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Home of Susan Brisendine

Remains of hurricane head to Gulf

MERIDA, Mexico (AP) — The remains of Hurricane Isidore moved over open waters today and headed toward the U.S. Gulf coast at about 9 mph after battering Mexico's Yucatan peninsula with heavy rains and high winds, killing two people and leaving another 300,000 homeless.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami warned that the tropical storm would likely strengthen into a hurricane as it moves over the Gulf of Mexico. The storm moved north and could land somewhere on the Texas or Louisiana coast, according to the center's long-range forecasts.

The center said a tropical storm warning remained in effect for Mexico's Gulf Coast from Cabo Catoche to Veracruz.

High seas were expected all across Louisiana's low-lying coast because of the sprawl of the huge weather system. Coastal flood advisories were posted from south Texas to Bay St. Louis, Miss.

At 8 a.m. EDT, Isidore's center was located about 50 miles north-northwest of Merida.

Another powerful storm caused damage hundreds of miles to the east. Packing 60 mph winds, Tropical Storm Lili toppled trees and damaged dozens of homes in Barbados.

At 8 a.m. EDT, Lili was centered about 510 miles southeast of Santo Domingo, the Dominican capital. With maximum sustained winds of 60 mph, it was moving west quickly at near 20 mph. Tropical storm force winds extended up to 125 miles.

"Possibly by late today, but more likely tomorrow, it will become a hurricane" with wind speeds of at least 74 mph, said Stacy Stewart, a hurricane specialist at the Hurricane Center.

Isidore had much higher winds when it pounded the Yucatan's ecological reserves and ruins, including the Mayan city of Chichen Itza. The extent of the damage to the popular tourist spots was unclear, as downed power and telephone lines cut off communication to much of the region.



QUEEN NOMINEES — It's that time of year again at Snyder High School. The Snyder Tigers will host Fort Stockton Friday night in the SHS homecoming game. Nominees for SHS queen from left are Jackie Beccue, Hailey Putnam, Ira Gonzales, Laura Hager and Amanda Hartzog. The queen will be announced during halftime. (SDN Staff Photo)

No interest rate changes expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stock market turbulence, a stagnant job market and heightened worries about a possible war with Iraq are motivation enough for the Federal Reserve to keep short-term interest rates low in the months ahead, economists say.

For rates to move even lower, the Fed would probably need to see clear trouble signs that the nation's economy was slipping back into recession, economists said.

"I think the Fed would be very cautious about cutting rates," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo. "I think the economy would have to be in imminent danger."

While many analysts consider a "double dip" recession scenario remote, it can't be ruled out, they said.

A dramatic and prolonged rise in energy prices stoked by Middle East tensions, a big cutback in spending by consumers from a U.S. invasion of Iraq or a new terrorist attack on the United States would probably send the economy into a nosedive, analysts said.

After being knocked down by last year's recession, the economy is back on its feet but isn't bursting with vitality.

"There are disconnecting signs that this economy is having trouble gaining traction," said economist Clifford Waldman, president of Waldman Associates.

A report Monday showed that a key gauge of economic activity fell in August for the third straight month, raising new questions about the economy's direction. The Conference Board reported its Index of Leading Economic Indictors dropped 0.2 percent last month.

Alligator attacks man at Florida water garden

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — An 11-foot alligator tore the right arm off the director of a botanical garden as he was weeding a pond. Surgeons were unable to reattach it.

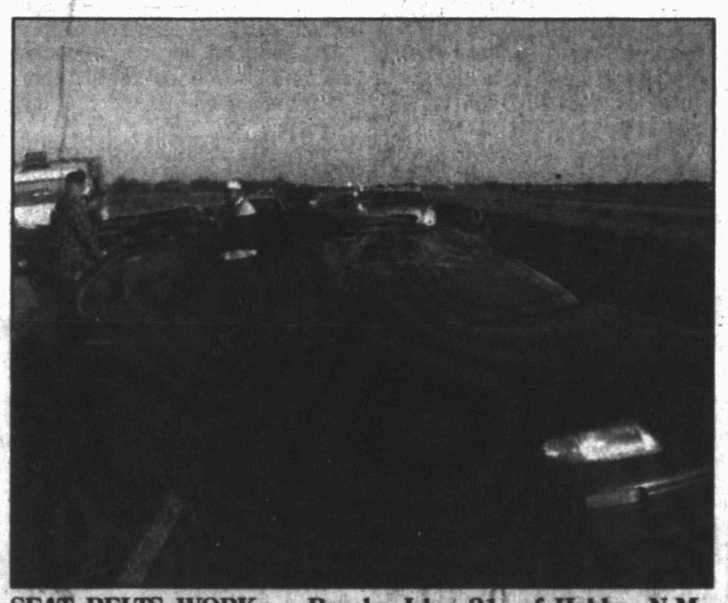
Don Goodman was working Monday in a water lily garden at the Kanapaha Botanical Gardens when the alligator bit his right arm off from just below his elbow, said Justin Lagotic, spokesman for Alachua County Fire Rescue.

About an hour after the attack, wildlife officials harpooned the male alligator, known as Mo-Jo by garden employees.

Authorities then shot the alligator and slit his stomach open, finding Goodman's arm inside.



TIME TO ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES — Sandra Robinson, left, and United Blood Service representative Rhonda Teal, display a T-shirt that will be given to all blood donors today and Wednesday. Today's drive continues until 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, while Wednesday's drive will be at Cogdell Memorial Hospital from noon until 5 p.m. (SND Staff Photo)



SEAT BELTS WORK — Brooke Irby, 21, of Hobbs, N.M., escaped injury in this rollover this morning south of Hermleigh. DPS trooper James Blackley said the woman's vehicle had a blowout as she was northbound on Hwy. 84. The vehicle rolled and ended up in the southbound lane. Blackley credited the use of seat belts as preventing injuries to Irby. (SDN Staff Photo)

English tops football contest with tie breaker

Last week's SDN Football Contest saw two entrants with five misses, and seven entrants with six misses. So, the tie breaker procedure was used to determine the top three winners.

Ginger English of 4115 Kerrville won the $50 first prize. Caroline Rodriguez of 984 James in Hermleigh took the second place $25, and R.B. von Roeder of 2207 45th garnered third place and $15.

Winners will be mailed their checks. Another contest appears in this issue.

Ira trustees meet tonight

Ira school trustees will meet in a special session at 6:30 this evening to discuss past fuel purchases.

Jan Duke, school district business manager, said the discussion would center on the price the school district has paid for fuel, including propane and gasoline.

Trustees also will consider a contract for a certified librarian to work in the school library one day each month.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If marriages were outlawed, only outlaws would have in-laws."

There's an old story about the guy who asked his wife what she wanted for her anniversary.

"Jewelry, trip to Hawaii, mink coat...?"

She showed no interest in his options.

"Well, tell me what do you want?" growled the husband.

"I want a divorce."

"Well" panned the husband, "I wasn't planning on spending that much."

That might have been the sentiments of Jack Welch, retired CEO of General Electric, who has been in the news since his divorce settlement became public.

Not only did the court papers spell out many of his lavish retirement benefits, but they also revealed that the former Mrs. Welch needs more to get by.

The ex-wife has filed her own legal papers in which she argues that the $35,000 per month she receives is not sufficient.

Poor thang!

Breaking up is hard to do, especially when Welch has decided that some of the retirement perks should be returned. He said:

"In this environment, I don't want a great company with the highest integrity dragged into a public fight because of my divorce proceedings. I care too much for GE and its people."

The former GE chief is giving up millions in retirement perks which included flowers, wine, maid service and tickets to sporting events and to the opera.

Other corporate bigwigs are under fire. The CEO and CFO of Tyco have been charged with enterprise corruption (theft) for allegedly taking $600 million from Tyco.

Here's just some of the stuff that were put on company expense accounts: $80,000 for a credit card bill, $72,000 to a German yacht maker, $17,100 for a traveling toilette box, $15,000 for a dog umbrella stand, $6,300 for a sewing basket, $6,000 for a shower curtain, $5,960 for two sets of sheets, $2,900 for a set of coat hangers, $2,200 for a gilt metal wastebasket, $1,650 for a notebook and $445 for a pincushion.

The CFO was defended by his interior decorator. "It's not just some stupid dog umbrella stand. It's a very unique, beautiful piece."

The decorator thought the 1840s French antique stand, in the shape of a three-foot-high poodle, would be perfect for the foyer of the CFO's $18 million New York apartment.

Her bill for decorating the apartment came to $5.7 million — paid for, of course, by the company.

Our top Expense Account Hall of Fame story is the former marketing manager in Washington state who in 1994 charged $15,630 in table dances and liquor at a New Orleans strip joint as a business expense — and all in just a single night.

