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Home Of Leslie Cooley

Rain!

Amount is light, but welcome

It's been said that good things come to those who wait.

And wait, and wait.

And waited we all have — for some relief from the stifling heat and parched terrain.

Good things did arrive Tuesday and this morning as rain showers and cooler temperatures moved across Scurry County and surrounding areas.

Union received the greatest amount of rainfall with nine-tenths reported.

Asked if that was pretty good for her area, resident Peggy Chandler said, "It's better than nothing. It's the most we've gotten."

The Colorado River Municipal Water District's station at Lake Thomas reported two-tenths and still raining at press time today.

Lake Thomas resident Doris Steadman reported four-tenths.

"It's the most we've had," she said.

Snyder reported three-tenths.

Six-tenths was reported in Ira with sprinkles continuing around noon.

Inadale Gin reported light sprinkles as well.



Rain Reports

Snyder	.30
Lake Thomas	.40
Hermleigh	.Trace
Loyd Mountain	Trace
North of Snyder	.30
East of Snyder	.40
Union	.90
Ira	.60
Camp Springs	None
Inadale	Trace
Farmer's Co-op	Trace
Paymaster Gin	.60

Hermleigh residents reported just a trace of moisture while Camp Springs reported no rain.

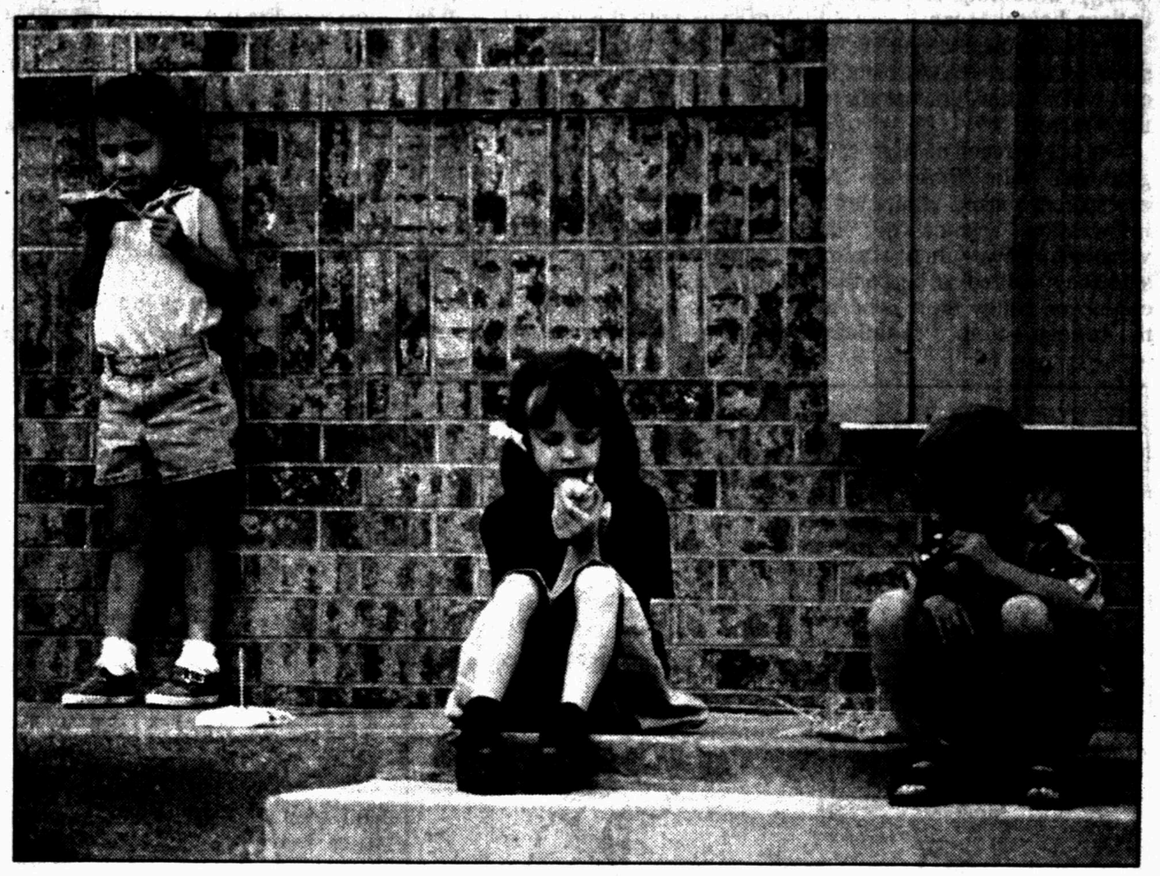
Helen Cross, of the Loyd Mountain area, said she saw water on the sidewalk, but when she checked her gauge, she said "there was not a drop of rain in it."

Residents five miles east of Snyder reported four-tenths and residents 13 miles north reported three-tenths.

"We had a good rain and hopefully we'll get some more this afternoon," said Johnie Riley, who lives north of Snyder.

Farmer's Co-op gin reported just a sprinkle. About the small amount, secretary Cindy Kellner joked, "Some people out this way aren't living right or something."

Paymaster Gin reported six-tenths early this morning and Linda Edmonds said they have had a little more since then.



TIME FOR A BREAK — Ira kindergarten students Laramie Gilbert, Amanda Elam and Kolton Stokes, from left, take time from school work for a snack. The three joined their classmates Monday afternoon for a short break and to watch the Ira Bulldog football team practice. (Staff Photo by Eric Drennan)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "One good thing about being stubborn. You know what you're gonna be thinking tomorrow."

The Publisher's Auxiliary, a trade publication, had a list of goodies that lets you know when you may have been in corporate America too long.

It's been too long if...

--You ask the waiter to describe the restaurant's core competencies.

--You decided to reorganize your family into a team-based organization.

--You refer to dating as test marketing.

--You can actually spell "paradigm."

--You can even define paradigm.

--You understand the airline's fare structure.

--You write executive summaries on your love letters.

--Your Valentine and birthday cards have bullet points.

--You think it's efficient to write a 10-page presentation with six other people you don't know.

--You believe you never have problems, just "issues" and "improvement opportunities."

--You calculate your own personal cost of capital.

--You explain to your banker that you prefer to think of yourself as highly leveraged instead of in debt.

--You end every disagreement by saying "let's talk about this off line."

--You can explain the difference between re-engineering, down-sizing, right-sizing and firing people.

--You talk to the waiter about process flow.

--You refer to your significant other as my "co-CEO."

--You start to feel sorry for Dilbert's boss.

--You believe the best tables and graphs take an hour to comprehend.

--You insist on more market research before producing another child.

--At a family reunion, you wanted to have an emergency meeting about brand equity.

--Your "deliverables" for Sunday evening are clean laundry and paid bills.

--You use the terms "present value" and "value added" without cracking a smile.

--You celebrate your wedding anniversary by conducting a performance review.

Inmate: Eberling confessed to killing Sheppard's wife

CLEVELAND (AP) — A prison inmate who publicly denied he was responsible for the murder of Dr. Sam Sheppard's wife, the crime that helped inspire "The Fugitive," claimed privately before his death that he was the killer, according to a fellow inmate.

Richard Eberling said he was the "bushy-haired intruder" who Sheppard maintained beat his pregnant wife to death in 1954, according to fellow inmate Robert Lee Parks, who talked to a prosecutor and to a lawyer for Sheppard's son.

Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor David Zimmerman said today that Parks approached his office in March saying he heard Eberling confess to the slaying.

But Parks, whose own credibility has been questioned, has said Eberling told two stories: one that he killed Marilyn Sheppard on his own and another that he was hired by the doctor to kill his wife for $1,500.

Mrs. Sheppard's slaying and her husband's much-publicized trial inspired the 1960s television series "The Fugitive" and the recent movie. Sheppard served nearly 10 years in prison before the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a landmark decision that reckless media coverage had violated Sheppard's rights. A second trial in 1966 ended in acquittal.

Sheppard died nearly penniless in 1970, and his son is trying to clear his name. Eberling died last month at age 68.

Zimmerman said Parks told him in an interview that Eberling admitted to a killing-for-hire scheme. He said Parks also provided a series of written statements, which appear to be in Eberling's handwriting, that claim Sheppard commissioned Eberling to murder the doctor's wife for $1,500.

However, in a videotaped interview last week with lawyer Terry Gilbert, Parks said the written confession was a hoax Eberling contrived to help Parks satisfy officials demanding a story that implicated Sheppard. Parks said his own transfer to another prison depended on getting the written confession.

Gilbert represents Sheppard's son, Sam Reese Sheppard, in his efforts to sue the state for wrongful imprisonment. The civil case is on hold until the Ohio Supreme Court rules on a prosecution challenge.

Prosecutor Stephanie Tubbs Jones said Eberling, who had washed windows at the Sheppard home in suburban Bay Village, was not credible.

"He lied so much, you don't know what to believe," Tubbs Jones said Tuesday.

Parks, 37, is a convicted armed robber and longtime prison informant. "He likes to snitch on other inmates," Zimmerman said.

But Parks told Sam Reese Sheppard's lawyers that he was Eberling's friend and lover.

Gilbert did not return calls seeking comment today.

The Plain Dealer and Akron Beacon Journal reported today that Parks said in the videotaped interview with Gilbert that Eberling "told me everything Sam told the police was correct" about the attack by a "bushy-haired intruder."

Eberling said he had gone to the Sheppards' home to burglarize it and rape Mrs. Sheppard, and that he was wearing a wig and makeup, Parks said.

DCOS to meet 4 p.m. Thursday

The board of directors of the Development Corporation of Snyder has a short agenda when it meets at 4 p.m. Thursday.

The board will consider the monthly financial statements, review bills for payment and consider replacement of the DCOS automobile used by executive director John DeLille.

