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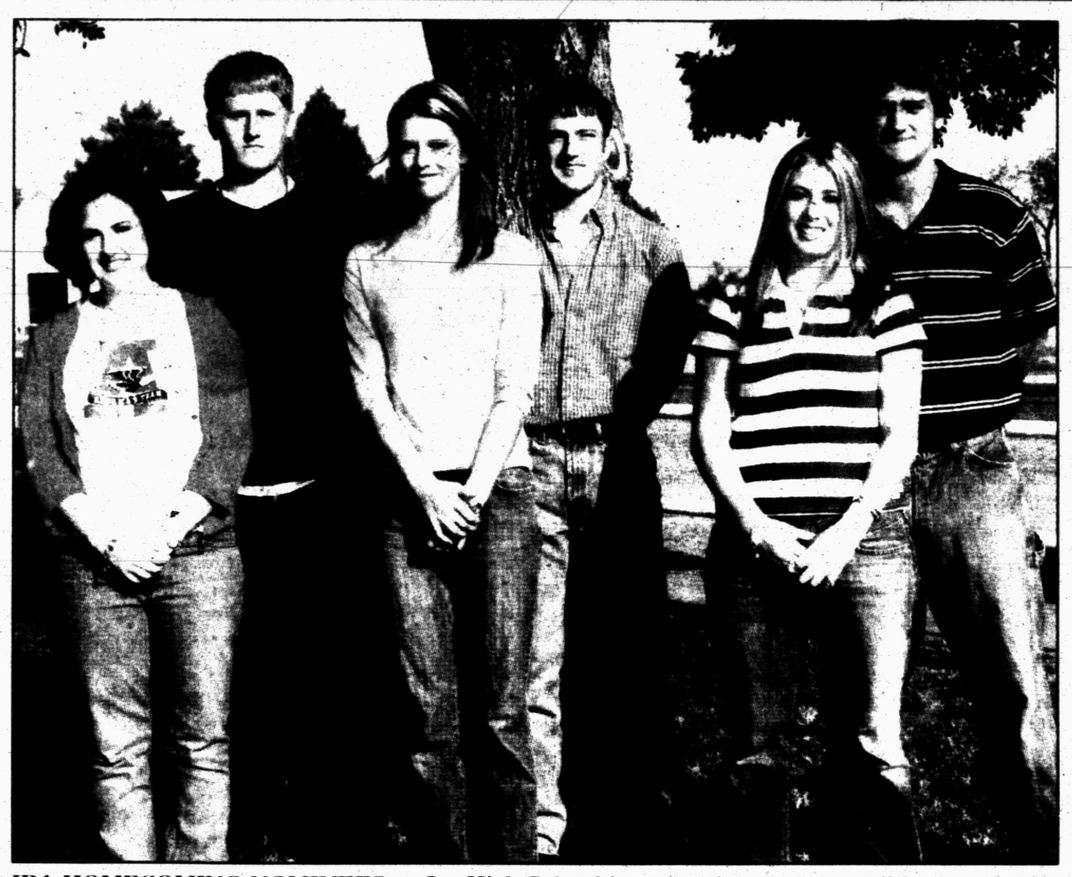
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IRA HOMECOMING NOMINEES — Ira High School homecoming queen candidates and their escorts are from left, Amber Sanchez and Brandon Crane, both juniors; Lindsey Wilson, senior; and Wes Kellner, sophomore; and Amanda Calley and Jake Barnes, both seniors. Ira's homecoming is set Friday. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Ira homecoming set Friday

Ira High School's homecoming, highlighted by the Bulldogs grid clash with Jayton, is Friday.

Candidates for queen and their escorts are Amber Sanchez and Brandon Crane, both juniors; Lindsey Wilson, senior, and Wes Kellner, sophomore; and Amanda Calley and Jake Barnes, both seniors.

The pep rally is set for 2:45 p.m. Friday in the old gym. The football game with Jayton begins at 7:30 p.m. and the queen will be crowned during halftime. The mini cheerleaders will also perform.

The senior class will sponsor a brisket meal from 5:30 p.m. until game time. Tickets are $6 for adults, $4 for children and free for under five.

A dance in the old gym will follow the game. Tickets are $2 for adults and $1 for students. Fifth grade and under students will be asked to leave at 11 p.m.

No new meningitis cases reported

A Hermleigh student and teacher who were suspected of having viral meningitis are reported today to be in good condition.

The student has returned to classes and the teacher has been released from the hospital, recuperating at home. The two were treated as having viral meningitis after tests ruled out bacterial meningitis.

Scurry County Health Unit epidemiologist Tammy Tyrrell said that viral meningitis is on the increase in five states, including Texas. There are no antibiotics for the disease, which may appear as a runny nose, fever or other flu-like symptoms. "There's a whole host of viruses than can cause it and often which virus it is can't be pinpointed," said Tyrrell.

There is no prophylactic treatment of the viral infection, meaning that no antibiotics are given to those in close contact of the infected patients.

"Some people are just more susceptible to the infection," Tyrell said. "It's not as contagious as the flu." She said that those who contract viral meningitis might experience very mild symptoms, like those of a cold.

No other cases of bacterial or viral meningitis have been reported in Scurry County.

Time is short for 915 code here

Area code 915 becomes history for Snyder and Scurry County residents starting Saturday.

Only residents in far West Texas — including El Paso — will continue to use the familiar 915 for their area code.

Beginning Saturday, callers to the Snyder, Abilene San Angelo area must use 325 for the area code.

The way long-distance calls are made will remain unchanged except for the area code.

Callers dialing 915 to reach a 325 area after Saturday will hear a recorded message instructing them to dial the new area codes. After Dec. 6, calls will not go through and the reminder will not be given.

The Midland and Odessa area, also formerly in the 915 area, will switch to 432 area code.

The three-way split of 915 comes as a result of population growth and additional phone lines, fax machines, computer modems, pagers and cellular phones.

Wireless telephone customers should have their devices reprogrammed to accept the new area code to avoid having their numbers reassigned.

Citizens are reminded to give friends and relatives notice of the change. Businesses should contact vendors, suppliers, business associates and branch offices.

Reprogramming the area code to fit personal burglar and fire alarm systems is also necessary. Also included are automatic dialers and cell phones.

Chamber directors to review applications in called board meeting

The board of directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon Friday to continue the search for an executive director.

The board has interviewed two of the three finalists for the position, and it is not known today if the third finalist will be interviewed. Susie Henry cancelled her Tuesday afternoon interview session due to a conflict.

"She said she is still interested in the job, but it will be up to the board whether they want to hold an interview," said Thornton.

The board has interviewed Susie White of Snyder and Richard Waters of Grapevine for the vacancy created by the death of Donna Fowler.

The meeting will be held at the Spanish Inn.

Another map surfaces in redistricting debate

By The Associated Press

A map presented by Sens. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, and Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, is one option for ending the West Texas dispute.

The plan would pair the cities of Midland and Abilene in one district that would stretch from Loving County on the New Mexico border to Bandera County to the south and up to Erath County. Another district would pair San Angelo and Lubbock in a district that extends from Parmer County to Tom Green County to Palo Pinto County.

"The agricultural community of interest would be tied to the Lubbock district. The oil and gas and ranching communities of interest would be tied to the Abilene, Midland-Odessa district," Duncan said. "This is a reasonable solution to this problem."

Craddick has been pushing for a district that would make his hometown the base for a congressional seat. The existing map has Lubbock and Midland in a district represented by U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock.

The proposal would mean U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, an Abilene Democrat who has residences in both the reconfigured districts, Duncan said, would be paired either against Neugebauer or a potential challenger from Midland in the 2004 elections. Duncan said that would make it hard for Stenholm to win either district.

Craddick spokesman Bob Richter countered that.

"It would be a difficult map for a person from the Permian Basin to win," Richter said.

As they unveiled the map, the senators said they wanted to meet Gov. Rick Perry's Wednesday deadline for the conference committee of House and Senate members to reach an agreeemnt.

"I think what's more important is to have a process that works where the people of the state can elect their representatives to Congress in lines that have been drawn by the duly elected representatives. That's the most important issue," Perry said.