We never learned if a divorce came before or after he got fired.

ASK US

Q—Why are the street lights not working on El Paso Ave. between 37th Street and Lamesa Hwy?

A—An Oncor spokesperson said repairs are underway.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 80 degrees; low, 56; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 56; no precipitation; total for 2002, 16.30 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear; low 50-55; SE winds 5-10 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny; high around 85; SE winds 5-10 mph. Wednesday night, mostly clear; low 55-60.



Baylee Lewis
Sunny

Sunset:
7:38 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:34 a.m.
Of 266 days in 2002, the sun has shone 259 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitiions.

—Mark Twain

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Funding is cut off to film commission

DALLAS (AP) — The city that's the namesake of J.R. Ewing's fictional oil empire has cut off funding to a regional film commission that had supported movie and television projects.

The Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Film Commission is a victim of the city's $95 million budget shortfall.

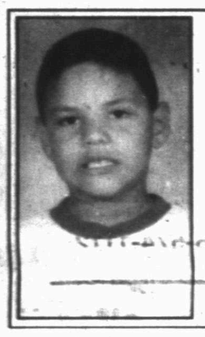
"We're closing in the sense that we're not operating as a film commission," said Roger Burke, who has served as commissioner since the agency opened in May 1987.

During Burke's tenure, films and TV shows such as "Born on the Fourth of July," "JFK," "Bottle Rocket," "Barney & Friends," "Wishbone," the 1980s television soap opera "Dallas" and "Walker, Texas Ranger," actor Chuck Norris' long-running TV series, were shot in the city and surrounding area.

"We were certainly one of the nation's centers of episodic television," Burke said. "Over the past 15 years, productions spent more than $800 million, about 80 to 85 percent of that in city of Dallas."

Berry's World





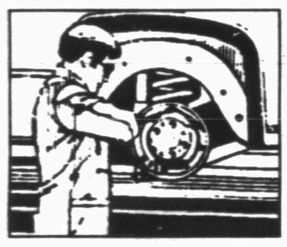
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Dale Huff, Minister

Changing Patterns

It is hard to change the way that we do things. Habits form with ease but are difficult to break. Eating habits, speech habits and habits of thinking become a part of us without any effort. Changing those habits is another matter. It is difficult. A normal life is lived doing what comes naturally. What comes naturally, however, is very seldom good. Sin comes naturally. Hate, lust, envy, gossip, rage and resentment are very natural parts of life. They are also hurtful and destructive. If we begin to see that these natural desires are destructive we may begin asking a question. How do I change?

Jesus Christ offers a life that is not normal. Instead, it is extraordinary. The gospel of Jesus Christ offers a solution to the problem of sin. Jesus died for the salvation of all sinners, I Timothy 2: 3-6. All sinners who repent and are baptized into Jesus can be saved. Acts 2: 38. Repentance means a change of mind about sin and about God. It involves a decision to turn away from sin and begin to live a life that is righteous in the eyes of God. When it is real repentance, it always brings about a change of life. That change is what the Bible calls the fruits of repentance. Luke 3: 7- 14 describes that change. It is the same and it is different for all of us. It is the same in that everyone who repents turns from sin to do the will of God. It is different because it involves different specific changes that we need to make. What those changes are depends on the pattern of our life.

Repentance commits us to a path. On that path we seek with God's help and power to change hurtful and destructive patterns of living to healthy, wholesome and loving patterns of life. It is not an easy path. The good news is that all of us can change if we really want to change.

Dale Huff

Dollhouse garners top awards

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Peggy Womack has worked with her hands all of her life. But she had never built a dollhouse until this year.

Her efforts were handsomely rewarded earlier this month when she garnered first place and best in division awards in the division three toys at the Permian Basin Fair in Odessa.

Womack, who works for Coventry Plumbing, built the dollhouse to scale, after she drew the plans on graph paper. The roof is 50 inches long, 36 inches wide and 29½ inches deep. She made the roof hinged so it would be easier to move furniture around.

The dollhouse is built of pine wood which she stained. She bought some pieces of furniture and others were kits, which she put together. It also has a washer, dryer and heater.

Womack said she spent hours online tying to find the things she needed. The game room has an etched mirror from Dallas. She built the cabinets from scratch.

When dowel rods were too hard to work with, she used square stock instead. The windows and doors actually work. There is a loft and stairs that lead to the game room. The house also has a kitchen and a bath.

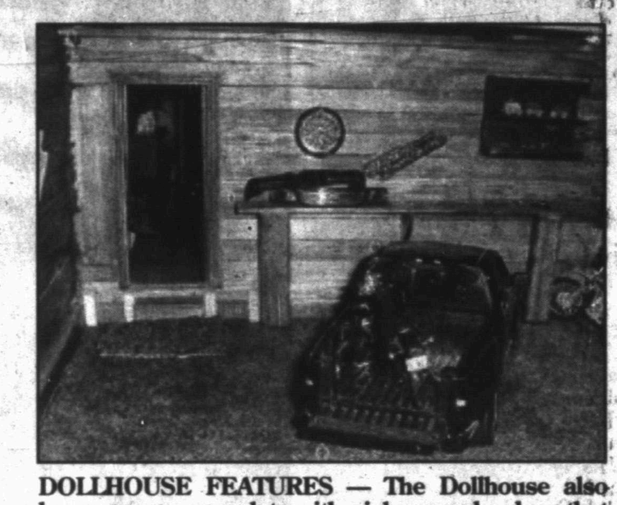
Womack said the project took about seven weeks to complete. She finished in time to enter the dollhouse in the fair. She wanted to see how the finished product would fare and Odessa's fair is the one it qualified for.

Even though the dollhouse is essentially finished, Womack keeps adding to it.

Since it is too big for her granddaughter, Womack would like to sell this one and build a smaller dollhouse for her granddaughter. She said the next one will have an open back, the way dollhouses usually do.



WINNING DOLLHOUSE — Peggy Womack's prize-winning dollhouse features miniature furniture. She found many of the items she needed through the Internet.



DOLLHOUSE FEATURES — The Dollhouse also has a garage, complete with pickup, and a door that leads into the main house.



TAKES TOP AWARDS — Peggy Womack's dollhouse recently won two top awards in its division at the Permian Basin Fair in Odessa. Though the project is essentially finished, she ocassionally adds something else. Womack said she would like to make a smaller dollhouse for her granddaughter. (SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Mother arraigned in video beating

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — A mother caught on video beating her 4-year-old daughter in a parking lot will be able to visit the child once or twice a week while she is in temporary foster care, her attorney said.

Madelyne Gorman Toogood was scheduled to meet with her daughter, Martha, at a safe house for about 90 minutes today. The visit was to be supervised.

Charles Smith, director of the St. Joseph County Office of Family and Children, said his agency tries to schedule such meetings quickly.

"We want to, as much as possible, to retain the ties and connections to the families because our initial goal, if at all possible, is to reunify them with the parents," he said.

Toogood, 25, was arraigned on a felony charge of battery to a child and an innocent plea was entered on her behalf in a hearing Monday. She faces a felony charge of battery to a child.

Attorney Steven Rosen called the plea a formality and later said there was no point in trying to challenge the surveillance videotape in court.

"We will probably enter a guilty plea and throw ourselves on the mercy of the court," Rosen said after the arraignment.

He added: "If a jury has to sit in judgment of this lady, the jury is going to come back with a guilty verdict ... I'm confronted with a videotape that shows Attila the Hun, no question about it."

If convicted, Toogood faces up to three years in prison, though her attorney said he would try to strike a deal with prosecutors. She faces a hearing on Oct. 7.

Prosecutor Christopher Toth said the evidence against Toogood was compelling.

"Obviously jail is something you have to seriously consider in a case like this," he said.

Toogood, a mother of three, had no comment as she left court. She remained free on $5,000 bail.

Toogood told reporters Sunday she hit her daughter in the head and back and pulled her hair but did not punch her. On the video of the Sept. 13 incident, which has been televised nationally, Toogood appears to make punching motions toward her daughter inside a sport utility vehicle.

A doctor examined the girl at Toogood's request in New Jersey before she turned herself in over the weekend, authorities said. They said he found no medical problems and no long-term signs of abuse.

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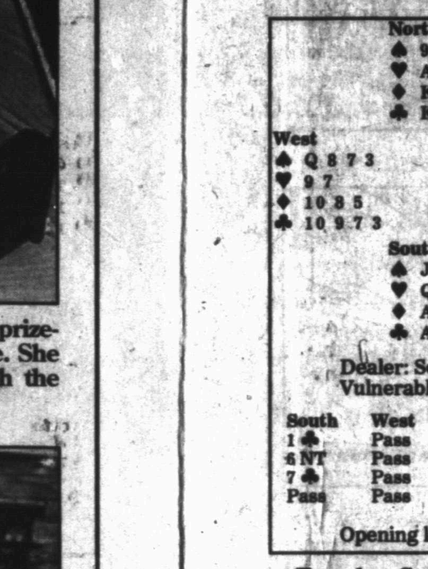
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Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002

Do you gild the bird in the hand?

