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RECEPTION — DPS Sgt. Troy Wilson was honored with a reception this morning. Sgt. Wilson is moving to San Antonio as a Texas Ranger. Pictured greeting Sgt. Wilson is retired DPS Lt. Richard Campbell. Wilson's family includes his wife, Beth, with son, Logan, and daughter, Haley. (SDN Staff Photo)

BCD mulls purchase of mower for baseball fields

The Board of County Development, meeting Wednesday, postponed action on a request to help purchase a mower for the county parks department.

Scott Crenwelge, county parks director, asked the BCD for assistance in purchasing a reel mower for use at all five Towle Park ball fields.

The mower will cost an estimated $22,000 and Crenwelge asked the BCD to pay half.

"We have the nicest ball fields in West Texas and we want to keep them that way," Crenwelge said. "People all over the state know about our facilities and they want to come here to play. And when they come here, they buy gas and they shop and they eat. Keeping those fields nice is good for the community."

Board member Don West questioned whether the purchase fell under the BCD's purpose.

"We have to be careful about our guidelines and what we can and can't do," he said. "We would like to help, but we have to be sure."

Tony Scott said there are benefits to the investment.

"It's much cheaper to maintain what we have than it is to let it go down and then try later to bring it back," he said. "As a business owner, I can vouch for the increased traffic in town during a tournament."

Board member Bill Dryden asked if other entities who use the fields, such as Snyder ISD and Western Texas College, would help to purchase the mower.

"When it gets down to it, those fields fall directly under the Scurry County parks department," Crenwelge said.

The board will call a special session at noon Oct. 9 to vote on the matter.

The quarterly meeting's agenda included the review of financial statements and the consideration of bills for payment. Both were approved.

Jerry Martin presided and board members present were West, Dryden, Scott and Ray Myers.

It's Opry time in Snyder

The first edition of the Snyder Opry will be on stage this evening at 7 in Worsham Auditorium as Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke will join Leon Rausch as the headliners.

Burke is a native of Louisiana, and by the time he was 13 years old, he was playing his Cajun fiddle with small bands around his hometown of Kaplan.

He has played with such Country-Western stars as Ray Price and Little Jimmy Dickens, and his release of "Big Mamou" was number one in the nation.

Rausch is known as the voice of the legendary western swing artist Bob Wills.

Rausch joined the Texas Playboys in 1958 as the lead vocalists and played in the group's final concert in Fort Worth in 1986.

Rausch has appeared on stage with such notables as Glenn Campbell, Roy Clark, Loretta Lynn, Willie Nelson, George Strait and Patsy Cline.

He has appeared on the popular Austin City Limits show several times.

Others in the family-oriented program tonight are Curtis Potter, Jake Hooker, Cindy Nix and the Bluegrass-Gospel group, Buffalo Gap.

Emcee will be Mike O'Daniel.

Tickets are $8 in advance and can be purchased at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce or KSNY until 5 p.m. today. Tickets will be $10 at the door.

Next month, Hank Thompson will star in the opry that will be held Oct. 17.

Rainfall totals vary

A fast-moving thunderstorm, accompanied with brilliant lightning, visited Scurry County Wednesday night, dropping almost two inches of rain in the Camp Springs area and knocking out electricity in one section of Snyder for a short period.

Bill Jordan of the Camp Springs community said he recorded 1.75 inches of rain in his gauge.

Loyd Mountain resident Ann Cross reported 1.1 inches, while the official weather gauge at the Snyder water treatment plant received .82 of an inch.

Some Snyder residents in the Colonial Hill area lost electricity around 10 p.m. as a result of lightning hitting a transformer.

The electricity was off for about 30 minutes, said Judy Suggs, distribution service advisor with Oncor (TXU).

"While it did not take long to fix that problem, our crews remained working most of the night with lightning-related problems in the oilfield," Suggs said.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	**.82**
North of city	**.80**
East of city	**1.0**
West of city	**.20**
Lake Thomas	**.60**
Hermleigh	**.50**
Fluvanna	**1.00**
Loyd Mountain	**1.10**
Camp Springs	**1.75**
Ira	**.15**
Dermott	**.90**
Union	**.50**
Gail	**.60**
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Farmers Co-Op (E)	**.60**
Sc. County (W)	**.90**
Inadale	**1.00**

Totals as reported by area residents for Wednesday and early today.

Bush wants Congress to approve using force

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush asked Congress today for authority to use "all means he determines to be appropriate, including force" to disarm and overthrow Iraq's Saddam Hussein, saying the United States will take action on its own if the U.N. Security Council balks.

The president sent to Capitol Hill his proposed wording for a resolution that would give him such broad war-making authority. He told reporters in the Oval Office that the power to use force was all-important. "If you want to keep the peace, you've got to have the authorization to use force," he said.

The president immediately began trying to build support for the proposed resolution that fills little more than two pages and that he wants Congress to approve before lawmakers go home to campaign for the Nov. 5 elections.

A letter to Congress accompanied his proposed wording authorizing "all means he determines to be appropriate, including force, in order to enforce the United Nations Security Council resolutions (on disarmament), defend the national security interests of the United States against the threat posed by Iraq and restore international peace and security in the region."

Investigation continues in alleged sexual assault

Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson said today an investigation continues of a sexual assault reported Sept. 10.

Jackson said the assault allegedly occurred at a residence on West Drive.

The victim is a 16-year-old female and the suspect being questioned is a 17-year-old male.

"This will probably be set up as a polygraph test of both individuals," the sheriff said.

The victim reported the incident at 7 a.m. Sept. 10, but said it occurred the previous afternoon.

Woman takes gun into local bank

Snyder police have concluded an investigation of a Sept. 10 incident at Texas Savings Bank involving a woman allegedly showing clerks a gun.

Police Sgt. Terry Luecke said today the case has been forwarded to the District Attorney's office for review.

"At around 2:30 that afternoon, a 42-year-old woman entered Texas Savings Bank with a BB gun," Luecke said. "During a conversation with clerks, she pulled it out and waved it around the bank and apparently made some comments about wanting money."

Sgt. Luecke said the bank employees recognized the woman as a regular customer and also that the gun was not a real firearm and contacted police after she left the bank.

"She went ahead and made a withdrawal from her own account and then left," the sergeant said.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will determine if charges will be filed and what they will be, Luecke said.

"They could range from disorderly conduct to terroristic threats and a lot of others," he said. "It was a very strange incident and really bad timing. This should never have happened, but especially not on the afternoon of Sept. 10 when everyone was kind of skittish about Sept. 11 coming up."

Luecke said he is unaware of any medication or other factors that might have contributed to the woman's behavior.

He said no information about the incident was included on the daily police blotter because the report was not made through dispatchers, but directly to an officer.

ASK US

Q—Where can I send a letter of support for the county parks?

A—Send it to the courthouse in care of Scurry County Parks and Recreation, 1806 25th Street.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 95 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. Thursday, 64; .82 of an inch precipitation; total for 2002, 16.30 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low 50-55; N winds 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny; high 80-85; SW winds 10-20 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy; high near 90.



Daniella Jaquez
Sunny

Sunset:
7:44 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:31 a.m.
Of 261 days in 2002, the sun has shone 254 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Fear is an illusion.
—Michael Jordan

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Brisendine



School's been back in session for a month and dove hunters are shooting holes in the sky — two signs that summer has come and gone and autumn is just around the corner.

As a matter of fact, the third season of the year begins Sunday and we're ready for it. We've never been a fan of summer temperatures and have long preferred cold weather to hot.

That preference played a factor in our choosing West Texas A&M in Canyon as a home-away-from-home for four years. It gets pretty cool up in the Panhandle and that suited us just fine.

Admittedly, this summer was a mild one, with timely rains and surprisingly few 100+ degree days in Snyder. But we lived up north long enough to get used to no 100+ days, so we tend to notice them when they turn up.

We hadn't been a Snyder resident for long last summer when June and July came and went without even a good cloud passing over. That hasn't been the case this summer since the longest we've had to wait between rains has been only a few weeks.

With 2002 being such a wet year so far, it makes us wonder what to expect this winter.

Last year's 12-inch snow slowed everyone down considerably. We're used to big piles of snow and enjoyed waking up to the fresh powder.

We quickly found out we were in the minority. Snow causes headaches for law enforcement and everyone else forced to make their way around on icy roads.

We got used to slick surfaces up in Canyon, where drivers stay prepared for inclement weather.

Our in-laws live in Perryton, the northern-most community in Texas. Our wife has stories while growing up of being snowed in for days at a time.

We've never been snowed in anywhere, but we can imagine it isn't as enjoyable as the TV sitcoms make it look.

We almost did get trapped in Perryton a few years ago.

We were opening Christmas presents in the in-laws living room and could see some pretty menacing clouds moving toward us.

The festivities ended shortly and we loaded the car and hit the road just as the first snowflakes began to fall. The usual two-hour trip from Perryton back to our home in Canyon lasted six hours.

We crawled along in our front-wheel-drive auto and passed dozens of folks unfortunate enough to have slid off into the ditch. The ice was solid and getting thicker.

Our speedometer told us we were doing 60 mph, but we were actually cruising at around 25 or 30.

We slid right through a red light in one little town, but thankfully we were the only car on the move in the entire community.

We finally crept into our driveway with an almost empty tank of gas and the snow was still falling. When we woke the next morning, almost three feet of snow was on the ground, with drifts of more than 10 feet in places.

One nice thing about snow in Texas though is that it never lasts long. Usually within a day the roads are clear of ice.

Our sister lived in Michigan for a while and reported that when snow falls up there, it stays until spring.

We like snow — but not that much.

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Poll shows Gov. Perry ahead

DALLAS (AP) — While Republican Gov. Rick Perry holds a nine-point lead over Democratic challenger Tony Sanchez, other Republicans are in closer races as the party tries to maintain its monopoly on statewide offices, according to a new poll for the Houston Chronicle and KHOU-TV Channel 11.