DeLille will also present his monthly activity report, including his visit to Lorber Industries in Los Angeles.

Prosecutors recall Lewinsky; Mrs. Clinton issues statement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking responses from their star witness to President Clinton's testimony, prosecutors have recalled Monica Lewinsky for a second grand jury appearance that could help shape any impeachment report to Congress.

Ms. Lewinsky was asked to appear on Thursday, three days after Clinton's dramatic televised admission that the two had an inappropriate relationship.

With the president and his family on vacation in Massachusetts, the political repercussions continued over Clinton's confession. Hillary Rodham Clinton issued a statement that she "believes in this marriage," and a torrent of statements poured out from Capitol Hill.

Several Democrats expressed disappointment that Clinton misled the nation, a few Republicans — Majority Whip Tom DeLay among them — demanded the president's resignation, and some members of both parties adopted a wait-and-see attitude.

The president, the first lady, their daughter, Chelsea, and their dog, Buddy, got away from the tension in Washington, flying to Martha's Vineyard for a 12-day vacation and private family time.

Clinton on Monday became the first president to testify before a grand jury carrying out a criminal investigation of his conduct.

Prosecutors want Ms. Lewinsky to return to respond to elements of Clinton's testimony, said sources familiar with the request, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern, testified Aug. 6 and, according to sources familiar with her testimony, provided an account of a sexual relationship with the president — even describing a particular form of sexual activity.

While Clinton admitted an inappropriate relationship, sources familiar with his grand jury testimony said he declined to provide detailed answers to questions about the explicit nature of the contacts.

On the day Ms. Lewinsky testified, Clinton, presiding over a televised ceremony in the White House Rose Garden, wore a gold-and-navy tie that has drawn the interest of prosecutors. A Clinton adviser familiar with his testimony, speaking on condition of anonymity today, said Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's team told the president that Ms. Lewinsky had given him the tie, and asked whether he was sending her a signal by wearing it.

The source said Clinton laughed — a rare moment of levity Monday — and suggested it was possible she gave him the tie. But he said he was not trying to communicate anything to her. Clinton's allies view the anecdote, first reported by The New York Times, as a sign of how hard Starr is pressing to prove a case of obstruction of justice against the president.

There was little chance Ms. Lewinsky could have seen Clinton's live appearance on television that day. She spent the full day in the courthouse, entering at 8:29 a.m. He began speaking from the Rose Garden at 11:06 a.m.

Starr is investigating whether Clinton committed perjury when he denied a relationship with Ms. Lewinsky in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit. The president did not admit to lying under oath, either in his speech or — the sources familiar with the testimony said — before the grand jury. The independent counsel also is investigating whether Clinton asked Ms. Lewinsky, 25, to lie and tried to obstruct justice — allegations denied by the president.

In the congressional reaction, DeLay and House Speaker Newt Gingrich went in different directions.

"The president should resign for the good of the country," DeLay, R-Texas, said. The president "has lied to his family, his friends, his Cabinet, the Congress and the American people."

But with Starr moving close to sending Congress a report on possible impeachable offenses, Gingrich cautioned fellow Republicans to wait for the evidence.

"I think that everyone would be best served if they waited for Judge Starr's report and found out what all the facts were," he told reporters in Georgia.

Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, which would handle an initial impeachment inquiry, said many questions remain unanswered and until Starr has submitted a report, "we simply should not speculate about how the House would proceed."

Starr's grand jury heard Tuesday from former presidential adviser Dick Morris, who said later that he testified about five conversations with Clinton after the Lewinsky matter broke seven months ago.

Tickets on sale for 'Taste' event

Tickets are on sale now for Scurry County Museum's second annual "Taste of Scurry County."

The event will be held Thursday, Sept. 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Tickets may be ordered by calling the museum at 573-6107. They are priced at $12.50 each.

There will be food specialties from several local restaurants available for sampling along with live entertainment and door prizes.

There will also be a regular and silent auction.

ASK US

Q—How can a person contact the agency that is helping people with utility bills?

A—Call People for Progress in Sweetwater at their toll free number, 1-800-542-4045, or go by their offices at 301 W. Arkansas Ave. in Sweetwater.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 89 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 72; .30 of an inch precipitation; total for 1998, 6.29 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, Thursday, mostly cloudy, slight chance of storms. Low around 70. High around 90. SE wind 5-10 mph. Rain chance 30%, tonight and Thursday.



Alexandra Urias
Rain

Sunset:
8:22 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:12 a.m.
Of 230 days in 1998, the sun has shone 228 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"The things we fear most in organization — fluctuations, disturbances, imbalances — are the primary sources of creativity."

Margaret J. Wheatley

Interest in college computer majors low

WASHINGTON (AP) — Students may be the most wired ever, toting laptops and chatting by e-mail, but they're not turned on by majors that lead to well-paying jobs in information technology, according to a survey of college-bound teens.

The disconnect is causing hardships for some would-be employers, while others change the way they recruit.

Only 3 percent of high school graduates who took the ACT assessment picked computer and information science as likely vocations. Fewer than 1 percent said they wanted to be computer engineers. Many more who took the college entrance examination chose business, psychology, law, health services and other areas where opportunities or pay are less promising. Other surveys have found similar results.

"Students' current career aspirations seem to be somewhat out of sync with the jobs that will be available for many of them," Richard L. Ferguson, president of the American College Testing service, based in Iowa City, Iowa, said Tuesday when releasing scores for the high school class of 1998.

The national average composite score of 21, out of a possible 36, for a record 995,000 students who took the examination was the same as last year's, a high for the decade. Scores were boosted in part because more high school students are taking advanced math and science.

Those courses have yet to ignite a passion for computer careers, despite hundreds of thousands of openings for programmers, engineers and systems analysts. The average salary for a job offer for a 1998 college graduate in computer science jumped this year to $41,561, up nearly 12 percent from a year earlier, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Employers are turning overseas and to ambitious high school students. Companies are pressuring Congress to let 190,000 more foreigners into this country for high-tech jobs. The Labor Department expects computer jobs to more than double by 2006.

Ferguson says students aren't getting the help with career planning early or often enough. Students, advisers and employers give other reasons.

"I can only really study what I'm interested in," said Pat O'Connor, 18, of Long Island, N.Y., beginning freshman orientation at George Washington University. He's probably going to major in psychology. A fellow freshman standing outside the dorm, William Jennings, 18, of Greenwich, Conn., is looking at international business largely because his father was an investment banker.

"There are a lot of possibilities related to computers, but I don't know about them," he said. "It's not interesting to me to sit in front of a computer screen for a long time."

The economy is doing so well that college graduates with all kinds of degrees are getting good jobs.

"I think what's happening now, because the job market is so good for the college graduates, they're feeling a little more confident staying with something they're really going to love," said Denise Dwight Smith, director of the career center at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and president of the NACE.

She said there have been hot careers before, such as accounting, and students may wrongly picture many computer jobs as impersonal and isolated.

High-tech employers are puzzled by the disconnect and struggling with it.

"A lot of projects and requirements are going unstaffed. A lot of revenue is being lost," said Alan Shulman, an executive with AETEA Information Technology Inc., a Rockville, Md., firm that provides network, Internet and other services.

"The strange thing is, I go to houses of friends of mine and the kids are 5, or 7, or 8 years old and in front of a computer, playing computer games and stuff," he said. "You would think they would feel more comfortable and acclimated to technology ... but maybe we're still not placing the emphasis we need to in our early education practices."

William Ziegler, director of technical recruiting in the Americas for Andersen Consulting, says people who know enough math and science to inspire students can get better jobs elsewhere.

Berry's World



"I wanted to try your Medallions of Bambi, but she wouldn't let me."

Customer, store owner to share disputed $21 million lottery pot

BOSTON (AP) — A six-month feud over a $21 million lottery ticket may finally be over: A woman and a convenience store owner who both claimed the Mass Millions jackpot have decided to divide the bounty.

Laurence Johnson, attorney for Nick Havan, owner of Coolidge Provisions in Watertown, said his client and Paraskeve Kantges, 72, agreed not to reveal how much each will get.

A source close to the dispute said Havan was getting about $1 million, or 5 percent of the jackpot, and described the money as a "nuisance payment." Johnson, however, dismissed that as "poppycock."

The feud began Feb. 5. Kantges claimed she had telephoned Havan for a ticket, as she had done many times, with the numbers 4-6-10-16-19-25. She said the number signifies being born at 4 a.m. on the sixth day of the week, on Oct. 16, 1925.

The ticket turned out to be the Mass Millions winner. Havan said he took the ticket for himself after Kantges canceled her bet.

The two came to an agreement as a judge hired by the Lottery Commission weighed a decision in the case. There had been a weeklong hearing on the controversy last month.

As part of the settlement, Havan agreed to withdraw his claim to the ticket, leaving Kantges to be declared the rightful winner by the judge on Tuesday.

Neither Kantges nor her lawyer were immediately available for comment.

Massachusetts Treasurer Joe Malone, who oversees the lottery, said Havan's lottery license, which was suspended in February, could be considered for reinstatement at a future lottery commission meeting.

Acting Gov. Paul Cellucci signed legislation Tuesday to prohibit placing lottery bets over the telephone by fax or computer, in order to reduce disputes.

Dr. Cramer to speak Thursday

Dr. Gloria Cramer, doctor of podiatric medicine, will present a program on the "Care of the Diabetic Foot" at the Diabetic Support Group meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Cogdell Rehab Services, 5301 Trinity Blvd.

Dr. Cramer will soon be establishing a medical practice in Snyder. Cathy Troup, director of rehab services and program development at Cogdell Memorial Hospital said, "Because Dr. Cramer has such a strong interest in diabetic patients and the problems related to the disease, we are delighted to have her speak at our next meeting."

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Elois Pruitt was last week's winner.

