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Commissioners set county tax rate at 51 cents

With little fanfare Tuesday afternoon, Scurry County commissioners adopted the county's 1998 budget and shaved 3½ cents from the current tax rate.

Commissioners set a tax rate of 51 cents per $100 valuation. That's 3½ cents below the 1997 rate of 53.51, but 2½ cents over the effective rate of 49.56.

Ad valorem taxes are expected to generate $2,321,947 in revenue for the county next year — based on a 98 percent collection rate.

The budget, $5,543,271, represents a little more than $100,000 in cuts from this year's budget of $5,656,403.

The county's total budget, including funds appropriated for the general fund, road and bridge fund, Board of County Development, Hermleigh Water Works and Cogdell Memorial Hospital, is $20,741,587. The hospital's budget makes up most of that — $15,157,216.

Of the remainder, $4,311,873 is designated for the general fund and $1,180,923 is appropriated for the road and bridge fund.

Besides ad valorem taxes, the county's other key revenue sources include $750,000 in sales and use tax, $235,000 in interest, $200,000 in justice court fines, $120,000 in tax collection fees, $70,000 in airport revenue $65,000 in justice court fees, $60,000 in county clerk fees and $48,000 in district clerk fees.

In other business Tuesday afternoon, commissioners approved line-item transfers and budget amendments. Among the amendments were $45,800 in legal services pertaining to the Cogdell Memorial Hopital lease issue, $44,500 for the new sound system at the coliseum plus miscellaneous expenses, and $5,000 for the Aug. 8 election, which was not forseen when the 1997 budget was approved.

County Judge Ricky Fritz presided. All commissioners were in attendance, to include Howard Limmer, Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

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THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If life was like a baseball game, forgiveness would have to be a home run."

Those who long for the good ole days can now be trendy.

Most can remember growing up and mowing the lawn with a reel push-type mower.

The muscle-power mowers are making a comeback. More than 250,000 were sold last year. And the American Forecaster Almanac, a trend-spotting publication, predicts the push mower is not finished getting its second wind. More than 300,000 are expected to be sold this year. The increase could be 20 to 30 percent in the next few years.

There's an explanation according to the magazine. "Push mowers are cheap, and they're part of a yuppie phenomenon called 'upscale simplicity.'"

We don't know about upscale simplicity, but we do remember pushing that thang through tall grass under a 100-degree West Texas sun was less exhilarating than two-a-day football workouts in August.

We take exception of the description of an push mower as upscale. Nothing upscale is supposed to make you sweat.

One yuppie rationalized the decision to abandon his power mower in favor of a push-type, concluding he could get exercise mowing his lawn or pay to go to a health club.

Some say the $275 price tag has appeal, but you can get a darn good gasoline mower for about the same price.

Some may call us environmentally challenged, but we just can't see where our power mower contributes much to the smog situation in Snyder.

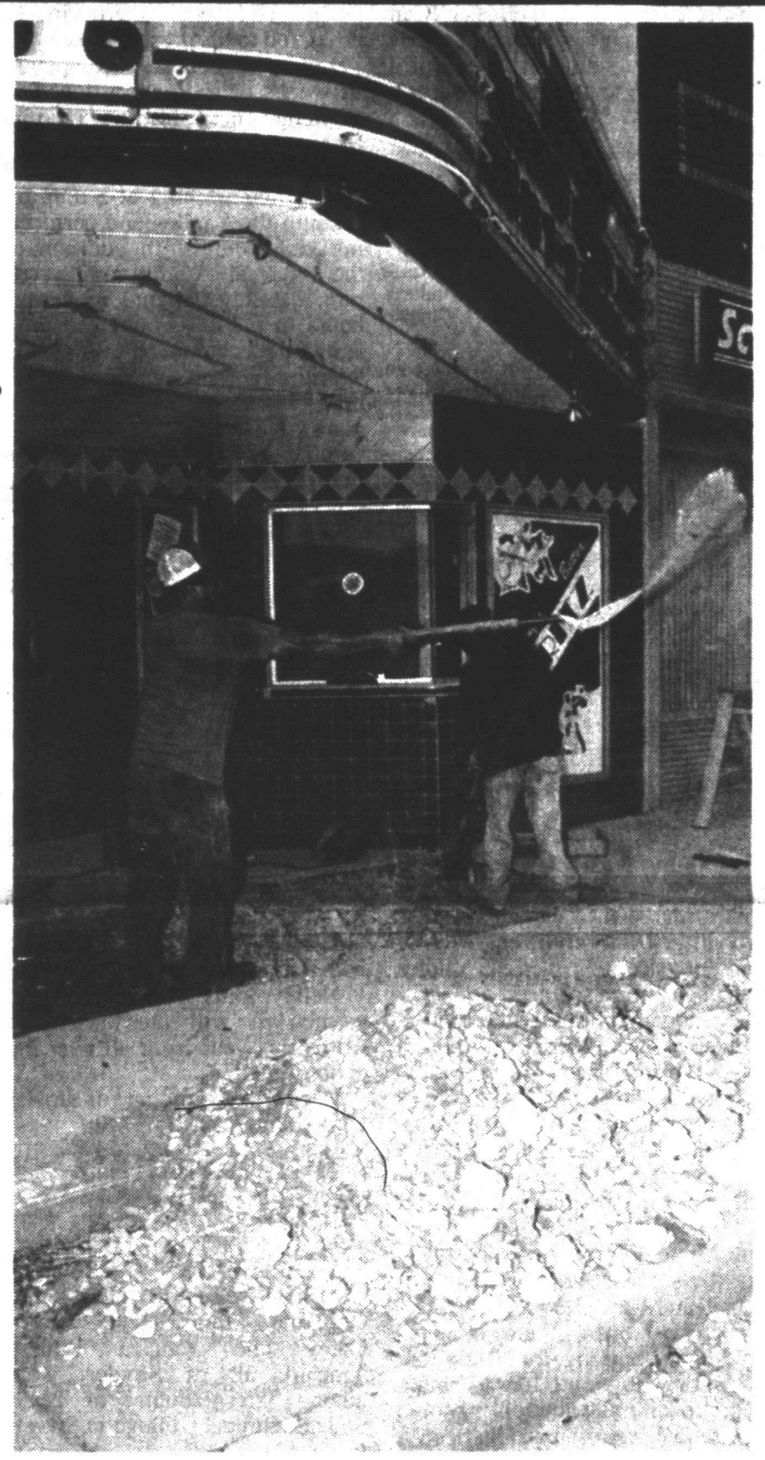
In Portland, officials blame power mowers for eight percent of the city's summer smog. Other environmentalists claim 30 million users of power mowers spill 17 million gallons of gas each year just trying to fill machines — enough to fill 26 olympic-size swimming pools.

We promise to be more careful.

Prison officials in Florida are some of the most avid push-mower enthusiasts, having replaced all the power mowers last year.

In South Carolina, push mowers are part of a new get-tough policy for inmates. A prison spokesman said the changeover should make lawn mowing "more meaningful" for inmates.

This may be the answer to prison overcrowding. Kids hate to mow the grass, so just keep reminding them that those who mess up get to go to prison and use people-powered mowers.



WORKING AT THE RITZ — Romero Masonry employees Serafin Torres, left, and J.C. Romero prepare the sidewalk in front of the Ritz Theatre for the marble stones that list the contributors for the renovation of the theatre. The stones are expected to be placed in the sidewalk beginning Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Throw out effective rate when figuring school taxes

By Bill McClellan
Managing Editor

Snyder ISD trustees have scheduled a public hearing to increase tax revenues for 1997-98, but taxpayers shouldn't be too concerned — the amount they have to pay could be less.

And despite the increase, the district won't be receiving any more tax dollars than it did a year ago.

"The total tax revenue will be no more this year than last year," Lee McNair, SISD assistant superintendent for business and finance, told the board during a called meeting at noon Tuesday.

Trustees adopted a $17.5 million budget on Aug. 14, but state law forbids the setting of the tax rate until this month. The board decided Tuesday to set a public hearing on the rate for Sept. 11, then to approve the tax rate on Sept. 16.

What the figures will show is a 15 to 16 percent increase in taxes, but those figures aren't based on anything normal, McNair said.

The effective tax rate this year is set at 1.32 cents per $100 valuation. The effective rate is the rate it takes to generate the same number of new tax dollars as the previous year.

Snyder ISD plans to keep a tax rate of $1.50 — a substantial increase when compared to the effective rate.

You can throw it all out the window, though, said McNair.

"This year we calculate the effective rate differently than it has been in the past. Basically, it means nothing this year," McNair said.

In basic terms, SISD's valuations this year amount to $525,529,073. Take away $21,573,413 in annual homestead exemptions, plus — and here comes the key figure — $34,579,292 in the increased homestead exemption passed by voters on Aug. 9. that leaves total values for the district at $469,376,368.

Values for 1996-97 were $447,805,985.

To get the same amount of tax revenue this year, it should take an effective tax rate of $1.43. But that's where it becomes complicated.

The state law says school districts must go back and subtract the additional homestead exemptions from the 1996-97 values also, even though they didn't exist until this year. That means that administrators suddenly have to compare values minus the exemptions, or, $447,805,985 less $34,579,292, which brings 1996-97 values to $413,226,693.

Now, it only takes a tax rate of $1.32, not $1.43, to raise the same amount of tax dollars as it did last year.

"That's why the effective tax rate doesn't mean anything this year," said McNair.

So why is SISD wanting a tax rate of $1.50? Why not $1.43?

"Over the past few years we have been getting anywhere from $200,000 to $300,000 a year in delinquent tax collections from the old county education district. We're not getting that any more," said McNair. "So in order to keep our overall tax revenue the same, we're going to have to keep the tax rate at $1.50."

If that's all too confusing, the bottom line is that homeowners could pay about $150 less in school taxes this year. That's based, of course, on the $10,000 additional homestead exemption at the $1.50 tax rate. Homeowners who saw the value of their home increase won't get that much of a break, obviously.

See ISD taxes, Page 9

Grand jury hands down indictments

A Scurry County grand jury indicted four people Tuesday, including a local man on three counts.

Roger Wayne Barnes, 38, of 100 37th St. was indicted on one count of burglary and two counts of obstruction. Bond was set at $10,000 on each count for Barnes, who remains in the Scurry County Jail.

Barnes was indicted for burglarizing a residence occupied by Melinda Treat, an offense peace officers allege took place July 10.

Barnes was then indicted on two counts for obstruction, which allegedly took place Aug. 29. The indictments charge that Barnes hit jailer Harold Robbins and sheriff's deputy Maurice Herridge with his hand, both to prevent and delay service of a public servant and in retaliation for their attempts to detain him.

All three indictments denote prior convictions for enhancement purposes:

—burglary of a building in Wichita County on Nov. 3, 1987;

—burglary of a building in Wichita County on Dec. 2, 1987;

—robbery in Dallas County on Jan. 15, 1988;

—driving while intoxicated in Scurry County on May 9, 1991;

—and burglary of a vehicle in Scurry County on May 9, 1991.

Bobby Glenn Griffith, 22, of 1600 27th St. was indicted on two counts of burglary of a building. Griffith is charged with burglarizing Thompson's Shoe Store on Dec. 22, 1996 and the First Baptist Church Family Life Center on Dec. 25, 1996. Bond was set at $5,000 on each count for Griffith, who had not been arrested as of this morning.

Sylvia Molina Juarez, 25, of 4100 Brick Plant Road #41 was indicted for criminal mischief. She is charged with damaging, on Aug. 3, a 1987 Chevrolet owned by Joe Flores Jr. According to the police report, Juarez broke out the front, rear and side windows on the vehicle. Damages amounted to more than $1,500 but less than $20,000.

Bond was set at $5,000 for Juarez, who had not been arrested as of this morning.

Daryl Ryan Waisner, 25, of 3206 Rio in Midland was indicted for a July 23 offense of driving while intoxicated. Waisner is free on $5,000 bond. According to the indictment, Waisner was convicted in Midland County on July 8, twice for DWI and once for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

65 killed in Cambodia...

Toddler lone survivor in plane crash

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — A Vietnam Airlines jetliner crashed in a ball of flames today on a landing approach to Phnom Penh's international airport, killing 6[illegible]ople. Only one Thai toddler survived.

The Soviet-built Tupolev 134 plane, arriving from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, went down in a rice paddy about a half-mile south of the runway during a downpour, clipping palm trees and exploding into flames on impact, witnesses said.

A 1-year-old Thai boy, Phai Bun, was the only survivor. He suffered a broken leg and was reported by doctors to be in stable condition. The child's mother was killed. His father was awaiting the flight at the airport when the plane crashed and exploded.