"The governor's race is Perry's to lose, but that race will get closer come Election Day," pollster Richard Murray, a political science professor at the University of Houston, told the Houston Chronicle for its today editions. "The others are real horse races."

The polling indicates close contests for three other high-visibility races in the state, including the U.S. Senate race, where Republican John Cornyn holds a six-point lead over Democrat Ron Kirk.

And in the lieutenant governor race, Republican David Dewhurst holds a six-point lead over Democrat John Sharp. Also, in the attorney general race, Democrat Kirk Watson and Republican Greg Abbott are statistically tied for the post Cornyn is vacating.

The telephone poll of 879 likely voters across Texas was conducted Sept. 3-10 and Sept. 12-15 by the University of Houston Center for Public Policy and the Rice University School of Social Sciences. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.3 percentage points.

Political sources have estimated that Sanchez and Perry could spend as much as $100 million combined, which would break the 1990 record of $53.4 million for a Texas governor's race, even adjusted for inflation.

Sanchez, who already has spent at least $30 million blitzing airwaves for the primary and in the general election campaign, may reach $80 million.

Although Sanchez, a Mexican-American, would be the state's first Hispanic governor, polling indicates 44 percent of Hispanics have little interest in the governor's race. In comparison, 23 percent of whites have little interest and 37 percent of blacks have little interest.

Perry campaign spokesman Ray Sullivan criticized the poll, which he said underestimates the turnout of Republican voters. He said the governor has double-digit leads in other independent polling.

Sanchez spokeswoman Michelle Kucera said the poll indicates Sanchez is gaining steam as Election Day approaches.

Ex-A&M student executed for killing fellow student

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A former Texas A&M University student was executed by injection Wednesday for killing a fellow student during a burglary at her home eight years ago.

Ron Shamburger, 30, apologized and asked for forgiveness from Lori Baker's family before the lethal drugs were administered.

While on death row, Shamburger said he couldn't explain his crimes. "One thing leads to another ... You lose touch with reality. You've chosen to do things that are wrong.

"There was an adrenaline rush to it — the satisfaction of not being caught."

In his fifth year at the university in College Station, Shamburger made numerous home break-ins in which he stole credit cards and cash. He bought the murder weapon, a 9 mm pistol, with a credit card stolen from Baker's home days before the fatal shooting.

On the night of Sept. 30, 1994, he broke into Baker's home as she slept, bound her with duct tape then fatally shot her in the head.

Baker's roommate confronted Shamburger, who then abducted her, stuffed her into his car trunk, and drove around town before returning to the women's home.

He then poured gasoline in Baker's room and set it ablaze. The roommate escaped the car trunk and had neighbors call for help. Shamburger turned himself in to police hours later.

Shamburger was the 26th Texas inmate executed this year.



COMMUNITY HELPERS — Earlier this week, three Stanfield teachers dressed up as community helpers. From left are Delana Grant, Sheila Collier and Sherry Patterson. Some of their students include from left seated, Meagan Lewis, Ashley Kincheloe, Andrew Vasquez, Gavian Hernandez, Kelton Williams, Hayley Taylor, Averey Wright, Reid Pinson; seated on the floor, Vanessa Ornelas, and Jake Freeman. Another teacher, Margie Martinez, also dressed up but is not pictured. The learning exercise is part of second graders' study of the needs of the community. It is a project of the Accelerated Schools three-year grant, which Stanfield received last school year. A related project is Friday's garage sale slated from 9 a.m. until noon. Second graders are studying ways to make money as part of their "needs and wants." First graders will sell lemonade. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Controversial Sept. 11 statue covered

NEW YORK (AP) — A statue of a falling woman — designed as a memorial to those who jumped or fell to their death from the World Trade Center — was abruptly draped in cloth and curtained off Wednesday because of complaints that it was too disturbing.

"We apologize if anyone was upset or offended by the display of this sculpture. It was certainly not our intent. The piece will be removed this evening," said Suzanne Halpin, spokeswoman for Rockefeller Center.

Eric Fischl's bronze, "Tumbling Woman," depicts a naked woman with arms and legs flailing. It went on view about a week ago in the lower concourse at Rockfeller Center and was supposed to remain on display through Monday.

Numerous news photos captured images of desperate people leaping to their deaths as the 110-story towers burned.

Some passers-by in Rockefeller Center complained that the sculpture was too graphic.

"I don't think it dignifies their deaths," said Paul Labb. "It's not art. It is very disrupting when you see it."

"The sculpture was not meant to hurt anybody," Fischl said in a statement. "It was a sincere expression of deepest sympathy for the vulnerability of the human condition. Both specifically towards the victims of Sept. 11 and towards humanity in general."

Some onlookers said there is a need for art that captures the horror of Sept. 11.

"I don't think that it's done in bad taste," Christine Defonces said before the statue was covered. "It's an artist's reaction to what happened."

TV news reporter found dead

ABILENE (AP) — Police said they suspected foul play in the death of a television reporter who was found in her apartment Wednesday afternoon.

Jennifer Servo, 22, was a 2002 journalism graduate of the University of Montana, KRBC news director Toby Dagenhart said.

Sgt. Mike Perry of the Abilene Police Department said Servo had sustained trauma to the head. He said an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death had been ordered and likely would be conducted today.

No arrests have been made so far.

Dagenhart said Servo formerly worked for KECI in Missoula, Mont. Servo also had anchored for Montana Public Radio.

Dagenhart said Servo, who was an Army reservist, had been at KRBC for a few months.

Dagenhart said a number of people in the news department had been trying to reach Servo. KRBC staffers then went to Servo's apartment, knocked on her door and noticed her car was there.

Dagenhart called the apartment complex Wednesday to have someone check on Servo.

A complex employee found the body and contacted police.

"We are in process of trying to locate any known persons that may have had contact with her in the last few days," Perry said.

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Wednesday's Lottery Numbers

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $5 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 4-6-10-19-35-47.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $7 million.

Pick 3
(Day) 3-4-9
(Night) 7-2-4
Cash Five
1-3-5-23-33

Date Book

Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002

Today is the 262nd day of 2002 and the 91st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1893, New Zealand became the first country in the world to extend voting rights to women.

On this day in 1928, Mickey Mouse made his first appearance, starring in "Plane Crazy," an animated short.

On this day in 1994, U.S. forces landed in Haiti to oversee the Haitian leader Sean-Bertrand Aristide's return to power.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lewis F. Powell Jr. (1907-1998), Supreme Court justice; William Golding (1911-1993), writer; Mike Royko (1932-1997), columnist; Jeremy Irons (1948-), actor, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, the California Angels defeated the Texas Rangers 9-4.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have nothing against little dogs that look like dust mops. I'm sure they make wonderful pets and companions. ... If I owned one of the tiny fuzzy dogs, I'd tie it to a long stick and use it to clean the windows." — Mike Royko

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

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PROGRAM ON AIRPORT — Roger Sullenger, Winston Air Terminal manager, gave a program on the status of the airport to members of the Palette Club that meets there monthly. Sullenger is shown with officers of the club to include Myrtle Joiner, president; Paul Hudgins, vice president; LaVerne Lee, secretary; and Lila Guinn, treasurer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



ODYSSEY HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS — Volunteers for Odyssey Hospice met recently for a workday. Shown making greeting cards are Laura Jones, Kim Gorman and Helene Tutt. (Contributed Photo)

Local DAR chapter observes Constitution Week Sept. 17-23

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter, observes Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23. Mayer Francene Noah signed a proclamation of observance in Scurry County Tuesday at City Hall.

Present for the signing were DAR members Virginia Clark, Jo Flynn, Maribeth Vestal, Lois Bartels and Ann Smartt.

This week commemorates the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America. This guardian of liberties established our Republic as a self-governing nation dedicated to rule by law.

Mayor Noah urges everyone to use this week to laud the achievements of those courageous men who, over 200 years ago, struggled to balance a limited government with the rights, privileges and responsibilities of American Citizenship.

New Englanders brace for tours

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Despite drought, travel fears and a skittish economy, New Englanders are bracing for the annual influx of tourists affectionately known as leaf-peepers.

The burst of autumn's reds and golds have become a multi-billion-dollar tourist business in this region. In Vermont alone, for example, tourism officials estimate that fall travelers contribute $1.14 billion to the state's economy annually.

New England hasn't been as hard hit as the Midwest and mid-Atlantic states by drought, and while the lack of rain and the temperature swings have left some larger-than-usual spotty areas of changing colors, experts said the big picture won't fail to impress.

"I've lived in northern New England all my life — I'm 61 years old — and I've never seen a bad foliage year, yet," said Brian Stone, chief of forest management for the state of Vermont.

The peak times vary slightly from year to year, but range from the last week in September in far northern Maine through October, with Columbus Day weekend a prime time in most areas.

"The peak could be a little later than usual with all the warm weather we've had in September, but that's good, because Columbus Day is a little later than usual this year," said Marti Mayne of BedandBreakfast.com, an international online booking agency, and a spokeswoman for the Mount Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce in New Hampshire.

The region is still seeing some impact from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Many foreign travelers canceled their trips last year and Americans from outside New England stayed closer to home.

"European travelers made up 10 to 20 percent of the fall foliage traffic," she said. "That you can still find a room at this time of year is testimony to the fact that the Europeans aren't coming."

Mayne said domestic travelers also have been waiting later this year to plan their vacations. Bookings did not pick up until June or July, she said.

"The weekends are pretty solid, but there are still some vacancies midweek," said Beth Steucek, executive vice president of the 388-member New England Innkeepers Association.

Ray E. Smith, vice president of the Berkshire Visitors Bureau, said leaf-peepers should still heed the warning to plan ahead. "It is very difficult to find a room in the Berkshires in October."

The leaves on all the region's hardwoods will turn as the days shorten. And over the next few weeks the colors will inflame whole mountain ranges, predicted Bernard Rubinstein, a retired plant physiology professor at the University of Massachusetts.

Rubinstein, a Michigan native, said New England's special combination of showy species of trees and rolling hills allow full enjoyment of the spectacle. He unabashedly calls the autumn display "like nothing else in the world."