Faces From The Past Entry Week 29

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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN and their families are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Stan Pavlik 2. Walter Banks 3. Scott Crenwelge 4. Ray Sherrod 5. Richard Dupree 6. Pat Faver 7. Frances Billingsley Scarbrough 8. Mike Elkins 9. Linda Berryman 10. Peggy Cullifer

Study questions hormones and heart health

CHICAGO (AP) — A surprising new study raises questions about the effectiveness of hormone supplements containing estrogen in warding off heart trouble in older women.

The study involved only women who already had heart disease, and the study's authors and other experts rushed to say that the findings should not be assumed to apply to healthy women. A much larger study now under way will shed more light on that question, they said.

Millions of women take estrogen supplements to replace the hormones their bodies stop making at menopause. The supplements relieve symptoms such as hot flashes and vaginal dryness and protect against thinning bones.

Previous studies found that women taking these supplements suffered up to 60 percent less heart disease.

The latest study, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, involved 2,763 postmenopausal women with heart disease. All of them had suffered heart attacks or chest pain caused by blocked arteries, or had undergone bypass surgery or angioplasty.

Those who were randomly assigned to take a supplement containing estrogen and a type of hormone called a progestin suffered no fewer heart attacks over four years than the other women.

To researchers' surprise, women taking the supplements actually suffered more heart attacks during the first year. But they had fewer heart attacks later, and the effects balanced out over four years.

The study's lead author, Dr. Stephen B. Hulley, chairman of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California at San Francisco, cautioned that the findings are directly applicable only to women who already have heart disease.

He said more research is needed to determine whether the findings also hold true among women who do not yet have heart disease.

Dr. JoAnn E. Manson, an endocrinologist at Harvard-affiliated Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, said if the study had been extended, it might have shown an overall long-term benefit. But she acknowledged that the findings "somewhat dampen enthusiasm" for the belief that hormone supplements protect the hearts of healthy women.

For now, Hulley said, a woman's decision about whether to take hormone supplements should be made with her doctor, based on her individual traits, preferences and the evidence available.

Estrogen alone is no longer prescribed to most postmenopausal women because it can promote uterine cancer. Progestin offsets the cancer-causing effect. But progestin also may diminish the heart protective effect associated with estrogen alone, Manson said.

The previous studies on estrogen and the heart involved women who were taking hormones even before they were enrolled in the research.

Grandparents want to adopt switched girl

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — The maternal grandparents of a 3-year-old girl who was switched at birth with another baby and then orphaned last month want to adopt the girl.

Genetic tests show that Rebecca Chittum is the biological daughter of Paula Johnson, who discovered last month the child she has been raising, Callie Johnson, was switched with Rebecca in the University of Virginia Medical Center.

Callie's biological parents are believed to be Whitney Rogers, 19, and Kevin Chittum, 25, who died July 4 in a car crash. DNA test results are expected this week.

Rebecca has been living with her grandparents since her parents were killed. Until Tuesday, Miss Rogers' family had held out hope that tests would show Rebecca was biologically related to them, but they said they weren't surprised by the results.

Now Rebecca's maternal grandparents want to adopt her, their lawyer said Tuesday.

"The goal is to place in stone the legal status of these children, and we need Rebecca's biological father or mother's consent for that," said the lawyer, W.T. Robey.

Michael S. Irvine, the attorney representing the Chittum family, said adopting Rebecca would be a logical step. But he said it was premature to discuss adoption until all the DNA tests are complete.

"My understanding is that everybody is still planning to work together," Irvine said.

Ms. Johnson recently met with her biological daughter, and both families said they planned on keeping the child they have, allowing liberal visitation on both sides. The two girls met and played with each other over the weekend.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary, board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

Al-Anon brown bag, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.;.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 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.

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 08-19-98
♠ J 10 9 8 7
♥ 4 3 2
♦ A 3 2
♣ K J

West
♠ 2
♥ K 7 6
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ 6 5 4 3 2

East
♠ 3
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ 8 7 6 5
♣ 10 9 8 7

South
♠ A K Q 6 5 4
♥ A Q 5
♦ K 4
♣ A Q

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Yet another way

By Phillip Alder

Are there three ways to peel an orange? Yes, no and maybe!

You remember yesterday's deal. I explained that with A-Q-x of a side suit in your hand and three low cards in the dummy, you should cash the ace first, planning to lead toward the queen on the second round of the suit. Very clever, and all that. But when I used the deal in a lesson, two outplayed me.

Predealing the cards for a large class takes a long time. So I cheat slightly by giving everyone cards in sequence. You will see what I mean when you refer to today's diagram. Notice how everyone has a useful poker hand or two. It does save time, but occasionally causes me to have citrus juice squirted into my eye.

The room was in six spades. The deal was actually like yesterday's, with West having king-doubleton of hearts. Yet two skilled players, Dotty Noyes, of Darien, Conn., and Alfred Spelbrink, of New Canaan, Conn., would have made the contract even if West had had king-third. Here's what they did.

They won the first trick with the diamond king, drew trumps, cashed the club winners, took dummy's diamond ace, and led the diamond three from the dummy. When East followed low, instead of ruffing, they discarded their low heart! As West had all the high diamonds, she had to win the trick and was endplayed. If West returned a minor-suit card, it conceded a ruff-and-discard. However, if West led a heart, it would be away from the king around into South's ace-queen. Brilliant!

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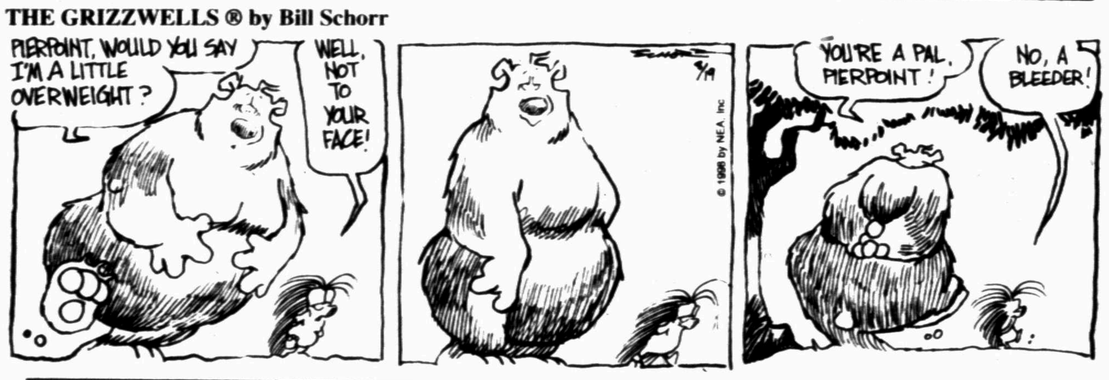
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12 Haphazard
14 Cracked
15 Commands
16 Nahoor sheep
17 It goes with bagels and cream cheese
19 Textbook section
20 Needle-shaped
23 Madonna movie
26 Small bill
27 That man
30 Certain discrimination
32 Original inhabitant of a place
34 Siberian treeless tract
35 Afterword
36 Type of curve
37 Koch and Begley
39 Smells
40 Dryness
42 Bar brew
45 Red — — beet
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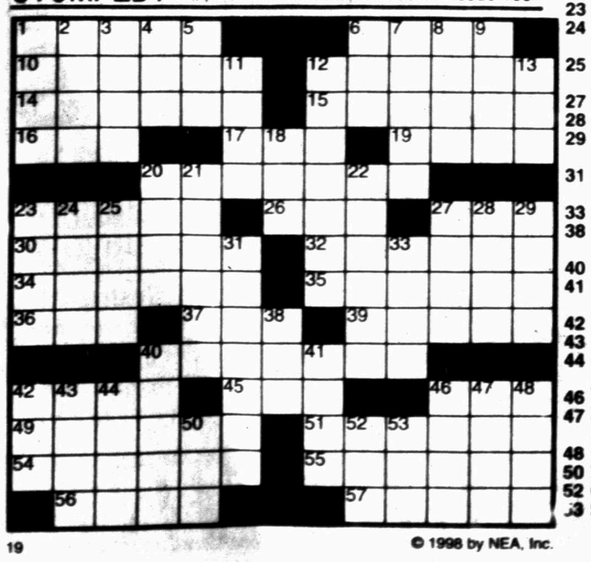
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12 Steve Martin movie
13 Utah hrs.
18 Gold (Sp.)
20 Take — — from me
21 Wyoming city
22 Earl Grey holder
23 Gaelic
24 Dyeing containers
25 Finishes the cake
27 City in Hawaii
28 Actor Novello
29 Actress Ryan and others
31 Settle by conciliation
33 Neat
38 Radical grp. of the '60s
40 — We All?
41 Character in Othello
42 Bikini top
43 Roof edge
44 Vase-shaped jug
46 Possesses
47 — — My Heart
48 Eve's garden
50 Take to court
52 Gun grp.
53 Swiss river

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SPORTS

15-12, 15-6...

Lady Tigers drop opener

Considering the caliber of the opponent, and the fact that it was the season opener, Snyder volleyball coach Patty Grimmett was optimistic about her team's play — despite the score.

"I thought for the first game that the girls did real well," Grimmett said following the 15-12, 15-6 loss to Abilene High. "Our defense did a good job of picking up their hits and I was able to get a look at everybody on the court."

Snyder jumped to an 11-7 lead in the first game, minimizing their service errors and playing aggressively at the net.

But Abilene posted an 8-1 to close out the game, as the Lady Tigers began struggling with their receive of serve.

"We were having trouble with one player's serve especially," Grimmett stated. "Our girls said the ball would dive down one time and then float the next and we were having a hard time adjusting to it."

Game 2 was more of the same as the Lady Tigers never got on track offensively due to Abilene's serves and its size at the net.

The Lady Eagles took an 11-4 lead, before Alicia Peoples registered two kills for Snyder's final points of the night.