Four people initially survived, but two men died at the capital's Calmette Hospital, doctors said. A Korean boy, Oh Sung-hyuk, 4, succumbed to serious burns.

Bodies from the crash were strewn around the fire-blackened wreckage. Thousands of Phnom Penh residents converged on the crash scene, and witnesses said some police officers joined civilians in going through the pockets of some of the victims. The looters reportedly stole scattered luggage and pieces of the plane until they were chased off by other officers blowing whistles.

After the looters were chased away, police and rescue workers gathered the bodies and brought the victims to a nearby military airfield, were they were covered with sheets.

The cause of the crash was unknown. The wreckage was still burning more than one hour after the 1:40 p.m. (11:40 a.m. CDT) crash.

Fire trucks and rescue workers were hampered by a narrow, flooded dirt road that was the only route to the crash site. A plume of smoke rose over the airport.

A Cambodian man purveying the carnage wept and cried: "My brother! My brother's supposed to be here."

The plane was carrying six crew and 60 passengers, mostly nationals of South Korea, Taiwan and Japan, Vietnam Airlines officials in Ho Chi Minh City said. The aircraft, designed in the 1960s, seats 67 passengers normally, airline officials said.

ASK US

Q—What is the average "line loss" percentage that the city of Snyder has with its water lines?

A—The average is 12.9 percent.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 96 degrees; low, 67; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 73; no precipitation; total for 1997, 21.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy; 20% chance of storms. Low near 60. Light NE wind. Thursday, mostly cloudy. High 80-85. NE wind 5-15 mph.

Lupe Zuniga
Mostly cloudy

Sunset: 8:04 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:21 a.m.
Of 245 days in 1997, the sun has shone 233 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

No one can whistle a symphony. It takes an orchestra to play it.

H.E. Luccock

Lax laws on bounty hunters decried after fatal shooting

PHOENIX (AP) — It was a brutal scene from the days of the Wild West: Armed bounty hunters, looking for a fugitive with a price on his head, kicking in the door of a home and prevailing in a deadly gun battle with those inside.

The deaths of Christopher Foote and his girlfriend, Spring Wright, in a hail of gunfire this weekend have drawn condemnation from lawmen and calls for closer regulation of the shadowy world of bounty hunters. Authorities have said Foote and Wright had no connection to the fugitive the bounty hunters were looking for.

"Any fool can be a bounty hunter. You don't have to have any training or anything," said Adonia Nowaczewski, who showed up Tuesday at the scene of the shootout to sign an anti-bounty-hunter petition. "We pay the police to protect us, but these SOBs can kick in doors ... The laws have to be changed."

Many who make their living tracking bail jumpers agree.

"We knew that something like this was going to happen because there's no standards or regulations across the country," said Bill Bryant, president of the National Association of Bail Enforcement Agents.

Police said five bounty hunters, wearing black military-style clothing, ski masks and body armor, broke down the front door of Foote's house early Sunday in search of a California bail jumper. They tied up several people inside — including three children — and a gun battle broke out when they tried to force their way into Foote's bedroom.

Foote, 23, and Wright, 20, were killed. Two of the five men were wounded on their arms, which were not covered by the bullet-proof armor.

Authorities have arrested three men, including the two wounded, on suspicion of second-degree murder. One of the wounded, Michael Sanders, 40, was charged with two counts of second-degree murder and ordered held on $1 million bail.

The other wounded man, David Brackney, 45, and his son, Matthew Brackney, 20, were being held on suspicion of second-degree murder.

Two other men were still being sought.

Some journalists concerned about media

WASHINGTON (AP) — The public is often angry at the media and a group of prominent journalists is stepping forward to say "we agree and share your concerns."

Tom Rosenstiel, vice chairman of the Committee of Concerned Journalists, said Tuesday that the public tendency to link mainstream journalism with the photographers who pursued Princess Diana is "absolutely at the forefront, at the core" of the issues the forums must address.

Chaired by Bill Kovach, curator of the Nieman Foundation, the committee announced plans to hold a series of forums on issues it hopes will "clarify the purpose, values and standards of journalism for a new age."

"If you were going to say what prompts an effort like this, it's not only that the public is increasingly angry that we have a breach of faith with the public, but in a sense this is a group of very prominent journalists saying, 'We agree, we share many of the concerns of the public about what we're doing,'" said Rosenstiel, director of the Project for Excellence in Journalism.

Members of the committee include reporters, editors, authors and academics.

Its statement of concern listed 37 members of the committee and Rosenstiel said the number was growing rapidly.

"Too often, the principles in our work are hard to discern or lost in the din," said the statement being circulated to members of the media.

Public disaffection with the media was reflected in a survey conducted last December for the Center for Media and Public Affairs, a nonprofit research organization.

The nationwide poll said 52 percent of Americans believe the news media abuse the First Amendment, which guarantees freedom of the press.

Substantial numbers in the survey also found journalists arrogant and cynical.

"We call on our colleagues to join as a community of professionals to clarify the purpose and principles that distinguish our profession from other forms of communication," said the group's statement of concern.

Under the tentative schedule, the first forum would take place in early November and address the questions "What is Journalism? Who is a Journalist?"

It would examine the purpose of journalism and whether it should reflect community interests. "Can we draw boundaries around who is and is not a journalist as the world of celebrity and talk show journalists grows?"

Berry's World



Date Book

Sept. 3, 1997

Today is the 246th day of 1997 and the 75th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1639, Thomas Lechford became the first American lawyer to be disbarred.

On this day in 1833, the first successful penny newspaper, the New York Sun, was started by Benjamin Day.

On this day in 1935, Sir Malcolm Campbell became the first person to drive a car 300 miles per hour.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nicolo Amati (1596-1684), violin-maker; Louis Henri Sullivan (1856-1924), architect; Alan Ladd (1913-1964), actor; Kitty Carlisle (1915-), actress-singer, is 82; Anne Jackson (1925-), actress, is 72; Valerie Perrine (1943-), actress, is 54; Charlie Sheen (1965-), actor, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, Sadaharu Oh hit his 756th career home run, eclipsing Hank Aaron's all-time professional record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We are the buffoons of our children." — Pietro Aretino

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1961, 4.2 inches of snow fell in Denver.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Sept. 1) and first quarter (Sept. 9).

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Nominations sought for service academies

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has announced that he is currently seeking applicants for nomination to the United States Service Academies.

Applications for nomination to the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., may be obtained by writing to Congressman Stenholm's San Angelo office.

Nominations are available to young men and women who will be at least 17 years of age, and not past their 22nd birthday, upon entry into the academy in July. Nominees are selected by a competitive process, judged on scholastic aptitude, moral character, leadership ability and community involvement.

The academies offer a four-year degree in a variety of areas ranging from civil engineering and physics, to American studies and behavioral science.

While attending the academies, cadets and midshipmen will earn an annual salary from which expenses for books, uniforms and incidentals are taken. Tuition, room, board, medical and dental expenses are paid for by the academies. Upon graduation from the academies, the cadets and midshipmen will serve as officers in the service for a minimum of six years.

Any persons who may be interested in applying for a nomination, or who would like to obtain additional information, should write to Congressman Charles W. Stenholm, 33 East Twohig #318, San Angelo, Texas, 76903. Applications must be submitted, and files completed, no later than Dec. 1, 1997. Nominations will be made toward the end of December.

Kelley finishes basic training

Marine Pvt. Joshua Z. Kelley, son of Joseph B. and Nathalie A. Kelley of Snyder, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego and was meritoriously promoted to his present rank.

Kelley successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Kelley and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthentics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Kelley spent numerous hours in the classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulation, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Kelley and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage, commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Kelley and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Kelley joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School.

Four graduate from TSTC

SWEETWATER — Michael Lee Breitweiser of Hermleigh; Christina Flores, Kyle Caven Haley and Katrina Denese Kincaid, all of Snyder; were among 325 graduates of Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater Aug. 16.

Breitweiser received a certificate in air conditioning and refrigeration technology. Flores graduated with a certificate in automated office technology. Haley received a certificate in emergency medical technology and Kincaid received a certificate in vocational nursing.

The graduates were honored with a luncheon in the new health and recreation facility, The Center, on campus before the ceremonies.

Police officer found innocent

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tempers erupted in court after a jury acquitted a San Antonio police officer of sexually abusing two teen-age boys who spent the night at his house.

A jury deliberated about 90 minutes Tuesday before clearing officer Raul Baerga, 37, of all charges.

Baerga's two alleged victims shook angrily and held back tears as the verdict was read, and several of their friends sobbed loudly.

Bailiffs ushered one of the alleged victims from the courtroom after they got into a shouting match with Baerga's two adopted sons, with whom they had been friends since middle school.

"I praise the Lord. It's been hell," said Baerga, a seven-year member of the police force. "I want to thank my family and friends who stood by me and believed in me."

He said he has no immediate plans to return to his job at the police department, where he has been on unpaid leave.

The two alleged victims accused Baerga of fondling them and forcing them to perform sexual acts after they got drunk at a party at his residence. They said they passed out on a couch in Baerga's residence in west San Antonio on Aug. 25, 1996, and were too intoxicated to resist his attack.

Baerga testified he allowed the teens — then ages 16 and 17 — to drink dozens of glasses of beer and tequila.

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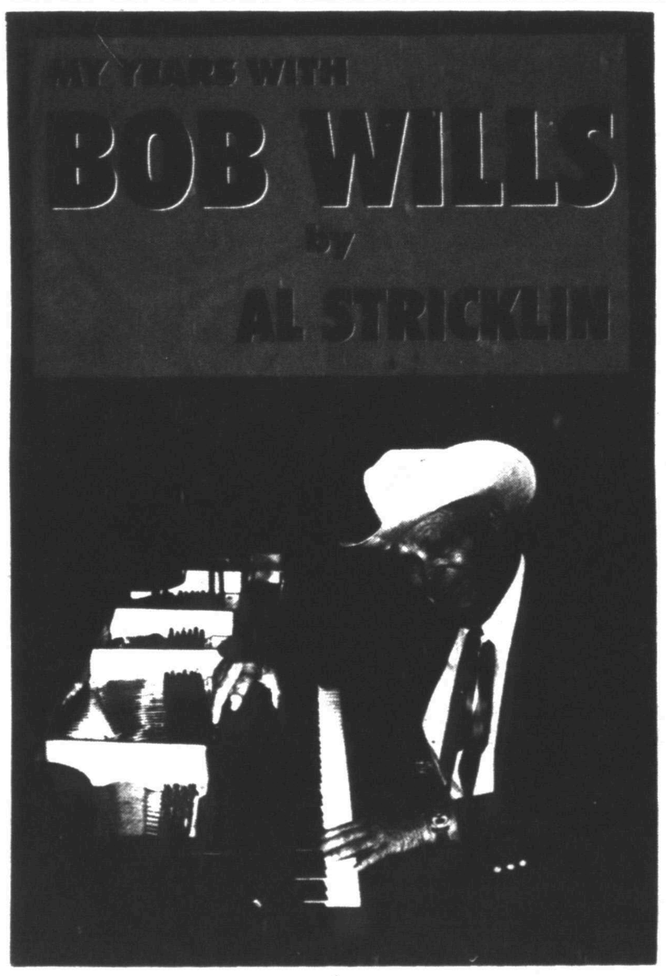
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Tobacco firms boost prices by 7 cents

NEW YORK (AP) — Leading tobacco companies increased wholesale cigarette prices for the second time this year as they moved to start raising the billions of dollars needed for smoking lawsuit settlements.

The increase of 7 cents a pack, about 7.5 percent, should translate into a 4 percent retail boost for smokers. The rise, effective Tuesday, followed an increase of about 5 cents a pack in March.

Analysts said the move should cover the first-year costs of legal settlements reached with Mississippi and Florida over the states' claims to recover Medicaid payments to treat sick smokers.

They said the industry's quick move to match Philip Morris USA in raising prices may be intended to encourage Congress to approve a broader national legal settlement reached in June.

The White House is reviewing the proposed $368.5 billion settlement reached with a majority of state attorneys general and various anti-smoking activists.

Higher tobacco prices could reduce demand for cigarettes by youngsters, backers of the agreement say. But critics have called the settlement too generous to the tobacco industry and say it is unfair to have current smokers shouldering the costs.

The wholesale price increase would be the biggest in percentage terms since a 12 percent rise in late 1988, according to industry analyst Gary Black of Sanford C. Bernstein & Co.

Black said it would generate about $1.6 billion in extra revenue in the first year, which he said would more than offset the first-year payments required under an $11.3 billion deal with Florida and a $3.6 billion agreement with Mississippi.

Black said if the national settlement were approved, tobacco prices would have to be raised.