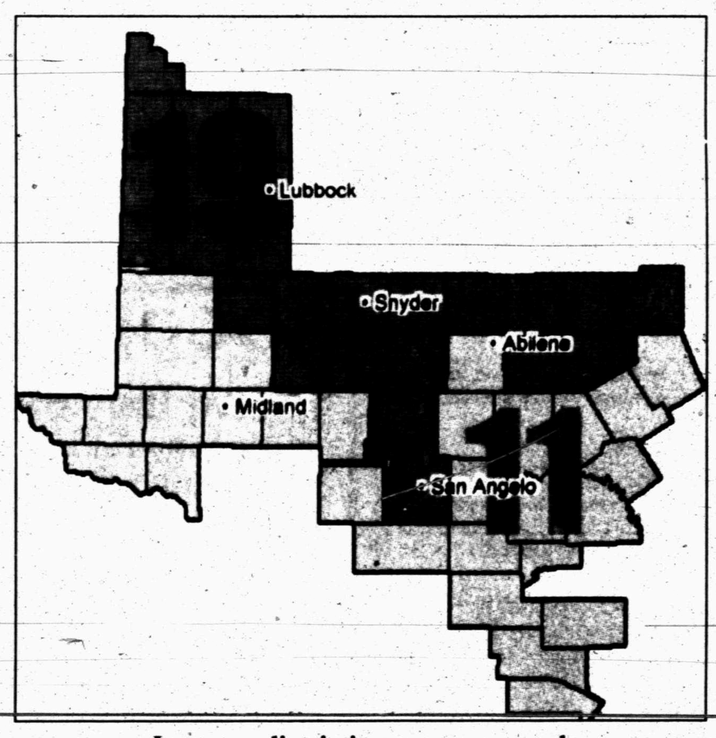
The senators said their West Texas proposal comes from a map by Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, a Burleson Republican who is considered to be on Craddick's leadership team.

"How could a top Republican leader offer a compromise on West Texas that the Speaker has rejected?" Staples questioned during the news conference.

A Wohlgemuth aide said there are differences between the senators' proposal and the map Wohlgemuth offered. Aide Erica Phillips also said the Wolgemuth plan was her proposal, not that of the House leadership.

Craddick also sought to distance himself from the map, saying Wohlgemuth is not a member of the redistricting committee and did not speak for him in drawing her map.

The GOP has been trying to get a redistricting map approved for months.



Latest redistricting map proposal

WTC program wants older students seeking college degree

Educational Talent Search, a federally-funded grant that Western Texas College received a year ago, is now in its second year and is recruiting adults age 27 or under that have not completed high school but are interested in receiving their GED and enrolling in college.

Adults who started college but did not complete can also receive assistance in re-enrollment. This program provides services that help individuals re-enter high school, complete their GED, or re-enter a college of their choice.

The goal of the program is to encourage individuals to achieve higher education through services such as GED programs, financial aid assistance, test preparation, tutoring, college tours, admissions and college information and career assessment.

Those interested in this program should contact call WTC at 325-573-8511, ext, 377. More information can be obtained by visiting Room 105 in the student center.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Leslie Schmidt



We were watching the Kovels' Flea Market Finds on HGTV last Saturday and they were showing antique buggies and sleighs. Since Mr. Schmidt is from the north, he is familiar with sleighs, but here in West Texas, we have our own memories of buggies, and other forms of wheeled transportation.

When we were kids, some of my father's friends, an older man and his wife, had an old-timey, two-story farmhouse that every kid who lived in the area had played at or visited at one time or another. It was famous for the cistern on the front porch where you could drink cool water out of a metal ladle.

They also had a buggy. One of the grandkids hooked up the pony and took us for a ride one day. Going full throttle down a dusty, old dirt road, we learned that feet should be kept inside the buggy. A wheel burn will leave a scar for life.

When Grandma was still alive, we were all sitting around the supper table one night when Dad said, "Ask Grandma how she came to Texas."

We were teenagers, who knew everything, of course, so we figured she had came here in a Studebaker or something. "Grandma, how'd you get here from Oklahoma?" one of us shouted (Grandma was terribly deaf). Then she said her customary "What?" and then the question was repeated.

"Covered wagon," she replied. We died laughing and said "No, really!" She looked us over like a bunch of fools and said, "Covered wagon" again, with a look that dared us to defy her words. Now that the family photos have been passed down to us, we see that, indeed, Grandma did come by covered wagon.

It's ironic, sort of, that people who were moving about the country in tents took so many pictures. The tents must not have signified poverty. And the tent that Grandma's family stayed in looked more like a circus tent or one of those huge tents that can be rented for weddings than the general purpose tents one sees now. It looks like they were having fun.

The last buggy anecdote that we have is about an old Model T that Grandpa had. Dad said he and one of his friends that lived down the road would get it going as fast as they could, pull the brake so the car spun around backwards, and mow down the stop sign that stood in front of their house. What a creative way to pass the time.

He also said that when he was a little kid and they would go to East Texas to see kinfolk, that they had to drive backwards up Weatherford hill because the reverse gear had more power than the forward drive gears.

That makes us laugh more than picturing Grandma coming to Texas in a covered wagon. We can just see a carload of relatives, with Dad in his knee pants, hanging out the car window, while Grandpa drives backwards to Dallas.

ASK US

Q—Who is responsible for removing large animal carcasses from the highways?

A—Texas Department of Transportation highway maintenance employees.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Teresa Autrey...

...has lived in Snyder for 37 years. She is a farmer. Her parents are Ronney and Linda Autrey. Her grandmother is Elwanda Naehlinger. She has two daughters, Ambre Trusty, and Valerie Riley. She also has a grandson, Fabian Riley. Hobbies are horses, the rodeo, and her grandchild.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Never be afraid to recreate yourself.

— George Foreman

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

High school open house

Snyder High School will have open house from 6:30-7:30 p.m. today. Reports cards will be presented to parents through the student's sixth period class.

Tiger tennis booster club

The Tiger tennis booster club will meet at 7 this evening at Texas Savings Bank.

Important GED dates

Mandatory pre-registration for the GED test is at the GED testing center, Western Texas College, Building 7B, from until 3 p.m. The math segment of the GED will begin promptly at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about the GED test, call Betty Thompson, 573-2310, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297 or 574-2112. It is recommended that candidates receive some preparation before attempting the test.

WTC to present play

Western Texas College's drama department will present *The Yellow Jacket*, today, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Fine Arts Theatre. Tickets are 5 for adults and $3 for children. Call 573-8511, ext. 234 to reserve tickets.

Homecoming dance

SHS students and exes are invited to a homecoming dance in the student center following the Levelland game. Cost is $3 per person or 45 a couple.

Ira First Church of God fundraiser

Ira's First Church of God young adult class will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts 7-9 a.m. Friday at the church, and again beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Cost is $6 per dozen.

Ira brisket dinner

The Ira senior class will serve a brisket dinner from 5:30-7:15 Friday in the school cafeteria before the Ira vs. Jayton homecoming game. The dinner includes barbecue brisket, potato salad, slaw, beans, rolls, iced tea and dessert. Tickets are $5 for [illegible] for under five years of age.

First Christian fajita dinner

First Christian Church, 37th and Austin, will host its annual park-and-eat fajita dinner from 5-7 p.m. Friday. Call 573-6115 or 573-6877 for advance tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

SJHS choir hamburger supper

Snyder Junior High School choir has sets its hamburger supper from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday at the high school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 each. Carryouts are available. Tickets must be purchased from a junior high student as tickets will not be sold at the door.

SHS class of 1963

The SHS class of 1963 will have its reunion this weekend. Family and friends are invited to the Coke party at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Lota Burger.

Children's fall carnival

Calvary Baptist Church will have a children's carnival from 3-5 p.m. Saturday in the west parking lot of the church. Activities will include booths such as "Dunk the Preacher." Tickets for booths are 25 cents each. The church is located at 2405 35th St. Call 573-2191 for more information.

SHS 1940 class reunion

Snyder High School's class of 1940 will have its 63 year reunion Saturday. Visiting is set from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Colonial Hill program

The Women's Ministry of Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present Beth Moore's seven-week study, *When Godly People Do Ungodly Things*, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Sunday in the Adult 5 classroom. Books cost $12 each. For more information, call the church office at 573-8596 or Trina Rodgers at 573-8817.

Early-bird special

The Tiger's Liar yearbook can be ordered at an "early-bird" price of $40. Additional options are available at extra cost. The price Monday will increase to $45. Call the SHS student publications department at 574-6138.

Hermleigh booster club

Hermleigh's booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the cafeteria.

VFW meeting

VFW Post 8231 will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home. The district president will be present and members are urged to attend.

SHS band boosters

The Snyder High School band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the band hall.

Stanfield parent council

The Stanfield parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the teacher's lounge in the front hallway.

Big Country open house

In observance of National Cooperative Month, Big Country Electric Cooperative will host an open house from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday at the office in Snyder.

Cub Scout bike rally

Snyder Cub Scout bike rally is set for 6:30 p.m. next Thursday in the coliseum parking lot. For more information, contact Rhonda at 573-6090. The event was rescheduled due to rain.