"We were forced to play defense mostly in the second game, because we kept giving them a bunch of free balls," Grimmett said. "And the girls were pretty dissappointed in the outcome, but they also saw a lot of the positive things that happened on the court.

"Abilene High is just a real good team, but we did some good things also that we can use to build on."

The Lady Tigers remain at home for their next contest when they host Bronte at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Abilene High def. Snyder, 15-12, 15-6
Snyder service points: Kristin Martinez, 5; Christine Holder, 4; Brady Johnson, 3; Christy Tomlinson and Keila Helms, 2; Cara Best and Amy Ricks, 1. **Kills:** Helms and Alicia Peoples, 2; Kameron Kallemeyn, Tessa Hildebrand, Ashley Delce and Tomlinson, 1. **Blocks:** Peoples, 4; Helms and Delce, 2.



HERE'S THE PLAN — Members of Snyder's varsity volleyball squad huddle during season-opening action Tuesday at the SHS gym. The Lady Tigers fell to Abilene High, 15-12, 15-6.

Boston hurler posts two saves; Red Sox take pair from Texas

BOSTON (AP) — During spring training, it was uncertain if Red Sox pitcher Tom Gordon could make the transition from starter to closer. Now with 36 saves, and 33 straight, there's no question about where Gordon belongs.

Not that Gordon is keeping track of his statistics.

After his second save of the day in the 5-4 win over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night, Gordon confessed that he didn't even know he picked up a save in the first game of the day-night doubleheader, until he looked at the scoreboard.

"It's just wins and losses," said Gordon said, adding that he doesn't think about his saves, or his winning streak.

"I'm not that interested in his record, and I don't think he's concerned either," Red Sox pitching coach Joe Kerrigan said. "He has great work ethics and it comes as no surprise that he's been so successful. He's basically done it himself."

Sox slugger Mo Vaughn sees Gordon as the go-to person at the end of the game. He knows that if the team is leading, there's no question about Gordon coming through.

"We just look to get that one- or two-run lead to get us ahead," Vaughn said. "He'll get us the save."

Luis Alicea and Roberto Kelly hit consecutive home runs in the night game to give Texas a 4-2 lead after five. The Red Sox tied it in the sixth on Mike Stanley's RBI double and Jason Varitek's sacrifice fly. Vaughn's homer in the seventh broke the tie.

Derek Lowe (3-7) pitched 2 1-3 scoreless innings in relief of Bret Saberhagen to pick up the win. Danny Patterson (1-5) took the loss after allowing one run on two hits and a walk in 1 1-3 innings in relief of Rick Helling.

The double-save in Tuesday's doubleheader marked a first in the Gordon's career. And he didn't know he was pitching in the early game.

"This is an important series for us. Texas is a tough and very aggressive team," he said. "Maybe I felt a little better in the second game because the first felt a little early. I didn't expect to go in. For the second game, I was physically and mentally prepared."

But manager Jimy Williams was not concerned with Gordon's preparedness.

"I didn't even ask him," Williams said. "I knew he'd be ready to go in there and pitch."

Red Sox ace Pedro Martinez (16-4), who struck out 10 in 8 2-3 innings in the day game, feels comfortable leaving the game in Gordon's hands.

"Any time the manager asks me to, I'll give Flash the ball," Martinez said. "He's been great all year. He's been very consistent, and you can't ask for more."

Juan Gonzalez's 34th homer — his first in seven games and his first RBI in six games — had give the Rangers a 1-0 lead in the second inning. Gonzalez has 120 RBIs this season, a pace that would give him 157, far behind Hack Wilson's record of 190 in 1930.

John Burkett (7-13) didn't allow a hit until Nomar Garciaparra doubled leading off the fifth. Burkett lost a chance at his first shutout of the year when Mike Benjamin singled leading off the sixth, took second on a sacrifice and scored on John Valentin's double.

Vaughn followed with a single and, after Garciaparra lined out, Troy O'Leary singled to score Valentin. Eric Gunderson replaced Burkett, and pinch-hitter Damon Buford doubled to make it 4-1.

Texas put two on in the ninth on singles by Mark McLemore and Will Clark. Gordon retired Ivan Rodriguez on a flyout for the save.

Gordon said he's thankful Red Sox closer Dennis Eckersley, one of only a handful of closers to save more than 50 games in a season, is guiding him through the transition from started to closer.

"It's a blessing for him to be here with me," Gordon said. "There's so much to learn to be one of the best closers in the game."

"Knockdown" Brown plans to keep Ricky Williams on his feet

AUSTIN — The scouting report should have come with a prescription for a painkiller and a tranquilizer, for as much trouble and insomnia as it forecasted.

The first clue was that the opposing halfback's nickname was "Touchdown." The second was that, if anything, the nickname was an understatement.

Ricky Brown ran for 31 touchdowns that year for Arlington High, and if things had gone as expected, he would have been running against the defense of Dallas Carter defensive coordinator Bruce Chambers the next week in the semifinals of the 1994 state football playoffs.

"We had a star by his name," Chambers said. "We knew we'd have to deal with this guy."

Carter, though, was knocked out of the playoffs before the semis, and Chambers was spared the opportunity of defensing Brown. (We'll call it opportunity, because 'specter' doesn't sound as appealing.) And that was that.

The better part of four years passed and Chambers found himself with a more palatable opportunity to join Mack Brown's staff at Texas as running backs coach. On the roster of running backs was that hard-running tailback nicknamed "Touchdown," only now he was a blocking fullback.

Chambers pulled out the videotape to see for himself.

"In my mind, Ricky Brown was a tailback," he said. "When I found out he was a fullback I thought, 'Oh, all right.' My first question was, 'Can he block?' "

Chambers' answer wasn't long in coming.

"I looked at him taking on defensive ends, college defensive ends much bigger than him, and he was going through them," Chambers said. "When he hit them, he rooted them out. He created movement."

Somewhere along the way "Knockdown" replaced "Touchdown," a long journey filled with extra work by himself after practice, weight room dedication and selflessness that would embarrass a Kamikaze pilot. The 6-foot, 222-pound junior's role this season will be to block, catch a couple of passes, block, run the ball, block and block some more. His job is making sure nothing stands in the way of halfback Ricky Williams' Heisman Trophy quest.

"I may get some recognition," Brown said humbly. "I don't expect a lot. ... I may expect (Williams) to appreciate me. As far as the fans and the media . . . maybe not.

"I want to get him the Heisman. That'll be my glory as well."

Brown came to Texas in the same 1995 recruiting class that brought Williams — who needs only 289 yards to become the school's all-time leading rusher. A broken right fibula during the preseason — his second leg fracture in two years — left concerns that Brown was not durable enough for college football.

He still remembers the first time he was lead blocker on a preseason play and ran square into end Tony Brackens.

As an effective complement to Williams, Brown averaged 5.1 yards on 31 carries and caught seven passes for 55 yards. Career collegiate touchdowns: one, a 4-yard run against Kansas last year. This year the plan is for Brown to catch more passes in the new West Coast offense.

"Ricky is the hardest-hitting fullback I've ever played against," said linebacker Dusty Renfro, who's faced some good ones in Marc Edwards of Notre Dame and Joel Makovicka of Nebraska. "If I had to pick a fullback from any college to be on my team, it'd be Ricky."

"That's the soul of a fullback," Brown said of blocking. "Play in and play out. You do it all the time. You either like it, or you quit. I like it now — now that I've gotten good at it."

That's what Chambers heard, and that's what the film showed, too — Brown is a hard-hitting, dependable cog in the offense.

When he finally met Brown, Chambers told him of how, at Carter, he worried about stopping "Touchdown" Ricky Brown.

"It would have been nice," Brown said of the meeting that never happened.

"You'd have kept me up nights," Chambers replied.

Not any more.

San Antonio not likely to get NFL team

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Minnesota Vikings owner Red McCombs says he doesn't expect San Antonio to attract a professional football team any time soon because the city lacks the necessary political leadership.

"There is not a passionate interest in sports in political leadership in San Antonio, and until they get that then they're not going to get an NFL team," McCombs said Tuesday on a WOAI radio sports show.

McCombs didn't mention any names but said current city politicians do not seem to have a strong desire to lure a pro sports team to town.

"I think that San Antonio would have to have a full court press with all of its top political leaders to attract the interest of someone coming here," McCombs said.

McCombs, a billionaire businessman who made his fortune through car sales, radio and real estate, once owned the Spurs. He recently bought the Vikings for $250 million.

Bagwell, Biggio lead Astros to 8-2 win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jeff Bagwell was 3-for-5 with five RBIs, and Craig Biggio went 3-for-4 with two runs scored in the Houston Astros' 8-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night.

Jose Lima (12-6) won his fourth straight decision for Houston, which had dropped three of its last four games. Lima allowed four hits — three to Rico Brogna — over seven innings, and struck out four and walked two. Lima retired 15 of the first 17 batters he faced.

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National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	83	42	.664	-
NewYork	68	55	.553	14
Philadelphia	61	63	.492	21½
Montreal	50	76	.397	33½
Florida	44	81	.352	39

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	77	49	.611	-
Chicago	69	56	.552	7½
Milwaukee	60	65	.480	16½
St.Louis	59	64	.480	16½
Pittsburgh	57	68	.456	19½
Cincinnati	56	69	.448	20½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	81	44	.648	-
SanFrancisco	66	59	.528	15
LosAngeles	62	63	.496	19
Colorado	57	69	.452	24½
Arizona	47	78	.376	34

Tuesday's Games

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

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati (Harnisch 8-6) at Milwaukee (Woodard 9-7), 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Bottenfield 4-5) at Chicago Cubs (Clark 7-11), 2:20 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 10-9) at Arizona (Telemaco 4-7), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 7-4) at Florida (Meadows 9-9), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Bohanan 6-7) at Pittsburgh (Van Poppel 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 14-8) at Philadelphia (Loewer 6-4), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Jones 5-6) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 4-6), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 9-5) at Atlanta (Glavine 16-4), 7:40 p.m.