Police: postal worker shoots ex-wife, friend then himself

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A postal clerk calmly walked to his car and returned with a gun to shoot his ex-wife and her friend as they stood in line, police said. He then walked back outside and killed himself.

The women were in critical condition at Jackson Memorial Hospital early today following surgery, but a hospital spokeswoman said both were expected to live. Each had been shot once in the abdomen.

Jesus Tamayo, 64, a 21-year veteran, was working behind the front counter until the women walked into the lobby and got in line with 15 other people about 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Tamayo then walked out the rear doors only to return through the front door a few minutes later. Police say he shot his ex-wife, Manuela Acosta, 62, and her friend, Mirna Mendoza, 55.

Bystanders who had dropped to the floor jumped up and ran. Witness Amy Reed said she saw people fleeing the post office. "Dogs were barking, people were screaming and running towards me," she said.

Tamayo and his ex-wife were divorced four years ago. The two women lived together at an apartment a few blocks from the post office.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 4, 1997

A dynamic friend might bring fortuitous circumstances into your life once again in the year ahead. This time your pal may even be luckier for you than he or she was in the past.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Tasks with which you have to contend could be rather vexing today. Focus on your anticipated rewards and let the positive aspects lighten your burdens. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, you may have to operate in close proximity with a person who makes you feel ill at ease. However, you will have the upper hand this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A negative condition that has settled upon your household recently could have some converse aspects, but its power is diminishing. Keep smiling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You have ample friends upon whom you can draw today. Select amicable companions and ignore acquaintances who tend to make waves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you've made a major purchase and today discover you could've bought it cheaper elsewhere, don't hesitate to demand an adjustment from your supplier.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You and your mate might not agree where minor issues are concerned today, but in significant matters, you'll be on the same wavelength.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might suffer some inconvenience today as a result of another's problem. You should not mind, because he or she would do the same for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, avoid involvements with a clique that includes an abrasive person who makes you uncomfortable. Associate with friends who let you be yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Commit yourself to seeing a project through to completion today. Gratifying results can be achieved if your tenacity equals the assignment's.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone you encounter socially today might arouse your ire. Let your better judgment prevail and ignore the agitator.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Occasionally, one must spend a little money in order to make money. Do not be afraid to prime the pump today if your instincts direct you to do so.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Suppress inclinations today to negatively prejudge the outcome of events. Let nature run its course; you might be much luckier than you realize.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Dealer: South

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Cards have blunt edges

By Phillip Alder

Dr. Samuel Johnson wrote, "Combinations of wickedness would overwhelm the world did not those who have long practiced perfidy grow faithless to each other." I suppose an example of this was Hitler and Stalin. If the former had honored his peace treaty with the latter, what nightmares would have befallen the rest of the world?

This is the 58th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II. Although it bears little comparison, blood was shed over this bridge deal.

The scene was an apartment in Kansas City in 1931. Sitting South was John S. Bennett, partnering his wife, Myrtle, against Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman. The Bennetts, not in the most affectionate of moods, had been constantly criticizing each other. This was the final deal, in more ways than one.

Bennett opened with a very light one spade. Mr. Hoffman overcalled two diamonds. Mrs. Bennett went straight to game.

Hoffman led the diamond ace, then switched to the club jack. Bennett won with his king and played off the two top trumps. Now he couldn't make it. To succeed, he had to guess the trumps and pick up the clubs. Assuming West wasn't playing a deep game, his trick-two switch marked East with the club queen. Dummy's eight and nine of clubs could have combined to ruff out East's queen.

The Bennetts argued for some minutes before John leaned across the table, grabbed his wife's arm, and slapped her several times. She went into her mother's bedroom, brought out the family's gun, and shot her husband dead.

Myrtle was tried for murder but acquitted. You may draw your own conclusions!

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; meeting and luncheon to kick-off new club year and plan flower show for county fair; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Vioce the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center; pot luck meal; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Prison van crashes, killing 3 inmates

MADISON, Fla. (AP) — A prison van carrying 13 female inmates crashed and flipped over Tuesday on Interstate 10 after a tire blew out, killing three prisoners and injuring the others.

Two corrections officers, including the driver, also were hurt.

The inmates, who were classified as minimum to medium security risks, were being transferred from a state prison in Jefferson County to one in Lowell when the crash occurred Tuesday afternoon, authorities said.

The injured inmates were taken to two Tallahassee hospitals. Six were released and four were being held overnight.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Snyder Independent School District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1996 by 14.01 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on Sept. 11, 1997 @ 6:15 PM at Boardroom School Adm. Bldg. 2901 37th Street, Snyder, Texas.

FOR the proposal: Charles Anderson, Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Glenn Clarady, Mike Levens, Janet Stribling

AGAINST the proposal: NONE

PRESENT and not voting: NONE

ABSENT: Mark McCormick

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the 1.3148 tax rate that the unit published on August 25, 1997. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	$26,520	$27,734
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	$5,000	$15,000
Average taxable value	$21,520	$11,734
Tax rate	1.50/$100	1.50/$100
Tax	$322.80	$176.01

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would DECREASE by $146.79 or 45.47 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would INCREASE by $0.00 per $100 of taxable value or -0- percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

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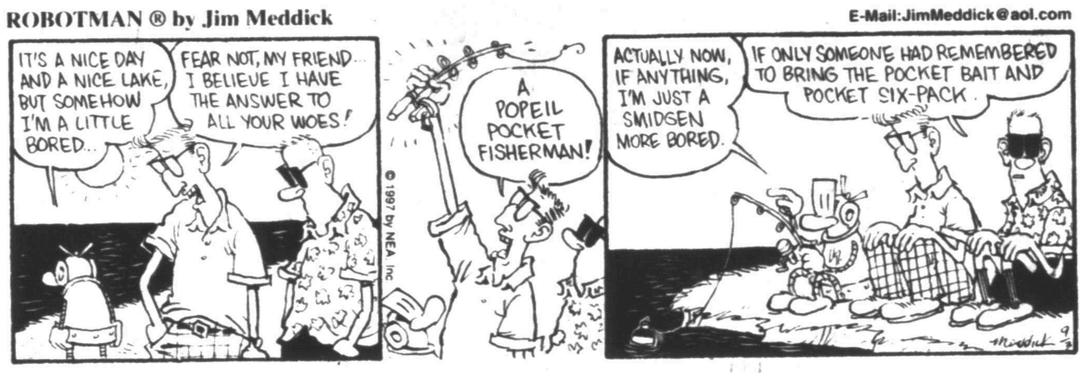


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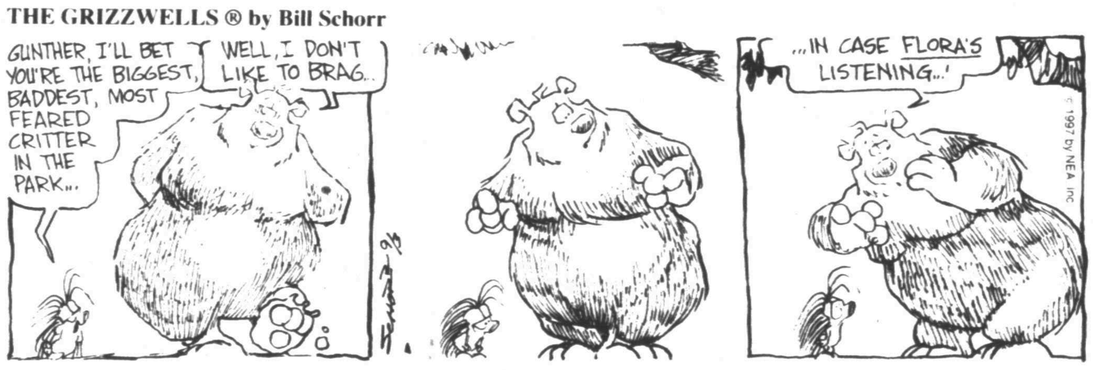
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13 Infringe on
14 Cotton fabric
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20 Actor's signal
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26 Astronauts' all right
29 Clenched hands
31 Work space
33 International understanding
35 Senator Hatch
36 Last letter
37 Prefix for plane
39 Danger color
40 IRS employee, perhaps
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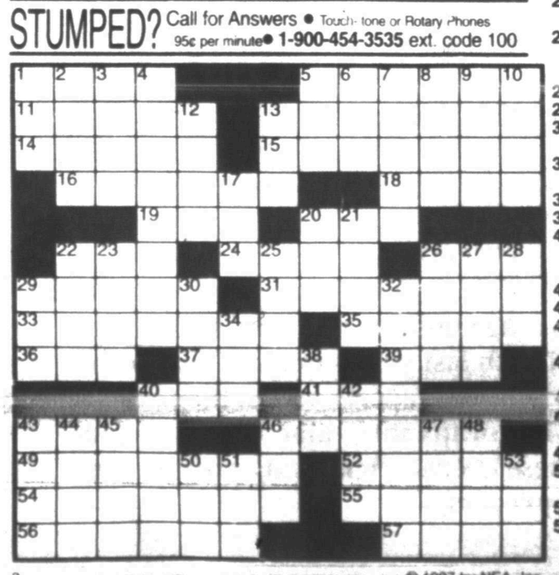
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20 Actor Gulager
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22 Boundary
23 This (Sp.)
25 Maple genus
26 Measure of land
27 Having an offensive odor
28 Barbie's beau
29 Shriner's hat
30 Finger movement
32 Disturbing thing
34 Brewed drink
38 Rower's tool
40 Labor organizer Chavez
42 Body
43 Relinquish
44 Stratford's river
45 Philosopher Immanuel —
46 Nourished
47 Jekyll's opposite
48 Days of —
50 Chemical suffix
51 Victory sign
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SPORTS

Tiger tennis hits its stride

Snyder High School's tennis team is on a roll.

The Tigers have defeated El Paso Andress, El Paso Bowie and Sweetwater, giving them a three-match winning streak going into this weekend.

Snyder will face Andrews and Hereford at Lubbock High on Saturday, before hosting Brownfield on Tuesday.

The Brownfield contest will be the last tune-up before the Tigers have their first district match at home Sept. 13 against Frenship.

Snyder 17, El Paso Andress 1
Boys

Singles: Adrian Gonzales def. Aaron Bicker 6-0, 6-0; Jaime Juarez def. Roberto Bolis 6-0, 6-1; Brett Gibson def. Jesse Eckard 6-0, 6-0; Alan Smith def. Raul Lucero 6-0, 6-0; Zack Briseno def. Diego Soto 6-1, 6-0; Spanky Levens def. Steven Whitfield 6-3, 6-3.

Doubles: Gonzales/Juarez def. Bolis/Bicker 6-0, 6-1; Hall/Gibson def. Eckard/Lucero 6-0, 6-0; Gibson/Smith def. Soto/Whitfield 6-1, 6-0.

Girls

Singles: Laura Gonzales def. Rachel Smith 6-0, 6-0; Vicki Vargas def. Anna Arriola 6-3, 7-5; Whitney Graham def. Jenett Price 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; Natalie Alexander def. Gypsy Baltazar 7-6, 6-3; Cynthia Fennell def. Jennifer Rivera 7-6, 6-1; Angela Sanchez def. Melissa Towns 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles: Gonzales/Graham def. Arriola/Rivera 6-3, 6-0; Vargas/Alexander lost to Price/Smith 6-1, 7-6; Fennell/Sanchez def. Baltazar/Towns 6-2, 6-0.

Snyder 17, El Paso Bowie 1
Boys

Singles: Juarez def. Hector Herrera 6-2, 6-3; Smith def. Saul Chavez 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; Todd Hall def. Omar Gonzales 6-2, 6-3; Ryan Gibson def. Mike Yanez 6-1, 6-4; Briseno def. Luis Lopez 6-0, 6-0; Levens def. Jesus Olivos 6-0, 6-0. **Doubles:** Hall/Gibson def. Herrera/Yanez 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; Smith/Gibson def. Chavez/Gonzales 6-2, 6-3; Jon Hensley/Kris Casas, Snyder, def. Olivas/Lopez 6-0, 6-1.

Girls

Singles: Fennell def. Donna Herberger 6-3, 6-0; Sanchez def. Stephanie Smith 5-7, 6-1, 6-1; Anjela Quiros lost to Hyum Kim 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; Claire Cotton def. Minerva Chavez 6-2, 6-4; Jordan Hardin def. Louri Castillo 6-1, 6-0; Lindsey Ornales def. Olga Sanchez 6-4, 5-7, 6-1.

Doubles: Fennell/Sanchez def. Herberger/Smith 6-2, 6-2; Cotton/Quiros def. Kim/Sanchez 6-3, 6-3; Hardin/Ornales def. Chavez/Castillo 6-4, 6-4.