"The maples are the big ones," he said. "Their reds and oranges really knock us over."

On the Net:

Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism: http://www.mass-vacation.com

New England Innkeepers Association: http://www.newenglandinns.com/dbpages/index.cfm

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002

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	South ♠ 10 9 8 7 5 4 ♥ A 7 ♦ A K 7 ♣ Q 3		

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
		Pass	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♥
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5

Safely stepping through the minefield

By Phillip Alder

Frenchman Malcolm de Chazal penned, "The idealist walks on tiptoe, the materialist, on his heels."

Some contracts are easy to play, allowing you to smell the tulips while you tiptoe through the tricks. Others, though, require very careful stepping through a minefield. This deal falls into the latter category. How would you try to make four spades after West leads the heart five?

Sitting South was Pierre Ghestem, who died in 2000 and was twice a world champion for France. Here, he was competing in the 1962 World Open Pairs Championship, the inaugural holding of that event. His four-spade bid was ambitious, but he bought a good dummy.

A club lead would have been lethal, but West understandably selected his partner's suit. The first mine was avoided when Ghestem allowed East to win the trick with his heart king. Back came a heart to declarer's ace. The spade 10 was run around to the ace. East defended well by leading a third heart, but Ghestem continued step-perfectly by ruffing in hand and discarding a club from the dummy. (If South had thrown, say, the club three from hand and ruffed in the dummy, he would have lost four tricks: three spades and one heart.) Declarer cashed the diamond ace before leading another trump, West going in with his king and shifting to a club. Again declarer paced correctly, winning with dummy's ace. The diamond jack took the next trick. Nearly home, Ghestem played a diamond to his king, crossed over to dummy's spade queen, and cashed the diamond 10, discarding his club queen.

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Candidate put out pin-up calendar

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina's Libertarian Party has found a way to get a little exposure for its platform.

A Libertarian candidate for the state House of Representatives has put together a pin-up calendar featuring herself and 11 other Libertarian women, including five other candidates. The candidates plan to sell the calendar to raise money for their campaigns.

Candidate Rachel Mills said the idea began after she got a call from Playboy magazine.

Mills, 27, works for WorldCom Inc., the scandal-plagued telecommunications company. The magazine wanted to photograph her, totally nude, for a "Women of WorldCom" issue, she said.

"I was raised as a missionary kid, so ... my parents would really not be happy," she said.

Sean Haugh, a Libertarian running for the U.S. Senate, suggested a calendar.

None of the Libertarian women appears wearing less than lingerie, said Jennifer Schulz Medlock, a candidate who appears in the calendar in a tank top, shorts and boxing gloves.

"I think it's a really cute idea," said Medlock, 28. She isn't concerned that voters won't take her seriously.

Friday the 13th is lucky day for baby

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — Don't tell John Fischer and Debra Perry that having their first baby delivered on Friday the 13th is bad luck. They think it might be fortuitous.

By entering the world Friday at Providence Everett Medical Center, their son Austin got the same birthday as his 80-year-old grandmother, Betty Griffiths.

"It's the best birthday present I ever got," Griffiths said.

The next day it was not so clear how the family's luck was going.

When the family made a five-minute stop at a store while heading home, their car was stolen. Inside were the child's baby seat and a newly rented video, plus about $800 worth of Fischer's welding equipment in the trunk.

On Monday police found the car in nearby Silver Lake with nothing missing.

"It's a good thing they didn't open the trunk," Fischer said.

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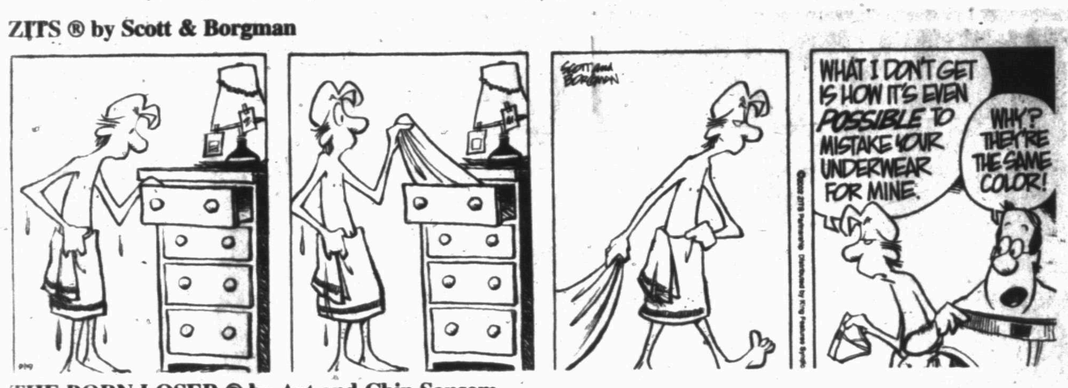
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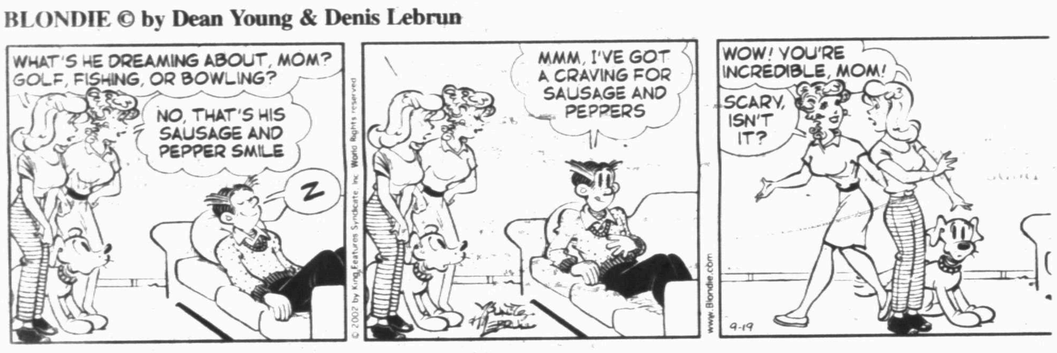
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6 Clever remark
10 Out of the country
12 Pouring aid
14 Gasoline rating
15 Antiseptic
16 Landlord's need
18 Cable network
19 Deep voice
21 Clap of thunder
23 Youngster
24 Upper part
26 Some pigs
29 Turkish VIP
30 Ginger —
32 Trot or gallop
34 Exercise system
36 Give it the gas
37 Not many
38 Veneer wood
40 Crony
42 Freud topic
43 Stereo system (hyph.)
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60 Pirates' base
61 Tows along

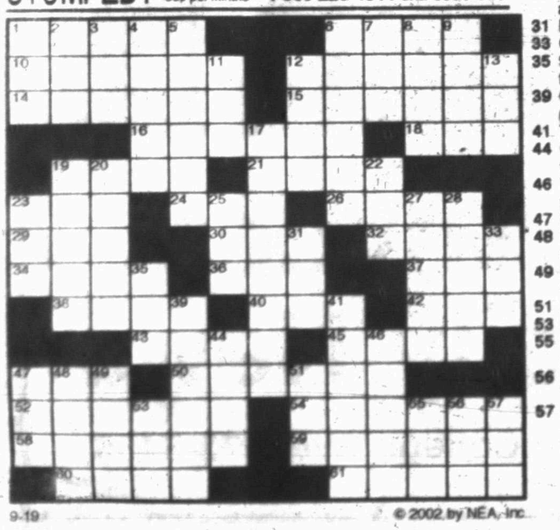
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3 Sculpture or music
4 Fall guys
5 Most rational
6 Shares
7 Conjunction for Hans
8 — — for the money
9 Quaker colonist
11 Cub Scout group
12 Speeder's penalty
13 Permit
17 Diner dessert (2 wds.)
19 Intolerant person
20 Proverb
22 Captain's journal
23 Round Table knight
25 Dory mover
27 Thin cookie
28 Prolonged attack
31 Madonna role
33 Couple
35 Sigh of content
39 Out of — (awry)
41 Turned pages
44 Come clean, with "up"
46 Tenth US president
47 Four-poster
48 Eurasian range
49 Grand Canyon sight
51 Clash of arms
53 Plato's "X"
55 Crimson Tide st.
56 Actress — Tilly
57 Magazine VIPs

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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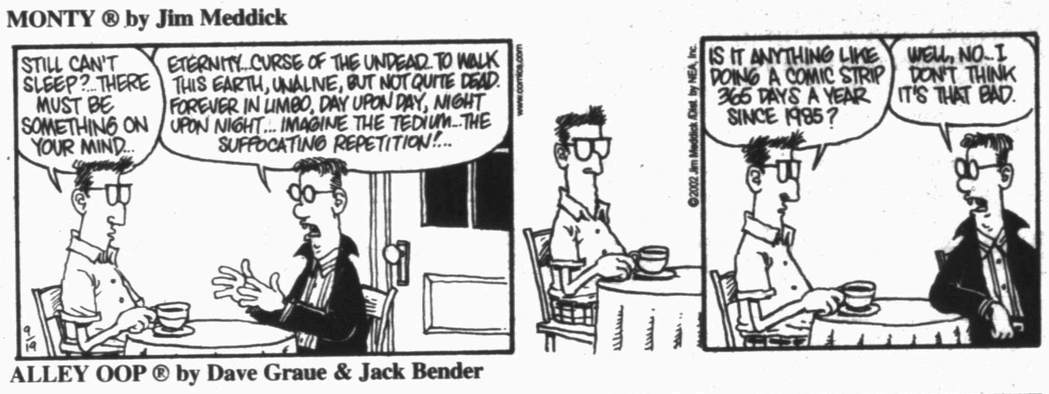
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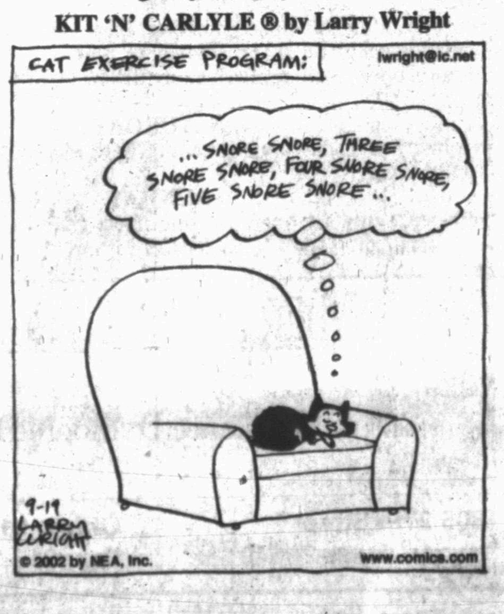


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SPORTS

Tigers seek first win Friday

Snyder Tigers coaches have spent the last two weeks of practice preaching a common theme: play four quarters of football.