Free tutoring

Free tutoring for students is available Monday through Thursday at the Boys and Girls Club. Schedule a time between 4-7 p.m. or drop in from 5-6 p.m. Tutors will be members the Student Government Association at Western Texas College. To register call, 573-8511, ext. 276 or 573-3344.

First Baptist support group

First Baptist Church is sponsoring a support group for people facing difficulties, including cancer, divorce, grief, etc. on the second Thursday of each month. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first floor Adult 6 Department.

All-region choir

Six picked from SHS

The following Snyder High School choir students were selected for the all-region choir, Saturday at Levelland High School.

They include:

- Alto 1 — Molly Haire, senior;
- Alto 1 — Stephanie Parmer, junior;
- Alto 2 — Rebecca Pavlovsky, senior;
- Tenor 1 — Ryan Ward, junior;
- Tenor 2 — Cade Simpson, sophomore;
- Tenor 2 — Jeremy Rodriguez, freshman.

Thirty-four SHS choir students competed for all-region. Those selected will perform in the all-region choir concert Nov. 15 at Monterrey High School in Lubbock.



SELECTED SATURDAY — Six SHS students were picked Saturday for the all-region choir. From left front row are Molly Haire, Stephanie Parmer and Rebecca Pavlovsky. In back from left are Ryan Ward and Jeremy Rodriguez. Cade Simpson is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

They have also qualified to audition at the pre-area level on Nov. 20 at Frenship High School in their quest for a position in the all-state choirs that perform in February at San Antonio.

Ronda Haire is the choir director.

South African writer wins Nobel

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — South African writer J.M. Coetzee, whose stories set against the backdrop of apartheid tell of innocents and outcasts dwarfed by history, won the 2003 Nobel Prize for literature today.

The 63-year-old writer, long a favored contender, was tapped for the prestigious award for his ability to write fiction that "in innumerable guises portrays the surprising involvement of the outsider."

In its citation, the Swedish [illegible] novels characterized by their well-crafted composition, dialogue and analytical brilliance.

"But at the same time, he is a scrupulous doubter, ruthless in his criticism of the cruel rationalism and cosmetic morality of western civilization."

The prize includes a check for more than 10 million kronor, or $1.3 million, but it can also bestow the added advantage of increased sales, celebrity and admiration.

Horace Engdahl, the permanent secretary of the academy, said the decision was an easy one.

"We were very much convinced of the lasting value of his contribution to literature. I'm not speaking of the number of books, but the variety, and the very high average quality," he said. "I think he is a writer ... that will continue to be discussed and analyzed and we think he should belong to our literary heritage."

Coetzee is one of South Africa's most successful authors, penning eight novels and numerous essays and manifestos covering everything from rugby to censorship.

"There is a great wealth of variety in Coetzee's works," the academy citation said. "No two books ever follow the same recipe. Extensive reading for [illegible] recurring pattern, the downward spiraling journeys he considers necessary for the salvation of his characters."

It was the second time since 1991 the academy gave the award to a South African. In 1991, it awarded the prize to Nadine Gordimer.

The academy has given the award to Europeans for the last eight years. Since 1980, only three winners have come from Africa, three from South America, two from the United States and one from Asia. It's been 14 years since someone from the Middle East was given the nod, Egyptian Naguib Mahfouz.

The writer, whose full name is John Maxwell Coetzee, holds a Ph.D in computer-generated language. He is best known for "Dusklands" and "Disgrace," which won the 1999 Booker Prize.

It was the second time he received the Booker, but he never bothered to collect either one.

SOCCER SIGN-UPS
will be held at
The Boys & Girls Club
Monday-Friday, Sept. 29 - Oct. 3
3:30 - 7:00 pm AGES: preK-6th grade
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TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 14-23-26-33-38. Bonus Ball: 42.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: $10 million.

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Winters.

Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: $31,505.

Number matching four of five, plus Bonus Ball: 13. Prize: $2,199.

Number matching four of five: 549. Prize: $112.

Number matching three of five, plus Bonus Ball: 654. Prize: $83.

Number matching three of five: 21,618. Prize: $5.

Number matching two of five, plus Bonus Ball: 6,696. Prize: $5.

Number matching one of five, plus Bonus Ball: 30,930. Prize: $3.

Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: $4 million.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-13-19-29-33.

Number matching five of five: 2.

Prize per winner: $22,187.

Winning tickets sold in: Wharton, Rosenberg.

Matching four of five: 125. Prize: $159.

Matching three of five: 4,210. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 44,240. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Cash Five
(Day) 5-6-3
(Night) 9-1-6

Explosion kills two

NEW KNOXVILLE, Ohio (AP) — Firefighters were mourning the loss of two fallen comrades killed when an explosion blew the top off a concrete silo at a lumber company in this western Ohio city.

Kenneth Jutte and John Garman were from the 32-member fire department in nearby New Bremen, which hadn't lost a firefighter in the line of duty since 1896. A black piece of cloth was draped over the firehouse's garage doors Wednesday.

Jutte, 44, and another firefighter were atop the silo filled with wood shavings and sawdust when it exploded and Garman was in an aerial bucket at roof level, said New Knoxville Fire Chief Scott Schroer.

Authorities today were still trying to determine the cause of the explosion, which also injured seven firefighters and two of the plant's co-owners — John and Jack Hoge — all on the ground.

Their conditions were not available late Wednesday. Most of the other injured were treated at hospitals and released.

Former firefighter Jeff Pape, who knew both men, said Jutte was a dedicated little league baseball coach who ran five miles a day.

"He was a very energetic, go-get-it kind of guy," Pape said of the 18-year veteran.

Garman, who was single and a 10-year veteran, was described as a dedicated firefighter who did any extra cleanup or repairs needed around the firehouse.

Date Book

Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003

Today is the 275th day of 2003 and the 10th day of autumn.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1870, Rome became the capital of Italy.

On this day in 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts" appeared for the first time.

On this day in 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as the first black associate justice to the U.S. Supreme Court.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948), pacifist; Julius "Groucho" Marx (1890-1977), comedian; Graham Greene (1904-1991), author; Rex Reed (1938-), critic, is 65; Donna Karan (1948-), designer, is 55; Sting (Gordon Sumner) (1951-), musician, is 52;

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1947, The Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) formally established Formula One racing in Grand Prix competition.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read." — Groucho Marx

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter (Oct. 2).

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Flu Clinic

The Scurry County Health Unit will conduct FLU clinic at the Senior Citizen Center on:

October 1, 2003	1:30 to 4:00
October 2, 2003	9:00 to 11:30 and 1:30 to 4:00
October 3, 2003	9:00 to 11:30 and 1:30 to 4:00

The cost will be $15 or bring your Medicare Card.

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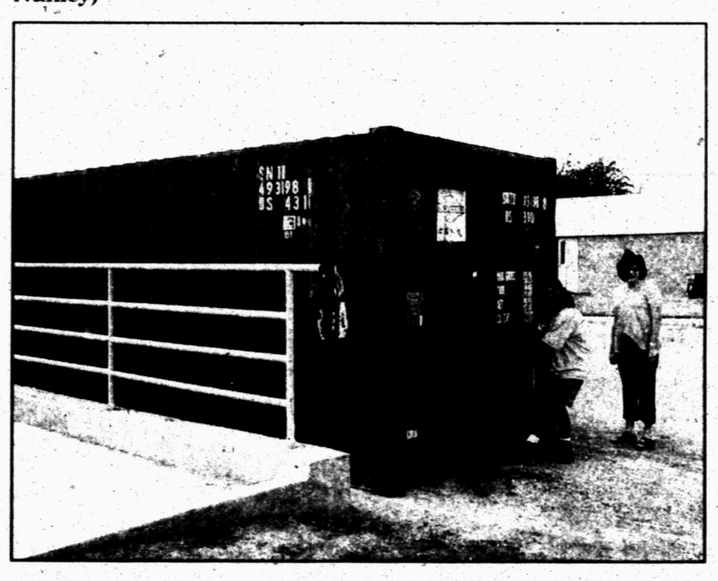
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CLASS OF 1941 — Snyder High School class of 1941 met recently at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Attending were (from left) first row, Marion Cochran, J.O. Shied, Evelyn Berry Mebane, Wernette Favor Smith, Buena Bentley Shultz, Cyrella Fish Lynch, Helen Andress Chambers, Jim Burt; second row, Furman Barrette, Reginald Evans, Loyd McGlaun, Leslie Stewart, Harold Haney, John Lynch, Glynn Snyder; top row, Jackie Sheridan Adams, Avanell White Keller, Leonard Keller, Thadine Askins Harless and Donald Clark. (Contributed Photo)



LIONS HELP BOYS AND GIRLS — Snyder Lions Club president Ted Crenwelge, right, presented Snyder Boys & Girls Club a $500 check. Accepting was Chad Welsh, director. Gale Titus displayed pictures and gave a slide presentation of his trip to Alaska he and his son, Eddie, took during the summer. Lions are planning the annual peanut sale Oct. 15 at Wal-Mart with proceeds going to aid local agencies. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



STORAGE SPACE MADE AVAILABLE — Darrell Bishop, with Quick Trailer Movers of Dallas, delivered the rail car to be used for storage for the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and the City of Snyder. It was placed in the parking lot behind the chamber building. Looking on is Sandra Salinas, the chamber assistant executive director. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

The mind is like the stomach. It is not how much you put into it that counts, but how much it digests.