Snyder 15, Sweetwater 9
Boys

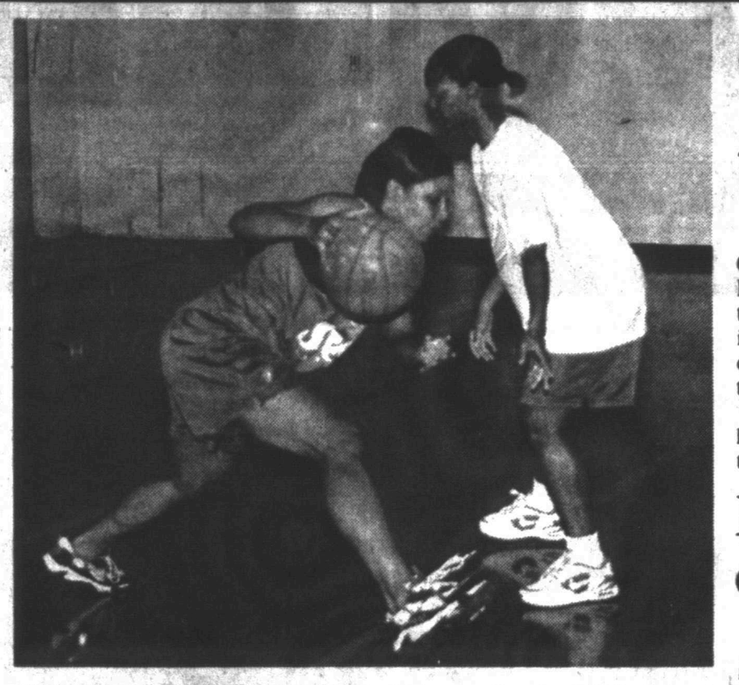
Singles: Gonzales lost to Daniel Howard 6-1, 6-4; Juarez los to Brandon Hir 6-1, 6-2; B. Gibson def. Brett Haas 6-0, 6-1; Smith def. Robert Vera 6-2, 6-2; Hall def. Mark May 4-6, 6-0, 6-2; R. Gibson lost to Andrew Pennington 7-6, 6-4; Briseno def. Jordan Matelen 6-0, 6-1; Levens def. Andy Montoya 6-3; Hensley def. Daniel Bledsoe 6-0, 6-0; Casas def. Mark Taylor 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles: Gonzales/Juarez lost to Howard Hir 6-1, 6-4; Hall/Gibson def. May/Vera 6-0, 6-1; Smith/Gibson def. Haas/Penninton 6-2, 6-4; Levens/Briseno def. Montoya/Matelen 6-2, 6-2; Hensley/Casas def. Bledsoe/Taylor 6-0, 6-0.

Girls

Singles: Gonzales lost to Sarah Pennington 6-1, 6-3; Vargas lost to Renee Smola 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; Graham def. Holly McVay 7-5, 6-2; Alexander lost to Amanda Borveu 7-5, 6-4; Fennell lost to Ambra Gage 6-2, 6-4; Sanchez def. Heather Brock 6-2, 6-1; Cotton def. Teresa Jimenez 6-0, 6-3; Hardin def. Vanessa Hern 6-1, 6-0; Ornelas def. Crystal Smith 7-5, 6-1; Quiros def. Margaret Davis 6-0, 6-0.

Doubles: Gonzales/Graham def. Pennington/Gage 7-6, 7-3; Vargas/Alexander lost to Smola/Borveu 6-4, 6-2; Fennell/Sanchez def. Brock/Jimenez 6-3, 6-2; Cotton/Quiros def. McVay/Davis 6-2, 6-2; Hardin/Ornales def. Hern/Smith 6-1, 6-3.



TAKING IT TO THE HOOP — Former Snyder High School standout Karlene Thompson demonstrates a move to Stephanie McKnight at the SHS gym Tuesday. Thompson, who played at USC, is a member of the Los Angeles Sparks of the WNBA. Thompson is in town visiting with friends and family and spoke to Lady Tiger basketball players during their offseason workout. (SDN Staff Photo)

Fan favorites lose in U.S. Open play

NEW YORK (AP) — The tennis at Arthur Ashe Stadium is taking on the look of a Magic Show.

Fan favorites Andre Agassi and Monica Seles disappeared Tuesday. And Michael Chang pulled off his latest escape.

Welcome to the 1997 U.S. Open, where, without mirrors or wires, the latest sleight of hand tricks were performed by Patrick Rafter, Marcelo Rios and Irina Spirlea, and the newest smash hit is Venus Williams.

Today, sixth-seeded Lindsay Davenport attempted to join Williams as the only Americans in the women's singles semifinals. Davenport, the 1996 Olympic gold medalist faced No. 3 Jana Novotna.

Tonight, top-seeded Martina Hingis, who is seeking her third Grand Slam tournament title of the year, plays No. 10 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the 1994 U.S. Open champion, for the last women's berth in the semifinals.

The men are looking for the last berths in the quarterfinals. Two of the sport's biggest hitters — Britain's Greg Rusedski and Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands — face off before giant-killer Petr Korda takes on Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman in the last match of the night.

Rios was the first to cash in on his opportunity, defeating No. 7 Sergi Bruguera 7-5, 6-2, 6-4. Spirlea, the women's No. 11 seed from Romania, then bounced Seles, seeded No. 2, 6-7 (7-5), 7-6 (10-8), 6-3.

That left the stage for Chang, who trailed 5-2 in the fourth set, trailing two sets to one. Somehow, Chang survived in an escape that would have made Houdini proud. And when the fifth set finally ended, Chang was in the quarterfinals with a 6-3, 0-6, 5-7, 7-5, 6-1 victory over Wimbledon finalist Cedric Pioline of France.

Then came Williams, who made her U.S. Open debut in Arthur Ashe Stadium when it opened for the first time 10 days ago. Most felt that appearance was scheduled because Williams is a talented young black player who first began to play tennis in the inner city.

There is no question why she is playing on Stadium court now: She has earned it.

With a 7-5, 7-5 victory over Sandrine Testud, Williams became the first woman to reach the U.S. Open semis in her debut since Pam Shriver in 1978. Only two others have accomplished the feat in the Open era — Chris Evert in 1971 and Helga Masthoff in 1973. Williams also is the first unseeded semifinalist since Mima Jausovec in 1976.

Agassi, after dropping the first two sets, found the range on his groundstrokes and rediscovered his return of serve as he began his crowd-pleasing comeback. But just as quickly as his game returned, it left once again, especially his serve.

"He was definitely playing well, no question," Agassi said of Rafter.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	16	10
NewEngland	1	0	0	1.000	41	7
N.Y.Jets	1	0	0	1.000	41	3
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	13	34
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	10	16
Central						
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	28	27
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	27	28
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	7	37
West						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	19	3
KansasCity	0	1	0	.000	3	19
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	21	24
SanDiego	0	1	0	.000	7	41
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	3	41

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	37	7
N.Y.Giants	1	0	0	1.000	31	17
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	24	10
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	21	24
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	17	31
Central						
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	28	17
GreenBay	1	0	0	1.000	38	24
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	34	13
TampaBay	1	0	0	1.000	13	6
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	24	38
West						
St.Louis	1	0	0	1.000	38	24
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	17	28
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	24
NewOrleans	0	1	0	.000	24	38
SanFrancisco	0	1	0	.000	6	13

Sunday, Sept. 7
Buffalo at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Miami, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New England at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
San Diego at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Green Bay at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
New York Giants at Jacksonville, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 8 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 8
Kansas City at Oakland, 9 p.m.

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East Division

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Atlanta	86	52	.623	-
Florida	82	55	.599	3½
NewYork	75	62	.547	10½
Montreal	69	68	.504	16½
Philadelphia	52	82	.388	32
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	70	68	.507	-
Pittsburgh	69	70	.496	1½
St.Louis	64	74	.464	6
Cincinnati	60	76	.441	9
Chicago	56	83	.403	15½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	78	61	.561	-
SanFrancisco	76	62	.551	1½
Colorado	70	70	.500	8½
SanDiego	65	74	.468	13

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	85	50	.629	-
NewYork	79	57	.581	6½
Boston	67	72	.482	20
Toronto	65	72	.474	21
Detroit	64	73	.467	22
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	71	63	.530	-
Milwaukee	70	67	.511	2½
Chicago	69	69	.500	4
Minnesota	57	79	.419	15
KansasCity	56	79	.415	15½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	76	62	.551	-
Anaheim	74	65	.532	2½
Texas	65	73	.471	11
Oakland	53	85	.384	23

Monday's Games
Kansas City 7, Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia 5, New York Yankees 1
Cleveland 7, Pittsburgh 5
Montreal 4, Boston 2, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 3, Toronto 0
Chicago White Sox 5, St. Louis 4
Minnesota 7, Chicago Cubs 6
Milwaukee 3, Houston 2
Florida 10, Baltimore 4
Detroit 4, Atlanta 2
Seattle 9, San Diego 6
San Francisco 8, Oakland 2
Colorado 4, Anaheim 1

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Yankees 0
Pittsburgh 6, Cleveland 4
Atlanta 5, Detroit 0
Montreal 6, Boston 5
Cincinnati 4, Kansas City 0
Chicago Cubs 9, Minnesota 3
N.Y. Mets 8, Toronto 5
Florida 3, Baltimore 2, 10 innings
St. Louis 6, Chicago White Sox 1
Milwaukee 4, Houston 2
Texas 13, Los Angeles 12
Colorado 7, Anaheim 2

Wednesday's Games
Detroit (Blair 14-6) at Atlanta (Smoltz 13-10), 1:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Rodriguez 2-5) at Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 10-6), 2:20 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Gooden 7-4) at Philadelphia (Green 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Kamieniecki 9-5) at Florida (Leiter 9-9), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Hershiser 12-5) at Pittsburgh (Loaiza 10-9), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Sele 12-11) at Montreal (Perez 11-10), 7:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Bones 3-4) at Cincinnati (Tomko 9-5), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Person 5-10) at N.Y. Mets (Mlicki 6-10), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Eyre 2-2) at St. Louis (Osborne 3-6), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 10-10) at Houston (Garcia 5-8), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 9-10) at Texas (Witt 11-9), 8:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Darwin 0-1) at Oakland (Rigby 0-5), 10:35 p.m.
San Diego (Mennart 1-2) at Seattle (Olivares 6-9), 10:35 p.m.

Grand jury decides not to indict Dallas lineman

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Nate Newton, cleared of allegations that he raped his former mistress, is promising to steer clear of any conduct that would harm his team's battered image.

Newton spent more than an hour Tuesday before a grand jury that later declined to indict him on a sexual assault charge recommended by prosecutors.

Later, Newton briefly addressed reporters, saying he had "made a mistake" by having an affair with his accuser, who defense attorneys said had tried to extort money from Newton before going to police.

"I hurt my wife and my family and disgraced the Dallas Cowboys," Newton said. "I've talked to some of my teammates and some of the leaders of the team. From the beginning they have backed me. I've promised them that if I can get through this I will be less of a distraction for my team."

Newton's statement was brief, and he took no questions.

"Anything else about civil suits or whether we're going to file anything against them will be handled through my lawyer," he said.

His lawyer, Howard Shapiro, wouldn't say if Newton would sue the woman.

"Mr. Newton wants to play football, get on with his life, help the Dallas Cowboys win another Super Bowl," Shapiro said.

The 31-year-old woman who accused Newton of raping her in her mobile home on June 15 was "pretty crushed" by the decision, according to her lawyer, Bryan McDonald.

"It took a lot of courage for her to come forward. To have the grand jury jerk the rug out from under her is kind of disheartening."

Her fears of not being believed were what had kept her from reporting the alleged crime to Grand Prairie police before July 8, McDonald said.

"It's not totally unexpected," he said. "We tried to prepare ourselves for exactly this situation because of the mystique of the Cowboys."

Responded Shapiro: "I'm tired of hearing that. He's also the one that said this wasn't about seeking money, it's about seeking justice."

Shapiro has said the woman falsely cried rape after an evening of consentual sex in an attempt to extort money — anywhere from $80,000 to $650,000 — from his client.

The woman and Newton have confirmed they had a relationship that Shapiro said lasted 15 months.

Lady Tigers drop matches

BRONTE — The Lady Tigers might be suffering from the volleyball equivalent of jet lag.

After playing five tough matches over the weekend at a tournament in Fort Worth, Snyder traveled to Bronte on Tuesday where it was defeated by San Angelo Lake View 15-0, 15-13 and Bronte 15-10, 15-8.

"The girls were a little tired after this weekend," Snyder head coach Patty Grimmett said. "In the first game against Lake View we couldn't get anything going to get us the momentum."

After dropping the first game of the Lake View match 15-0, the Lady Tigers spotted the Maidens a 12-4 lead before they attempted a comeback.