"We haven't played four quarters yet," Head Coach Chad Rogers said.

The Tigers get another stiff test Friday night, when they travel to Greenwood to take on the 3-0 Rangers, who beat Snyder's district rival Sweetwater last week, 13-6.

"They are very good and very quick and they fight for four quarters," Rogers said. "We have to be ready to play."

The Snyder defense will have to contend with scrambling quarterback Dawson Wilbur, the main cog in Greenwood's offense.

"He's their bread and butter," defensive coordinator Buster Mabrey said. "We have to try and contain him."

To do that, Mabrey said, the defense must play tough up the middle — until the clock runs out.

"We have to play four quarters of aggressive defense," he said.

An area that should work in Snyder's favor is the fact that Greenwood also runs the wishbone — the same one the defense sees in practice everyday.

"It helps when you play a team that runs the same offense," Rogers said. "These past two weeks we've had a chance to work on it."

According to Rogers, the Tigers' success on offense Friday will largely depend on how well the team plays up front.

"Blocking is the key," he said. "If the line blocks, we can move the ball effectively down the field."

The team had hoped to use the two weeks to get healthy, but starting defensive end Michael Murphrey will not play Friday because of an injury to his foot.

However, Chris Sorrells will see his first action on the season at nose guard, and fullback Josh Montoya is scheduled for his first start of the season.

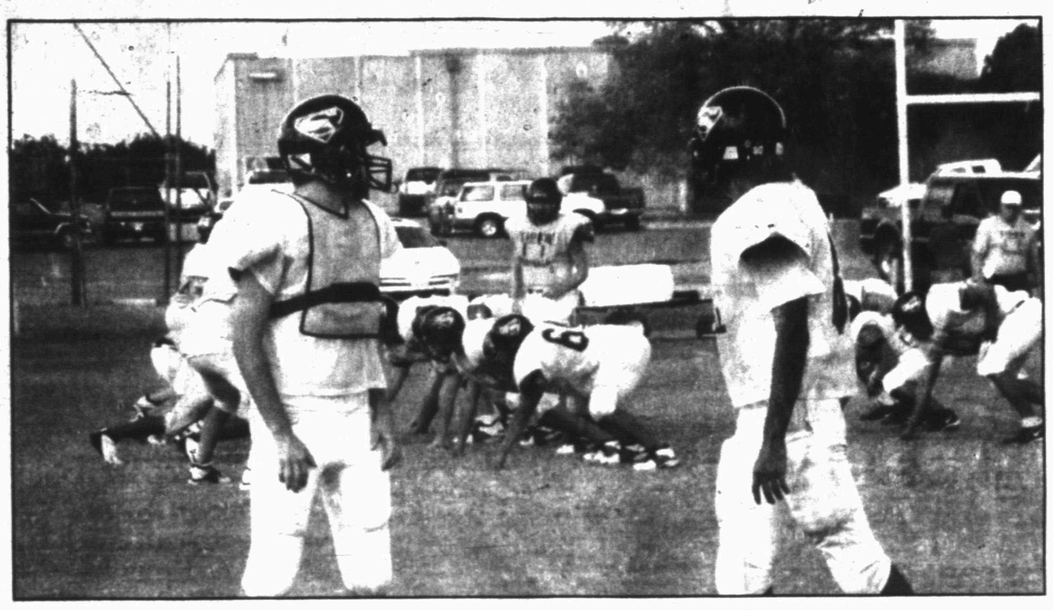
"Getting Montoya back really helps," Rogers said.

He said the team has been working hard and practicing well, with the mental toughness of the squad improving.

"The attitude is good," he said. "They are tired of hitting each other. They are ready to hit someone else."

Kick off against Greenwood is slated for 7:30 p.m.

In other district action, Lamesa hosts Levelland, Denver City is at home against Portales, N.M., Merkel travels to Post, Seminole is at Crane and Sweetwater hosts Andrews.



GOAL LINE STAND — Marcus Villareal lines up opposite receiver Jonathan Garza during goal line practice Wednesday. Snyder held intense workouts in the heat in anticipation of a a tough contest Friday at Greenwood. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Sports Briefs

Volleyball tournament

Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hosting a Jamica volleyball tournament Sunday at 9 a.m. at the church. Entry fee is $60. Contact Louis at 573-7321 for more infor.

Youth bowling league

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

WTC golf tournament

The second annual WTC SGA four-man select Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 5 at the WTC Golf Course. Shotgun starts are slated for 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is $160 per team and first prize is $360. Proceeds will benefit the Student Government Association.

Snyder softball tournament

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

Flag football

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

Couples golf tournament

The second annual Putters and Duffers couples golf tournament will be held Oct. 5-6 at the Scurry County golf course. Cost is $140 per couple. To register contact Xalyn Palacios at 574-3343.

Cards' magic number at five

Scott Rolen homered twice, including a tiebreaking two-run drive in the ninth as St. Louis cut its magic number to four. The game drew 25,330, the smallest home crowd in the 10-season history of the Rockies.

Hernandez approaching strikeout record

Milwaukee's Jose Hernandez struck out twice, moving within one of the season record of 189, set by Bobby Bonds in 1970.

A-Rod too tired to play

Saying he was tired after going 5-for-32 in his previous eight games, Alex Rodriguez did not start. But he entered as a pinch-hitter in the ninth and went to shortstop, increasing his consecutive games streak to 377 games, third longest in the majors. The Rangers lost 3-2.

MLB Standings

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	95	55	.633	—
Montreal	76	76	.500	20
Philadelphia	75	77	.493	21
Florida	73	79	.480	23
New York	72	79	.477	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	88	63	.583	—
Houston	81	71	.533	7½
Cincinnati	74	78	.487	14½
Pittsburgh	67	85	.441	21½
Chicago	64	88	.421	24½
Milwaukee	53	98	.351	35

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	93	58	.616	—
San Francisco	87	65	.572	6½
Los Angeles	85	67	.559	8½
Colorado	69	83	.454	24½
San Diego	64	88	.421	29½

x-clinched division

Tuesday's Games

Montreal 8, Florida 5, 14 innings
Pittsburgh 11, Cincinnati 3
N.Y. Mets 3, Chicago Cubs 1
Atlanta 2, Philadelphia 1
Milwaukee 5, Houston 4
St. Louis 11, Colorado 4
San Diego 3, Arizona 2
San Francisco 6, Los Angeles 4

Wednesday's Games

Montreal 4, Florida 2, 11 innings
Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 5
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2
N.Y. Mets 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Houston 3, Milwaukee 1
St. Louis 8, Colorado 5
Arizona 10, San Diego 3
San Francisco 7, Los Angeles 4

Thursday's Games

Houston (Oswalt 19-6) at Milwaukee (Franklin 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Simontacchi 10-5) at Colorado (Jennings 16-7), 3:05 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 22-5) at San Diego (Lawrence 12-11), 5:05 p.m.
Montreal (Colon 9-3) at Florida (Beckett 5-7), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dempster 9-13) at Pittsburgh (Meadows 1-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 12-10) at N.Y. Mets (Middlebrook 2-3), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Roa 4-3) at Atlanta (Glavine 17-10), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 11-15) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 14-9), 10:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs (C.Zambrano 4-7) at Pittsburgh (Torres 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Armas Jr. 10-12) at N.Y. Mets (Thomson 9-12), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Mercado 2-1) at Cincinnati (Graves 6-3), 7:10 p.m.
Florida (Wayne 1-2) at Atlanta (Moss 11-5), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Jensen 11-8) at Milwaukee (Neugebauer 1-6), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Munro 5-4) at St. Louis (W.Williams 9-4), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 23-5) at Colorado (Flores 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 9-12) at San Diego (Tomko 9-10), 10:05 p.m.

American League
At A Glance

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	95	56	.629	—
Boston	86	66	.566	9½
Toronto	70	82	.461	25½
Baltimore	67	84	.444	28
Tampa Bay	50	101	.331	45

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	89	63	.586	—
Chicago	76	76	.500	13
Cleveland	68	85	.444	21½
Kansas City	58	94	.382	31
Detroit	54	98	.355	35

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	95	57	.625	—
Oakland	95	57	.625	—
Seattle	88	64	.579	7
Texas	69	83	.454	26

x-clinched division

Tuesday's Games

Boston 4, Cleveland 2
Baltimore 10, Toronto 4
Minnesota 7, Detroit 4
Tampa Bay 9, N.Y. Yankees 7
Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 1
Seattle 3, Texas 2, 10 innings
Anaheim 1, Oakland 0, 10 innings

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland 6, Boston 4
Toronto 2, Baltimore 1
Minnesota 2, Detroit 0
N.Y. Yankees 7, Tampa Bay 1
Chicago White Sox 3, Kansas City 1
Seattle 3, Texas 2, 10 innings
Oakland 7, Anaheim 4

Thursday's Games

Anaheim (Appier 14-10) at Oakland (Hudson 14-9), 3:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 13-9) at Detroit (Cornejo 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hendrickson 1-0) at Baltimore (Lopez 15-7), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 16-10) at Tampa Bay (Brazelton 0-1), 7:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Byrd 16-11) at Chicago White Sox (Biddle 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Reyes 4-2) at Seattle (Moyer 13-8), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Boston (Lowe 20-7) at Baltimore (Hentgen 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 12-6) at Detroit (Van Hekken 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Loaiza 8-9) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 3-17), 7:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Reed 15-7) at Chicago White Sox (D.Wright 12-12), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Davis 0-0) at Kansas City (Ro.Hernandez 4-4), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 14-9) at Seattle (Pineiro 14-6), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 13-9) at Oakland (Lilly 4-7), 10:05 p.m.