—A.J. Nock

Bridge



By Phillip Alder

North 10-02-03
♠ A Q 5 4
♥ 6 2
♦ A K Q J 3
♣ 9 7

West
♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ Q 8
♦ 7 5 4
♣ A 10 6 3

East
♠ K 6 3 2
♥ J 10 9
♦ 8 6
♣ K Q J 4

South
♠ J
♥ A K 7 5 4 3
♦ 10 9 2
♣ 8 5 2

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Both

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

Opening lead: ♠ 10

The eight might be divided six and two

We have been studying eight- and nine-card fits. When having eight combined trumps, we have looked at a 4-4 and a 5-3 fit. Today, let's continue the progression to a 6-2 fit.

What do you think of the bidding? How would you (South) try to make four hearts after West leads the spade 10?

South's two-heart rebid promised at least a sixcard suit. Usually, with only five hearts, South could have done something else. Neither the opener nor the responder should immediately rebid in a five-card suit unless every other option is even worse.

North might have passed, because two hearts was a weak rebid; with 10-12 points, South would have made a three-heart game-invitational rebid. But North, with 16 prime points and a solid five-card suit, raised to invite game; South accepted.

If the trumps were 4-1, the contract was hopeless. If they were 3-2, there appeared to be lots of tricks. But suppose South won with dummy's spade ace and immediately cashed the ace-king of hearts. When he turned to diamonds, East would ruff the third and shift to clubs, giving the defense four tricks: one heart and three clubs.

The correct technique is common in no-trump, less so in a suit contract. South won trick one with dummy's spade ace and immediately ducked a round of hearts by playing a low heart from both hands. If the defenders continued with three rounds of clubs, the third would be ruffed in the dummy. If they did anything else, South would draw trumps and run the diamonds.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Woman has an unusual visitor

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Robin Reynoso had an unusual visitor stop by her office this week: a mountain lion.

Reynoso, a computer firm's customer service manager, peered out her window Wednesday to spy the hairy beast, just blocks from one of Omaha's busiest intersections.

"He ran by my window and pawed it, then he turned around and attacked it," Reynoso said. She said she didn't realize it was a mountain lion until one of her coworkers screamed out what it was.

"I'm glad it didn't break through the glass," she said. "It was cool. Not too many people get to see them that close."

The window, about 2 feet from her desk, now has claw scratches marking a rare visit to eastern Nebraska by the mountain lion.



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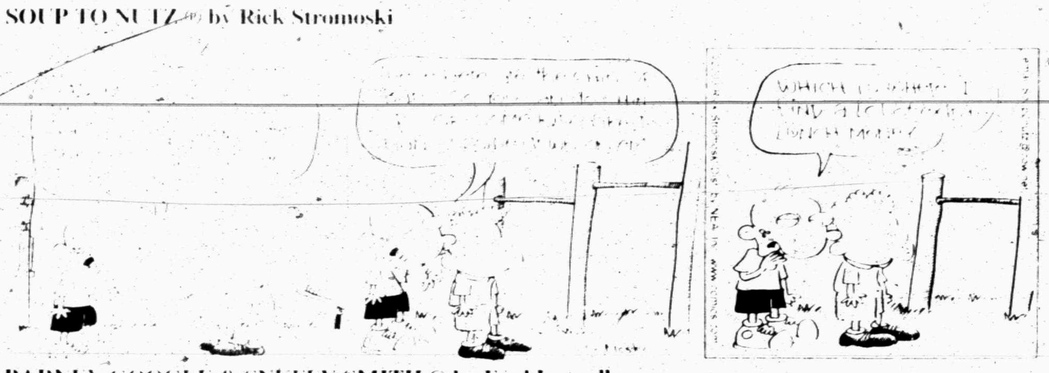
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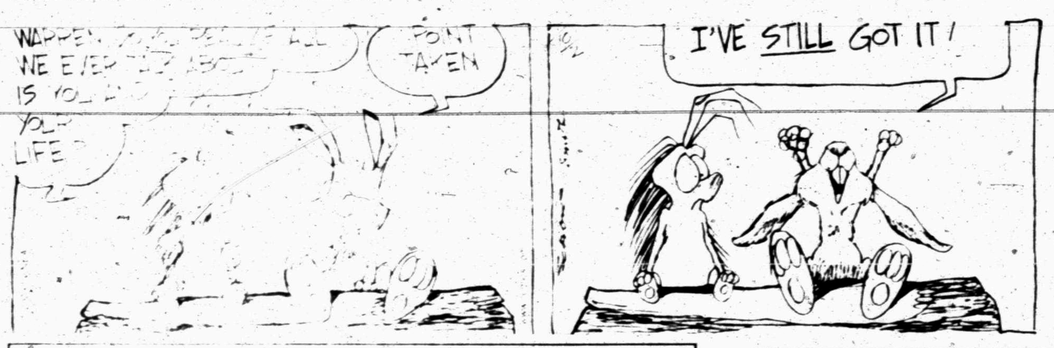
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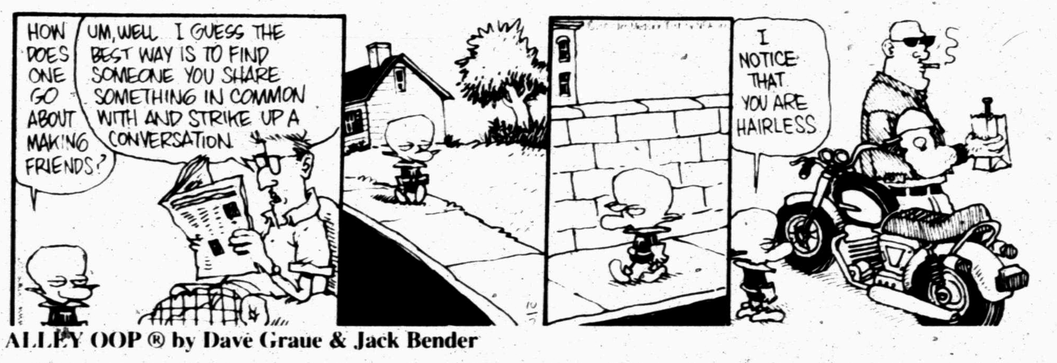
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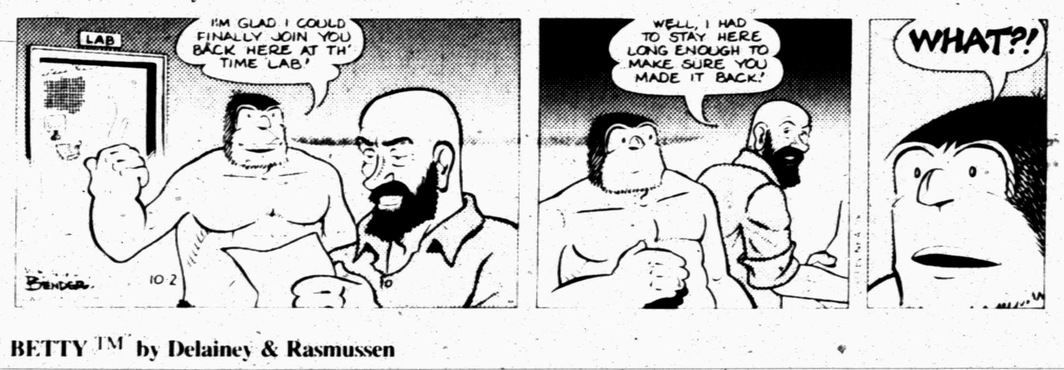
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ACROSS