Snyder tied the score at 13-13, but Lake View scored the final points to win the match.

Against Bronte, it was the Lady Tigers who had the early lead in the first game at 10-0.

But the Lady Longhorns had three consecutive serves of five points to take the game 15-10.

In the second stanza it was more of the same, as Bronte scored at least four points on each of its serves, winning the game 15-8.

"We played well together," Grimmett remarked. "But we can't get down on ourselves. When we make an error we've got to fight through it and not make the same error again."

The Lady Tigers will be in Bronte again on Friday and Saturday for the Bronte Tournament.

Lake View def. Snyder 15-0, 15-13
Snyder service points: Lila King, 5; Keila Helms, 4; Traci Eicke, 2; Amanda Huff and Bradi Johnson, 1. **Kills:** Helms and Alicia Peoples, 2; Johnson, Jill Willingham and Halea Huestis, 1. **Blocks:** Helms, 3; Huff, Willingham and Peoples, 2.

Bronte def. Snyder 15-10, 15-8
Snyder service points: Johnson, 11; Eicke, 3; Helms, 2; Huestis, 1. **Kills:** Huestis and Willingham, 2; Huff and Peoples, 1. **Blocks:** Helms and Peoples, 1.

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday

Football

Snyder 7th A, B at Abilene, 5:30.
Abilene at Snyder 8th B, 5:30.
Abilene at Snyder 8th A, 7 p.m.
Snyder 9th at Andrews, 6 p.m.
Andrews at Snyder JV, 6 p.m.

Golf

Snyder varsity boys and girls vs. San Angelo Central, Riverside Golf Course, San Angelo.

Western Texas College at Paris Invitational in Paris, Tex. (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

Friday

Football

Snyder at Andrews, 7:30.
Hermleigh at Paint Rock, 7:30.
Ira at Dawson, 7:30.
Borden Co. at Klondike, 7:30.

Volleyball

Snyder varsity at Bronte Tournament (Friday & Saturday).

Saturday

Volleyball

Snyder JV and freshmen at Snyder Tournament.

Tennis

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Junior varsity splits matches

BRONTE — Snyder's junior varsity volleyball team knows the formula for handling Bronte, but the Lady Tigers still don't have the recipe for defeating San Angelo Lake View.

Earlier in the season, Snyder dropped a match to Lake View, then grabbed a victory over Bronte. Tuesday night's action was a replay of those events.

Snyder was defeated by Lake View 15-6, 15-12 in the night's first match. The Lady Tigers were led by Cara Best who had two service points and seven kills.

Then against Bronte, Snyder dominated once again, 15-2, 15-3. Three Lady Tigers — Lindsey Nicholson, D'Ann Hager and Christy Tomlinson — finshed the match with six points on their serve.

Snyder will take to the court again on Saturday in the Snyder Tournament.

Lake View def. Snyder 15-6, 15-12
Snyder service points: Christina Holder, Courtney Rinehart and Kristin Martinez, 4; Cara Best and Lindsey Nicholson, 2; D'Ann Hager and Christy Tomlinson, 1. **Kills:** Best, 7; Holder, 4; Nicholson, 3; Kameron Kallemeyn and Tessa Hildebrand, 2; Tomlinson, 1. **Blocks:** Hildebrand, 1.

Snyder def. Bronte 15-2, 15-3
Snyder service points: Nicholson, Hager and Tomlinson, 6; Holder, 5; Leslie Rollins, 4; Hildebrand and Callie Bane, 2. **Kills:** Holder and Ashley Delce, 3; Hildebrand, 2; Kallemeyn, Rollins, Rinehart and Martinez, 1.

Sports Briefs

Friday swingers and senior golf tourney

The Womens' Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will host the Western Lone Star Senior Ladies' Golf Tournament Sunday through Thursday.

Also, the WGA will have its Friday swingers at 5:30 p.m. this week.

Youth football and volleyball

Sign-ups for Scurry County Boys and Girls Club football, volleyball and cheerleading are being held through Friday at the club.

Boys ages 9-12 are eligible for football and girls ages 9-12 may register for volleyball. Sign-up fees are $25, which include accident insurance and membership fees. The cheerleading sign-up fee is $15.

To register, each child should be accompanied by a parent or guardian and bring a birth certificate.

For more information call 573-3344 or inquire in person at Scurry County Boys and Girls Club.

Mens' Golf Association

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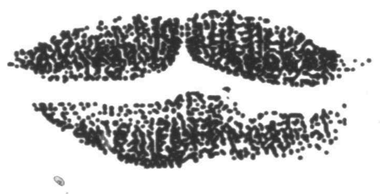
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Many schools in U.S. crowded as students head back to school

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Education Writer

Florida youngsters crammed into portable classrooms that devoured playground space, while Minneapolis teen-agers got some extra winks when schools reopened for most of the nation's school children.

And all around the country Tuesday, school cafeterias were looking more like theme restaurants as school food service managers searched for ways to make that lunch break a little more appetizing.

In Florida, where a population boom has strained school capacity, some children were having lunch as early as 10:40 a.m. so everyone could get a meal.

"You mean our brunch," said Carolyn Spooner, a first-grade teacher at Springwood Elementary School in Tallahassee. The 10-year-old school was built for 764 students but now has 1,000, with the overflow housed in 12 portable classrooms set on playground space.

No wonder it's crowded. A record 52 million students were going to public and private schools this year, the Education Department estimates. Although schools started in August in some places, most students returned to classes the day after Labor Day.

New York City alone accounted for a million of the school returnees, with overcrowding a sharp political issue there.

The city school board said that for the first time in seven years overcrowding was down.

The United Federation of Teachers could not recall any classes held in a functional bathroom. Converted bathrooms were not unusual, the group said.

Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger, the likely Democratic challenger in this year's mayoral race, produced two 1996 photos of students studying in Brooklyn lavatories.

High schools were particularly hard hit by enrollment surges, said Gary Marx of the American Association of School Administrators, who recalled overcrowded elementary schools just a few years ago.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	104¼	103¼	104	13-16+ 1¼
AT&T Corps	40¼	39	39⅞	— ⅛
AirTouch	35	15-16	35¼	35¼
Albertsons	34	11-16	34 1-16	34 3-16
AlldSignal	86	15-16	85 13-16	86¼+ ¼
AlldSignal wi	43¾		43¼	43⅜+ ⅛
Alltel	32	31	13-16	31⅞+ 3-16
AmerOnline	69⅜	67	7-16	67⅝— 1¼
AmStoress	24⅛	23	15-16	24 1-16— ⅛
Ameritech	63	13-16	63 7-16	63 13-16+ 7-16
Amoco	97⅛	96	7-16	96 11-16— ⅜
AndarkPtr	76¾		75⅞	76¼+ 1¼
Armcolnc	6	3-16	6 1-16	6 3-16+ ¼
AtlRichfld s	78	9-16	77 3-16	77 7-16— 7-16
ATMOS Egy	27⅞		27	27 — ⅛
Aviall	16¼		16¼	16½+ 1-16
BakerHughes	43¾		42¼	42 15-16— 1-16
BellAtl	74⅛		74¼	74 5-16+13-16
BellSouth	45	7-16	44 13-16	45 + ⅜
BethSteel	12¾		12 1-16	12¼+ ⅛
BritPet s	87	5-16	86¾	87 3-16+ ⅜
BurlNoSFe	94		93 1-16	93⅛+ 7-16
Caterpillar s	59	3-16	58¼	59 1-16+ ⅜
CenSoWst	20¼		20 11-16	20¼+ ⅛
Chevron	80	7-16	78⅞	78¼— 1¼
Chrysler	36	13-16	36 3-16	36 11-16+ ⅛
Coastal	60	1-16	59 1-16	59 7-16— 7-16
CocaCola	60	5-16	59⅜	59 13-16— 1-16
ColgatePalm s	66¼		65	7-16 65¾— ⅛
ComclMetals	31		30⅜	30 15-16— 1-16
Cooperln	53¼	52	15-16	53 1-16+ 1-16
CyprusAmax	25		3-16	25 25 — ⅛
DallSemicn	39¾		39 1-16	39⅛+ ⅛
DeltaAirl	90	15-16	88 11-16	90 5-16+ 1¼
DigitalEq	45		7-16	44 3-16 45¼+11-16
Dillards Inc	42¾		41 9-16	42⅛+ 7-16
DowChem	90¼	89	13-16	89 15-16+ ⅛
DresserInd	42		41 11-16	42 + 1-16
DuPont s	64¼	63	11-16	63 15-16—15-16
EastmanChem	61		3-16	60¾ 61 — ⅛
EstKodak	69¼		68¼	68¾+ 1¼
EDS Corp	38	3-16	37 9-16	38 + ¼
Entergy	25		5-16	25 25¼+ ⅛
Exxon s	64	5-16	63¾	63½— ½
FstBksAm	15½		15⅛	15½
Flowers s	18¾		18⅛	18⅜— ¼
FordMotor	44¾		43¼	44¼+ ½
GTE Cp	45	15-16	45 9-16	45¾+ ¼
GenDynam	84½		83¼	83¾— ⅛
GenElecs	67⅞	66	5-16	67 5-16+ 1⅛
GenMills	65	11-16	65¾	65⅝+ 3-16
GenMotors	66¼	65	9-16	65 11-16+ 7-16
GaPacif	91	13-16	91½	91 11-16— ⅜
GlobalMar	29¾		28	9-16 28¾— 5-16
Goodrich	43¾		43½	43 11-16+ 3-16
Goodyear s	63¼		62⅝	62¼— ⅛
GtAtlPac	25⅞		25	9-16 25⅝
Halliburtn s	48		7-16	48 48 5-16
Hanson ADS	24	13-16	24	11-16 24 11-16—3-16
HarteHanks	30	15-16	30¾	30 15-16+ 3-16
HomeDepot s	50¼		49¾	50 + 1¾
HoustonInds	20	11-16	20	7-16 20 9-16— 1-16
IBM s	105		103¾	104¾+ 9-16
IntlPaper	54	9-16	54⅛	54 3-16— 1-16
JohnsonJn	58⅛	57	15-16	58 1-16— 5-16
K mart	14		7-16	14¼ 14¾
Kroger s	30	11-16	30	30 1-32—17-32
Litton	51	50	3-16	50 3-16—11-16
LockhdMart	106¼		105¾	106 + ½
Lowes Cos	36	3-16	35 11-16	36 1-16+11-16
Lubys	20		19 13-16	20 + ⅛
LucentTech	81		80	80 13-16+11-16
MayDeptStrs	55	7-16	54 13-16	55 7-16+ ½
Medtronic	95	3-16	92¼	95⅛+ 3
Medtronic wi	47⅞		47¼	47⅜+ ⅛
Mobils	76		75⅜	76 + ½
Monsanto	43		42 7-16	42 15-16+ 1⅛
MorganJP	111	15-16	110⅞	111¼— 9-16
Motorola	77	9-16	76 1-16	76⅝— ⅛
NCR Corp n	35¼	35	1-16	35 5-16— 5-16
NationsBk s	59½		58¾	59⅛+ ⅛
Navistar	25	9-16	25 7-16	25 9-16— 1-16
Norwest	60⅛		59 7-16	60 1-16+ ⅛
OryxEngy	28	3-16	27 11-16	28 3-16+ ½
Penney JC	61		60⅝	60⅞— ⅛
Pennzoil	77	11-16	77 9-16	77⅛+ 1-16
PepBoys	27		26⅛	26 13-16+ 3-16
PepsiCo	37	7-16	36 13-16	37⅛+ 9-16
PhelpDodge	81¼		80⅛	81 — ⅛
PhilipPet	48½	48	3-16	48 5-16— ⅛
PilgrmPrd	12	11	13-16	11 13-16— ⅛
Polaroid	56	3-16	55⅛	55¼— 9-16
Praxair	54	1-16	53⅜	53 7-16— 5-16
ProctGamble	1 39	9-16	137 15-16	138 11-16+11-16
ProctGamb wi	69	13-16	69 9-16	69⅝+11-16
PubSNwMx	18⅛		18⅛	18⅛+ ⅛
RoyalDut s	55¼		54	54⅛— 1⅛
SBC Comm	57		56¼	56 13-16+ 1
SaraLee	41¼	41	9-16	41⅛— 1-16
SearsRoeb	57⅛	56	13-16	57⅛+ 5-16
SherwinW s	27	15-16	27⅛	27 13-16
SmthBc ADS s	44¼		44¼	44¼— ⅛
SouthernCo	21	9-16	21 7-16	21⅛+ ⅛
SwstAirlines	29¾		29⅛	29 9-16+ 3-16
Sprint	47¼		46¾	46 15-16— 5-16
SunCo	40		39	13-16 39 15-16
TNP Ent	23	13-16	23¼	23 13-16+11-16
Tandy	67	3-16	66	15-16 67 — ¼
TempleInland	66	1-16	64¾	66 1-16+1 9-16
Tenneco	49	9-16	48¾	49⅛+13-16
Texaco	119¾		118¾	118⅜— ⅛
TexasInds	33	15-16	33¼	33 15-16
TexasInst	119¼	117⅞	117	11-16— 1-16
TexUtil	34¼		34	9-16 34⅛+ ¼
Textron s	64	15-16	64⅛	64 11-16+ ⅜
Travelers s	68		66	15-16 67⅛+ ½
TrinityInds	41¼		40¾	41¼+ 1⅛
TritonEngy	40⅛		39¾	40⅛+ 1
Tyler	2	13-16	2¼	2 13-16
US WestCm	37		36¼	36⅛+ ¼
USWstMda	20	13-16	20	7-16 20½— ⅛
USX Delhi	13¼		13¼	13⅛+ 3-16
USX-Marathn	33¾		33¼	33⅛+ ½
USX-USS	36	9-16	36⅜	36 7-16+ 1-16
UnCarbde	52¼		51⅞	52 + 1-16
UnPac s	66½	65	1-16	65⅜— ⅛
UnitedTech s	80¼		80¼	80⅜+ ½
Unocal	40½	39	13-16	39¼— 1-16
WalMart	37	15-16	37 9-16	37⅛+ 3-16
WstnGasRs	19¼	19	3-16	19 3-16+ 1-16
WestghEl	26	5-16	26	26 5-16+ ⅛
WinnDixie	34	13-16	34 5-16	34⅛— 3-16
Woolworth	23¼		23	23⅛+ 3-16
Xerox Corp	78	7-16	78	7-16+1 9-16
ZenithE	10½		10¼	10⅜— 1-16