Thursday's Games

San Francisco (Ortiz 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Tapani 11-7), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Osborne 2-2 and Oliver 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 14-7 and Blair 4-15), 2, 5:05 p.m.
Arizona (Wolcott 1-2 and Sodowsky 2-4) at Philadelphia (Schilling 11-11 and Welch 0-2), 2, 5:05 p.m.
Colorado (Kile 9-14) at Montreal (Thurman 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Mlicki 6-6) at Florida (Larkin 3-8), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Reyes 2-4) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 8-13), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Brown 15-4) at Atlanta (Millwood 14-6), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 9-6) at Milwaukee (Karl 9-7), 8:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	92	30	.754	-
Boston	73	50	.593	19½
Baltimore	67	58	.536	26½
Toronto	63	62	.504	30½
TampaBay	48	75	.390	44½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	69	55	.556	-
Chicago	56	67	.455	12½
KansasCity	55	70	.440	14½
Minnesota	54	70	.435	15
Detroit	49	74	.398	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	67	58	.536	-
Texas	65	59	.524	1½
Seattle	56	67	.455	10
Oakland	55	70	.440	12

Tuesday's Games

Boston 4, Texas 1, 1st game
Boston 5, Texas 4, 2nd game
Oakland 10, Toronto 5
Cleveland 4, Tampa Bay 2
Baltimore 7, Minnesota 1
N.Y. Yankees 3, Kansas City 2, 13 innings
Chicago White Sox 4, Anaheim 3
Detroit 7, Seattle 6

Wednesday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 12-10) at Oakland (Stein 4-7), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Arrojo 11-9) at Baltimore (Mussina 11-6), 7:35 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 14-5) at Kansas City (Barber 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 14-6) at Minnesota (Morgan 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 10-8) at Texas (Sele 13-10), 8:35 p.m.
Detroit (Thompson 10-9) at Anaheim (McDowell 1-2), 10:35 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 10-9) at Seattle (Cloude 7-8), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Boston (Schourek 0-1) at Kansas City (Pichardo 6-8) at 2:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Saunders 3-11) at Baltimore (Guzman 8-12), 7:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Buddie 3-0) at Minnesota (Rodriguez 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 10-8) at Texas (Stottlemyre 2-1), 8:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Eyre 2-7) at Oakland (Rogers 11-5), 10:05 p.m.
Detroit (Powell 2-3) at Anaheim (Olivares 6-8), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Clemens 14-6) at Seattle (Swift 10-6), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Preseason

Thursday, August 20
New York Giants at New York Jets, 8:20 p.m.
Friday, August 21
Buffalo at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Saturday, August 22
Atlanta vs. Pittsburgh at Morgantown, W.Va., 6 p.m.
Detroit at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
Dallas at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
San Diego at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
Tennessee at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 10 p.m.
Sunday, August 23
Miami at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Monday, August 24
Philadelphia at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Green Bay at Denver, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 9 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	20	10	.667	-
NewYork	18	11	.621	1½
Charlotte	17	12	.586	2½
Detroit	16	13	.552	3½
Washington	3	26	.103	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Houston	26	3	.897	-
Phoenix	18	11	.621	8
LosAngeles	12	17	.414	14
Sacramento	8	21	.276	18
Utah	8	22	.267	18½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched conference title

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Football: Ira at Blackwell, scrimmage, 6 p.m.
Football: Borden County at Dawson, scrimmage, 6 p.m.
Football: Snyder 9th & JV at Plainview, scrimmage, 5 p.m.
FRIDAY
Football: Snyder varsity intrasquad scrimmage, Travis Field, 7 p.m.
Football: Paint Rock at Hermleigh, scrimmage, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Snyder JV at Odessa tourney
SATURDAY
Volleyball: Bronte at Snyder varsity, 11 a.m.
Volleyball: Snyder JV at Odessa tourney
Volleyball: Bronte, Denver City, Lubbock Cooper at Snyder 9th, 1 p.m.
Tennis: Midland Lee, Plainview at Snyder varsity

Sports Briefs

WTC Booster Club

WTC Booster Club will host a "Meet the Athletes" scrimmage and cookout at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Ira Gym.

Golfers parents meeting

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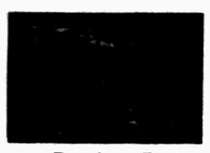
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Polls indicate:

Growing number want Monica probe to end

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's strong job approval ratings survived in polls taken just after his address to the nation about Monica Lewinsky, but his personal appeal with the public is slipping.

The polls also showed that a growing number of Americans want the investigation of the president to end now that he has admitted his involvement with Ms. Lewinsky. And they don't want him to resign or be impeached.

About two thirds of Americans want the investigation to end — 69 percent in an ABC News poll, 65 percent in a CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll and 63 percent in a CBS News/New York Times poll, all taken after Clinton's address to the nation. And the president's job approval ratings remain steady, above 60 percent.

The polls conducted immediately after an event are not always a reliable gauge of what will happen later, cautioned Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

"Sometimes delayed reactions are substantially different from initial reactions," Kohut said.

But the immediate signs for Clinton were generally good.

"Our polling after the speech shows a 10-point bump in the president's favor on the questions of whether he should remain in office and whether the investigation should simply end now," said ABC News pollster Gary Langer.

Solid poll numbers could be important to Clinton when the investigation moves from the legal arena to the political if Congress considers an expected report from special prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

The president's biggest trouble appears to be with the public's view of him personally.

The Gallup poll showed the number of people with a favorable opinion of the president dropping from 60 percent to 40 percent after his speech. And a third in the Gallup poll said they had lost confidence in Clinton as president after his comments. Almost two thirds of those polled by Gallup said they had seen the speech.

Frank Newport, editor-in-chief of the Gallup Poll, said the key measurements of the president's performance remained steady, such as job approval and the 69 percent who think he should not be impeached.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Does neck injury require surgery?

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband fell off his mountain bike two months ago, landing straight on the top of his head. Because of extreme pain, he had X-rays and a CT scan that showed subluxation between C5 and 6. Our HMO has refused to allow him to see an orthopedist, yet we've seen a neurologist who thinks he may have nerve damage. Should we pay out-of-pocket to see an orthopedist? Is surgery on the agenda? Will the nerves repair themselves in time?

DEAR READER: Subluxation of the spine simply means that one vertebral bone is overriding a neighbor — in your husband's case, the fifth and sixth bones in the neck. This is certainly a possible consequence of his injury. In such instances, spinal nerves can be pinched or compressed, leading to pain and numbness.

Your husband may be helped by an intensive rehab program of physical therapy. The neurologist can order this.

If, after a few weeks, your husband is still in pain, he will require more testing, such as an MRI scan. If there is significant and continuing pressure on the nerves, your husband may need spinal surgery.

Hold off on the orthopedist for now. Try the more conservative approach first. Should this be unsuccessful, you can always scream bloody murder to your insurance company and, I hope, get the help you need.

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DEAR READER: I believe you've answered your own question. Your friend works in a dusty environment that could seriously irritate his eyes. Short of changing jobs, he should be examined by an ophthalmologist, who will diagnose the problem and suggest treatment. Some people are less affected by environmental pollution than their co-workers are, so your friend's singularity should not dissuade him from seeking appropriate professional attention.

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AmOnline s	116	111¾	112	9-16+1 1-16
AmStores	29¾	29	29	7-16+ 9-16
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Lubys	16		15	13-16 15 13-16— 5-16
LucentTech s	91		89	11-16 90 + 3-16
MayDeptStrs	64¾	63	13-16	64¾+11-16
MediaOne	47	5-16	46	13-16 47 5-16+11-16
Medtronic s	58¾		57¾	57 13-16+ 7-16
Mobil	72¾		72¼	72 5-16— 1-16
Monsanto	57	7-16	56⅝	57¼+ ¾
MorganJP	129⅜		127¾	128 + ⅜
Motorola	52¾		51¾	51⅜— ⅛
NCR Corp	32	1-16	31⅜	31½— 7-16
NationsBk	75	13-16	74¾	74¾—11-16
Navistar	27¾	26	15-16	27⅜+15-16
Norwests	34½		34⅛	34 3-16— ⅛
OryxEngy	16¼		15¾	16 3-16+ ½
Penney JC	58⅜		57¾	57¾—13-16
Pennzoil	43¼	42	9-16	42 15-16+ ¾
PepBoys			17¼	16 15-16 16 15-16
PepsiCo	34	7-16	34¼	34 3-16— ⅛
PhelpDodge	56¼	55	7-16	55 7-16— ⅛
PhilipPet	46	7-16	46	1-16 46 1-16— ⅛
PilgrmPrd B			24	24 24 — 1-16
Polaroid			37¼	37¼ 37¾+ ⅜
Praxair			45¼	45 45⅛— 5-16
ProctGamb			81	3-16 80 5-16 81
PubSNwMx	20	9-16	20¼	20¼— 7-16
RoyalDut	47	5-16	46	11-16 47 + ¼
SBC Comm s	40	5-16	40¼	40¾+ 1-16
SaraLee	48¼		48¼	48¾+ 1-16
Scripps EW	52¾		51¾	51⅜—11-16
SearsRoeb	53	5-16	52¾	53 1-16+ 5-16
SherwinW	29¼	28	13-16	29 1-16+ 3-16
SmthBc ADS s	59	15-16	59	7-16 59½+ 7-16
SouthernCo			26¾	26¾ 26¾— ¼
SwstAirl s	31¾	31	3-16	31 3-16+ 3-16
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Sprint	72	13-16	71	5-16 71 7-16— 1¼
SunCo			39½	38 11-16 39½+13-16
TNP Ent			30	15-16 30¾ 30 13-16
Tandy s	61	3-16	60	5-16 60¾— 1-16
TempleInland			50	13-16 50 50¾+ ⅜
Tenneco	33	1-16	32¾	32¾— 1-16
Texaco s			61¾	60¾ 61 3-16+ ¼
TexInd			35¾	35⅜ 35 11-16+ ⅜
TexasInst s	63¾	61	15-16	62¼— ⅜
TexUtil	41½	41	1-16	41⅜— ¼
Textron			69	68¼ 69 + 5-16
Travelers s	60	3-16	59	5-16 59⅜— 3-16
TriconGlbR n	33¾	32	15-16	33 7-16+15-16
TrinityInds	38¼	37	15-16	37 15-16— 1-16
TritonEngy	17¾	17	3-16	17 11-16+ ¾
Tyler			8¾	8¾ 8¾
US West Inc	52	7-16	52	52 5-16+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	30	3-16	29	11-16 30 + ⅛
USX-USS			26¼	25 15-16 26
UnCarbde	47¾		46½	46 9-16+ 3-16
UnionPacif			38	11-16 38 3-16 38¼
UnitedTech	89	15-16	89	89½+ 1-16
Unocal	35	3-16	34½	35 3-16+ ⅛
Venator Grp	12	9-16	12¼	12¼+ 1-16
WalMart			65¼	64¼ 64¾+ ⅜
WstnGasRs	10	15-16	10¾	10¾— 1-16
WinnDixie	39	15-16	39¾	39¾— ⅜
Xerox Corp	109	106	13-16	107 15-16+13-16

