trying to buy $152,000 worth of gold in Phoenix, arousing suspicion.

After he was hospitalized, he was arrested for investigation of impersonating his younger brother, who played for several NBA teams, including the Chicago Bulls' 1996-97 championship team.

Natural causes blamed in death of Pool's lead singer

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — Drowning Pool lead singer David Wayne Williams, who was found dead in his tour bus last month, died of natural causes, according to an autopsy.

The 30-year-old suffered from heart failure caused by cardiomyopathy, a disease in which areas of heart muscle enlarge and thicken, an autopsy released Thursday concluded.

While toxicology reports showed Williams had insignificant amounts of alcohol and prescription medication in his system, they were not a factor in his death, said Sgt. Kim Chinn, spokeswoman for the Prince William Police Department.

Drowning Pool had been touring as part of Ozzy Osbourne's Ozzfest and was scheduled to perform the following day.

Williams' bandmates left their tour bus Aug. 14 to check into the Holiday Inn off Interstate 66 just outside Manassas. When Williams didn't follow, they returned to the bus and found him dead in his bunk.

Drowning Pool formed in Dallas in the late 1990s and took its name from a 1975 Paul Newman movie of the same name.

Higher turn out in primaries raises number of voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Voters showed slightly more interest in primaries around the country in August and September preventing primary turnout from hitting new record lows, says a report released Thursday.

"There was a marginally increased level of interest that might increase more if the economy becomes a central issue in the campaign," said Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate.

The slight increase in turnout from primaries in the last midterm elections in 1998 did not significantly change the overall trend of voting declines.

"The most important thing is that turnout is still low," said Gans, who noted the patriotic fervor that followed Sept. 11 has not altered voting patterns.

Average turnout for Democratic primaries was 9.1 percent of those old enough to vote. Average turnout for Republican primaries was 7.7 percent.

Seventeen states had record low turnouts this year under the formula used by the committee, which bases its estimates on the voting age population according to the Census Bureau.

Some states use different formulas to come up with their voter turnout results and those states' official results may not agree with the findings of the committee.

Study: Natural proteins block progression of HIV infection

WASHINGTON (AP) — In research that solves a 16-year medical mystery, scientists have identified a group of proteins that inhibit the progression of HIV in people who are resistant to the virus that causes AIDS.

The study, using a new protein-identification tool, identified the proteins in a disease-blocking substance, called CAF. Researchers discovered in 1986 that CAF was secreted in the blood of "long-term progressors" — patients infected with HIV who never get sicker and never develop full-blown AIDS. But efforts to unlock the proteins in CAF have failed, until now.

Researchers at Rockefeller University and the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York said the proteins in CAF are part of a large family of disease-fighters known as alpha-defensins. These natural antibiotics were first discovered in 1985 and were known to play a role in protecting the body from bacteria and infections. The new study finds they also inhibit HIV.

"We are most gratified to help solve the mystery around CAF," said Dr. David Ho, leader of the research team at Aaron Diamond. He is senior author of a study appearing Friday in Sciencexpress, the online version of the journal Science.

Ho said his group conducted tests that proved that three types of alpha-defensins, 1, 2 and 3, work together to inhibit HIV. He called the proteins "natural peptide antibodies" that work in concert to prevent HIV from reproducing.

Researchers still don't know how the defensin proteins act against HIV and are still uncertain if the natural compounds can be used as a drug against the virus, he said.

"It is not entirely clear that we can turn this discovery into a useful therapeutic," said Ho. He said the protein molecule is very large and the researchers are trying to make a smaller version that may act more powerfully against HIV.

"This will not be the ultimate solution," said Ho, "but it could be another weapon in the arsenal against HIV."

Ho said that apparently a kind of white blood cells, called CD8 T cells, and another kind of immune system cells, called neutrophils, make alpha-defensins 1, 2 and 3 in most people, but for unknown reasons only some are protected against the progression of HIV.