By Phillip Alder

In which contract would you like to land with today's North and South hands at either Chicago (rubber bridge with tournament-style scoring) or board-a-match (see below)?

This deal occurred during the Mixed Teams Championship that ended the Summer Nationals in Washington, D.C., last July. The scoring is board-a-match, which means that each deal is worth one point. If your team has a net plus, whether it be 10 points or 1,000, you score one point and your opponents get zero. If the scores are identical, both teams receive half a point.

At Chicago, you would like to end in five of a minor. These contracts cruise home for plus 400. However, if the missing hearts are dividing 4-3, a contract of four hearts will score 450, making it the best choice in board-a-match. Here, though, the 5-2 trump split kills this unlikely contract.

At one table, Larry Cohen (South) opened with one Precision club, promising any hand with 16 points or more. His partner, Lisa Berkowitz, responded two no-trump to describe a balanced 14-plus points. When Cohen jumped to six no-trump, East, a Swedish champion, doubled, not satisfied with a bird in the hand. Cohen, reading East for a major-suit ace-king combination, ran to seven clubs, hoping West would not know which suit to attack.

East doubled again, of course, but West misguessed, selecting a heart lead. Cohen drew trumps and claimed all 13 tricks: four hearts, five diamonds and four clubs.

Berkowitz and Cohen won the event with teammates Margie Gwozdzinsky, Debbie and Michael Rosenberg, and Richie Schwartz.

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REVONATION DONATION — Derwin Thompson, senior vice president and cashier at West Texas State Bank, presents a $100 donation to Jean Everett, fund raising chairman for Historic Scurry County, Inc. The organization is in the process of renovating the Dodson House. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Date Book

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002

Today is the 267th day of 2002 and the third day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, the Judiciary Act of 1789 was passed, thus establishing the Supreme Court of the United States.

On this day in 1957, the Dodgers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates in the last major league game ever played in Brooklyn.

On this day in 1991, Dr. Seuss (Theodore Geisel), beloved author of children's books, died at the age of 87.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Horace Walpole (1717-1797), writer; John Marshall (1755-1835), jurist; F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896-1940), writer; Jim Henson (1936-1990), puppeteer and TV producer; Linda McCartney (1942-1998), photographer and musician.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1916, Marty Kavanaugh hit a pinch-hit grand-slam home run for Cleveland, the first in the history of the American League.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You don't write because you want to say something; you write because you have something to say." — F. Scott Fitzgerald

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

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Heart failure should be considered

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 60 year-old non-smoker with a history of heart attack followed by bypass surgery in 1994. I also have hypertension, controlled with medication.

In 1999, I awoke from a sound sleep, unable to breathe. I had to sit in a chair all night. In the morning, I drove myself to the emergency room, where I was examined and tested. My cardiologist said "pulmonary problem," the lung specialist said "heart problem." My problem is that I disagree with them both.

In the intervening three years, I have had several more attacks. All occur at night or during strenuous exercise. I feel as though I'm drowning from fluid in my lungs. I wheeze and can't get enough air in. I cannot lie down because that makes matters worse. My doctors do not seem inclined to look further.

I'm disgusted and need help, so being an avid reader of your column, I decided you were my best bet.

DEAR READER: Your medical history, which I have shortened because of space restriction, is so diagnostic that I cannot imagine why your doctors have failed miserably. I don't ordinarily come down so hard on my colleagues, but this takes the cake. A third-year medical student could diagnose your affliction. The combination of hypertension and coronary artery disease (requiring bypass surgery), difficulty breathing during exercise (exercise intolerance) and — most of all — breathlessness at night (called paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea) indicate the probability that you are suffering from congestive heart failure, a dangerous condition that should be aggressively addressed.

If I am correct, the basic problem is a weakness of the cardiac muscle. Because your heart contractions are less brisk than normal, you tend to collect fluid in your lungs — especially at night — as well as experiencing symptoms when you exercise (which stresses the heart muscle). The end result is, as you have stated, a feeling that you are drowning. In effect, you are. You are drowning in your own secretions and I fault your physicians for not recognizing this condition.

In my view, you need testing. A cardiogram is mandatory. So is a cardiac ultrasound — a painless and inexpensive analysis of your cardiac function. I would be surprised if your ejection fraction (a measure of the strength of your cardiac contractions) were normal. The next step is either a stress test or a coronary angiogram.

The stress test, during which you walk on a treadmill, will indicate whether your heart muscle is receiving enough oxygen. The test can be made more sensitive if you also have an injection of radioactive material — called a Sestamibi test — at the time of the stress test. The Sestamibi component shows whether or not portions of the heart muscle are receiving inadequate blood supply.

A coronary angiogram, the gold standard that confirms this condition, is (as you know) more involved — and more expensive. Nonetheless, in your case, it is clearly an option.

In my opinion, you need to change doctors — and do so at once. You also need medication to rid your body of excess fluid. Finally, you should have additional testing performed.

Please keep me updated about your heart problems. Not only am I interested, I learn from these interactions as well.

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

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Fredbird to jailbird

ST. LOUIS (AP) — From Fredbird to jailbird.

Donny Chilton, who worked in 2000 as a backup to the feathered St. Louis Cardinals' mascot known as Fredbird, was found guilty Wednesday of first-degree burglary and misdemeanor stealing. Circuit Judge Robert Dierker Jr. revoked Chilton's bond and ordered him jailed pending sentencing Oct. 11.

Chilton, 21, and two others entered Busch Stadium in the early hours of May 9, 2000, got into a storage area near the Cardinals' clubhouse and took a player's set of golf clubs, one yellow baseball used in batting practice and a batting helmet.

PVD screenings will be held at Covenant Family Healthcare

Covenant Health System will hold regional Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) screenings in Snyder from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Covenant Family Healthcare Center, 5009 College Ave., not at Cogdell Hospital as earlier announced.

Covenant is holding the PVD screenings to promote the Legs for Life campaign, a public education and wellness program committed to improving the cardiovascular health of the community.

PVD is a common circulation problem in which the arteries that carry blood to the legs or arms become narrowed or clogged. PVD is sometimes also called "hardening of the arteries." PVD affects eight million people in the U.S., including five percent of the over 50 population. Of these eight million people affected with PVD, only one quarter is receiving treatment.

Anyone who thinks they might be at risk for PVD, or experiences leg pain while moving but not while at rest is encouraged to come by Covenant Family Hedalthcare Wednesday for their free PVD screening.