NFL

National Football League
At A Glance

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	70	34
New England	2	0	0	1.000	74	21
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	76	76
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	44	75

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	1	0	.500	22	34
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	41	46
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	48	44
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	40	45

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	59	47
Baltimore	0	2	0	.000	7	35
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	13	54
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	31	60

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	47	30
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	61	34
San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	58	9
Kansas City	1	1	0	.500	56	62

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	31	32
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	39	37
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	61	34
Washington	1	1	0	.500	38	60

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	41	14
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	61	40
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	45	26
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	47	51

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	41	36
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	57	69
Detroit	0	2	0	.000	28	80
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	62	72

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	47	44
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	30	37
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	30	55
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	37	49

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Houston, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at New England, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 4:15 p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.
Open: Pittsburgh, Oakland, Jacksonville, Baltimore

Monday's Game

St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.

Bulldogs vs. Coyotes...

Schools to use game to gauge strength of teams

The Ira Bulldogs and Borden County Coyotes will square off Friday night, with each squad using the game as a measuring stick to determine just how strong they are.

This year, Borden County and Ira are in different six-man districts, but each still views the other as a rival.

"When you play a rival there aren't a lot of secrets," Ira head coach Toby Goodwin said. "Whoever can block and tackle the best will win this game."

"This is going to be a good test," Coyotes' head coach Bobby Avery said. "They are a very good football team."

Both teams want to see just where they stand, with Ira coming off a 57-0 stomping of Benjamin after falling 69-22 to defending state champ Whitharral.

"Watching the film from Benjamin showed the kids what doing their job can accomplish, and the Whitharral tape showed what not doing their jobs can do to a team," Goodwin said. "It showed the kids what type of effort and execution it takes to win."

Borden County is coming off two consecutive blowout wins.

"Starting 2-0 really gives us a shot in the arm," Avery said.

The team expected a tough battle with Meadow, a school that played 11-man ball last year, but the Coyotes pummeled them 50-0.

"Defensively they weren't really sound," Avery said. "They are still learning the (six-man) game, and they just aren't a good six-man team right now."

Ira polished off the Coyotes 46-0 with a second half surge last season, but Avery thinks the health of quarterback T.J. Sharp will be the difference this year.

"Last year, T.J. had a dislocated elbow but he played anyway," Avery said. "I don't know if we would have won, but it was hard watching a game go by the wayside because of injuries."

"Sharp is a great player," Goodwin said. "They are executing really well with him back there, but we feel pretty optimistic about our chances."

Goodwin said a victory over a Borden County team playing solid football would really boost his team heading into the rest of the schedule.

"This would be a big win for us," he said. "If we could get past them, things could really snowball for us down the stretch."

Former Cowboy, gold medalist 'Bullet' Bob Hayes dies at 59

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — "Bullet" Bob Hayes, the Olympic gold medal sprinter and Dallas Cowboys receiver who was once deemed the fastest man alive, died at age 59.

Hayes died late Wednesday in his hometown of Jacksonville, where he had battled liver and kidney ailments and prostate cancer. Shands Hospital spokeswoman Joanna Norris said Hayes died at 11:15 p.m.

He had a sparkling athletic career — he earned the title "World's Fastest Human," and later redefined the way the NFL plays pass defense — but many of his accomplishments were later tainted by drug and alcohol addiction that landed him in jail and played a big part in his never being ensrhined into the NFL Hall of Fame.

At the Tokyo Olympics in 1964, Hayes won the gold medal in the 100 meters, tying the then-world record of 10.05 seconds, and anchored the United States 400-meter relay team to victory in a world-record 39.06.

Hayes' relay split was a sensational 8.6. Nearly 20 years later, The Los Angeles Times called it "the most astonishing sprint of all time."

The record in the 100 meters was broken last week by another American, Tim Montgomery, who lowered the mark to 9.78 at a meet in Paris.

In 1965, the Cowboys drafted him in the seventh round, taking a chance on the former Florida A&M star with blazing speed but unrefined football skills.

In his rookie season with the Cowboys, Hayes had 1,000 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Football: Snyder JV vs. Greenwood, 7 p.m.
Football: Snyder 9th vs. Greenwood, 5 p.m.
Football: Snyder junior high at Greenwood, 5 p.m.
Football: Ira JV at Borden County, 7 p.m.
Football: Ira junior high at Borden County, 6 p.m.
Rodeo:WTC at ENMU, Portales.

FRIDAY

Football: Snyder varsity at Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Borden County at Ira, 7:30 p.m.
Tennis: Snyder at Wichita Falls tourney.
Rodeo: WTC at ENMU.

SATURDAY

Tennis: Snyder at Wichita Falls tourney.
Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Seminole, 1 p.m.
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Rodeo: WTC at ENMU.

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Actress Winona Ryder will go to trial next month on charges she stole designer merchandise and illegally possessed painkillers.

Superior Court Judge Elden Fox set Oct. 7 as the trial date Wednesday after plea bargain negotiations broke down.

Deputy District Attorney Ann Rundle didn't describe the offer made to the actress or say why it was withdrawn.

Ryder, 30, is charged with second-degree burglary, grand theft, vandalism and possession of a controlled substance. She could face three years in prison if convicted.

Ryder, star of "Girl, Interrupted," didn't appear in court.

Shepard Kopp, one of Ryder's attorneys, wouldn't entirely rule out the possibility of further negotiations.

"You never say never," said Kopp, adding: "Winona is looking forward to the chance to prove herself innocent of the charges."

Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office, said a settlement can even be reached in mid-trial, but that it was unlikely.

"I fully expect there will be a trial," she said.

Ryder was arrested Dec. 12 at the Saks Fifth Avenue in Beverly Hills for allegedly stealing nearly $6,000 worth of designer merchandise and illegally possessing painkillers.

Snyder officers respond to two-vehicle accident

Accident

Snyder officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday on the square. Involved were a 1995 pickup driven By Mikki Clinkinbeard, 26, of 2620 CR 265 and a 1994 Plymouth Sundance driven by Lucas Mauter, 22, a resident in the Western Texas College dorm.

No injuries were reported.

Attempted suicide

A woman requested officers in front of Cogdell Hospital's emergency room in reference to her cousin overdosing on medication and refusing to get out of the vehicle. Officers responded and advised a report for attempted suicide would be submitted.

Assault

A woman reported juveniles throwing rocks at her Wednesday afternoon and officers filed a report for Class C assault.

Theft

Elizabeth Blair contacted officers to report a theft of services at the Video One location. Officers submitted a report for the theft.

Close patrol

Officers initiated a close patrol at Northeast Elementary after a woman reported someone may have entered the building over the weekend.

A woman reported someone kicking her backdoor just before 9 p.m. Wednesday in the 1800 block of 39th Street. A close patrol was requested.

Officers were notified of a fight at Western Crest Apartments at 12:35 this morning, but both parties were gone when officers arrived.

Gas drive off

A clerk at United Fuel reported a drive off in the amount of $36 Wednesday night and provided officers with a description of the vehicle and direction of travel.

West Nile virus can survive in blood, health officials say

ATLANTA (AP) — West Nile virus can survive in donated blood and can probably be spread by transfusion, federal health officials said today.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released information on seven transfusion cases associated with the virus and concluded that in at least one case West Nile in a donor's blood stayed viable after the donation.

CDC doctors called that case "highly suspicious" and wrote that West Nile "probably can be spread by transfusion."

Previously, doctors weren't sure whether it was possible to spread West Nile through blood, although a Georgia case in which donated organs spread West Nile to four recipients in August raised the question.

Most West Nile victims contract the virus from an infected mosquito. So far this year, the CDC has reported more than 1,640 human cases of West Nile virus, including 80 deaths.

CDC researchers found that even if West Nile victims can spread the disease through blood donations, not all patients who receive tainted blood will become infected with West Nile. Doctors pointed to a July case in which a 55-year-old woman received contaminated blood after an orthopedic procedure but never tested positive for the virus.

Health officials urged recent transfusion recipients to see their doctors if they develop flu-like symptoms. Patients can quickly be diagnosed with West Nile based on their immune response to the virus, and prompt reporting can help officials take infected blood donations out of use.