Hospital

ADMISIONS: Armando Alvarado, Robbie Floyd, Wilma Gleghorn and Kendra Iglehart, all of Snyder.

DISMISSALS: Jesse Rivera, Janie Dever, Flora Pherigo.

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Scurry Community Services announces free meals policy

Scurry Community Services has announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals served under the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

A copy of the policy is at the main office which anyone may review.

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Application forms and a letter to parents or guardians are given to clients to fill out at the time of enrollment. Additional copies are available at the office.

The information provided on the application will be used to determine eligibility. It may be verified any time during the contract year by the contractor or other program officials.

Households must provide the following information on the application: all household members' names; the Social Security number of the head of the household (or other responsible adult); and all household members' incomes by source; or the household's food stamp or AFDC case number, if appropriate; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information is correct.

Applications may be submitted any time during the year.

According to the free and reduced-price policy, Kim Fritz will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may discuss the decision with Ms. Fritz. Parents may request a formal appeal either orally or in writing by contacting Mrs. Shirley Fritz at the center at 2800 2nd St or by calling 573-7403.

Households must report increases of over $50 per month or $600 per year in household income, and decreases in household size. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the contractor. These changes may qualify children for reduced-price meals or for free meals if the household's income falls to or below the levels shown above. AFDC/Food Stamp households must report termination of benefits.

Some foster children are also eligible for free or reduced-price meals. A household with foster children should contact the contractor for more information.

The information that households provide is confidential and will be used only to determine eligibility and verify data.

In the child nutrition programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, political belief or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250.

All heart attack survivors should take beta blockers

BOSTON (AP) — Doctors are divided over a major new study that concludes they far too often deny a potentially lifesaving medicine to victims of heart attacks.

The report, being published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, says virtually every heart attack survivor should get these pills, called beta blockers.

It contends that no matter what else people have wrong with them, taking beta blockers will cut their risk of dying by about 40 percent in the two years following their heart attacks.

Currently, only about one-third of heart attack patients are prescribed beta blockers. One reason is doctors' fear that they might be dangerous for those who have other health problems, such as diabetes or asthma.

"There is no doubt in my mind that this incredibly inexpensive treatment can be tolerated by the vast majority of patients and can improve survival in patients with almost any other disease," said Dr. Stephen S. Gottlieb of the University of Maryland, who directed the study.

But others are not so sure. They point to flaws in the way the study was done and say doctors should not rush to prescribe beta blockers to those with other serious illnesses.

Dr. George Sopko of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute said that while doctors should always keep beta blockers in mind for their heart attack patients, "I would not make sweeping recommendations" based on the latest study.

Beta blockers reduce the heart's work load. They have been in use since the 1960s, often to treat chest pain and high blood pressure. A month's supply costs less than $5.

Experts have long recommended them for otherwise healthy people who have survived heart attacks. Even so, even these people get beta blockers only about half the time.

The latest data was based on the medical records of 201,752 Medicare patients. It found that the death rate two years after hospital discharge was strikingly lower for all patients who got beta blockers. In those with diabetes, beta blockers appeared to lower the risk to 17 percent from 27 percent; lung disease, to 17 percent from 28 percent; and congestive heart failure to 15 percent from 25 percent.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Nice Guy's Whirlwind Romance Throws Him for Quite a Loop

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I was recently in a relationship for eight months. It started when I was 22. My now ex-girlfriend (I'll call her Sue) was 18.

Abby, we fell in love quickly. I gave her my all. Her family loved me and mine loved her. She said I treated her better than she had ever been treated. (I was raised that way.) I respected her, loved her and never mistreated her. In the fifth month of our relationship, I proposed. She accepted.

Sue recently went on vacation with some girlfriends. The vacation had been planned before we met. I didn't object. I told her to go, and that I trusted her.

Well, she was gone for a week during which I never received even one phone call. When Sue returned, I was at the airport with open arms. Within 24 hours of her return, she announced that she wanted to call it quits. She said she wanted her freedom, that she was too young to have her life planned. She swore she hadn't cheated on me during her vacation. She told me she knows she'll never find anyone who will treat her as well as I have. I was heartbroken.

It's been a month, and Sue has gone "wild" since the vacation. A family member confided that Sue had confessed to cheating on me during the vacation.

Abby, women used to complain that guys have no morals, treated them wrong and cheated on them. Today, the roles are often reversed. Women claim they want a guy who will treat them right, open the car door, bring flowers, etc. Abby, that's me! I don't understand how Sue could have claimed to love me and then been unfaithful.

I have dated for the past eight years, and I've never been this much in love. I know the obvious response to this is that I'm young and have plenty of time; however, I must ask: Where are all the "nice girls"?

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DEAR NICE GUY: One day you will realize how fortunate you are that this happened *before* you married Sue. She may have been swept off her feet by your marriage proposal, but she's far too immature for marriage.

Count your blessings and keep looking. There are nice girls everywhere, waiting to be recognized by someone who has as much to offer as you.

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DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Terri," and I are both 19. We have been dating for 18 months.

Abby, I never get to see my friends anymore. Everytime I tell Terri I want to be with my friends, she throws a fit and we get into an argument. She thinks I should spend all my time with her. It's like she's jealous when I choose to be with my friends for a day.

Abby, I miss my friends. I'm not bored with Terri; I just need time with my friends.

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DEAR FEELS CONFINED: Terri may be more insecure than jealous. She needs to work on this, because one of the surest ways to sabotage a relationship is to make the other person feel confined.

Of course you need time with your friends, and Terri needs time with hers. You are not joined at the hip. Part of developing as individuals is maintaining separate interests. If you have put up with this for a year and a half, you must like Terri very much. However, I hope you'll consider what I have said, and insist on a degree of independence for both of you.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 20, 1998

Your greatest benefits in the year ahead are likely to be found where you least expect them. Synchronize yourself with the tides Mother Nature, and don't swim against her currents.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Maintaining harmony between you and your mate could be a delicate procedure today. If either one of you gets off on the wrong foot, it will negatively affect the balance of your alliance. 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.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You won't feel free to enjoy yourself today if you don't give proper attention to your responsibilities. Sweeping them under the rug isn't the answer; tackling them head-on is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't push yourself to your physical limit today. What you accomplish won't justify tomorrow's sore muscles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Success is in the offing for you today, provided you don't put more pressure on yourself than your tasks warrant. In this instance, coasting can be a virtue, not a penalty.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) To maintain peaceful relationships today, keep in mind that discussions with friends aren't the place for unresolvable topics.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's a sensible reaction to protect what we feel is ours. However, be careful not to be more possessive than the situation warrants today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you fail to be cooperative today, others will notice, and you'll be treated the same way you treat them. The choice is yours.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A temperamental co-worker might be more difficult than usual to get along with today. If you light his/her fuse, you'll regret it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's best not to mix friends who haven't gotten along in the past. Your interference could provide a recipe for trouble.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The world may not treat you kindly today. Be careful not to turn innocent family members into targets for revenge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be selective about whom you share your plans with today. Don't discuss what you have in mind with an associate whose responses are always negative.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Uncontrolled material desire could cause you to be disenchanted with your lot in life today. Don't worry about what the other guy's got — enjoy what you have.

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FOOD HANDLER SEMINAR

Thursday, August 20, 1998, the Scurry County Health Unit will be sponsoring a Food Handler Seminar. This class will be held in Room A at the Scurry County Coliseum. The morning class will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the afternoon class will be from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Both classes cover the same material, so we hope this will enable our establishments to send different shift workers to either class.

Pam Bryant, will be our instructor for the seminar. She is the Safety Manager at the Price Daniel Unit, is also the Instructor for Cooks & Bakers Apprenticeship for the Windham School at the Price Daniel Unit, and teaches part-time for WTC for Progressive Food Careers.

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

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

Actor stands trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mykelti Williamson, who played Tom Hanks' shrimp-loving pal Bubba in "Forrest Gump," is on trial for attempted manslaughter for allegedly attacking his ex-wife's friend.

Williamson, 41, is accused of slashing Leroy Edwards with a knife on Jan. 5.