For further information about the PVD screenings or the Legs for Life Campaign, call 915-573-1300.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day; serving begins at 11:30, games of choice will follow; reservations should be made by calling 573-3427.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch break.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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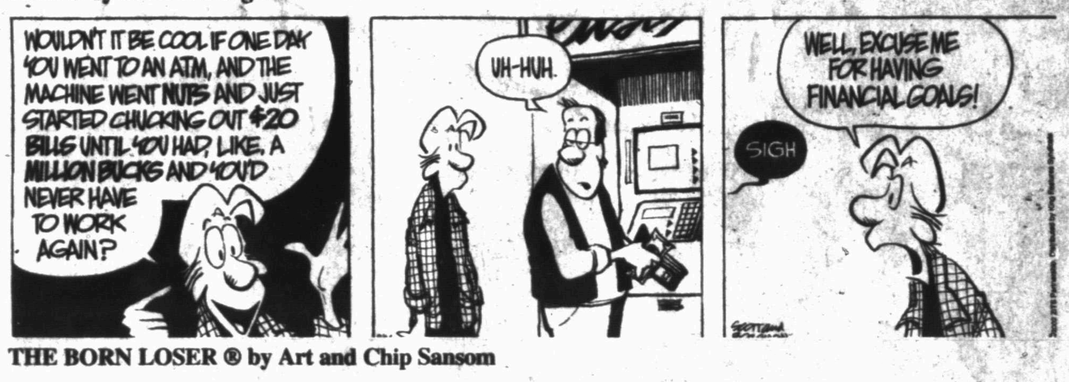
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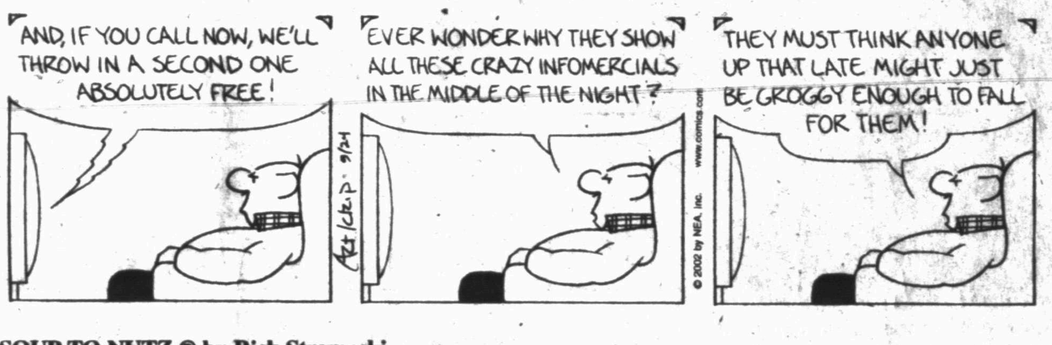
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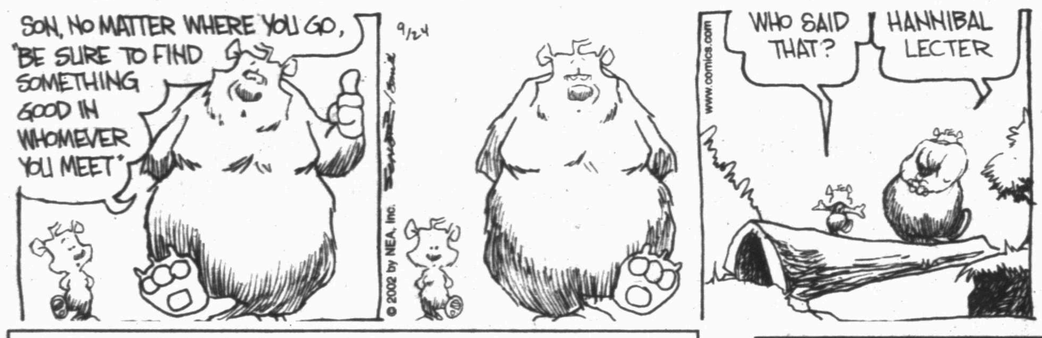
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13 Egg yellow
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16 Guide a raft
17 Carry on a lot
18 Sulks
20 Hen
21 Strive
23 Fly ball's path
24 The chills
27 Zilch
29 Dress bottom
32 Token
33 Pair
34 Tavern fare
35 Each and every
36 Poetic adverb
37 Big Dipper bear
38 Tissue layer
39 Tempest
40 Guide
41 Showery mo.
42 Loud noise
44 Wins easily
47 Cheesy snack
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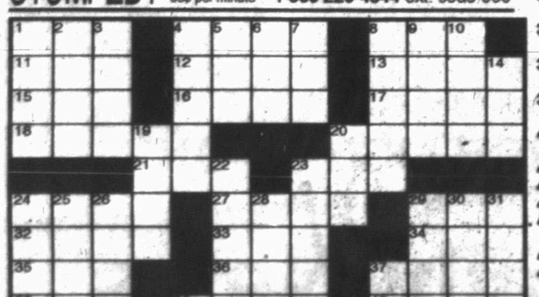
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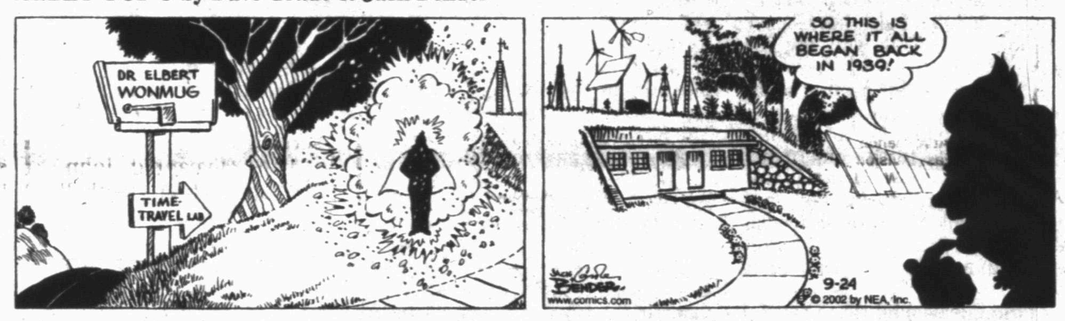
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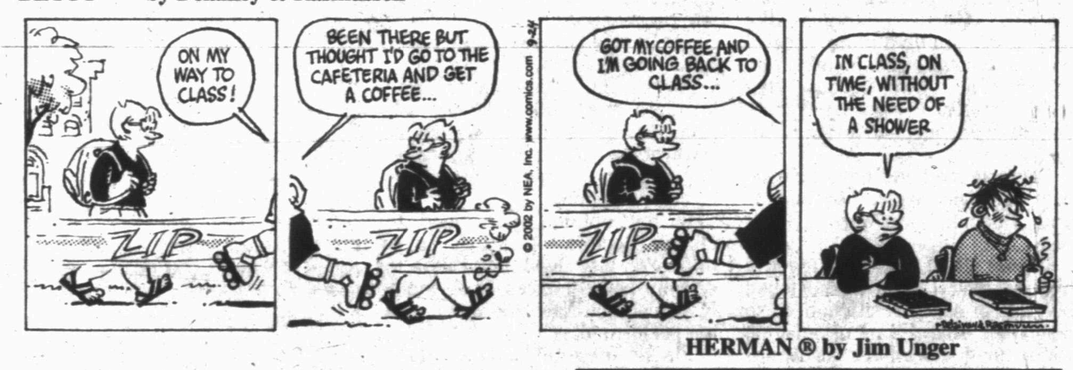
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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet tonight at 7 in the film room. Contact Glenda at 573-8511, ext. 264 for details.

Hunter education course

A Texas parks and wildlife hunter education course is scheduled for Oct. 12 at the SHS agriculture building for a fee of $10. To register, call 574-6046.

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 cash prizes will be awarded. Proceeds will benefit the Student Government Association.

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.

D-back's Gonzales injured

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Arizona Diamondbacks left fielder Luis Gonzalez separated his left shoulder in an on-field collision, a potentially major blow to the World Series champions. Shortstop Tony Womack's knee hit Gonzalez's shoulder in the fourth inning of Monday's game.

Colorado QB leaves school

Colorado quarterback Craig Ochs has decided not to play again this season after suffering his third concussion in a year.

Ochs, a junior who has started since his freshman year, will apply for a medical waiver redshirt for this season. He also will withdraw as a student from Colorado and relinquish his athletic scholarship.

Baseball umps sue MLB

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball umpires angry with the computer system used to track their calls behind the plate filed unfair labor practice charges against owners with the National Labor Relations Board. The umpires accused management of violating the labor law by refusing to provide information about the computer system, which umpires claim is inaccurate.

MLB Standings

National League

At A Glance

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	97	57	.630	—
Montreal	79	77	.506	19
Philadelphia	78	78	.500	20
Florida	75	81	.481	23
New York	74	81	.477	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-St. Louis	92	64	.590	—
Houston	83	74	.529	9½
Cincinnati	75	81	.481	17
Pittsburgh	69	87	.442	23
Chicago	65	91	.417	27
Milwaukee	54	102	.346	38

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	94	62	.603	—
San Francisco	90	66	.577	4
Los Angeles	88	68	.564	6
Colorado	72	84	.462	22
San Diego	65	91	.417	29

x-clinched division

Monday's Games

Houston 8, Milwaukee 6
St. Louis 13, Arizona 1

Tuesday's Games

Florida (Pavano 5-10) at Montreal (Ohka 13-8), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 10-11) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 12-11), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 18-10) at Philadelphia (Padilla 14-11), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Haynes 14-9) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 11-10), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Franklin 1-1) at Houston (Oswalt 19-7), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Patterson 1-0) at St. Louis (An.Benes 5-4), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 10-3) at Los Angeles (Od.Perez 15-9), 10:10 p.m.
San Diego (Ol.Perez 3-4) at San Francisco (Ortiz 13-10), 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Arizona (Schilling 23-6) at St. Louis (Stephenson 1-5), 1:40 p.m.
Florida (Baez 5-7) at Montreal (Colon 10-3), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Middlebrook 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Meadows 1-6), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 18-10) at Philadelphia (Padilla 14-11), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dempster 9-13) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 12-10), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Neugebauer 1-7) at Houston (Munro 5-5), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 16-8) at Los Angeles (Beirne 1-0), 10:10 p.m.
San Diego (Condrey 1-1) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 11-16), 10:15 p.m.