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Alltel	43.68	42.55	42.61	—1.25
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ChevronTex	71.00	70.04	70.82	—.42
Citigroup	28.60	27.74	28.13	—.98
CocaCola	48.30	47.04	47.34	—1.96
ColgatePal	54.28	53.65	53.80	—.75
CmclMetals s	18.39	18.00	18.15	—.15
ConocoPhill	50.29	49.53	50.22	—.11
Cooper Inds	31.98	31.62	31.94	—.06
DaimlrChry	37.81	36.76	37.55	—.65
DeltaAirl	13.05	12.71	12.74	—.03
Dillards Inc	25.00	24.40	24.86	—.10
DowChem	29.30	28.70	29.00	—.17
DuPont	39.54	38.87	39.26	—.56
EastmanChem	41.63	40.81	41.42	—.28
EstKodak	28.09	27.69	28.08	—.31
EDS Corp	23.20	20.00	20.60	—15.86
Entergy	40.45	39.70	40.14	—.18
ExxonMobil	32.93	32.55	32.78	—.42
FstBksAm	40.44	40.44	40.44	+ .14
FootLocker	10.06	9.86	10.01	—.04
GenDynam	84.49	83.14	83.60	—.31
GenlElec	27.09	26.70	26.93	—.42
GenMills	42.66	42.16	42.26	—.72
GenMotors	43.79	42.91	43.75	+ .01
GaPacific	15.30	14.66	14.95	—.46
Goodrich	20.63	20.31	20.58	—.02
Goodyear	10.93	10.55	10.59	—.35
GtAtlPac	9.10	8.60	8.75	—.56
Halliburtn	14.09	13.63	13.94	—.04
Hanson ADS	29.40	29.17	29.30	+ .15
HarteHanks s	20.50	19.93	20.12	—.41
HomeDepot	33.50	32.66	33.17	—.01
HoneywellIntl	23.64	23.25	23.25	—.75
IBM	65.64	64.50	65.31	—4.24
IntlPaper	33.88	33.10	33.50	—.05
JohnsonJn	53.70	52.98	53.19	—.66
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KinderMorg	38	36.80	37.57	—.66
Kroger Co	15.50	15.02	15.49	+ .19
LockheedM	65.20	64.40	65.00	—.19
Lowes Cos	44.44	43.85	44.14	—.67
Lubys	5.53	5.32	5.50	+ .15
LucentTech	.93	.87	.91	—.03
MarathonOil	23.56	23.30	23.44	—.23
MayDeptStr	26.45	26.06	26.45	+ .02
Medtronic	41.70	41.30	41.64	—.42
Motorola	10.54	10.24	10.41	—.38
NCR Corp	22.90	22.50	23.85	—.58
Navistar	22.56	21.86	22.47	+ .08
PNM Rescs	20.52	20.29	20.40	—.07
Penney JC	18.76	18.30	18.76	+ .07
PepBoys	13.68	13.44	13.50	—.24
PepsiCo	37.79	34.00	37.40	—.65
Pharmacia	39.47	38.60	39.19	—.31
PhelpDodge	27.03	26.32	27.00	+ .17
PilgrmPrd B	9.46	8.89	9.39	+ .50
Praxair	54.30	53.60	54.20	—.50
ProctGamb	92.41	91.25	91.73	—.37
RadioShack	21.54	20.77	21.39	+ .09
ReliantEngy	11.10	10.65	10.91	—.14
RoyalDut	40.98	40.15	40.66	—.57
SBC Comm	24.34	23.75	23.85	—.32
SaraLee	17.95	17.65	17.74	—.30
Scripps EW	71.98	71.75	71.75	—.27
SearsRoeb	45.50	44.25	44.70	—.90
SherwinW	25.00	24.29	24.74	—.31
SouthernCo	28.00	27.62	27.83	—.42
SwstAirl	13.94	13.49	13.73	—.05
SprintFON	9.61	8.85	8.90	—.87
SprintPCS	2.98	2.84	2.85	—.13
Sunoco Inc	32.32	32.00	32.25	—.23
TXU Corp	43.32	42.82	42.99	—.71
TempleInland	44.30	43.53	44.07	—.50
TexInd	24.90	23.50	24.05	—2.60
TexasInst	17.47	16.90	17.44	—.17
Textron	36.39	35.50	36.33	+ .30
TrinityInds	17.79	17.64	17.74	+ .01
TylerTech	4.47	4.35	4.41	—.04
UnionPacif	59.30	57.70	59.01	+ .71
USSteel	11.98	11.75	11.80	—.24
UnitedTech	57.70	56.58	57.50	—.10
Unocal	31.70	31.39	31.53	—.42
VerizonComm	30.05	29.50	29.86	—.52
WalMart	54.69	53.82	54.52	+ .14
WellsFargo	47.04	46.49	46.78	—.64
WstnGasRs	32.24	32.00	32.15	—.12
WinnDixie	15.01	14.70	14.95	—.16
Xerox Cp	6.91	6.81	6.90	—.12
YumBrands s	28.51	27.40	28.4	+ .34

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OPEC won't increase ouput of oil

OSAKA, Japan (AP) — Rejecting calls from the West to put more oil on the market and give consumers relief on their fuel bills, OPEC decided today to leave output unchanged — with top producer Saudi Arabia saying current prices are good for buyers and sellers.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali Naimi said OPEC would like to see its price average $25 per barrel, a "magic number" slightly below the current level but more expensive than oil has been for most of this year.

OPEC agreed in a meeting here to stick with its official supply ceiling of 21.7 million barrels per day, which is being boosted by up to 2 million barrels a day of extra production by members cheating on their output quotas.

Ministers said they would gather again on Dec. 12 to take another look at prices and market supply.

OPEC pledged that more oil would be pumped if the price moves too high.

In an interview on CNN, OPEC President Rilwanu Lukman said no one will try to stop the cheaters for now, because that would nudge up prices and stir more tensions with consuming nations, who fear oil at around $30 per barrel will harm their economies.

"Excess production over the official quota is always a concern for everybody," Lukman said. "If we are to pull this 1.9 to 2 million barrels out of the market, the prices will shoot up."

Lukman called that "a dilemma."

Earlier, Lukman said OPEC would produce more if the price breaks out of its target range of $22 to $28 per barrel. Premium grades of crude traded on the New York and London futures markets have been higher than that, but OPEC said its benchmark price was just $26.92 on Wednesday.

OPEC has pledged to boost output by 500,000 barrels daily if the price exceeds $28 per barrel for 10 days, or to cut production by the same amount if oil falls below $22 for 10 days.

Consumers including the United States have worried tight supplies heading into the peak demand season could make oil cost even more, but many in OPEC think prices have been pushed higher by fears President Bush will attack Iraq in an effort to topple President Saddam Hussein — not by any imbalance in the market.

The so-called "war premium" is believed to have inflated oil by $2 to $4 per barrel, but some in OPEC noted that prices slid earlier in the week when Iraq said it would readmit U.N. weapons inspectors. Prices have since crept back up as it became clear OPEC would probably not boost output for now.

Kuwait expressed concern today that Iraq might attack its oil fields if Washington were to wage war on Saddam. When U.S.-led coalition forces pushed Iraqi troops out of Kuwait in the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the retreating Iraqis destroyed oil facilities and sabotaged numerous wells by setting them on fire.

"We have our history for that — we always worry," said the acting Kuwaiti oil minister, Sheikh Ahmed Al Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah. "I believe and I know that Saddam can do it because he did."

After agreeing to hold production steady, OPEC ministers may have some explaining to do over the weekend in Osaka, which is hosting a major global energy conference of producers and the consumers who are worried about the oil supply and prices.

Members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries are Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Kuwait, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela.

Rosie O'Donnell quits namesake magazine

NEW YORK (AP) — Former talk show host Rosie O'Donnell abruptly quit her namesake magazine Wednesday, citing a deteriorating relationship with the magazine's publisher, Gruner + Jahr USA.

O'Donnell said Gruner + Jahr had been gradually taking control away from her in violation of their contract, and it was no longer possible for the magazine to continue. The last issue will be in December, G+J said.

"I'm sorry to have to tell my readers and my staff that my involvement in the magazine is ending, but my integrity and name are at stake, and that price is too high," O'Donnell said at a news conference. "I cannot have my name on a magazine if I cannot be assured that it will represent my vision and ideas."

No lawsuits have been filed, but both sides have hired lawyers, and in a memo sent to employees, Gruner + Jahr indicated it blames O'Donnell.

"It is truly shocking and disappointing that Rosie would walk away from her obligations to her staff, her business partner and her magazine audience. In doing so, she destroys the value of the business we created and violates the conditions of our binding contract," the memo said.

The magazine debuted in April 2001 as part of a partnership to revive struggling McCall's magazine. O'Donnell and the publisher each had a 50 percent stake in the business. No financial figures were released on the cost of the breakup.

During the six months ending June 30, the magazine's total average paid circulation was 3.5 million, slightly below the 3.6 million circulation in the previous six months, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

O'Donnell won six Daytime Emmy in six years as best talk show host, but she ended "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" in May saying was leaving to raise a family and do other things. She has three adopted children and her partner is expecting another child in December.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Motorcyclist without helmet is tragedy waiting to happen

DEAR ABBY: I work in a hospital emergency room. The other day a patient arrived who had been in a motorcycle crash. He was not wearing a helmet. He had a 4-inch hole in his skull. He left behind a wife and small children.

Abby, I beg you to urge your readers who are motorcycle riders to please wear a helmet. If they won't do it for their own safety, they should do it for the people they love. The loss of this young man's life was a tragic waste. Thank you for spreading the message. — **HEALTH-CARE WORKER, EVERYCITY, U.S.A.**

DEAR E.R. WORKER: I am pleased to pass along your message. Your letter triggered the memory of a conversation I had years ago with the late Bruce Conway, a former director of The Living Bank in Houston. We were chatting on the phone one day and the subject of the ideal candidate to be an organ donor came up. In his warm Texas drawl, he defined it short and sweet: "A 19-year-old male, riding a motorcycle and not wearing a helmet." I told him he sounded like a cross between Lyndon Johnson and Dracula.

Since we're on the subject of organ donations, read on:

DEAR ABBY: My father passed away two months ago. He was only 45. Mom and Dad were married for 25 years and had eight children.

Dad was diagnosed with hepatitis C about a year ago. After a year in and out of hospitals and being bedridden, he slipped into a coma, and we had to call an ambulance.

He went into cardiac arrest and was sent to ICU. The doctors told us there was nothing they could do, and they took him off life support.

My father didn't want to die. He didn't deserve to die. We had to wait for him to finally give up. It was horrible.

My father would have lived if he'd had a liver transplant. Abby, please ask your readers to donate their organs. It makes a huge difference in saving lives. My 3-year-old sister keeps asking when Daddy is coming home. She is too young to understand he never will. I don't think she'll even remember him.

My father's death has made me realize that when it is my time to go, any organ I can donate, I will. People should tell family members that they want to be an organ donor. — **DADDY'S GIRL IN WILLIS, TEXAS**

DEAR DADDY'S GIRL: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your father. Organ donation is the ultimate gift of life one can give to another. However, it cannot be done without permission from the survivors, so it's vital that they be told in advance and that they agree.

Readers: The phone number for The Living Bank is (800) 528-2971. The Web address is www.livingbank.org.