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FBI agents raid Nairobi hotel

Islamic groups warn of more strikes

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — FBI agents and Kenyan detectives raided a Nairobi hotel searching for clues in the U.S. Embassy bombing, and a coalition of Islamic militant groups warned today that "strikes will continue from everywhere" against the United States.

In Pakistan, two more people were detained and were being questioned in the Aug. 7 U.S. embassy bombings in Nairobi and Tanzania that killed 257 people and wounded more than 5,500. They reportedly were named by a suspect with alleged links to exiled Saudi millionaire Osama bid Laden, whom U.S. officials call a major sponsor of terrorism.

The World Islamic Front for Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders, formed by bin Laden, issued its warning in today's Al Hayat, a respected London-based Arabic newspaper.

"The coming days will guarantee, God willing, that America will face a black fate," the statement said. "Strikes will continue from everywhere, and Islamic groups will appear one after the other to fight American interests."

Al-Hayat said the Jihad statement came with three other statements from the Islamic Army for the Liberation of Holy Shrines, which claimed responsibility for the embassy bombings.

The Holy Shrines group said it would "continue shipping more American dead bodies to their unjust government ... until we humiliate America's arrogance and roll its dignity in the mud of defeat."

In Nairobi, 15 FBI agents and six Kenyan detectives wearing bulletproof vests raided the Hilltop Hotel on Tuesday and carried away several cartons. Investigators today would not comment on a Kenyan newspaper report that a suspect in the attacks made the bomb at the hotel.

The bombing in Nairobi, a mile away from the hotel, killed 247 people. An almost simultaneous bombing killed 10 at the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Hotel workers said FBI agents returned today to take pictures of the hotel, located in downtown Nairobi.

The Daily Nation, a Kenyan newspaper, reported that the FBI and Kenyan agents were acting on information provided by Mohammed Saddiq Odeh, who was arrested in Pakistan on the day of the bombings and returned Aug. 14 to Kenyan authorities.

In Pakistan, a border official said a Saudi and a Sudanese were detained at the Afghan border and were being questioned about the bombings. The men were stopped Saturday, said Bakhtiar Khan, chief of the Pakistani border post at the Khyber pass. The New York Times today reported that Odeh had named the two men as accomplices.

Obituaries

'Jack' Clark

1914-1998

DALLAS — T.C. "Jack" Clark, a former Scurry County resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Funeral service for Mr. Clark, 83, is set for 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Wildwood Chapel of Restland Memorial Funeral Home. The Rev. Norm Taylor will officiate. Interment will follow in Restland Memorial Park.

He was born on Dec. 19, 1914 in Scurry County to Drew E. and Ada Clark. A resident of Dallas for more than 55 years, he was retired from LTV. Mr. Clark was a member of Prairie Creek Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a brother and sister, J.L. Clark and Leola Brocat.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Lois Clark of Dallas; a son, Charles Clark of Lancaster; two daughters, Kitty Clark and Pam Mitchell, both of Dallas; two sisters, Leona Smallwood of Ira and Annice Wallace of Snyder; a sister-in-law, Nora Lee Clark of Ira; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Walter Withers

1960-1998

WICHITA FALLS — Graveside service for Walter Dale Withers, a former resident of Snyder, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Burkburnett Cemetery. Owens and Brumley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Withers, 38, died Saturday, Aug. 15, in Cedar Falls Care Center in Wichita Falls.

Born on May 8, 1960 in Snyder, He attended Hermleigh and Snyder schools.

He was preceded in death by his father, Quest Withers; and his mother, Earlene Withers.

Survivors include five brothers, Bruce Withers of Jacksboro, Travis Withers of Bridgeport; Richie Withers of Stamford; Joey Withers of Rising Star and Danny Withers of Wichita Falls; his stepmother, Pauline Walton of Snyder; four stepbrothers, Billy McArthur of Leander, David McArthur of Buda, Michael McArthur of Midland, and Bobby McArthur of San Antonio; one stepsister, Elaine Smith of Austin; an uncle, T.T. Withers of Snyder; and an aunt, Geneva Peterson of Wasco, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

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IRA dissidents 'suspend' bombing campaign while more funerals held

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Facing a security crackdown and public revulsion, the IRA dissidents who killed 28 people with a car bomb attack announced a suspension of their violence today as bereaved families began to bury more of the dead.

But the British and Irish governments said the "Real IRA's" statement would not deter police from hunting down and punishing the killers who planted Saturday's bomb in Omagh, the bloodiest attack in Northern Ireland's history.

"We are talking about evil and depraved people. It is hard to take seriously any comment they make," said Mary Harney, deputy prime minister of the Irish Republic.

Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam today welcomed the splinter group's announcement, but said it was too little, too late.

"On the day 16 victims are buried, I think it's an insult to believe words mean anything," she said. "We will prosecute them and we will put them away for a very long time."

The Real IRA's statement stopped short of announcing a formal cease-fire. But it cited widespread public horror and an appeal from Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern as a reason to "suspend" attacks indefinitely and begin "a process of consultation on our future direction."

"Please God, let this be genuine," said Joe Byrne, the leading Catholic politician in Omagh, 70 miles west of Belfast. He visited the homes of seven families grieving lost loved ones, many of whom were to be buried today.

The dissidents earlier claimed they hadn't meant to kill anyone but only to cause damage to "commercial" targets in the religiously mixed town.

That provoked Ahern — who was in the Irish seaside town of Buncrana, where three child victims of the bombing will be buried today — to demand immediate declarations of cease-fires from the Real IRA and other groups refusing to join the Irish Republican Army's July 1997 truce.

In Buncrana, 8,000 mourners bade an anguished farewell to the town's three lost boys — James Barker and Shaun McLaughlin, both 12, and Oran Doherty, 8 — who died after they accompanied Spanish exchange students across the border to visit a historical park near Omagh.

"We all feel responsible ... but there was supposed to be peace," said the school principal, Sinead McLaughlin, whose students formed a uniformed guard of honor alongside the three coffins en route to St. Mary's Catholic Church. Shaun was an altar boy at another local church.

Annan's envoy: U.N.-Iraq dispute not at crisis point

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.N. envoy left Baghdad today saying Iraq-U.N. relations had not reached a crisis despite his failure to convince the government to allow resumption of weapons inspections.

"I still think that a lot of discussion, negotiations and bilateral talks can take place," Prakash Shah, the envoy to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, said before leaving for New York.

Shah's departure came a day after he announced he had failed to persuade Iraqi officials to back down from the decision earlier this month to cut off relations with the inspectors charged with finding Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

Iraq said it refused cooperation because the inspectors were not really working toward lifting U.N. sanctions on Iraq that prevent the free export of oil, its most valuable commodity.

Under U.N. resolutions, the inspectors must declare Iraq has eliminated its lethal weapons before the sanctions, imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, can be canceled.

Shah was to arrive Thursday in New York and would later brief Annan on his talks with Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz.

Before leaving today, Shah said he still hoped a solution could be found to allow resumption of inspections.

"I will not say it is a crisis," he said. "I think and I hope that the (U.N.) Security Council and Iraq would be able to work this out."

Shah described his talks with Aziz as "friendly and cordial" and said he was ready to return for further negotiations with the Iraqis.

"If the council wishes further discussions, I will be prepared," he said.

Shah arrived last Thursday with a message from Annan to Aziz about the latest standoff.

Annan, meanwhile, is now willing to discuss with the Security Council a possible role for himself in trying to break the crisis, his spokesman said Tuesday.

The secretary-general is prepared to "see what it is they want him to do and whether he thinks it will make a difference," Fred Eckhard said.

New mom nurses wrong baby at Massachusetts hospital

LOWELL, Mass. (AP) — A new mother was given the wrong baby to nurse at Lowell General Hospital, discovering the mistake only when she went to change her son's diaper and discovered that the child was a girl.

Hospital officials said a nurse's aide woke the woman early Sunday and gave her the wrong baby. The woman's son was still sleeping in the hospital nursery with about 15 other babies.

The baby's father said the couple had nothing to say about the switch and asked not to be identified. "We're dealing with the situation," he told The Sun of Lowell.

The mistake was discovered when the woman decided to change the baby's diaper after nursing. She found that the baby she thought was her son was a girl.

Norm Deschene, the hospital's executive vice president and chief operating officer, apologized to both families and said the hospital was investigating.

"We are not certain as to exactly what happened, but we consider it a real serious breach of security," Deschene said. "The incident was caused by human error, by a failure to follow hospital policy."

He said the hospital offered the families counseling and said the hospital would pay for any medical tests.

The mistake came about a month after a Virginia woman discovered her daughter had apparently been switched at birth three years ago with another girl while they were at the University of Virginia Hospital.

Theft results in one arrest

Two subjects were taken into custody Tuesday, including one woman in connection with a theft at the Western Texas College pro-shop.

A 36-year-old female was arrested by police Lt. Steve Warren at 1:33 p.m. at Western Texas College for Class B misdemeanor theft.

The theft was reported Aug. 13 and an undetermined amount of cash was taken.

Following a report of a fight in the 2600 block of Avenue W, officers took a 24-year-old male into custody at 9:06 p.m. for public intoxication.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Faith Baptist revival

Revival services at Faith Baptist Church conclude tonight with a 7:30 service. Monty Martin is the guest evangelist.

Special services

Special services will be held at 7 tonight at the River of Living Water, 413 26th Street. Jesse Ruiz is the evangelist and Maria Elena will provide special music.

Ritz Theatre audition

Auditions for the melodrama "Dirty Work at the Crossroads" will be held at the Ritz Theatre from 4 to 6 p.m. today and from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday. The cast calls for six women, one female child and three men. Performances are scheduled Oct. 2-3 and Oct. 16-17.

Cub Scout rally

There will be a Cub Scout rally at 7 p.m. Thursday at the West Elementary cafeteria for boys in the first through fifth grade. Parents are requested to attend the meeting and adult leaders are needed. For additional information contact Rhonda Fletcher at 573-7065.