1 Smell bad
5 White-water transports
10 Tree frog
12 Yearn for
13 Claim
14 Harem jewelry
15 Big Board units
16 Small boy
18 Mountain curve
19 Soft underfoot
23 Ottoman official
26 Web addr.
27 Woosnam and Fleming
30 Chimp kin
32 Harsh light
34 Dozed off
35 Ice holders
36 Adams or Brickell
37 Stein filler
38 Derby or fedora
39 Lawyer's honorific
42 Mortar trough
45 Banjo kin
46 Passport companion
50 Aviator — Earhart
53 Hammered
55 Crunchy stalk
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57 Makes a sweater
58 Burglar's item

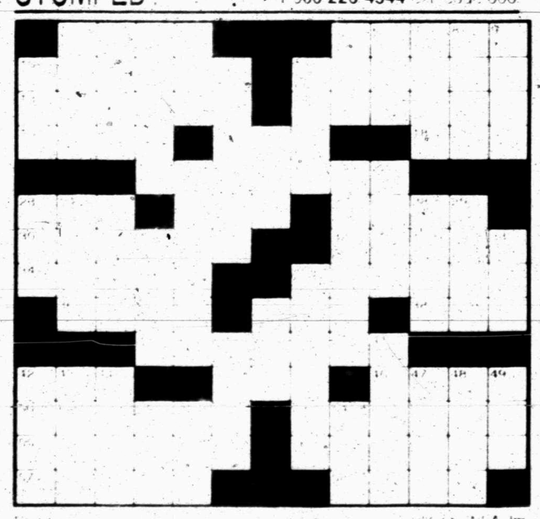
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9 Movie workplaces
10 Poor review
11 Come home
12 Pops
17 Feel under the weather
20 Repeats verbatim
21 More lofty
22 Type of lock
23 Tummy muscles
24 Strong wind
25 Not up
28 Ogden — of verse
29 Mlle., in Acapulco
31 Mayberry kid
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37 Puffin's relative
40 Wharf
41 Hit musical
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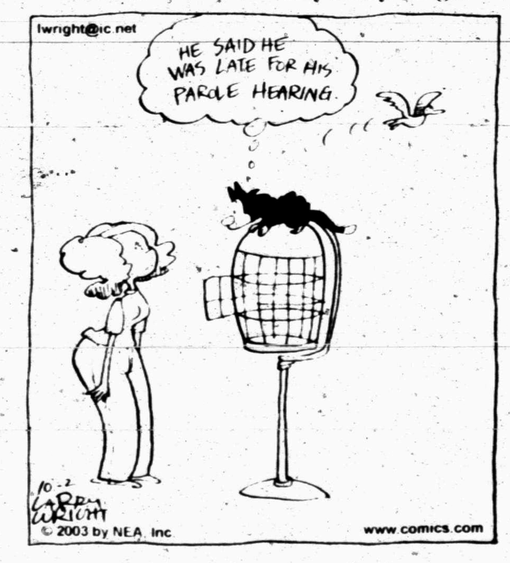


"SIT STILL, MR. WILSON, AND I'LL NA THIS PESKY FLY!"



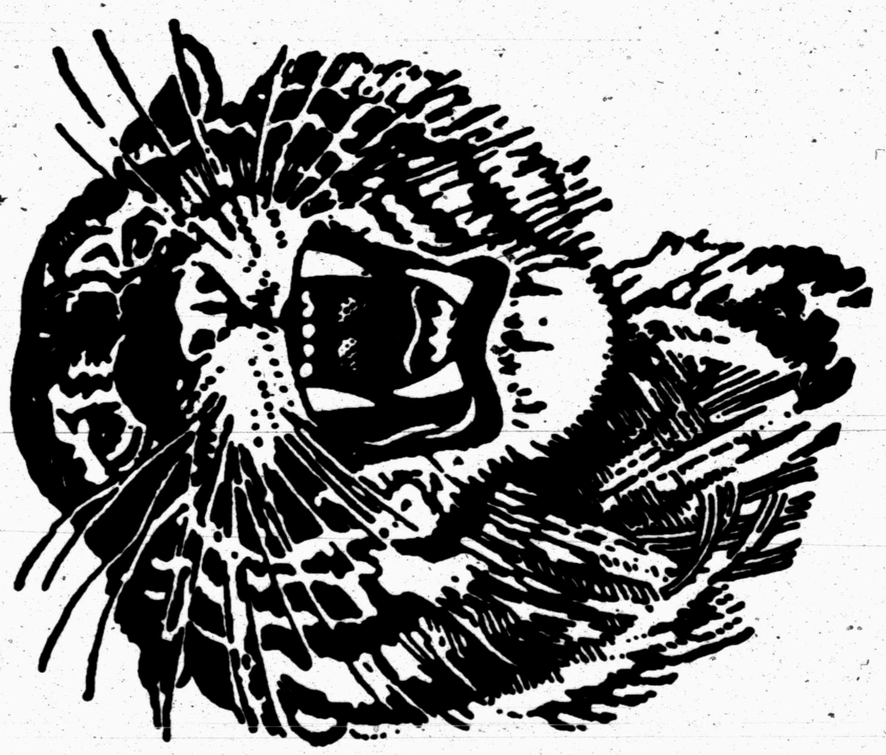
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KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright

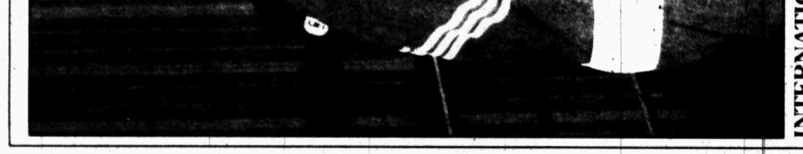


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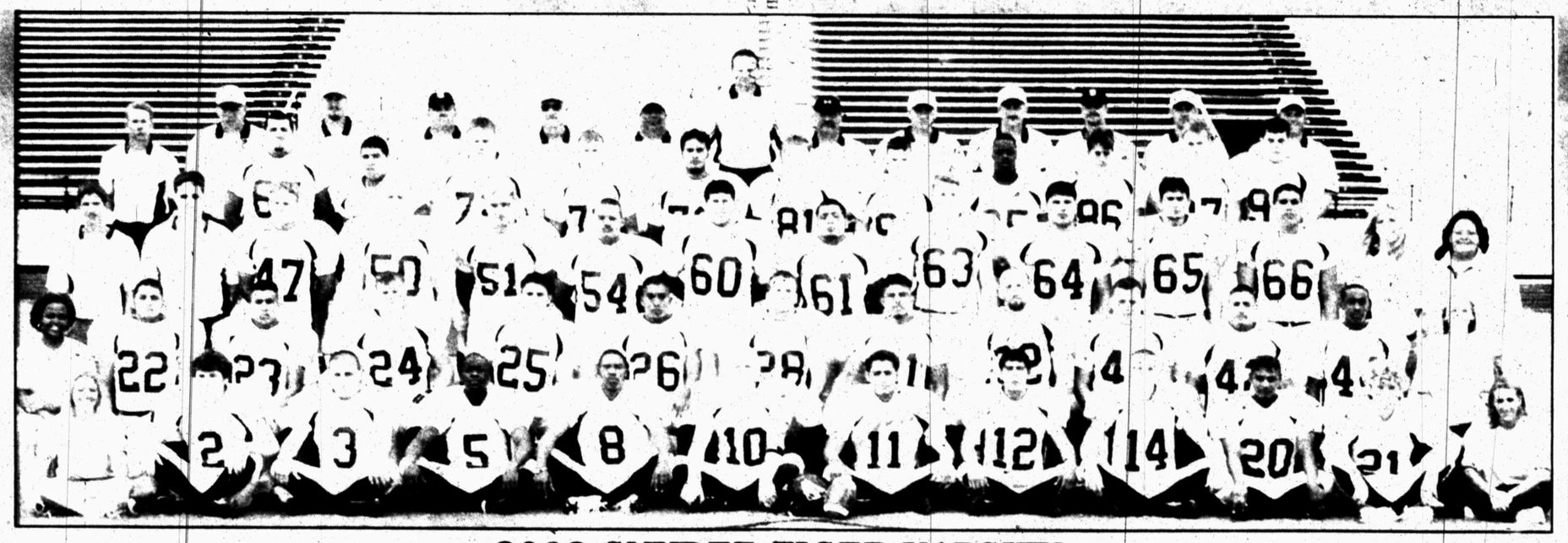
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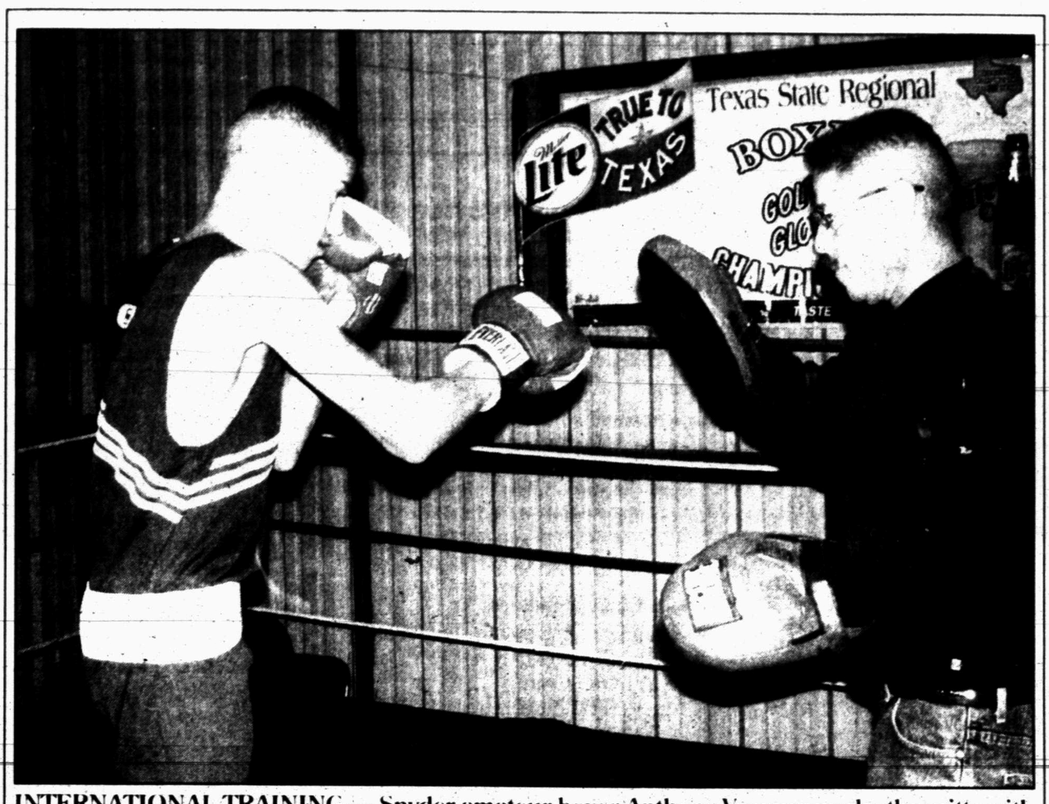
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SPORTS