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ADMISSIONS: Eelon Harrell, Ila Byrd, Lorine Garrett, Mattie Morris.

DISMISSALS: Juanita Kizer, Barbara Leatherwood and baby girl, Rosa Saling, Mark Sosa Jr., Betty White.

CENSUS: 42 (Med, Surg.-11, Long-term Care-31).

Runaways, thefts keep area peace officers busy

Local law enforcement agencies were busy with a number of calls Tuesday, including trying to locate three juvenile runaways.

Officers were notified at 9:32 a.m. that a 12-year-old female had failed to return to her home. An offense report for a runaway was submitted.

And at 7:10 p.m., a woman requested to speak to an officer in reference to her two children, a 14-year-old male and a 11-year-old female, leaving her residence Monday and not returning. An offense report for runaway was submitted. However, the two did return home shortly after the report was made.

Lupe Garcia requested to speak to an officer at 1:08 p.m. in reference to a theft and criminal mischief to a mobile home in the 500 block of 26th Street. Offense reports were submitted.

James Garvin requested to speak to an officer at 4:52 p.m. in reference to damage to the Boy Scout hut at Stanfield Elementary.

Amanda Courtney requested to speak to an officer at 7:48 p.m. in reference to the theft of a ring. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

An offense report for Class B theft was submitted at 4:30 p.m. in reference to a theft at Wal-Mart.

An officer was requested in the 5300 block of Etgen at 9:31 p.m. in reference to the theft of firewood.

A deputy was requested at a location on Highway 208 South at 3:11 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief.

A minor two-vehicle accident was reported at 3:59 p.m. at 30th Street and College Avenue. Involved were a 1990 Mercury driven by Michael Benitez of 1214 CR 137 and a 1996 Chevrolet pickup driven by Kristopher Randolph of 3725 Ave. U.

A possible prowler was reported at 10:29 p.m. from the 3000 block of Avenue A and from the 1000 block of 29th Street at 10:56 p.m.

A woman requested to speak to an officer at 11:10 p.m. in reference to receiving harassing telephone calls.

In other activity Tuesday, dispatchers were notified at 11:45 a.m. that some railroad ties were sticking up at the crossing behind the Hermleigh schools.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Can Alzheimer's disease be prevented?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Short of just waiting around for something to happen, is there some way I can prevent the disaster of Alzheimer's disease? I'm a 70-year-old grandmother in excellent health — but worried.

DEAR READER: No one knows the cause of Alzheimer's disease, a progressive brain disorder that leads to dementia. However, two new studies raise the intriguing possibility that the disease can be prevented — at least in some people — by the use of two safe and common medicines: estrogen and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).

The regular use of prescription estrogen, a female hormone, was shown to protect post-menopausal women from getting Alzheimer's disease — as well as reduce the incidence of heart attacks and the severity of osteoporosis. On the negative side, estrogen is associated with a small but significant risk of breast and uterine cancer. Therefore, the choice of whether to take the hormone is highly individualized: Each woman must decide for herself after intense consultation with her gynecologist or family physician.

Nonprescription NSAIDs, on the other hand, are a different kettle of fish. Marketed as ibuprofen, naproxen and indomethacin, these products are customarily used for minor aches and pains. However, researchers at The Johns Hopkins University discovered that the daily use of NSAIDs significantly reduced the incidence of Alzheimer's disease in more than 1600 men and women who participated in a study. The best results were noted in subjects who took the drugs for more than two years. Despite these encouraging findings, the doctors caution that more research needs to be performed before any broad recommendations can be made to the general public.

You might also be interested in recent research from the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City showing that vitamin E supplements (2000 units a day) appear to slow progression of Alzheimer's disease in patients who already have it. Furthermore, the prescription drug selegiline, often used for Parkinson's disease, had a similar effect. Ten milligrams of the drug daily (with or without vitamin E) prolonged survival in such patients, as well as delayed the need for institutionalization and the onset of severe dementia. Again, these reports need independent confirmation before they can be accepted as gospel.

It's fair to say that these treatments and preventatives are just that; until the cause of Alzheimer's disease is identified, we're all flying blind. There won't be a cure for the disorder until we know precisely why it develops.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Alzheimer's Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Town & Country Topics

By Katherine Roberts
County Extension Agent

A Taste of Texas

Experience fall and nature at its best this year and enjoy "A Taste of Texas." That's what folks 50 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when many will enjoy the annual Octoberfest.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the program will be held October 6-10.

Opportunities include "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn beaded crafts, oil painting, woodworking, stained glass, spider weaving and other projects. Educational programs on topics such as basket weaving, Native American traditions, local historic tours and other current interests are a popular highlight.

Boat rides (weather permitting) and fishing on Lake Brownwood add to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes and card and table games are all popular activities.

A special "A Taste of Texas" theme featuring a costume contest and party will provide a festive atmosphere to the event. The theme party will feature some exciting activities and entertainment.

Octoberfest '97! Are you 50 or lder? Then it's for you! The program is limited to 165 participants at a nominal fee. Get away and learn to make the most of the best years of your life. Call your county Extension office today at 573-5423.

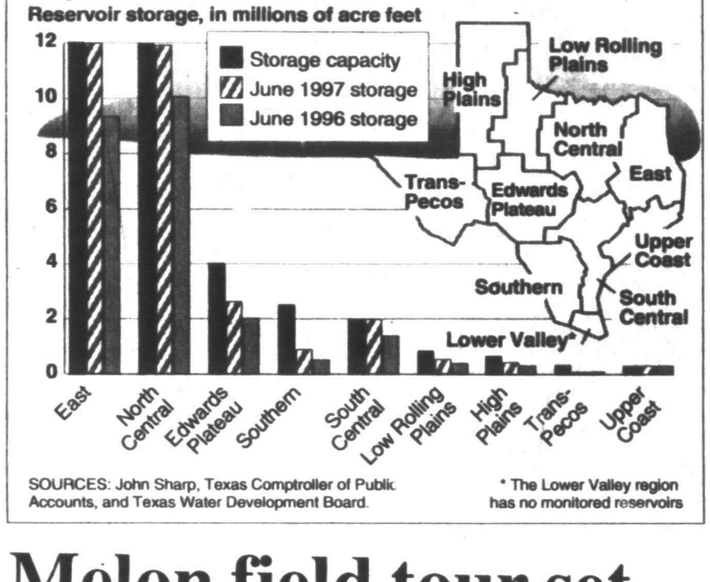
Keeping an eye on Texas

Rainfall helps, but is it enough?

Rainfall since last years' drought added more than 6.4 million acre-feet of water to Texas' reservoirs. The water, which flowed into the reservoirs from rivers and streams, is less than the estimated annual amount needed by the year 2000.

Amount of water added to reservoirs, June 1996-June 1997 — 6.4 million acre-feet

Estimated *annual* surface water needed by the year 2000 — 7.4 million acre-feet



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Water Development Board.

* The Lower Valley region has no monitored reservoirs

Kids not eating right

CHICAGO (AP) — Hold the chips and pass the broccoli! Only 1 percent of American young people ages 2 to 19 eat healthy diets, a study found.

On average, young people in that age group receive 40 percent of their energy from fat and added sugar rather than eating well-rounded diets of a variety of foods, according to the study published Tuesday in the September issue of the journal Pediatrics.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends eating six to 11 servings of grain each day, three to five servings of vegetables, two to four of fruit, two to three of dairy products and five to seven ounces of meat. The guidelines call for 10 percent or less in fat and added sugar.

Sixteen percent of 3,307 young people interviewed in a nationwide telephone survey conducted by the USDA between 1989 and 1991 did not meet any of the federal guidelines on nutrition. Only 30 percent met the dietary recommendations for fruit, grain, meat and dairy, while 36 percent ate the recommended amount of vegetables. Only 1 percent met all five requirements.

Bad eating habits in childhood can lead to disease later in life, including heart problems associated with too much fat, and osteoporosis from low calcium intake, said Dr. Kathryn Munoz, one of the study's authors.

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Melon field tour set Friday near Lubbock

LUBBOCK — New varieties of watermelons, being grown on the High Plains for the first time, will be featured at a watermelon field tour from 10 a.m. until noon Friday at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research Extension Center north of the Lubbock airport.

A special invitation is made for all current and future watermelon growers and agribusinesses serving that crop, as well as master gardeners and county extension agents, to attend the tour, said Dr. Roland Roberts, professor and vegetable specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The center is on FM 1294, just east of Interstate 27 at the Shallowater exit (Exit 11).

"Watermelon consumption is rising, and there is a lot more interest in seedless (triploid) watermelons," Roberts said. "But the culture of the seedless melon is more demanding." Some 10,000 acres of watermelons are grown on the Texas High and Rolling Plains, he estimated.

He said the tour will feature the newest varieties offered by the major seed companies. "We have three replicates of 17 seedless varieties and numbered entries, plus 17 hybrid (seeded) varieties and numbered entries planted in a checkerboard pattern, alternating hyrbids with triploids," Roberts said. An additional 17 hybrids are growing in observation plots.

This is the first time these new varieties have been grown on the High Plains, the Extension Service horticulturist said. The tour will give people an opportunity to see how these melons grow in our climate, he said.

It also will give growers an opportunity to see how the plants respond to the irrigation and mulching system being used at the A&M center. "We have drip irrigation lines buried eight inches under black plastic mulch," Robers said. "This provides very precise irrigation, soil moisture control, weed control and soil warming. All fertilizer and supplemental water were applied through the drip irrigation lines."

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Diversified

By Terry J. Millican, County Extension Agent

AMARILLO — The newest hard red winter wheat variety — TAM 110, is now on the market and available to farmers this year, says Dale Williams, director of Texas Foundation Seed Service at Vernon.

"This new seed has some big pluses for future production," said Dr. Mark Lazar, one of the variety's developers, and a wheat geneticist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station of Amarillo.

"TAM 110 has resistance to all field biotypes of greenbug, the common wheat pest, and yet another highly desired characteristic — winter hardiness," he said.

"Producers can purchase the seed for this season's planting from most certified seed dealers in the High Plains," said Williams, who directed placement of the seed into the 'registered class' that allows certified companies to market seed directly to producers.

"Last season, only a 'foundation class' seed was available and only to seedsmen, who have since reproduced it in larger quantities needed for subsequent sales to growers this year," he added.

"The process leading to a wheat's release is a long one," said Lazar. Protection of the TAM 110 falls under Title V of the U.S. Plant Variety Protection Act. The seed is maintained by the Texas Foundation Seed Service at Vernon.

"By now, most dealers should have some seed," said Williams.

According to Lazar, this new addition to the growing list of TAM varieties should adapt well in the entire High Plains winter wheat region from Texas, north to western Nebraska or South Dakota.

"Now, producers should have some added insurance against the risk of greenbug attack," Lazar said. In years when no aphid infestations occur, TAM 110 will yield as well as the popular TAM 107. Both varieties are well adapted for dryland or limited-irrigation produciton systems employed on the High Plains.