American League

At A Glance

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	98	58	.628	—
Boston	90	66	.577	8
Toronto	72	84	.462	26
Baltimore	67	89	.429	31
Tampa Bay	54	102	.346	44

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Minnesota	89	66	.574	—
Chicago	79	77	.506	10½
Cleveland	70	86	.449	19½
Kansas City	60	96	.385	29½
Detroit	54	101	.348	35

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oakland	99	57	.635	—
Anaheim	96	60	.615	3
Seattle	90	66	.577	9
Texas	70	86	.449	29

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Monday's Games

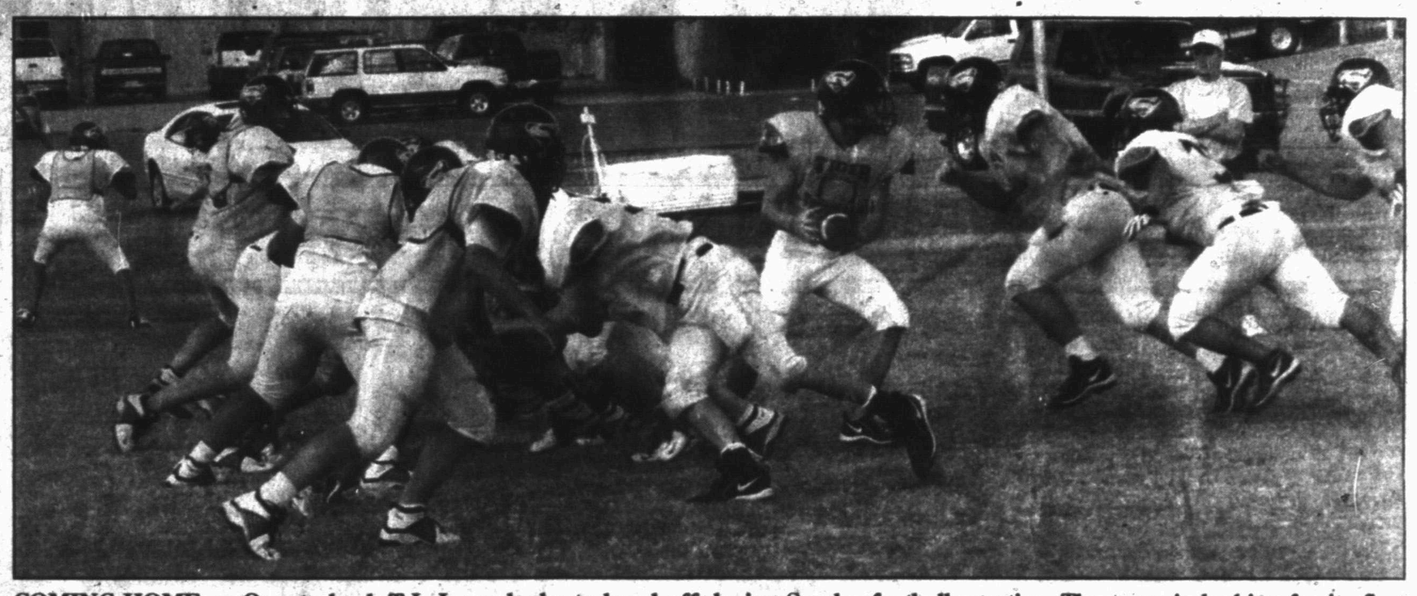
Boston 5, Baltimore 4, 15 innings
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Yankees 2

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore (Douglass 0-4) at Toronto (Halladay 17-7), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Harper 5-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 16-10), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Appier 14-11) at Texas (Benoit 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (R.Rodriguez 2-2) at Minnesota (Milton 13-9), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Fossum 4-4) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 12-11), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Loux 0-2) at Kansas City (Asencio 3-7), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 22-5) at Seattle (Valdes 8-11), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore (Lopez 15-8) at Toronto (Hendrickson 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Sturtze 4-17) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 13-6), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 15-9) at Texas (Rogers 13-8), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Tallett 1-0) at Minnesota (Reed 15-7), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 21-7) at Chicago White Sox (Biddle 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 8-16) at Kansas City (Byrd 17-11), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 15-9) at Seattle (Moyer 13-8), 10:05 p.m.



COMING HOME — Quarterback T.J. Jones looks to hand off during Snyder football practice. The team is looking for its first win of the season when they host Ft. Stockton for homecoming Friday night. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m., with Homecoming festivities set for halftime. (SDN Staff Photo)

NFC champs in deep hole at 0-3

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Maybe now it's time for the St. Louis Rams to get concerned.

The defending NFC champions dropped to 0-3 Monday night, hardly resembling a team that's been to the Super Bowl two of the past three seasons in a 26-14 loss to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Bucs' vaunted defense knocked running back Marshall Faulk out of the game and intercepted Kurt Warner four times to key their third straight victory in a heated rivalry that began with the Rams' 11-6 win in the 1999 NFC championship game.

Brad Johnson threw a 9-yard touchdown pass to Rickey Dudley and Martin Gramatica kicked field goals of 39 and 47 yards to help the Bucs (2-1) build a 13-7 halftime lead.

Brian Kelly's interception and 31-yard return to the St. Louis 1 set up Mike Alstott's TD plunge to put Tampa Bay up 19-7 with 10:42 to go. The Rams pulled within five points on Lamar Gordon's 20-yard TD run, but couldn't score again over the final 4:21.

Linebacker Derrick Brooks put the finishing touch on the victory, returning an interception 39 yards for a TD, a score assured when Warren Sapp flattened Warner near the goal line. He also scored on a 97-yard interception return in Tampa Bay's 25-0 win over Baltimore last week.

Faulk, who rushed for 9 yards on six carries, left with a neck strain early in the second quarter and did not return. He scored on a 5-yard run in the first quarter and finished with 9 yards on six carries.

The Rams opened the season with losses to the Denver Broncos and New York Giants, but maintained there was no reason for alarm. Climbing out of an 0-3 hole will be difficult, though.

Cowboy arrested at airport

WINDSOR LOCKS, Conn. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys practice squad player DeVeren Johnson was arrested Monday morning on charges that he pushed his way through a security checkpoint at Hartford's Bradley International Airport and left without being screened.

The 24-year-old Johnson, a former football standout at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., was charged with breach of peace and circumventing airport security. He was released on a $500 cash bond and was ordered to appear in court Oct. 8.

State police said the incident happened at 5:47 a.m. in Terminal A. He was arrested shortly afterward in the concourse area.

Dele mystery coming into focus

PAPEETE, Tahiti (AP) — By tracking calls made from a satellite phone, investigators in French Polynesia have mapped out where Bison Dele's luxury catamaran was sailing when he and two companions disappeared.

On July 6 or 7 — when the former NBA player, his girlfriend and the skipper were last seen — the boat was sailing near the tiny island of Maiao, west of Tahiti, investigating judge Jean-Bernard Taliercio said Monday. Authorities studied how calls made from aboard interacted with a satellite, tracking down the boat's coordinates.

French Polynesian officials have based their investigation on the suspicion that Dele's brother, Miles Dabord, who had been traveling with the group, was responsible for the deaths of Dele, his girlfriend Serena Karlan, and skipper Bertrand Saldo.

Investigators believe the bodies were dumped overboard. They have said they are searching for bodies in the South Pacific, though they don't have much hope of finding anything more than 10 weeks since the disappearances.

Dabord, in a coma in a California hospital, has not been charged in the United States in connection with the disappearances. After his companions vanished, he spent about two weeks in French Polynesia before flying home.

Dabord, formerly known as Kevin Williams, aroused suspicion when he signed his brother's name to try to buy $152,000 worth of gold in Phoenix. After he was discovered in a coma in Tijuana, Mexico on Sept. 14, Dabord was arrested on suspicion of impersonating his younger brother.

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Executed this 19th day of September, 2002.

(s)ESTELLE PIERCE
Independent Executrix
of the estate of
Robert Billie Pierce,
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Adoption agency is ordered closed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Central Texas-based adoption agency was forced to close Monday under orders from state authorities because its owner failed to take action after learning about an employee who had an undisclosed criminal history.

The state order comes after a week after another AAA-Alamo Adoption Agency worker, Maria Dolores Bondoc, was arrested on state and federal charges of smuggling pregnant Mexican women into Laredo so that she could buy their babies and them put them up for adoption through AAA-Alamo.

Based in San Antonio, the agency has additional offices in Corpus Christi, Dallas and Amarillo.

In an Aug. 15 letter, AAA-Alamo was told by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services that the unidentified female employee could not work at the agency without undergoing a risk evaluation study, said department spokesman Geoffrey Wool. The employee, whose criminal history includes traffic violations, was taking pregnant women to the hospital as recently as Friday, he said.

"In light of the allegations that have been made, against that backdrop of transporting women across the border, the allegations of selling babies and the fact that they had not cooperated with us up to this point, we felt like this is action that we needed to take," Wool told the San Antonio Express-News today.

Agency owners Bob and Eleanor Gray have declined comment. They couldn't be reached early today.