INTERNATIONAL TRAINING — Snyder amateur boxer Anthony Vasquez works the mitts with his father and trainer, Johnny Sr. Vasquez departed this morning for Newark, N.J., to meet his teammates on the U.S. team before catching a flight to Stockholm for the Sweden Dual. (SDN Staff Photo by Leslie Schmidt)

Vasquez heads to Sweden

Snyder pugilist Johnny Vasquez Jr. left for Newark this morning to meet up with the U.S. Boxing Team, which is on its way to Stockholm for the Sweden Dual.

Vasquez was invited to participate based upon his recent success, and said he feels strong heading into the tournament.

"I feel good," he said. Vasquez said he will be facing fighters he has not yet seen.

Vasquez' father, Johnny, is also his trainer, and said the boxer's track record led to his inclusion on the team.

"They know he's an elite fighter," he said. "He's beat all the top 10 ranked contenders."

The dual will be fought under the rules of the Amateur International Boxing Association, with bouts of four, two-minute rounds.

Vasquez will be joined by Kevin Hudgins of Pensacola, 119-pounds; Weston Ferguson, Las Vegas, 132-pounds; Keith Mason, Colorado Springs, 141-pounds; and Ronald Mason at 152 pounds.

The team is coached by Robert Michael.

Surprise squeeze lifts A's

OAKLAND (AP) — Though Ramon Hernandez's bunt caught the Boston Red Sox by surprise, his Oakland teammates and coaches had their suspicions.

One by one, the Oakland Athletics arrived at the same unlikely conclusion in the 12th inning of their playoff opener: Hernandez just might be crazy enough to bunt with the bases loaded and two outs in a tie game.

Manager Ken Macha thought about it when third baseman Bill Mueller backed up. Third-base coach Ron Washington relayed his suspicions to Eric Chavez, who scored the winning run in Oakland's 5-4 victory Wednesday night.

By the time Chavez crossed the plate shortly after 11:45 p.m., the teams were barely more than 13 hours away from the start of Game 2 today.

At 4 hours, 37 minutes, the game was the longest in Oakland's postseason history, and it ended in the most improbable way: with the hard-hitting A's playing small-ball to eke out a run.

"What an ending. Who would have thought that? A's win with a bunt," Macha said. "Shame on anybody who missed it."

By the time Hernandez won it, the pitchers' duel between Pedro Martinez and Tim Hudson was long forgotten, and Todd Walker's two homers for Boston were mostly inconsequential. Only Hernandez's moxie will be remembered.

"It was the biggest hit in my career," said Hernandez, an All-Star catcher who's known for occasional bunts.

After Boston reliever Byung-Hyun Kim's troubles set up a tying single by Erubiel Durazo with two outs in the ninth, Chavez made two exceptional plays to put Oakland in position for an extra-inning win in its fourth straight trip to the division series.

Chavez helped prevent Boston from taking the lead in the top of the 12th, making a tremendous play at third base. On the basepaths moments later, he alertly stole third, forcing Derek Lowe to intentionally walk Terrence Long to load the bases.

Braves top Cubs

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves, often accused of being too businesslike, showed plenty of emotion while defeating the Chicago Cubs 5-3 Wednesday night to even the NL division series at one game apiece.

"I hope the Cubs don't take offense," said DeRosa, a former college quarterback. "I've got the football mentality still. We needed this game going to Chicago."

Game 3 in the best-of-five series is Friday night at Wrigley Field. Greg Maddux will start for the Braves against Mark Prior.

"With Prior on the mound, a hostile environment, it is going to be pretty tough," DeRosa said.

At least the Braves have hope, which was in short supply after they lost the opener 4-2 and quickly fell behind 2-0 in Game 2.

But Mike Hampton battled back from a rocky start to pitch six solid innings. Smoltz squandered a lead in the eighth, but DeRosa came through with a two-out, two-run double in the bottom half. Then it was back to Smoltz, who made that lead stand up for the 13th postseason win of his career.

Fish get even with sloppy Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Juan Encarnacion homered and Juan Pierre wound up with a bases-loaded double on a misplay by Jose Cruz Jr. in a decisive three-run sixth as Florida rallied to beat sloppy San Francisco 9-5 Wednesday, evening the NL division series at one game each.

After Jason Schmidt shut down the Marlins on Tuesday, Lenny Harris let Pierre know he was pressing and needed to settle down and find a groove.

Pierre did just that.

"He gives me a pep talk every day," said Pierre, who had four hits in Game 2 after going 0-for-4 in the opener. "It felt good to get that first hit."

Pierre said before the series started that the Giants hadn't yet seen the Marlins at their best. San Francisco won five of six meetings during the regular season.

Pierre led a 15-hit effort, a day after Florida was held to just three. The Marlins overcame a three-run deficit in the fifth.

"A lot of people doubted this team and thought we couldn't win," said Harris, who had a pinch-hit single in the sixth. "We showed them a little something — that we're not afraid of them."

The Marlins got the split they so desperately needed at Pacific Bell Park, and did it by getting away from the small ball that sent them on this improbable playoff journey.

After an energized Barry Bonds helped the Giants take an early lead, Sidney Ponson couldn't hold it.

Game 3 is Friday in Miami. Kirk Rueter pitches for San Francisco against Mark Redman.

Smith blames Parcells

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith said Wednesday he would still be a member of the Dallas Cowboys if Bill Parcells had wanted him.

"I think he got what he wanted," Smith said in a conference call with local reporters. "And he's doing well with what he had. So, obviously, the decision was good for him."

The Cowboys are 2-1, holding a winning record for the first time since December 1999, heading into a game Sunday at home against Smith and the Arizona Cardinals (1-3).

Smith left the Cowboys in late February in what both said was a mutual decision between the leading rusher in NFL history and team owner Jerry Jones.

Jones said then, and reiterated this week, that Parcells stayed out of the process. It was something they settled on the first time they spoke about Parcells taking the job. Parcells and Smith did not get together during the eight weeks they overlapped in the organization.

Limbaugh quits ESPN

NEW YORK (AP) — Without backing down from his comments about a black football player, conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh resigned from his TV sports job, saying he regretted having caused "discomfort" to his colleagues at ESPN.