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DEAR ABBY: I am separated from my husband, "Keith," of 15 years. He is now living with his girlfriend. He comes over to our home every day to visit our three beautiful children.

I love him, Abby, but I just learned that Keith has two marriage licenses in his name — one with me, and the other with his girlfriend. Isn't this bigamy? What should I do about it? — **HURTING BEYOND WORDS IN HOUSTON**

DEAR HURTING: It sounds like bigamy to me. Whether you love him or not, you must protect your and your children's financial interests. I urge you to consult with an attorney as soon as possible to straighten out this mess.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Sept. 20, 2002

A well-balanced agenda of activities will give you the greatest opportunities for success in the year ahead. Don't be all work and no play, but by the same token, don't waste too much time on frivolous affairs.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — When negotiating or contracting any type of agreement, use as much thoughtfulness and consideration for others as possible. It'll make things go easier and trigger cooperation. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for our Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Work or career related situations where you can put your imagination into play will work out to your advantage. Be both a creator and a doer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Showing your obvious concern for the interests and well-being of those with whom you're socializing makes you a popular person to be around. Friends will be impressed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Although there may be a multitude of demands being made upon you, your real efforts and first concern will be centered on things you can do for your family and loved ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Guard against tendencies to hold back from saying nice things to others that cross your mind. Speak out, because your comments will mean a lot and be cherished.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your financial prospects look encouraging, but nothing will be handed to you on a silver platter. You're going to have to work for what you get if you hope to add to your resources.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Do not hesitate to be a take-charge person today, because you're a far better leader than you may give yourself credit for. When circumstances warrant it, take the reins.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your usual get-up-and-go mentality might be squelched, and you could be forced into a down-and-out position. Use the down time wisely to catch up on neglected chores.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Basing your hopes on what you think others can do for you is unwise at this time. If you have any chance of being successful, you're going to have to use your own initiative.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This is not the day to coast, especially if you have an ambitious project in the making. Something important can be accomplished if you are instilled with determination to do so.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Be your own person and don't let others do your thinking for you. It's one of those days when you could allow your emotion for someone to subvert your will and good judgment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It's imperative that you have a crystal clear understanding of financial matters before you commit yourself to anything. Fuzzy facts and figures could blindside you.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Bizarre diets are unhealthful

DEAR DR. GOTT: A man and his wife who are close friends of mine are trying to live on vitamins only — no food to speak of. Only when extremely hungry do they make a sandwich or order in fast food or a pizza. Vegetables, meat, fish and fruit are basically avoided. Isn't this practice an open invitation to nutritional deficiencies? They refuse to accept this view.

DEAR READER: A diet made up merely of vitamins with periodic bingeing will probably not satisfy their nutritional requirements in the long run. While I hesitate making any specific predictions, a diet that is nutritionally deficient could, sooner or later, adversely affect your fiends' immune systems as well as contributing to a variety of ills such as anemia and heart disease (from inadequate protein intake). While the couple may not listen to you, show them my response to your question, or — better yet — urge them to review their dietary patterns with a physician.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain, in understandable terms, what brain-stem dysfunction is. I've had it since an auto accident in 1986, have been bedridden and am progressively growing worse. I think that I should see a neurologist.

DEAR READER: Without question, In fact, I assumed that you would have been under the care of such a specialist for all these years. If not, you certainly need a consultation.

The brainstem is a crucial neurological structure at the base of the brain. Not only does it contain nerves that control vital body functions, such as vision and respiration, it is also a conduit for all the nerves that connect the brain to the spinal cord.

Brainstem disorders are commonly caused by trauma, stroke and tumors. Symptoms of brainstem malfunction include double vision, imbalance, tremors, weakness and paralysis. Respiratory arrest and coma are late manifestations. Treatment of the disorder depends on the cause.

From the limited information in your note, I cannot predict whether the progression of your symptoms can be arrested. Thus, my recommendation is that you be examined and tested by a neurologist who, at the least, can advise you — at the most, offer therapy and medication to help you maintain what little of your independence remains.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have very dry skin on my face. I would like to apply butter to lubricate my skin and scalp. Will this affect my blood cholesterol?

DEAR READER: No, it will not. However, I believe that you have more effective options for your dry skin. Butter will not be appreciably absorbed into the skin cells, and — unless you wash it off daily — it could turn rancid, leaving you with a new set of problems.

There are many commercial moisturizing creams and lotions available. If you have unsuccessfully tried some of them, purchase a product that contains lanolin. Lanolin is a great moisturizer and should solve your problem.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

U.S. lacked specifics of terror attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government was aware of the threat posed by Osama bin Laden before the Sept. 11 attacks, but didn't have enough specific intelligence to stop the attacks, a State Department official told a congressional panel today.

"Basically, we know that bin Laden had the means and the intent to attack Americans, both at home and abroad," Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said in written testimony to the House and Senate Intelligence Committees.

Armitage spoke on the second day of the committees' public hearings into the Sept. 11 attacks. The committees, who have been meeting together behind closed doors since June, are examining intelligence failures leading up to the attacks and will recommend changes.

In a preliminary report presented Wednesday, staff director Eleanor Hill revealed that the government had many more warnings about terrorist threats before Sept. 11, 2001, than had been previously disclosed. A dozen warnings suggested airplanes could be used as weapons. None specifically predicted the Sept. 11 attacks.

Armitage said the government was aware of the likelihood of attacks and demanded that Afghanistan's Taliban rulers stop supporting terrorists. The Taliban were harboring bin Laden and his al-Qaida organization.

"What we didn't know was at a tactical level," Armitage said. "We did not know exactly what target al-Qaida intended to attack and how and when."

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said lessons from the attack show the need for the United States to take action against Iraq.

"When people threaten openly to kill Americans, we should take them very seriously," he said. "That is true of Osama bin Laden and it is true of the regime in Baghdad."

In her report and testimony Wednesday, Hill did not say whether the Sept. 11 attacks could have been prevented.

Obituaries

Opal Spykes

1919-2002

Sara Opal Spykes, a longtime Hermleigh resident, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Spykes, 83, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Roland Bruns officiating. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.



Opal Spykes

Born May 8, 1919 in Decatur, she was married to Jess Spykes on Dec. 24, 1937 in Scurry County. He died July 28, 1994.

Mrs. Spykes, a homemaker, was reared in the Hermleigh area and lived in Clyde before moving to Snyder after her husband's death. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

She also was preceded in death by two daughters, Donne Chasteen in 1998, and Judith Davidson in 2000.

Survivors include a son, Willard Spykes of Highland, Utah; a son-in-law, Bill Davidson of Hermleigh; a sister, Patsy Land of Kilgore; five granddaughters, Angie Davidson of Fort Worth, Lynn Fornoy of Abilene, Lori Davis of San Angelo, Lana DeMarco of Utah and Loni Spykes of Highland, Utah; and four great-grandchildren.

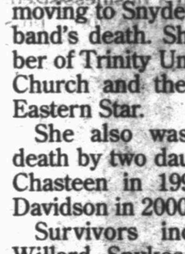
Family visitation will be held from 6:30 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Jimmy Hardy

1918-2002

L.H. "Jimmy" Hardy, longtime employee of Texas Electric Service Co., died Monday, Sept. 16, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Hardy, 84, is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Mike Henson, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.



Jimmy Hardy

Born Feb. 24, 1918 in Anson, he married Irene Rogers on Aug. 21, 1938 in Sweetwater and served as a Seabee in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Hardy began work for Texas Electric at age 18, starting out in Sweetwater at the ice house. He moved to Snyder in 1950 where he worked as a lineman and later became the distribution supervisor, retiring in 1983. Mr. Hardy was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Irene Hardy of Snyder; a daughter, Sandra McGrew of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy Don and Colette Hardy of McKinney; six grandchildren and their spouses, Debbie Reynolds of McKinney, Terri and Tom Cope of Farmington, N.M., Pam McGrew and Mike Wooten of San Angelo, Mark and Eileen McGrew of Moorpark, Calif., Steve and Elizabeth Hardy of Summerville, S.C., and Kari McGrew of Denton; and nine great-grandchildren.

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Bennie Hellums

1925-2002

Bennie Hellums Jr., 77, was found dead Monday, Sept. 16, at his home in Snyder.

Graveside service for Mr. Hellums is set for 10 a.m. Monday in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home. The Rev. Jessie Benson, pastor of Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, will officiate.

Born June 15, 1925 in Lincoln County, Ark., Mr. Hellums was a cement contractor and a member of the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church.

Survivors include a son, Bryant Keith Hellums of Snyder; four daughters, Michelle Hellums of Temple, Felicia Hellums, Bennie Hellums and Kimberly Hellums, all of Cleveland, Ohio; three brothers, Roosevelt Hellums of El Centro, Calif., McKinley Hellums Sr. of Pickens, Ark., and Mark Hellums of Yorktown, Ark.; three sisters, Mattie Jackson of Snyder, Clara T. Whalley of Yorktown and Rachel Mae Horton of El Centro; nine granddaughters; three grandsons; one great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

Family visitation at Wright Colonial Funeral Home will be Sunday from 7 to 8 p.m.

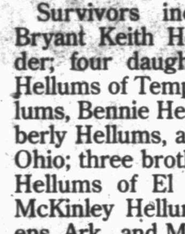
Gayle Smith

1951-2002

GRANBURY — Gayle Beckham Smith, a former resident of Snyder, died Friday, Sept. 13, in Fort Worth.

Funeral service for Mrs. Smith, 51, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Wiley Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Acton Cemetery.

Born May 7, 1951 in Kermit, she attended Snyder schools and graduated from Snyder High School in 1969. She married Stanley Smith on June 29, 1974.



Gayle Smith

The Smiths lived and worked in Saudi Arabia and were visiting their second home in Granbury at the time of her death.

Mrs. Smith served as the volunteer coordinator for the Texas MHMR and in the same capacity for the Girl Scouts in both Houston and San Angelo.

In Saudi Arabia she was a Girl Scout chairperson and a teacher's aide. She was a member of the Episcopal Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn Beckham.