"The resistance in TAM 110 may be especially important when greenbugs are threatening and Russian wheat aphids are not, or as in recent years when the Russian wheat aphids don't become significant until later in the season," he said.

Spraying becomes necessary only when the Russian wheat aphid becomes economically threatening to the crop. By growing the new variety, the option to use insecticide may be delayed or avoided entirely.

The research group includes David Worral, of Vernon; David Marshall, of Dallas; Lloyd Rooney; M.D. McDaniel; and Neal Tuleen, all from College Station; and Amarillo scientists Gary Peterson, Kenneth Porter and Lazar. The work leading to development of this variety was supported in part by the Texas Wheat Producers Board.

"This new wheat isn't perfect, however, it should give growers a little more flexibility in managing their crop than other varieties on the market now," Lazar said.

TAM 110 is available through most certified seed dealers. Additional information may be obtained through Texas Foundation Seed Service by calling Dale Williams at 940-552-6226.

26 counties tabbed with fire warnings

LAMPASAS (AP) — An "extreme fire danger warning" for 26 counties in central Texas will remain in effect until the next substantial rainfall, the Texas Forest Service has announced.

The designation will remain in effect until the 26 counties receive at least 1.5-inches of rain, the agency said Tuesday in a release.

The counties under the designation are Bandera, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Burnet, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Coryell, Edwards, Gillespie, Hamilton, Hays, Kendall, Kimble, Kerr, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Medina, Menard, Mills, Real, San Saba and Uvalde.

Since the Texas Forest Service initiated wildfire monitoring 17 days ago, 121 wildfires have burned 5,032 acres in the 26-county area.

Eight of the affected counties — Blanco, Burnet, Comanche, Kendall, Lampasas, Llano, Mills and San Saba — have burn bans in place because of the extremely dry conditions.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,409 head of cattle for the Thursday, Aug. 28, Sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $2 cheaper. Trading was good and demand fair.

Slaughter cows: 34 to 42; canners and low cutters: 28 to 34; slaughter bulls 45 to 50.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 85 to 115; 400 to 500; 85 to 100; 500 to 600, 75 to 85; 600 to 700, 75 to 80; 700 to 800, 75 to 80.

Feeder heifiers choice: 300 to 400, 77.50 to 92; 400 to 500, 73 to 82; 500 to 600, 73 to 76; 600 to 700, 70 to 75; 700 to 800, 65 to 72.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 72 to 80; 700 to 800, 68 to 75.

Cow and calf pairs, good: 550 to 700; grade, 425 to 550.

Springers: 350 to 600; baby calves: 50 to 150; doodlers: 125 to 200.

Colorado city cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 381 head of cattle for the Saturday, Aug. 30 Sale. Feeder and stocker calves were steady. Packer cows and bulls were $1 to $2 lower. Young bred cows and pairs were steady. Demand was good and market active.

Heifiers:
200 to 400: 83 to 115
400 to 600: 70 to 78.50
600 to 800: 65 to 75.50
Steers:
200 to 400: 90 to 121
400 to 500: 78 to 92
500 to 600: 76 to 85.75
600 to 800: 70 to 86.50
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Paparazzi formally named as suspects

PARIS (AP) — A French judge declared seven paparazzi to be manslaughter suspects Tuesday in the death of Princess Diana, including one aggressive photographer said to have felt the dying princess's pulse while snapping shots of the car wreck.

A lawyer for one photographer dismissed the investigation as "theater justice," a sop to public outrage over the fact Diana, her millionaire boyfriend and their driver were killed while being chased by paparazzi.

But an attorney for boyfriend Dodi Fayed's father, Mohammed Al Fayed, said there was "causality" between the photographers' pursuit and the fatal crash, and the elder Fayed was joining the case as a civil party to prove it.

Fresh disclosures, however, pointed anew at a combination of deadly factors in Sunday's accident, including the apparently drunken condition of the driver, a Fayed employee.

A Paris newspaper reported chauffeur Henri Paul's blood alcohol level may have been almost four times the legal limit at the time of the crash — higher than originally believed.

The photographers who went before the judge Tuesday, one by one, all had been in custody since being arrested at the crash scene Sunday morning.

Judge Herve Stephan placed them under formal investigation for "involuntary homicide" — the French equivalent of manslaughter. It does not mean they will necessarily be formally charged with any crimes.

They also will be investigated for failing to aid people in danger, a crime under the French "Good Samaritan" law requiring onlookers to assist victims of road accidents.

War crimes divide one Bosnian town

VITEZ, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — In the ruined town of Vitez, the actions of a foreign court hundreds of miles away are reinforcing the hatred of war.

Eleven Croat war crimes suspects from Vitez remain at liberty, but one, Gen. Tihomir Blaskic, is on trial at The Hague, Netherlands, for alleged atrocities against Muslims by his Croat militia.

Showing support for Blaskic, posters with his image adorn the Croat side of Vitez, where residents go about their business without even glancing at the town's Muslims, much less greeting them. The posters are a constant reminder of the gulf separating the two populations.

"The tribunal is deepening this conflict, not solving it," said Zvonimir Cilic, a journalist in Vitez.

But in Konjic, just 40 miles away, residents offer a different appraisal of the tribunal, saying it has been a healing force. This despite the fact that several people from the area also are on trial in The Hague.

"When the tribunal began its work, people said it was a good thing," said Dragan Subotic, a policeman in Konjic. "Everybody should get what he deserves."

The contrasting stories in Vitez and Konjic, both in central Bosnia, speak to the fact that although the tribunal's task is the same throughout Bosnia -- to bring war crimes suspects to trial -- its reception swings widely depending on the location. To some, the panel is meddlesome and biased, while to others, it's the best hope for justice and life after the war.

Croats in Vitez argue that the U.N. tribunal has chosen not to prosecute Muslims, whom they say should be indicted for alleged crimes such as a 1993 mortar attack the Croats say killed eight kids playing basketball.

A Muslim judge who investigated atrocities in Vitez says no Muslims have been indicted because there is no evidence linking them to crimes.

"I can claim with certainty that the Bosnian army was not committing war crimes," said Judge Safet Hadrovic in nearby Zenica.

Konjic shows barely a trace of such bitter division — even though during the war Muslims and Croats incarcerated Serbs in the Celebici camp, just outside the city, raping, torturing and killing inmates. Four Muslims and a Croat from Konjic are now on trial at the tribunal.

Subotic said the trial has only helped improve ethnic relations, which remained strong throughout the war because the communities' continued contact with one another.

For Hadrovic, the war crimes tribunal in distant northern Europe is a guarantor of peace, even if the NATO-led international peace force leaves Bosnia.

"I think peace will hold because people are tired of war and will concentrate on work and rebuilding the economy and helping their families," he said.

Gore will be the focus this week as fund-raising probe continues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore will be the focus this week as a Senate committee continues its investigation of political fund-raising abuses.

When hearings resume Thursday, three Buddhist nuns are scheduled to testify about donations they made to the Democratic Party after Gore attended an event at their Southern California temple.

The nuns were given immunity from prosecution by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee to enable them to describe their participation in a scheme by fund-raiser John Huang to conceal a $60,000 donation by the Hsi Lai Temple to the Democratic Party.

The nuns were expected to describe how they and other Buddhist monastics each gave around $5,000 to the Democratic National OoEmittee in their own names and later were reimbursed by the temple, located in Hacienda Heights near Los Angeles.

White House officials concerned that Senate examination of the Buddhist temple fund-raiser will be political grist for Republicans, summoned reporters to a background briefing Tuesday to reiterate Gore's argument that he didn't know the April 29, 1996, event was a fund-raiser when he attended.

The Washington Post reported in today's editions that more than $120,000 in campaign contributions the vice president solicited in 1995-96 for a "soft money" account not covered by federal law went into a "hard money" account subject to federal election limits.

Attorney General Janet Reno has cited lack of evidence that high-level government officials solicited hard money donations as a key reason she has not recommended appointment of an independent counsel to investigate fund raising in last year's elections. The Justice Department already is investigating.

The Post said the money came from eight of 46 donors Gore telephoned from his White House office to ask for contributions to the Democratic National Committee. The newspaper cited records released by Gore's office.

DNC spokeswoman Amy Weiss Tobe told the newspaper "the vice president was not aware that money was being designated for the federal (hard money) account."

Obituaries

Helen Clements

1926-1996

Helen F. Clements, 70, of Ira died Tuesday, Sept. 2, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Ira Baptist Church where she was a member.

Officiating will be the Rev. Mark McWilliams, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Wolfforth, and the Rev. Steve Long, pastor of the Ira First Baptist Church.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 7, 1926 in Winnsboro, she married Hubert Clements on Feb. 17, 1956 in Lovington, N.M., Mrs. Clements was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Hubert Clements of Ira; a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Carla Clements of Ira; a sister, Virginia Plumlee of Hobbs, N.M.; a brother, Ronnie Suiter of Bedford; three grandchildren, Morgan, Kali and Corbin Clements, all of Ira; and a special friend, Treva Boyd of Snyder.

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Mary McGee

1911-1997

COLORADO CITY — Graveside service was held this morning at the Colorado City Cemetery for Mary Jo McGee, a retired nurse. Fr. Ray Wilhelm was to officiate and Kiker-Seale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Miss Gee, 85, died Tuesday, Sept. 2, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Born Dec. 8, 1911 near China Grove in Scurry County, she was a graduate of Vanderbilt University and City College of New York.

Miss McGee was a registered nurse and acheived the rank of captain in the U.S. Public Health Service and 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Most of her duty was served in Washington, D.C. and in Texas. She also served in the South Pacific Theatre during World War II.

Miss McGee is survived by a host of cousins, including Wayne Griffin of Hermleigh.

Huntsville woman new chief of prison security

AUSTIN (AP) — A 21 year veteran of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is the first woman to head prison security.

Janie Cockrell, 44, began working for the department in 1976 at a female prison in Huntsville. Since then, she has served as a TDJC regional coordinator for social services and special needs, a warden and a regional director for all prisons in central Texas.

As deputy director for security, Ms. Cockrell will oversee operations of 23,000 correctional officers guarding 114,4000 inmates at 81 state prisons.

Ms. Cockrell replaces Jerry Peterson, who retired last month after a 28-year career in the state prison system. She is the highest ranking female in the department.

Prosecutors seeking mental examination of Unabomber suspect

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Defense attorneys want to block the government from forcing Unabomber defendant Theodore Kaczynski to submit to psychiatric tests, saying that would violate his rights.

Prosecutors on Tuesday asked U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. to allow the government to have its own experts examine Kaczynski in preparation for his trial, set to begin Nov. 12.

Defense lawyers suggested in June that they would seek to introduce expert testimony on Kaczynski's mental health. They have said they do not plan to argue that he is insane, but may try to show that the former Berkeley math professor lacked the mental capacity to form the intent to commit a crime.

Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Wilson told Burrell on Tuesday that if the defense planned to offer testimony about some mental health claim, it was only fair to allow prosecutors to examine the defendant.

"There is a wide range of mental disorders that could be at issue here — a huge number of diagnoses and subdiagnoses ... that the defendant could rely on," Wilson said.

Defense lawyer Gary Sowarts countered that the issue should be how far Kaczynski's privacy will be invaded.

"The Fifth Amendment disappears if the court can compel a mental health examination," he said.

Burrell said he would rule later.

Kaczynski, 55, is charged with committing four of the 16 bombings attributed to the Unabomber. The former mathematician turned recluse has pleaded innocent.

ISD taxes

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Finally, disgruntled citizens wondering about the possibility of a rollback election because taxes are increasing 15 percent above the effective rate can forget it. The rollback rate is adjusted also. It is now $1.58.

Trustees have set the Sept. 11 public hearing for 6:15 p.m. in the administration building board room.

Present Tuesday were Luann Burleson, Janet Stribling, Mike Levens, Glenn Clarady, Richard Chambers and Charles Anderson. Mark McCormick was absent.

What's Up?

Midwest Electric banquet

Midwest Electric Cooperative's annual membership meeting will be held Thursday in Scurry County Coliseum. Demonstration booths will open at 4 p.m. Registration and serving of the barbecue meal will begin at 6 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Company of Women International

A Company of Women International, Prophetic Voice to the Nations will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in a new location - the corner of 26th Street and Avenue E. The meal will be pot luck. All mature Christian women are invited.

Choir boosters to meet

Snyder High School Choir Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school choir room.

Model airplane club

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the club flying field, located three miles south of the college on Round Top Road. Guests are welcome.