Ice cream social

The Hermleigh High School cheerleaders will host an ice cream social at Cardinal Stadium at 6 p.m. Friday prior to the Cardinal's scrimmage with Paint Rock.

Fluvanna VFD supper, bake sale

The Fluvanna volunteer fire department will hold its annual supper and bake sale at 7 p.m. Saturday at the community center.

Girl Scouts registration

Registration for Girl Scouts will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th St. The fee is $7 for girls as well as adults. Adult leaders are needed and may make application during the same hours. You do not have to have a Girl Scout to be a leader. A parent or guardian must be in attendance to sign permission forms. A "fly-up" ceremony will be conducted at 8:30 a.m.

Car wash

The Hermleigh High School cheerleaders will be holding a car wash Saturday at Long John Silver's from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

No bingo

Due to the fire at the American Legion, bingo games will be cancelled until further notice.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Seven Churches of Asia," followed by "Faith and Freedom."

Through the Bible study

A Bible study with Les Feldick and hosted by Harlan and Darlene Amox is held each Tuesday from 7:30 until 9 p.m. Call 573-2699 for additional information.

Support group

The Parkinson's disease community support group will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room.

Band selling Tiger Paws

Snyder Band Boosters are painting Tiger Paws to show support for the Snyder Tigers. Call 574-1454 or contact any band student.

FBC kids programs

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

Pancake supper

The SHS Quarterback Club will sponsor a pancake supper on Monday, Aug. 31, at McDonald's with proceeds going to support the high school football program. Tickets are available at Bar-H-Bar, Lota'Burger, school administration building, Thornhill's and from all varsity football players.

Children's Day Out registration

The Children's Day Out program at First United Methodist Church will register pre-school children, ages 1-4, Tuesdays and Thursdays. To register call Melissa at 573-4770.

Canyon Community reunion

The Canyon Community reunion will be held Sept. 26 at the Ira Community Center. Registrations starts at 8:30 a.m., followed by visitation. A business meeting will be held at 11 a.m. and lunch is on your own. To make a donation toward expenses, mail to Lawton Taylor at 2701 36th St.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-1-0
(eight, one, zero)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
14-21-29-30-32
(fourteen, twenty-one, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-two)

Home tornado shelters can now be built

WASHINGTON (AP) — When tornadoes threaten, federal officials would like to see more people like Auntie Em, taking cover in a storm shelter, and fewer swept away in the wind like Dorothy.

More than 1,000 twisters have struck so far this year, killing 120 people and doing millions of dollars in damage, James Lee Witt, head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said Tuesday.

Witt, opening a two-day National Tornado Forum, announced an effort to get people to build "safe rooms," modern versions of the old-fashioned storm cellar.

"When that warning comes on, a tornado warning, people need to put their family in a safe place," said Witt.

Tornado warnings have improved markedly in recent years, but "even a perfect warning is reduced to an academic exercise if people don't receive it and react to it," added National Weather Service Director John J. Kelly Jr.

Witt said FEMA and the Wind Research Center at Texas Tech University in Lubbock have developed plans for construction of safe rooms in homes in tornado-prone areas.

"When constructed according to the plans, the safe room can provide protection against winds of up to 250 miles per hour and projectiles traveling at 100 miles an hour," he said.

Wind speeds vary in tornadoes, but only the most powerful top 250 miles per hour. Much of the damage near the twisters is caused by flying debris.

The plans are aimed at homeowners who want to have a shelter built into a home under construction, but some can also be used to add a shelter to an existing house. They include designs for safe rooms in basements, crawl spaces and in above-ground locations, depending on the home. The rooms can be in closets, bathrooms, storage areas and other locations that can be reinforced.

The walls, ceilings and doors generally used in construction can't withstand the impact of debris propelled by tornado winds, the Texas Tech researchers found.

They recommend adding a shelter to homes under construction by thickening part of the basement floor and building it with walls and ceiling of reinforced concrete.

In adding a shelter to a home, the report adds, the shelter walls must be kept separate from the structure of the house, making it possible for the shelter to remain standing even if parts of the house adjacent to it collapse.

In adding a shelter to the outside of the home, reinforced concrete should be used, not wood frame, because wood would be more susceptible to debris.



FIVE-YEAR AWARDS — Employees with five years of service were honored Monday night at the Western Texas College dinner honoring faculty and staff. Pictured from left are Sara Fritz, Linda Englert, Terry Busby, Marvin Bentle and Linda Wright. Not pictured is Rick Kahlich, Lester McClain, Gary Bailey and Jana Martin. (SDN Staff Photo)



TEN-YEAR AWARDS — Ty Brunson (left) and Jim Durham were recognized for 10 years of service at the Western Texas College awards dinner held Monday. Other 10-year recipients were Dale Smith, Sue Freemyer and Vickie Smith. (SDN Staff Photo)

Man held in road rage incident

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A Texas man was being held in Mississippi on a cash-only $1.5 million bond after an apparent fit of road rage.

Jose Martinez Rueda, 66, of Alvin Texas, allegedly fired a .380-caliber pistol at Audrey Rainey, 58, of Moselle, and her husband, Harlan Rainey, 64, on I-59 in Pearl River County.

Harlan Rainey said he and his wife were headed to Destrehan, La., for a relative's 50th wedding anniversary celebration Saturday when he saw Rueda driving behind them near Picayune.

"He was driving real radical. He was just going from one side of the road to the other," Harlan Rainey said Tuesday.

Rueda tried to flag them down, but the Raineys refused to stop. So he drove beside them in an emergency lane, took out the pistol wrapped in a white towel, rolled down his window and began shooting, said Houston Dorr, a Mississippi Higwhay Patrol investigator in Gulfport.

Rueda was apparently upset because he was trying to pass the Raineys but they were not moving fast enough, said Dorr.

"I'm just thinking it was road rage," the investigator said.

A bullet shattered the windshield and windows in the Raineys' 1992 Chevrolet Silverado pickup. Harlan Rainey said Rueda tried to run them down in his 1981 Ford LTD, but they sped off.

The Raineys, who suffered cuts from broken glass, were treated and released from Crosby Memorial Hospital in Picayune.

"It run my blood pressure way up. They thought I was having a heart attack," Harlan Rainey said.

The son of Forrest County District Attorney Lindsay Carter witnessed the incident.

Lin Carter, 20, said he was in his father's truck driving south on I-59 when a man drove by him and opened fire. "I saw the gun and hit the gas," he said.

Rueda, whom police said wrecked his vehicle, was charged with aggravated assault and driving under the influence.

His bond was set so high to keep him from fleeing the state or country, said MHP spokesman Sgt. Joe Gazzo.

"He's got a Mexican and a Texas driver's license, and he was born in Mexico," Gazzo said.

Datebook

Aug. 19, 1998

Today is the 231st day of 1998 and the 60th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1929, "Amos and Andy" debuted on NBC's radio network.

On this day in 1934, Adolf Hitler was elected president of Germany.

On this day in 1960, U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers was sentenced in Moscow to ten years in prison for spying.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Bernard Baruch (1870-1965), financier-U.S. public official; Orville Wright (1871-1948), inventor; Ogden Nash (1902-1971), humorous poet; Gene Roddenberry (1921-1991), television producer; Willie Shoemaker (1931-), jockey, is 67; Jill St. John (1940-), actress, is 58; Bill Clinton (1946-), U.S. president, is 52; John Stamos (1963-), actor, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, golfer Homero Blancas shot 55 in the first round of the Premier Invitation Tournament.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nothing is so useless as a general maxim." — Thomas Macaulay

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1890, six F2/F3 tornadoes hit Pennsylvania. At Wilkes-Barre, 16 died and 200 were hurt due to an F3 storm that collapsed brick walls at factories and a brewery.

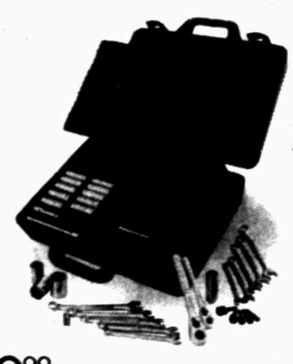
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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 14) and new moon (Aug. 21).

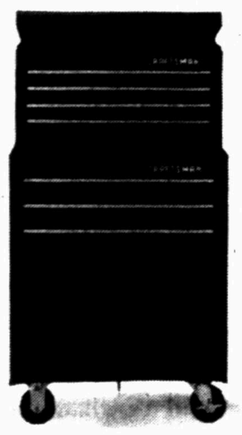
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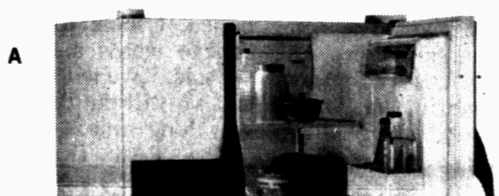
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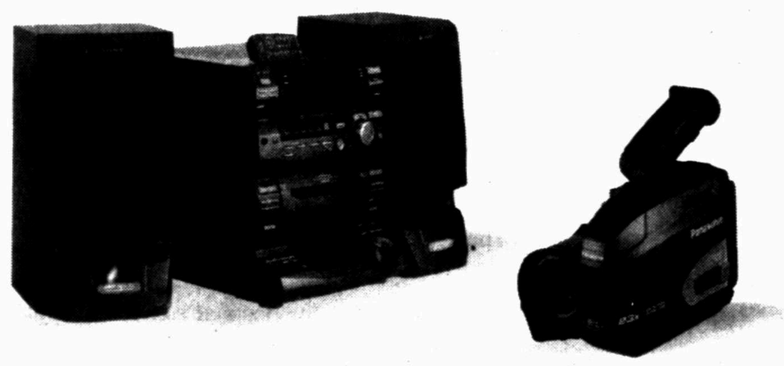
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