Survivors include her husband, Stanley Smith of the home; two children, Bradley Taft Smith and Geneva Amber Smith, both of Granbury; her parents, James and Eura Beckham of Snyder; two sisters, Carolyn Martin of Snyder and Gwen Henry of Pensacola, Fla.; a brother, James Beckham Jr. of Odessa; a sister-in-law, Mary A. Scott and husband Roy of Granbury; and several nieces and nephews.

Bryne Smith

1970-2002

COLORADO CITY — Bryne Smith, 31, of Colorado City died Tuesday, Sept. 17, in an Abilene hospital.

Service was set for 10 a.m. today in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jake Chaney and Claudine Chaney officiating. Burial was to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Born on Dec. 22, 1970 in Big Spring, Mr. Smith was reared between Colorado City and Snyder. He was a hairdresser and a member of the Christian Fellowship Church in Colorado City.

He was preceded in death by his father, Melvin Smith.

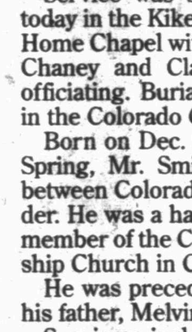
Survivors include his mother, Gail Smith of Colorado City; a sister, Cheré Smith of Wichita Falls; two brothers, Michael L. Smith and wife Kelly of Sweetwater and Zachary Paul Smith of Colorado City; two nieces, Kayleigh Smith and Brettny Smith, both of Sweetwater.

Jesus Moncibais

1942-2002

SAN ANGELO — Jesus Moncibais Jr., a correctional officer at the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mr. Moncibais, 60, is set for 1:30 p.m. Friday in St. Mary's Catholic Church with Fr. Terry Brenton officiating. Military graveside rites will follow in Calvary Cemetery under the direction of Gutierrez Funeral Chapels.



Mr. Moncibais

Born Aug. 28, 1942 in Melvin, he married Leonarda Grimaldo on Sept. 21, 1963.

An employee of Terrill Manufacturing Co. for 25 years, he began work with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice on March 15, 2001 in Snyder. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Leonarda Moncibais of Snyder; four sons and daughters-in-law, Antonio and Vicki Moncibais and Alfredo and Lori Moncibais, all of San Angelo, Armando and Dora Moncibais of Snyder and Alberto and Rosie Moncibais of Odessa; two sisters, Josie Strehlau and Christina Bolanos of Lubbock; three brothers, Robert and Manuel Moncibais of San Angelo and Richard Moncibais of Grapevine; and seven grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be correctional officers from the Price Daniel unit.

Lillie Williams

1937-2002

MIDLAND — Lillie Christine Williams, the mother of Melissa Moore of Snyder, died Wednesday, Sept. 18, in Odessa.

Service for Mrs. Williams, 65, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at Resthaven North Memorial Park with Robert Williams officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 14, 1937, she married J.D. Williams on Jan. 22, 1955 in Midland. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, J.D. Williams of Midland; two other daughters, Margie Burg of Mesquite and Sara Moore of Midland; two sons, Pervis Williams and Wesley Williams, both of Midland; three sisters, Betty Winters and Leveta McCain of Midland and Bonnie Stanley of St. Joe; a brother, Jimmy Housden of Kilgore; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Essie Dawson

1904-2002

A memorial service for Essie Dawson, 98, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church with Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, officiating. Local arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

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

A graveside service was held Tuesday in the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa.

She married Joe Sherman Dawson on June 1, 1918 in Carthage, Mo. He died Sept. 17, 1973.

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

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

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ONGOINGS

Central Elementary book fair

Central Elementary's scholastic book fair continues through Friday. Times are 7:45-9 a.m. and 3:15-4 p.m.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Ira Baptist Church fellowship hall. Bring a covered dish.

Horse shoe tournament

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

Baseball car wash

Snyder Baseball Booster Club will have a car wash at Wal-Mart from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Guadalupe Church Jamaica

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

Snyder Girl Scouts ceremony

On the anniversary of the scout hut being vandalized, the Girl Scouts will hold a flag ceremony at 3 p.m. Sunday where old flags will be disposed of. The public is invited. For more information, call JoAnn Cearley at 573-3926 or Judi Martin at 573-7556.

Support groups

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

Ira School pictures

School pictures of all students will be taken at Ira Tuesday. Also to be taken will be high school and junior high football, cheerleaders and mascot. This is a pre-pay program, so students must have the money in their envelopes if they are buying a package of pictures. All students will be photographed for the annual, even if they don't buy picture. Class officers for grades 6-12 will be photographed. Picture envelopes will be sent home with students.

Bible school

Son Canyon River Adventure Bible School will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday and on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Open to all children from infants to 7th grade.

Historical commission meeting

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Tuesday at The Shack.

SHS homecoming parade

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

Tiger homecoming fajita dinner

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

Leona Wiggins to retire

Leona Wiggins, Ira postmaster, will retire on Sept. 30. A reception is set for 2 p.m. Sept. 28 at the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church in Ira.

Joint class reunion

The Snyder High School graduating classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945 will have their reunion at Martha Ann Woman's Club Sept. 27-28. Events include a social from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, a 9 a.m. Saturday brunch and a 6:30 p.m. Saturday dinner.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

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

SJHS choir fundraiser

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

Ira First Baptist Church revival

Ira First Baptist Church will hold a revival at 7 p.m. nightly from Sept. 28–Oct. 2. Murlyn Keller is the evangelist.

Lord's Acre fish fry

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

Ira homecoming

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

Trains and things

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

Ennis Creek reunion

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

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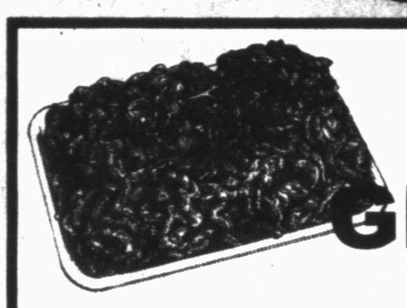
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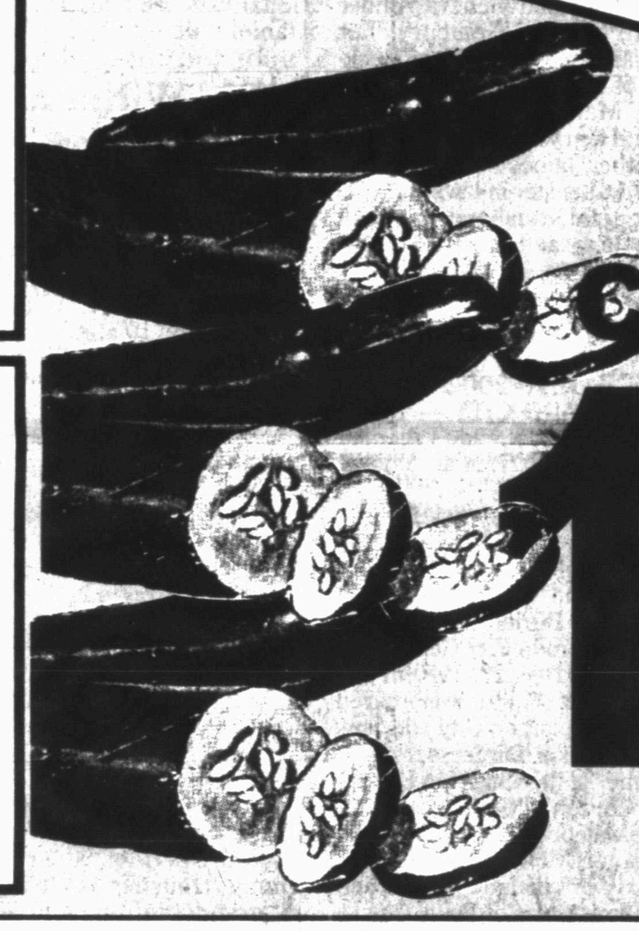
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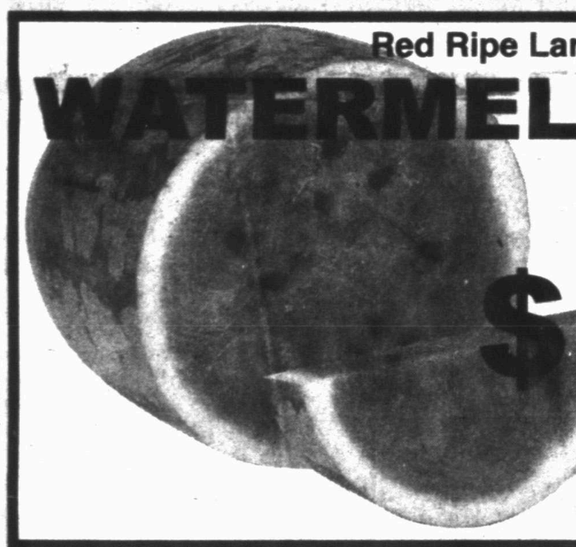
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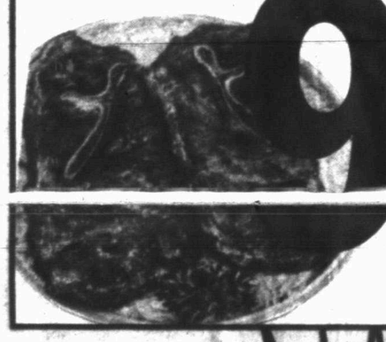


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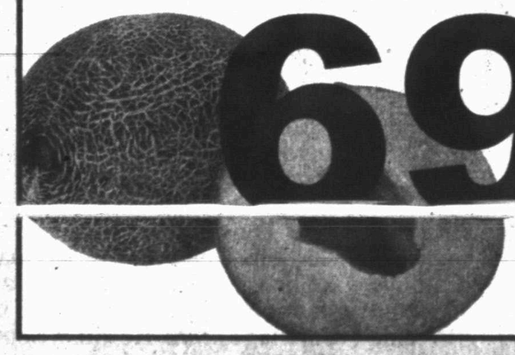
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