Scurry County 4-H Banquet

The Scurry County 4-H Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the 37th Street Church of Christ Family Room. Those attending are asked to RSVP by Friday. Call 573-5423.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scout registration day will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Scout Hut, 2501 35th St. Cost is $7 per person. Each girl needs to bring health information and be accompanied by a parent. Adult workers are also needed in all areas and can register at the same time. Training will be provided.

Blood pressure clinic

Interim Healthcare will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Wal-Mart pharmacy.

United Way luncheon

The annual Scurry County United Way Kick-Off Luncheon is set for Thursday, Sept. 11 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Cost is $7. RSVP by Monday at 573-1731.

Bible study videos

Another series of Bible study video tapes is airing on Channel 2. The sixth tape, "The End of the World," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Annual catfish fry set

The First United Methodist Church will hold its annual catfish fry from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday. For tickets, call 573-5416. Proceeds will help support the church's youth programs.

County Health Unit

Scurry County Health Unit will not give shots until Tuesday. On that date, the clinic will be open until 7 p.m. A breast-feeding class will be held at 6 that evening.

Fiesta deadline nears

The deadline for all food vendors to apply for a temporary vendor permit for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Las Fiesta Del Septembre will be 4 p.m. Sept. 11. Contact Cindy Nix at the Scurry County Health Unit, 573-3508.

A Taste of Scurry County

Scurry County Museum is planning a "A Taste of Scurry County" for Sept. 11. The evening-long event will begin with food sampling at 6:30 p.m. Door prizes, a silent auction and a bid auction will be offered. Tickets for a computer to be raffled in December will also be available. Tickets, $12.50 for adults, $5 for children 5-12, and free for children under 5 accompanied by an adult ticketholder, may be purchased at the museum, chamber of commerce, Bullard's Computer Solutions, Nathalie's and Snyder Healthmart.

1997 Area-Wide Ladies' Retreat

The 1997 Area-Wide Ladies' Retreat will be held Sept. 12-13 at Willow Park Inn. Jo Marlar and Claudine Chaney will speak and Mercy & Truth will provide the music. For information, call 573-2672 or 573-8401. Register as soon as possible to reserve a spot.

TAAS fall testing

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) and the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) tests will be administered Oct. 28-30. Enrolled 11th and 12th graders and individuals out of school are eligible. Fall registration packets are available in the high school counselor's office. TAAS out-of-school examinees and TEAMS examinees must register by Sept. 16. Anyone with questions should contact Charlene Light at 574-6049 or Wendell Sollis at 573-5401.

Church building fund

Garage sale items are being accepted by the Lighthouse Assembly of God for their church building fund. Call 573-5124 for more information.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes have begun at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will be held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses will also be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Pick 3

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

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(zero, six, six)

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

7-20-25-30-34

(seven, twenty, twenty-five, thirty, thirty-four)

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Hearing to ID alleged robber scheduled

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A man wanted in Florida for allegedly stealing $22 million from an armored car company will remain in Texas for at least a few more days while authorities prove he is who they say he is.

A federal magistrate has ordered an identification hearing Thursday at which prosecutors must show that the man they have in custody is Philip Noel Johnson.

Johnson, 33, a former armored car driver for Loomis, Fargo & Co., is accused of raiding the vault of the company's Jacksonville, Fla., office on March 29. The heist was one of the biggest in U.S. history.

Authorities contend Johnson held two co-workers at gunpoint as he filled a van from floor to ceiling with bags of cash. One co-worker was later found handcuffed inside a closet at Johnson's Jacksonville home. The other was shackled to a tree in Asheville, N.C., where authorities found the abandoned van.

After a five-month search, Johnson was arrested at an international bridge here Saturday after trying to enter the United States from Mexico on a commercial bus.

But at a brief federal court hearing Tuesday, the suspect refused to admit that he is indeed Philip Noel Johnson. His attorney, Thomas Cushman, noted that when his client was arrested, he identified himself as Roger Dale Lawter.

"The man that's been arrested was arrested under the name of Roger Lawter, and the government apparently had no indication that he was anybody else," Cushman said.

U.S. Magistrate Fidencio Garza ordered an identification hearing to clear up the matter.

Jacksonville police detective Jerry Rigdon, who said he had no doubt that authorities have the right man, called the hearing a delay tactic to postpone Johnson's impending extradition to Florida.

"All we have to do is bring in a fingerprint expert," Rigdon said. "It's inevitable that he will be identified as Philip Noel Johnson."

FBI agents said Lawter was one of several aliases Johnson had used when he was on the run. At Tuesday's hearing, agents presented a photocopy of eight identification cards with seven different names they allege Johnson had gone by.

The real Roger Lawter is a sailor who rented a room in Johnson's Jacksonville home from October 1991 to September 1993, agents said. Johnson used Lawter's birth certificate to obtain a false driver's license and passport, they said.

Johnson remains at the Cameron County Jail pending Thursday's hearing. He refused to comment as he was transferred from the jail to the federal courthouse on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, authorities refused to discuss their efforts to locate the missing money. When Johnson was arrested, authorities seized $10,714.69 from his luggage and the pockets of his clothing.

"There's still so much work that needs to be done," said Rigdon. "Hopefully, that will not take too much longer."

Rigdon also declined to discuss a motive for the robbery. However, Johnson's friends and neighbors have said that in the days before the heist, he expressed frustration over his $7-an-hour job.

The Jacksonville heist was double the previous largest armored car robbery in U.S. history. On June 26, 1990, in Rochester, N.Y., a truck owned by Armored Motor Service of America was stolen and $10.8 million was taken.

Grocers won't carry tabloids with Di's photos

CINCINNATI (AP) — Two of the nation's four largest supermarket chains say they will not sell tabloid papers that publish pictures of the car crash that killed Princess Diana.

Kroger Co., the nation's largest grocery chain, and Winn-Dixie Stores Inc., the fourth largest, announced their decisions Tuesday.

"All Winn-Dixie and Thriftway stores will pull from sale any publication that contains the photos of the auto accident in which Princess Di was killed," said Nelson Rodenmayer, spokesman for Winn-Dixie, which also owns Thriftway.

Said Kroger spokesman Paul Bernish: "If they contain those kinds of photographs, we won't put them on display."

The crash Sunday in Paris killed Diana, her boyfriend and their driver. Witnesses said photographers had chased the car before the accident and took pictures of the wreck before help arrived.

French authorities have said the driver was legally drunk and a judge has declared seven paparazzi to be manslaughter suspects.

Editors of The National Enquirer and the Globe have already said they will not publish photos of the crash.

Bernish said copies of tabloid newspapers with coverage of the crash probably will not arrive at Kroger stores until later this week. The Cincinnati-based chain has more than 1,325 supermarkets in 32 states and annual sales of $25.2 billion.

Winn-Dixie, based in Jacksonville, Fla., has 1,175 stores in 14 Southeast states and $13.2 billion in annual sales.

Lil' Napper infant swings are recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Consumer Product Safety Commission and Century Products Co. announced a recall today of 125,000 infant swings sold under the brand name Lil' Napper.

Three babies have died and one was nearly strangled after their necks got tangled in the swing's harness straps, the government and Century said in a joint release.

All four infants were between 6 and 9 months old, the statement said.

Macedonia, Ohio-based Century will provide free repair kits to families that own Lil' Napper models 12-344, 12-345, 12-347, 12-475, and 12-476, and said customers should not use the swings until the seat pad and restraint straps have been replaced.

Other Century swing models have different restraint systems and are not being recalled.

The Lil' Napper swings, sold since 1991, have shoulder harness straps that can become loose and entangle a child. The repair kit replaces the shoulder harness with waist and crotch straps.

Repair kits can be obtained by calling Century at 800-231-1448 or by writing to Century Products Company, 9600 Valley View Road, Macedonia, Ohio 44056.

Boeing, AF design reusable spacecraft

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's made of the same stuff as golf clubs, shaped like a cigar and reusable. It's the Space Maneuver Vehicle — the future of Air Force reconnaissance.

The Air Force and the Boeing Co. designed the crewless craft to perform reconnaissance and put small satellites into orbit. The military says it will give it more flexibility in gathering intelligence.

"It's one of a number of programs that will define the way the Air Force operates in the next century," said Mike Matthews, a spokesman for Boeing's Space and Missile Systems Sector in Seal Beach, Calif.

The prototype to be unveiled today was developed under a $5.3 million contract by Boeing and the Air Force's Phillips Laboratory in Albuquerque, N.M. The cigar-shaped craft with stubby wings is made of graphite, epoxy and aluminum. It is 22 feet long and weighs 2,500 pounds.

The final version of the vehicle will be slightly larger and could be launched into orbit by rocket or a space shuttle. It could carry a 1,200-pound payload, remain in orbit for up to a year and land on its own.

"These would essentially be flyable satellites," said Rich Garcia, a spokesman for Phillips Laboratory.

Initial flight tests were scheduled to begin in November at Holliman Air Force Base in New Mexico.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Program Smooths Physical Scars of Domestic Violence

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DEAR ABBY: Recent letters from "Sick and Tired," and "In the Trenches in Philadelphia" have spotlighted the very serious problem of domestic violence. One aspect of this problem often overlooked, however, is that while many of these victimized individuals have fled their abusive spouses and sought treatment and counseling, they are still left with the physical scars. The emotional healing may have begun, but the smashed cheekbone, the twisted nose or the cigarette burn on the face serves as a constant reminder of a painful past. Unfortunately, the majority of victims scarred by acts of domestic violence are not financially able to correct the damage caused by their abuser's rage.

We would like your readers to know that there is help available. The American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (AAFPRS) sponsors a program called Face to Face: The National Domestic Violence Project, which matches victims of domestic violence with facial plastic surgeons for consultation and reconstructive surgery at no charge.

AAFPRS and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) are proud to offer this service to an often overlooked segment of society. With just a phone call, these individuals can begin to gain the confidence to look in the mirror and smile again. Thank you, Abby, for helping us to spread the word, so that we can help them.

PETER A. ADAMSON, M.D.,
PRESIDENT, AAFPRS,
AND RITA SMITH, NATIONAL
COORDINATOR, NCADV

DEAR DR. ADAMSON AND MS. SMITH: I'm delighted to inform my readers about this effort. What a generous gift!

My congratulations to you and your organizations for conceiving such a compassionate and life-changing program. I wish you much success.

Readers, the Face to Face program can be accessed by calling 1-800-842-4546, the toll-free number operated by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been engaged since late last year. My fiance and I are planning our wedding for next summer. We decided to have a long engagement because we want to save and pay for the wedding ourselves.

The problem: My sister wants to have a family portrait taken with her husband and children, my mother and me. Our father is deceased. I politely asked if my fiance could be included in the picture, but my sister argues that he is not part of the family until he says "I do."

Our mother loves my fiance and considers him a son because of all the help he offers around the house, but she refuses to get in the middle of our discussion. My fiance and I do not live together; we are going to remain with our parents until we get married. I know that legally he is not part of the family, but emotionally he is. What do you think?

PICTURE PERFECT

DEAR PICTURE PERFECT: Your sister has a point. A family portrait should include family members only. Although your fiance is accepted by your mother, many things can happen between now and the wedding date. Your sister may not want to risk being stuck with a "photographic memory" all of you would rather forget.

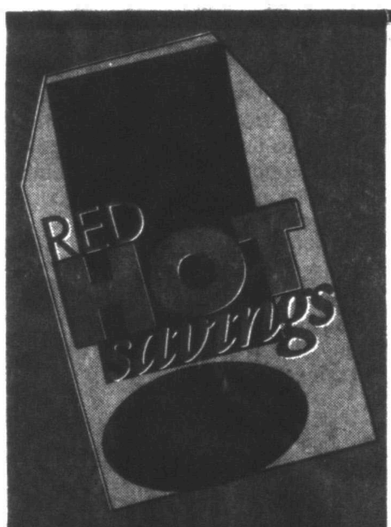
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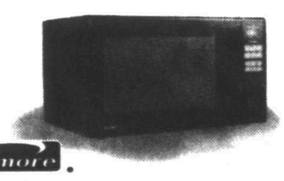
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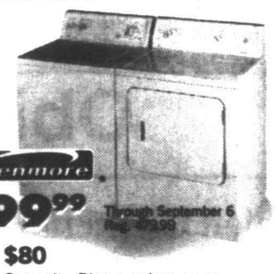
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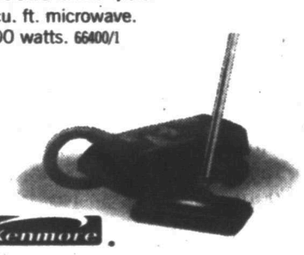
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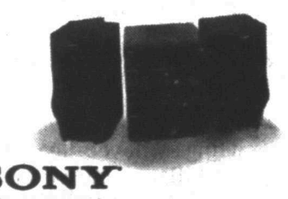
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