"With HIV infection, the capacity to make alpha-defensins is lost, but it is preserved in the long-term non-progressors," Ho said.

Susan Plaeger, an AIDS scientist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, said the study by Ho and his group is important "but it may not be the end of the story."

She said there probably are other immune system proteins yet to be identified that also inhibit HIV.

"Defensins are active against a number of other microbes, so I am sure there will be a push to develop these as therapeutic agents," said Plaeger.

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Man involved in bitter fight over custody shot to death

MAPLE SHADE, N.J. (AP) — A man involved in a bitter custody dispute with a member of the radical Philadelphia-based group MOVE was found shot to death early Friday, the same day he was scheduled to visit his son, law enforcement sources said.

John Gilbride's body was found in a car outside his apartment complex, several law enforcement sources told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Gilbride, a 34-year-old airline employee, had been fighting for custody of his son John Zachary Gilbride, who lived in Cherry Hill with his mother, Alberta Africa, a MOVE member.

After a Philadelphia judge decided earlier this year that Gilbride should have unsupervised time with the 6-year-old, MOVE vowed to fight the order and boarded up windows at its Philadelphia headquaters.

Gilbride was to have his first unsupervised weekend with his son last week, but police say he was out of town and didn't pick the boy up. The same day, MOVE members held a rally at the Cherry Hill municipal building protesting the custody order. They said the judge's order was an attempt to persecute the group and that Cherry Hill police were helping.

Under the custody order, Gilbride was to visit the boy on Friday.

Sgt. Jack Smith, a spokesman for the Burlington County Prosecutor's office, confirmed that a man was found dead, but he said he could not release the name until family members were notified.

The body was discovered in a vehicle parked outside the Ryan's Run apartment complex on King's Highway, Smith said. Neighbors said Gilbride lived in the complex.

Ramona Africa, a MOVE spokesman, said the last time anyone in her group had contact with Gilbride was Sept. 13.

The anarchist group gained notoriety in the 1970s and 80s after high-profile clashes with Philadelphia police. The group shunned modern conveniences, preached equal rights for animals and rejected government authority. Members dropped their surnames and took the last name Africa.

A 1985 clash between the group and police left 11 people dead and 61 homes burned after city authorities dropped a bomb from a helicopter.

In the decades since then, the group has largely kept a low profile. But with the custody dispute, the group began boarding up their headquarters windows again last week, fearing another possible showdown with authorities. The name MOVE does not stand for anything in particular.

Philadelphia Police Capt. Bill Fisher, the head of the department's civil affairs division who knows the MOVE leaders well, said he doesn't believe the custody dispute had any relation to the killing.

"I knew there was a lot of rhetoric and everything else, but keep it in perspective, it's a child custody thing," Fisher said.

Alberta Africa and John Gilbride married in 1992, and divorced about two years ago, said Linda Byrne, a paralegal who worked on the custody case for Gilbride.

US Airways spokesman David Castelveter said Gilbride had worked for the airline since the early 1990s, most recently supervising ramp activity at Philadelphia International Airport.

Gilbride's parents, John and Fran Gilbride of Virginia, are apparently on their way to New Jersey, according to lawyer Lee Schwartz, who represented their grandparental rights during the custody dispute.

Settlement reached in Ono suit against ex-employee

NEW YORK (AP) — Yoko Ono reached a settlement Friday with a former John Lennon aide over his use of hundreds of private family photos, ending a dispute that had stretched across two decades.

As part of the settlement, former assistant Frederick Seaman issued a public apology to Ono, the late Beatle and their son Sean, lawyers for both sides announced.

"I offer no excuses for my conduct and ask only that you can find it in your heart to forgive me," Seaman said in a statement read in court by Ono's attorney.

Ono had sued over the rights to 374 photos Seaman took of Lennon's family, many in the months before he was shot to death by a deranged fan, and closing arguments in the trail had been expected Friday.