The department suspended its investigation of the unidentified employee so that the Webb County District Attorney's office could conduct its own criminal probe. But prosecutors said illegal activities are still going on and asked the state to resume its probe, Wool said.

If the state does not find any other infractions, the agency, which operates throughout the state, can reopen in 10 days, he said.

Bondoc's bond was lowered Monday from $1.8 million to $220,000. The 53-year-old woman has been held in a private, federal detention center since her arrest.

Markets

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NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	4.27	3.90	4.03	—.19
AOL TimeWrn	12.33	11.64	12.16	+.15
AT&T Corp	12.25	12.03	12.10	—.15
Albertsons	24.84	24.22	24.47	—.28
Alltel	41.30	40.70	41.00	—.97
AmEl Pw	26.35	25.56	26.35	—.27
AndarkPtr	42.75	40.71	41.80	—.90
ATMOS Egy	21.01	20.70	20.77	—.10
Aviall	10.27	10.10	10.20	—.06
BP PLC	40.00	39.39	39.68	—1.19
BakerHughes	27.50	26.53	26.60	—.62
Bank of Amer	64.80	63.02	63.90	+.05
BellSouth	21.65	21.25	21.37	—.46
BurlNoSFe	25.58	25.25	25.32	—.59
Caterpillar	37.20	36.69	36.83	—.83
ChevronTex	69.35	68.53	68.58	—1.11
Citigroup	28.10	26.90	27.50	—.07
CocaCola	47.30	46.70	47.07	+.07
ColgatePal	53.50	52.57	52.86	—.63
CrnclMetals s	17.85	17.46	17.58	+.12
ConocoPhill	48.20	47.11	47.19	—1.26
Cooper Inds	30.70	30.14	30.15	—.87
DaimlrChry	35.02	33.67	33.80	—2.06
DeltaAirl	11.30	10.50	10.72	—.58
Dillards Inc	23.16	22.85	22.76	—.39
DowChem	28.11	27.46	27.50	—1.29
DuPont	37.60	36.75	37.00	—1.38
EastmanChem	39.80	38.75	38.95	—1.41
EstKodak	27.57	26.64	27.19	+.03
EDS Corp	15.90	10.90	11.25	—5.27
Entergy	39.32	38.54	38.72	—.57
ExxonMobil	32.57	32.21	32.29	—.43
FootLocker	10.11	10.01	10.05	—.05
GenDynam	85.05	82.92	83.30	—1.17
GenlElec	26.40	25.55	25.95	—.45
GenMills	43.50	43.00	43.37	+.23
GenMotors	40.90	40.00	40.20	—1.38
GaPacific	15.35	14.51	14.80	—.72
Goodrich	19.72	19.50	19.63	—.23
Goodyear	9.10	8.75	8.76	—.31
GtAtlPac	7.95	7.80	7.83	—.11
Halliburtn	13.18	12.56	12.56	—.64
Hanson ADS	27.00	26.50	26.64	—1.39
HarteHanks s	19.45	19.17	19.26	—.34
HomeDepot	29.88	28.75	29.26	—.62
HoneywellIntl	23.16	22.66	22.71	—.26
IBM	63.30	61.08	62.56	—.81
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SBC Comm	22.65	22.05	22.44	—.27
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SearsRoeb	41.70	40.81	41.31	—.81
SherwinW	23.20	22.70	23.06	—.50
SouthernCo	27.78	27.17	27.53	—.20
SwstAirl	13.33	13.04	13.20	—.31
SprintFON	9.40	9.10	9.25	—.17
SprintPCS	2.54	2.32	2.33	—.25
Sunoco Inc	31.30	30.52	30.54	—.64
TXU Corp	40.79	39.68	39.89	—.97
TempleInland	43.58	40.40	41.27	—2.30
TexInd	24.13	24.02	24.02	—.28
TexasInst	15.75	14.57	15.27	+.32
Textron	34.68	34.29	34.41	—.59
TrinityInds	17.05	16.30	16.94	—.31
TylerTech	4.19	4.05	4.15	—.09
UnionPacif	58.69	57.55	57.63	—1.26
USSteel	11.85	10.76	11.43	+.51
UnitedTech	57.40	56.50	56.51	—.90
Unocal	31.00	30.33	30.38	—.61
VerizonComm	29.40	28.70	29.12	—.59
WalMart	52.40	51.54	51.82	—.78
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COUNTY OF SCURRY §

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Cause No.	*Styling*	*Legal Description*
18,739	Scurry County v. Frank Selvera	1. Lot 1, Block 10, Manry Subdivision to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas. 2. S75' of Lot 2, Block 10, Manry Subdivision to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas
20,929	Scurry County v. Fairy Myers Looney	3. Lots 1 through 6, and Lots 10, 11, 12, except Highway, Block 2, Helms Subdivision, Scurry County, Texas

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SHERIFF, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS

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Mother wants to get Cosco booster seat off market

WASHINGTON (AP) — A mother whose son was killed while riding in a Cosco Explorer booster seat has started a campaign to get the model off the market.

Melanie Armstrong of Victoria, Texas, says the Cosco Explorer and the next generation Grand Explorer are marketed for children as small as 30 pounds, but are not safe for children under 40 pounds. Her 2-year-old son, Christopher, weighed 33 pounds and was riding in the seat when he was thrown from the vehicle and killed after the family's minivan rolled over in a 1999 accident.

Dorel Juvenile Group Inc., which makes the Cosco booster seats, says the product meets federal safety standards and has a strong safety record.

"We certainly do not think the request to take the product off the market has any merit," said Ken Mitchell, executive vice president of sales and marketing for the Columbus, Ind.-based company.

The federal government recommends children ride in a forward-facing car seat until they are 40 pounds, then move to a booster seat until they are 4 feet 9 inches tall. Booster seats keep the vehicle's seat belt across the child's lap and shoulder instead of the abdomen and neck.

The Cosco Explorer, made from 1985-1996, and Grand Explorer, made since 1996, have a plastic padded shield for use with children 30-40 pounds. The shield holds the vehicle's seat belt away from the child and should be removed for children 40-80 pounds.

About 10 million Explorers and Grand Explorers have been sold. The seat is popular because it is less expensive than other booster seats, which can cost more than $100.

Mitchell says the Grand Explorer is the only "shield booster" sold in the United States for children under 40 pounds. When Dorel sells the Grand Explorer in Canada, it is labeled for children weighing more than 40 pounds, as required by Canadian law.

Families grieve as two dead and three missing in mishap

DALLAS (AP) — After nearly three hours of swimming in the dark, murky waters of Lake Ray Hubbard, Sara Guzman finally made it ashore and got a neighbor to call for help.

She told authorities what had happened: a 16-foot fishing boat she was on hit an obstruction shortly after midnight Monday and began taking on water. The boat was loaded with nine of Guzman's family members and friends.

"The only thing I could think was 'I need help,' and I began to swim," she told The Dallas Morning News today. "I've always been very afraid of the water, but at that moment, I don't know, I became very courageous."

Rescuers rushed to the man-made lake and began scouring for survivors. Four were pulled from the water unharmed.

Two others — Guzman's 18-year-old sister, Elizabeth Guzman, and Rosa Isela Holguin, 38 — were found dead, Dallas Fire Rescue Lt. Doug Dickerson said. A 39-year-old male, a 21-year-old man and a 12-year-old girl were missing and feared dead, Dickerson said.

Relatives gathered at the shore until Monday evening, waiting for word as two police helicopters circled over the green, windswept waters.

Four rescue boats patrolled the general area where authorities believed the boat sank. The search covered 3 square miles and began at about 3:30 a.m.

By early afternoon, police had given up hope of survivors and changed the focus of the search to recovery rather than rescue. The search was expected to resume at daybreak today.

There were only two life jackets aboard, and both were worn by survivors.

State law requires a life jacket on board for each person in a boat, Texas Parks and Wildlife Lt. Col. Roy Lawrence said.

Children under age 13 must wear a life jacket. Additionally, a boat 16 feet or longer must also have a floating device that can be thrown from the craft.

Meanwhile, authorities were trying to determine why the boat was on the lake for so long at night.

Lab study suggests protection from 'mad cow' could be bred into cattle

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a study that could help develop cattle bred to resist mad cow disease, researchers showed in a laboratory experiment that a mutated protein may protect animals from the prion protein that causes the brain-destroying disorder.

Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, reported that they genetically altered a strain of mice so the animals made a mutated form of prions which then prevented the animals from becoming ill when injected with a form of prion that usually causes the brain disease.

"We found that the (genetically engineered) mouse became completely resistant to the prion disease," said Dr. Jiri G. Safar, a co-author of the study appearing this week in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Safar said he and his colleagues now hope to develop a genetically engineered strain of cattle which is resistant to mad cow, known formally as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE.