Limbaugh stepped down from the sports network's "Sunday NFL Countdown" late Wednesday, three days after making the statements that sparked outrage from Democratic presidential candidates, the NAACP and the player himself.

The cable sports network accepted the radio talk show host's resignation.

"My comments this past Sunday were directed at the media and were not racially motivated," Limbaugh said in a statement Wednesday. "I offered an opinion. This opinion has caused discomfort to the crew, which I regret.

"I love 'NFL Sunday Countdown' and do not want to be a distraction to the great work done by all who work on it," Limbaugh said. "Therefore, I have decided to resign."

Limbaugh was criticized for arguing during a pregame show Sunday that Philadelphia Eagles star Donovan McNabb is overrated because the media wanted to see a black quarterback succeed.

"I think what we've had here is a little social concern in the NFL. The media has been very desirous that a black quarterback do well," Limbaugh said.

"There is a little hope invested in McNabb, and he got a lot of credit for the performance of this team that he didn't deserve. The defense carried this team," he said.

Seven black quarterbacks started games last weekend. Two other blacks who regularly start were out with injuries.

Limbaugh did not back down during his syndicated radio talk show earlier Wednesday.

"All this has become the tempest that it is because I must have been right about something," Limbaugh said. "If I wasn't right, there wouldn't be this cacophony of outrage that has sprung up in the sports writer community."

Democratic presidential candidates Wesley Clark, Howard Dean and the Rev. Al Sharpton had called for ESPN to fire Limbaugh. Clark, a retired Army general, called the remarks "hateful and ignorant speech." And Dean, a former Vermont governor, labeled them "absurd and offensive."

The NAACP also condemned Limbaugh's remarks, calling them "bigoted and ignorant," and called for the network to fire Limbaugh or at least provide an opposing point of view on the show.

McNabb had said earlier Wednesday that he didn't mind criticism of his performance, but was upset that Limbaugh made his race an issue and said it was too late for an apology.

"It's somewhat shocking to hear that on national TV from him," McNabb said. "It's not something that I can sit here and say won't bother me."

Chris Berman, who anchors the ESPN show, said he did not believe Limbaugh's tone or intent was malicious.

TIGER NOTEBOOK

•The injury bug has claimed another defensive starter. Andrew Bane suffered a torn MCL against Fort Stockton and will miss the remainder the season.

•Jacob Rodriguez will see limited playing time Friday with various nagging injuries.

•Snyder was forced to abandon the no-huddle early in the Fort Stockton game because of a mix-up between the play chart and the wristbands issued to the player.

"The good thing was that the kids adjusted and the coaching staff adjusted," head coach Chad Rogers said. After a slow start, the Tigers racked up over 500 yards of total offense and forced five turnovers on defense.

•The team expects starting center Matthew Vasquez back by the Sweetwater game. "That will help out tremendously," Rogers said.

•Levelland is mired in a three-game losing streak, losing to Lamesa, 7-6, in overtime two weeks ago. The team was beaten by Lubbock High, 47-6, last week, gaining just 139 yards of total offense, including only 10 yards through the air. The team opened its season with a win over Canyon.

•Lobos starting right tackle Aaron Werenko is listed at 160 pounds. Left tackle Austin Pinkert is listed at 266 pounds.

Sports Briefs

Men's basketball league

The Snyder men's basketball league is forming. To sign-up as an individual or as a team call 573-3946 or 574-1438.

Softball equipment return

Snyder girls softball coaches need to turn in equipment at 1 p.m. Saturday at Cates Field.

WTC golf tournament

The third annual Western Texas College Student Government Association Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at the WTC golf course. Format is four-person scramble, and cost is $120 per team. Shotgun will start at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three teams, and deadline to register is 5 p.m. on Oct. 3. Contact the WTC pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Putters and Duffers tournament

The 3rd annual Putters and Duffers tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at Scurry County Golf Course, with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. both days. Entry fee is $150 per couple and includes lunches, dinner and mulligans. For more information or to register, contact Xalyn at 574-3343 or Judy at 573-0637.

Memorial golf tournament

The 4th annual Lou Loper/Mike Clifton Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at the Jayton golf course. Tee-off will be at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded and a raffle will be held for various prizes. Format is four-person scramble and cost is $120 per team, with proceeds going to benefit the cancer relief fund. Contact Susie Scott at 325-574-7098 or 573-0720 for more information.

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High series: Scratch: Mark Glasscock, 630, Dana Stone, 471; **Handicap:** Charley Johnson, 698, Camille Fisher, 628.

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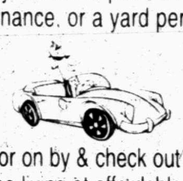
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DEAR READER: There are two major blood fats — cholesterol and triglycerides. Hyperlipidemia simply means that the blood level of these fats is elevated. Experts recommend that cholesterol not exceed about 200 milligrams per deciliter; the upper limit for triglycerides is 150 mg/dL.

Hyperlipidemia has many causes; the most common is a genetic predisposition. Diet also plays a large role, and diseases such as diabetes can raise the blood fats.

A high cholesterol level is associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, including heart attack. Excess triglycerides can cause inflammation of the pancreas, as well as contribute to cardiovascular damage.

In general, most people can lower their blood-fat levels by adhering to a prudent diet that contains less fat than Americans are in the habit of eating. Regular, strenuous exercise will also reduce fat levels, as will moderation in alcohol consumption.

For people whose blood fats continue to be excessive despite dietary modifications and lifestyle changes, physicians ordinarily prescribe fat-lowering drugs (Lipitor, Zetia and others).

Because hyperlipidemia may lead to serious health consequences, it should not be ignored; individuals with this disorder should be under medical supervision.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: What triggers research in rare diseases?

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As a result of this experience, I published a report on this champion sculler, in which I confirmed the presence of the "athletic heart syndrome": the predictable consequences of consistent, intensive physical activity. The athletic heart syndrome has now been accepted by the medical community as a common and harmless condition, whereas in the past, it had been considered to be an unusual and worrisome — even potentially dangerous — disorder.

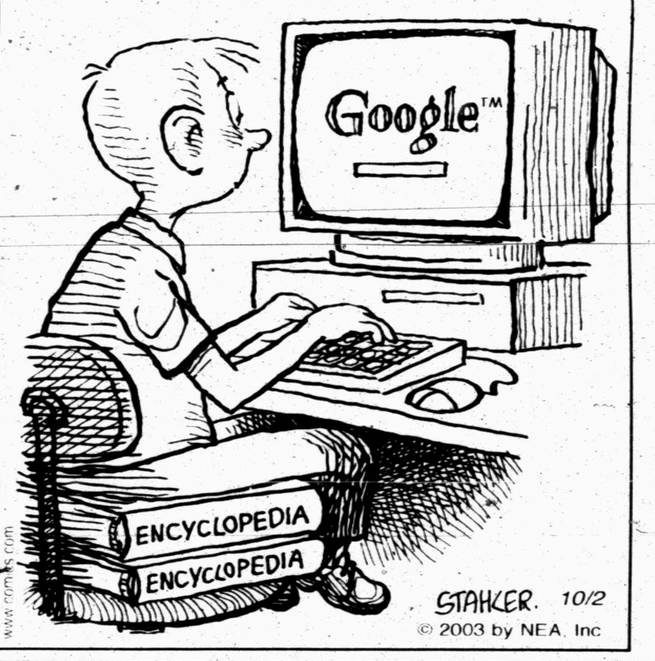
I'm certain that other afflictions get studied in the same manner. Someone gets interested enough to perform research that further defines a condition. Or, because of a personal experience, a doctor may decide to study a disease. Often medical researchers merely ask the obvious questions and then go about answering them.

Of course, as a practicing physician, I can't look into the research scientists' heads and glean their motives. For this reason, I'd welcome comments from some of you scientists out there. What really does motivate you to study a rare disease?