The settlement ended the trial and requires Seaman to surrender all rights to the photos. Seaman must also return any Lennon-related items still in his possession within 10 days. He admitted he had exploited the Lennon legacy for personal profit.

"After more than 20 years, it's time to ask for forgiveness for my actions," Seaman said. "I now realize how much pain and embarrassment I have caused."

In her lawsuit, Ono alleged that Seaman violated the agreement by publishing a memoir titled "The Last Days of John Lennon: A Personal Memoir." She also claimed he profited by stealing Lennon mementos and selling them to collectors.

The suit demanded that Seaman surrender the rights to 374 photos he took of the Lennon family, turn over about $75,000 from the sale of the rock icon's papers and pay unspecified damages.

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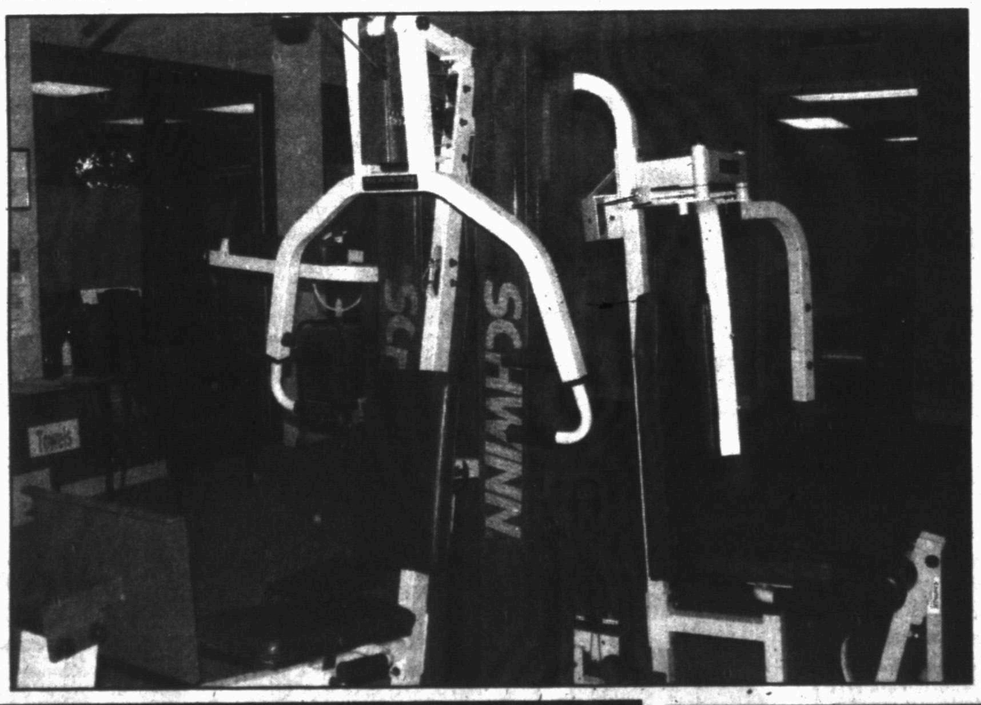

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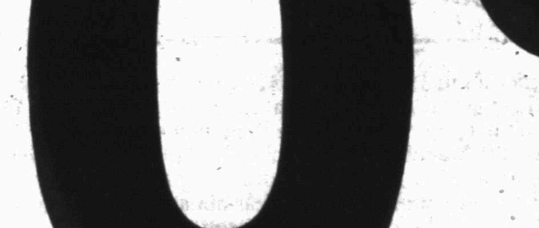
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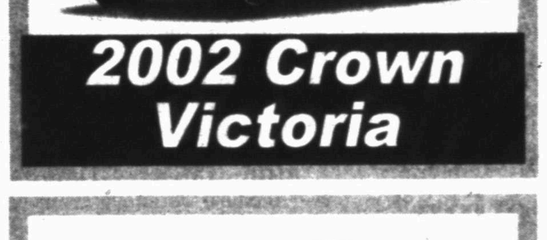
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