Patrick W. Dunne, a veterinary scientist at Texas A&M and a BSE researcher, called the study by Safar and his colleagues "a breakthrough."

"This means that prion diseases in livestock could be at least inhibited, if not eliminated," said Dunne. "It is a very significant finding."

Prion diseases include BSE in cattle, scrapie in sheep and Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in humans. There is also a related wasting disease in deer and elk. The diseases are caused by an abnormal form of the prion protein that makes the normal form of prion change its shape and become infectious. The abnormal prion causes the progressive, irreversible destruction of brain cells. The disease is fatal in all species where it occurs.

An epidemic of mad cow disease developed in Britain in the 1980s after cattle there were given feed that included body parts from sheep with scrapie. Researchers later found that some people developed a form of prion disease, called new variant-Crutchfeld-Jacob Disease, after eating meat from infected cattle. The discovery caused a temporary ban on the import of British beef in many countries and the destruction of thousands of cattle in the United Kingdom.

More than 100 people in Europe have been diagnosed with new variant-CJD, but that form of prion disease has not been diagnosed in the United States. A type of CJD not related to eating meat, however, does occur in the United States.

In the new study, Safar and his co-authors, which includes Stanley B. Prusiner, who was awarded a Nobel Prize for discovering prion disease, found that by altering the genes of mice they could make the animals resistant to the brain-destroying disease.

Safar said earlier studies in Japan and elsewhere had suggested that some mutated forms of prion prevented the disease-causing form of the protein from causing disease.

To test this idea, researchers engineered a mouse strain with genes that caused key changes in the amino acids that make up the prion protein. When mature, the mice were injected with high doses of the disease-causing form of prion.

Although some of the test animals did form some pathogenic prions, none of them developed the full blown prion disease. Safar called this the "silent expression" of the diseased prion.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mother has reason to fear son-in-law's drunken abuse

DEAR ABBY: "Fearful in California," the mother of a newlywed young woman, wrote that her son-in-law, "Doug," was a nice guy, but verbally abusive when he drank. She said the next day Doug would conveniently "forget" what he had said or how badly he had behaved.

The daughter was frightened by her new husband's threats when he was drunk and feared that one day he'd carry them out. "Fearful" asked if you thought she should talk to her son-in-law and suggest he get help.

You advised her to stay out of it and that the daughter had to be the one to draw the line. You also said the daughter should join Al-Anon.

Abby, domestic abuse is not merely caused by alcohol. It's an issue of control. Domestic abuse thrives in solitude. That son-in-law needs to be made aware that his in-laws are watching. If this situation is fueled by alcohol, the son-in-law should seek help. If he doesn't, that mother needs to remove her daughter. Please let these people know they're right to be fearful. — **DR. MOURAINE R. BAKER, FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZ.**

DEAR DR. BAKER: Although verbal abuse does tend to escalate over time, I saw no reason for the parents to step in now. Drunks (and abusers) tend to blame others for their own problems. That's why I advised the mother to send her daughter to Al-Anon, where she would learn that no matter what the husband accused her of during his drunken rages, she was not responsible for his behavior. It's an important lesson. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My mom went through the same thing with my dad. Dad refused to believe my mom when she told him what he had said while he was drunk, so she videotaped him one night. She made him watch the tape the next day, and he was mortified at his behavior.

As a result he substantially altered his drinking.

If the daughter can't obtain a video camera, a simple audio tape recorder will do just as well. Mom had the camera just sitting casually on a table.

You were right to advise "Fearful" to steer her daughter to Al-Anon. Al-Anon gave my mother the courage to videotape Dad. It made all the difference in their marriage, which lasted 53 years until her death two years ago. That daughter is in for an increasingly abusive marriage if she doesn't put a stop to what's going on now. — **HAPPY DAUGHTER, SAUGERTIES, N.Y.**

DEAR DAUGHTER: Thank you for suggesting videotaping the drunken husband. Other readers wrote to say they had done it, and that it had shocked the drinkers into getting the help they so desperately needed. Denial is an integral part of alcoholism. Unless it can be overcome, the drunk won't admit there is a problem and seek help.

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DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Fearful in California" was correct. If the mother confronts the son-in-law, it will either cause the daughter to defend him and cling to him even more, or cause the son-in-law to blame his wife for the mother's actions. I know because it happened to me.

Mom didn't consult me before she staged an "intervention," thinking it would help. My husband thought I had put her up to it, and he made my life even more hellish than it had been. Of course, I was determined to prove Mother wrong. So I stayed with him another hellish three years, until my nerves were shot and my bank account was empty. I might have left sooner if Mom hadn't meddled. — **HAPPY NOW IN COLUMBUS, OHIO**

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Alamo director 5th-generation Texan

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A fifth-generation Texan has been named the new director of Texas' shrine of independence.

David Stewart has been hired by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas as director of the Alamo.

This year marked the 166th anniversary of the battle for Texas independence at the old mission. About 200 Texian defenders were overrun by a Mexican army of about 5,000 soldiers on March 6, 1836.

"It's so much a part of my heritage," said Stewart, 63. "As a fifth-generation Texan, it's a dream come true. To be able to preserve that heritage is wonderful."

Stewart, as director, is responsible for operation of the complex, managing the budget and 93 employees. He doesn't plan a major shift in direction for the operation of the shrine.

"We just want to be able to maintain it," he told the San Antonio Express-News today. "It's a very expensive proposition."

But Stewart, who said he enjoyed visiting the shrine when he was growing up, wants to broaden the Alamo's education programs.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002

In the year ahead you're likely to pursue new avenues for bettering your financial position. By taking a new direction, large strides can be made toward achieving your aims and goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — An outside force may be what pushes you into initiating a change with something that is of personal importance to you. You won't mind, however, because there will be benefits attached to it. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Associate with active, lively people today. Chances are, you won't be in the mood to be tied down with those who drag their feet. Your juices will be flowing full speed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't wait for people to notice you: call attention to yourself if you've done something that turned out particularly successful at work today. Let the powers that be know you're the one to credit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — There is a lot of news to catch up on or share with special friends, and today will be a perfect day to do so. Get on the telephone and set something up with pals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Good things are likely to result today when you're looking out for the needs of others and not just your own.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There's a strong chance that today you will team up with someone quite inspirational. This person may get you fired up on a great idea that will bring immediate benefits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The very least you will get out of exerting extra effort on the job today is getting more done than expected. However, it could also yield you a raise as a bonus.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Your popularity with your peers will be very much in evidence today. Get your calendar out, because a ton of invitations may be coming your way.

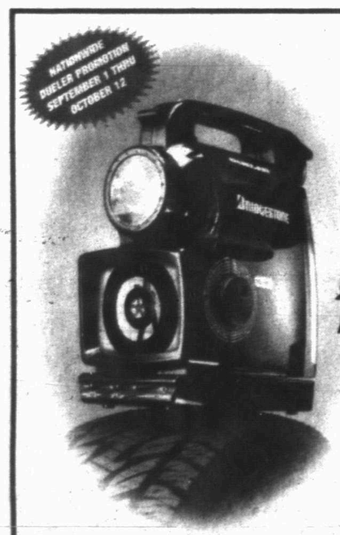
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — This might be that perfect day for clearing up old responsibilities or jobs you've been sweeping under the rug. You're equally as good a finisher at this time as you are a starter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You won't mind a bit if an outside interest monopolizes your time today. You'll find it not only diversifying, but a fun way of keeping you busy as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There is no need to be intimidated by your competition today, because when needed, you will have a great deal of reserve to draw upon. Just keep on plugging and you'll win.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Utilize your bright ideas by putting them to work for you today. Even when experimenting with one of your concepts, should you make a mistake or be a bit off, you can correct it then.

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Gunmen storm Hindu temple in India

GANDHINAGAR, India (AP) — Gunmen stormed a popular Hindu temple and opened fire, killing 23 worshippers and wounding 40 today in a western Indian state where hundreds were killed in religious rioting this year, authorities said.

With some 150 worshippers still inside, 240 state commandos swarmed into Swaminarayan, a sprawling Hindu complex in Gandhinagar city in Gujarat state. The commandos set up positions around the main temple, said R.B. Brahmabhatt, the city's acting police chief.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

Deputy Prime Minister Lal K. Advani, speaking to reporters in New Delhi, described the shooting as a suicide mission.

He said 23 people were dead including six women and four children, and 500 people were evacuated. "The terrorists are still inside, on the roof of the sprawling complex."

It was not immediately clear if the attack was linked to Islamic guerrillas who have threatened to sabotage state elections being held Tuesday in India's northern Jammu-Kashmir state.

"I saw five gunmen inside," said 25-year-old Balwant Shukwant Patel, who was among some 65 people who were rescued by security forces soon after the shooting began.

"We were sitting under a tree when they started firing indiscriminately," Patel said.

Miss Russia loses Miss Universe crown

NEW YORK (AP) — Four months after she became the first Miss Universe from Russia, Oxana Fedorova had her crown removed because she was too busy to travel much.

The Miss Universe Organization said it fired the 24-year-old law student Monday — the first time in the pageant's 52-year history that it has ousted a woman wearing the crown.

The first runner-up, Miss Panama Justine Pasek, 22, was to be crowned today.

Paula Shugart, president of the Miss Universe Organization, said Fedorova was dethroned because she "was unable to fulfill her duties," chiefly traveling around the world for charities.

"She needed to spend a lot of time in Russia," Shugart said on NBC's "Today" show today. "I believe her mother was ill at one point."

When asked about reports that Fedorova was fired because she was married or pregnant, Shugart said, "No, I honestly have no idea where any of that came from." Miss Universe cannot be married or have children, according to pageant rules.

Fedorova, a police lieutenant pursuing a graduate law degree at St. Petersburg's Police Academy, denied she had been fired and said she gave up the title herself.

"The duties of a world beauty are wonderful. However, my prime goal is my studies and career in Russia," Fedorova told RTR state television. "I know I will remain Miss Universe for Russian citizens and for myself."

She denied she was married or pregnant.

"I want a family, I love family, but it is a dream for me," she said. "I was never married."

Relations between U.S. and Germany are at lowest point

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's spokesman dug in against German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder today, saying fractured relations over his election-season criticism of U.S. policy won't just "go away."

"I don't think anybody should be surprised ... that words and actions have consequences and they don't go away after the election," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

"Obviously relations are strained between governments," he said.

Fleischer's remarks two days after Schroeder won narrow re-election — in a campaign marked by Schroeder's sharp criticism of Bush and a top German official's reported comparison of his tactics to those of Adolf Hitler — reflect how Bush administration officials are not rushing to smooth over U.S.-German relations.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was the most direct of U.S. officials offering a cold shoulder. Speaking Monday in Europe hours after Schroeder's narrow election victory, Rumsfeld said the tone of Schroeder's campaign had poisoned U.S.-German relationship.

"I have no comment on the German elections outcome, but I would have to say that the way it was conducted was notably unhelpful," Rumsfeld told reporters. "And as the White House indicated, it has had the effect of poisoning the relationship."

Rumsfeld apparently was referring to comments by national security adviser Condoleezza Rice in The Financial Times newspaper Saturday in which she was quoted as saying the reported comparison of Bush to Hitler by Germany's minister of justice had created a "poisoned" atmosphere.

A senior U.S. official said Monday the administration was displeased about Schroeder's repeated expressions of opposition to U.S. policy on Iraq and those on global warming, the death penalty and the International Criminal Court as well as U.S. restrictions on free trade.

A contributing factor was a letter Schroeder sent to Bush last Friday in which he denied his justice minister had made remarks comparing him to Hitler.

Obituaries

Bill Pollard

1931-2002

Billy Ray "Bill" Pollard, died Saturday, Sept. 21, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Pollard, 70, will be cremated and a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Joe Welsh, chaplain of the Hendrick Hospice Care, will officiate.

Born Dec. 29, 1931 in Sudan, he was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Pollard worked in the oil industry in West Texas for many years, returning to Snyder in the early 1990s to help care for his aging parents. He was a Meals on Wheels volunteer for the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Bob and Janell Pollard, Ken and Lanell Pollard and Farris Pollard, all of Snyder, and Raymond and Ernestine Pollard of Abilene.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hendrick Hospice Care, Box 1922, Abilene, 79604.

Jack Fuller

1943-2002

MAY — William "Jack" Fuller, the son of Ruth Baughman of Snyder, died Saturday, Sept. 21, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Fuller, 59, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Starbuck Funeral Home Chapel in Merkel with the Rev. Terry Way officiating. Burial will follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

Born July 3, 1943 in Tupelo, Miss., he married Kathy Browne on Dec. 2, 1985 in Sweetwater.

Mr. Fuller worked as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator for 40 years.

Survivors also include his wife, Kathy Fuller of May; a daughter, Bridget Shelton of Batesville, Miss.; two stepsons, Lynn Gregory of Abilene and Richard Gregory of Decatur; a stepdaughter, Mandy Gregory of Merkel; three brothers, John Fuller of Ira, Jim Fuller of San Angelo and Harold Fuller of Slidell, La.; a sister, Elaine Ducro of Slidell; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Hardegree

1924-2002

COLORADO CITY — Marjorie Hardegree, aunt of Sid Hardegree of Snyder, died Monday, Sept. 23, at her residence.

Service for Mrs. Hardegree, 78, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the 22nd & Austin Streets Church of Christ in Colorado City. Burial will follow in the Dorn Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 12, 1924 in Colorado City, she married E.M. Hardegree on Aug. 8, 1943 in Colorado City. A homemaker, she was a member of the 22nd & Austin Streets Church of Christ.

Mrs. Hardegree was preceded in death by her parents, George W. and Alice Garrett Plaster.

Survivors also include her husband, E.M. Hardegree of Colorado City; a son and daughter-in-law, George and Tammy Hardegree of Colorado City; a sister, Fayrel Boney of Colorado City; and three grandchildren, Kalynn, Kyler and Kynzie Hardegree, all of Colorado City.

21-year-old man charged with Sunday's stabbing

Arrests

A 21-year-old man, held in connection with a stabbing Sunday, has been charged with the offense, Sheriff Darren Jackson said today.

Ernesto Esteban Ramirez of 10018 Hwy 350 in Ira is charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a felony.

He was arrested at the scene for public intoxication. The sheriff said further investigation led to the additional charge.

Ramirez allegedly stabbed Gary Lopez Hernandez in the upper chest early Sunday. Hernandez is in Lubbock's University Medical Center in stable condition.

At 10:30 p.m. Monday, DPS troopers arrested a 27-year-old man on Hwy 208 for public intoxication.

Pursuit

At 2:20 a.m. today, an employee at Cogdell Hospital reported a man leaving the hospital on foot and described him as "severely intoxicated." The employee also advised the man drove away in his vehicle.

Snyder officer Kevin Fritz located the driver and a short pursuit began. The suspect's vehicle was involved in a one-vehicle accident near 38th Street and Noble Dr. and the driver was taken into custody.

Arrested was Ricky Lynn Badger, 38, of Katy for driving while intoxicated and evading arrest, a felony. His vehicle was towed.

Accident

Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the 600 block of 26th Street Monday evening.

Involved in the 7:15 p.m. mishap were a 1992 Chevrolet pickup driven by Kimberly Gambol, 39, of 2412 32nd Street and a 2000 Ford Windstar driven by Willie Garcia Jr., 30, of 6533 CR 264.

An accident was reported at 8:15 p.m. Monday at 37th Street and College Ave. Involved were a 1995 Saturn driven by Richard Hernandez, 30, of 410 33rd Street and a 1987 Chrysler New Yorker driven by Carol Schattel, 51, of 3474 U.S. Hwy 84.

Schattel was taken by private vehicle to Cogdell Hospital, where she was treated and released.

Burglary

Jeff Thompson reported a break-in at 812 32nd Street Monday afternoon and advised a television was stolen. Officers submitted a report for burglary of a habitation.

Gas drive off

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off at 10:20 a.m. Monday but provided no other information.

Another drive off in the amount of $10 was reported from the same location at 4:30 p.m.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

ACS board meeting

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a board of directors meeting at 5 p.m. today in the boardroom of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Scurry County Genealogical Society

The local Genealogical Society will meet at 7 tonight in the Scurry County Library. Visitors are welcome at the meeting that will feature tips and hints for successful research on computers.

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 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Open to all children from infants to 7th grade.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

SHS homecoming parade

The homecoming parade is 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.

Homecoming fajita dinner

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

Joint class reunion

The Snyder High School graduating classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945 will have their reunion at Martha Ann Woman's Club Friday and Saturday. 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. Friday for the before game meal at the high school and then attend the game between the Tigers and Ft. Stockton. 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. Friday. Tickets at $5 must be bought in advance from the junior high office or any choir student.

Football T-shirt sale

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

Burrito sale

First Assembly of God will hold a fundraiser burrito sale from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at the church at 1809 College Ave. Orders will be taken beginning at 10 a.m. and delivery is available on orders of five or more by calling 573-3316.

Ira postmaster to retire

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

Ira First Baptist Church revival

Ira First Baptist Church will hold a revival at 7 p.m. nightly from Saturday until Wednesday, Oct. 2. Murlyn Keller is the evangelist.

Support groups

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

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 Oct. 11-12. The exes' 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.

Head Start program

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

Call to poets

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

Adult basic education classes

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

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