If readers would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may write him through your newspaper or send their mail directly to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

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Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	11.96	11.67	11.88	+ .21
AOL TimeWrn	15.49	15.22	15.44	+ .12
AT&T Corp rs	21.47	20.40	20.81	— .50
Albertsons	20.60	20.32	20.49	— .06
Alltel	47.31	46.89	46.94	— .30
AmElPw	29.71	29.49	29.64	+ .04
AndarkPtr	41.93	41.50	41.63	— .28
ATMOS Egy	24.41	24.27	24.30	— .06
Avaya	13.05	12.87	13.00	+ .17
BP PLC	43.15	42.29	42.54	— .61
BakerHughes	30.70	30.29	30.34	— .18
Bank of Amer	79.44	78.75	79.22	
BellSouth	24.33	23.81	23.94	— .39
BurlNoSFe	29.40	29.09	29.23	— .06
Caterpillar	72.95	71.92	72.06	+ .72
CenterPoint	9.29	9.18	9.25	
ChevronTex	72.85	72.15	72.49	— .64
Citigroup	47.39	46.90	47.28	+ .28
CocaCola	44.22	43.70	44.14	+ .25
ColgatePal	57.54	56.77	57.16	+ .19
CmclMetals	19.36	19.05	19.29	+ .07
ConocoPhill	55.46	54.29	55.35	— .05
Cooper Inds	49.80	49.30	49.70	+ .53
DaimlrChry	35.05	34.69	34.78	—1.10
DeltaAirl	13.53	13.16	13.52	+ .18
Dillards Inc	14.60	14.35	14.38	— .36
DowChem	33.75	32.42	33.57	+ .27
DuPont	40.18	39.86	40.00	— .10
EastmanChem	33.53	33.03	33.05	— .47
EstKodak	20.97	20.75	20.77	— .16
EDS Corp	20.79	20.43	20.78	+ .43
Entergy	54.90	54.30	54.65	+ .03
ExxonMobil	37.36	37.01	37.25	— .10
FootLocker	16.86	16.55	16.75	— .26
GenDynam	79.27	78.13	78.31	—1.29
GenElec	30.75	30.43	30.69	+ .06
GenMills	47.51	47.07	47.09	— .51
GenMotors	40.93	40.41	40.53	— .03
GaPacific	25.23	24.85	25.02	+ .07
Goodrich	25.41	25.04	25.32	+ .25
Goodyear	6.74	6.61	6.69	+ .13
GtAtlPac	8.71	8.16	8.69	+ .56
Halliburtn	25.17	24.76	25.04	+ .09
Hanson ADS	32.85	32.40	32.49	— .09
HarteHanks	18.76	18.63	18.64	— .16
HomeDepot	33.39	32.90	33.31	+ .41
HoneywellIntl	27.00	26.46	26.56	— .30
IBM	90.45	89.55	89.96	— .39
IntlPaper	39.33	38.88	38.93	— .44
JohnsonJn	50.39	50.06	50.12	— .15
KinderMorg	55.25	55.05	55.13	— .07
Kroger Co	18.51	18.29	18.34	— .31
LockheedM	46.35	45.35	45.85	— .58
Lowes Cos	54.00	53.23	53.48	— .19
Lubys	2.54	2.45	2.50	+ .10
LucentTech	2.17	2.11	2.16	+ .02
MarathonOil	29.02	28.77	28.91	— .27
MayDeptStr	25.40	25.01	25.20	— .09
Medtronic	94.96	47.45	48.16	+ .68
Motorola	12.29	12.06	12.20	+ .07
NCR Corp	33.30	32.70	33.27	+ .47
Navistar	39.31	37.98	38.22	— .39
PNM Rescs	28.89	28.57	28.65	— .10
Penney JC	22.05	21.72	21.74	— .06
PepBoys	16.41	15.95	15.95	— .24
PepsiCo	46.89	46.40	46.75	+ .07
PhelpDodge	49.27	48.55	48.82	+ .33
PilgrmPrd B	12.96	12.69	12.80	— .10
Praxair	63.49	62.90	63.27	
ProctGamb	94.25	93.52	94.25	+ .27
RadioShack	28.90	28.64	28.67	— .26
RoyalDut	44.59	44.24	44.33	— .84
SBC Comm	22.45	22.15	22.32	— .28
SaraLee	18.92	18.74	18.89	— .18
Scripps EW	87.40	86.82	86.88	— .19
SearsRoeb	46.47	45.49	45.90	+ .14
SherwinW	29.99	29.80	29.90	+ .06
SouthernCo	29.62	29.45	29.48	— .12
SwstAirl	18.25	18.00	18.20	+ .18
SprintFON	15.07	14.79	14.98	— .10
SprintPCS	5.84	5.72	5.83	+ .03
Sunoco Inc	40.97	40.52	40.74	+ .01
TXU Corp	23.67	23.41	23.49	— .11
TempleInland	48.98	48.79	48.90	— .06
TexInd	25.67	25.39	25.41	— .18
TexasInst	23.78	23.01	23.67	+ .42
Textron	41.00	40.55	40.72	— .28
TrinityInds	26.60	26.20	26.43	+ .28
TylerTech	7.20	7.08	7.16	— .02
UnionPacif	58.88	58.57	58.60	— .27
USSteel	19.51	18.58	19.50	+ .72
UnitedTech	80.66	79.43	80.46	+ .58
Unocal	31.99	31.68	31.91	— .13
VerizonComm	33.22	32.69	32.84	— .14
WalMart	57.14	56.52	56.93	— .04
WellsFargo	52.97	52.52	52.79	— .11
WstnGasRs	38.42	38.17	38.37	— .03
WinnDixie	9.94	9.67	9.89	+ .22
Xerox Cp	10.48	10.22	10.47	+ .09
YumBrands	31.49	31.00	31.27	— .05

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New bill to provide access to DNA tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional negotiators said Wednesday they will move quickly on a five-year, $1 billion bill that will provide greater access to DNA testing for death row inmates and in rape cases.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said his committee will take up the measure next week and aim to "get the bill on the president's desk this year."

While Senate leaders were not as sure of the timing on their bill, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said a vast majority of Congress will support the plan.

He noted that the legislation includes a $755 million White House initiative to clear the massive backlog of untested rape kits that contain DNA and said the money could help resolve many sexual assault cases.

At a news conference, about a dozen lawmakers announced the compromise that broke a five-year logjam on the legislation.

Also attending was a Maryland man whose life was changed dramatically by DNA testing.

Kirk Bloodsworth was convicted of rape and first-degree murder and sentenced to death in 1984. After nine years in prison, including two on death row, he was released when a DNA match cleared him and implicated another man who resembled him.

As his wife wiped away tears, Bloodsworth embraced Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who named part of the bill after Bloodsworth.

"This is a long time in coming, but it's better late than never," said Bloodsworth. "This is very important, not just to us, but to the entire country."

ME questioned about breast implants

LUBBOCK (AP) — Lubbock County's chief medical examiner kept two breast implants and a contraceptive device he removed from a woman's body during an autopsy, and officials want to know why.

Dr. Jerry Spencer, who also teaches at Texas Tech University's pathology department, was questioned by school officials Monday after someone complained about his displaying the implants at his office.

Lubbock authorities said they would wait until the school completes its investigation before determining if a criminal investigation is necessary. Tech has a contract with Lubbock County to operate the medical examiner's office.

"When a forensic pathologist, or any pathologist for that matter, performs an autopsy, things are removed at the discretion of the doctor," said Dr. Dale Dunn, Spencer's supervisor and chairman of Tech's pathology department. "We're investigating as to the justification for why he retained" them.

A secretary in the pathology department said Spencer was not in the office Wednesday. Calls to his residence were not immediately returned.

The implants were removed recently, Dunn said. But he said he did not know how or when the woman died.

Dunn said the removal of implants or prosthetic devices from corpses isn't unusual, especially at a medical training center. Sometimes they are removed to determine if the items contributed to the person's death — such as the possible rupture of an implant — or to use in teaching demonstrations.

If removed, implants are not replaced but are usually sent along with the deceased's remains, Dunn said.

"I do not believe that the removal of these items in any way was done in a cavalier manner," he said. "I would stand firmly in that."

Families of the deceased are usually not notified before such devices are removed, if the autopsy was conducted for legal reasons, Dunn said.

Dunn said he will meet with Spencer today to discuss "reassignment of duties."

"It's going to be a mutual decision, at this point in time while the matter is under investigation," Dunn said.

If the university determines that Spencer violated any laws, it will pass on all information to the Lubbock County District Attorney's Office, Dunn said. "We would be forthcoming with any information to the DA's office," Dunn said.

Possible charges possible could be theft from a corpse — a state jail felony — and abuse of a corpse — a Class A misdemeanor, according to the district attorney's office.

Dr. Michael Bell, president of the Atlanta-based National Association of Medical Examiners and deputy chief medical examiner in Broward County, Fla., said medical examiners could use items removed from corpses for teaching purposes or for potential legal purposes stemming from the death.

"There's nothing wrong with that," Bell said. "If we didn't, we'd probably get in more trouble."

But those items have a proper place for storage, he said.

"They should be placed in some place secure, somewhere when it's not in plain view," Bell said.

Several people in the medical examiner's office saw the implants and the IUD in Spencer's office, Dunn said. He said a co-worker, Dr. Sridhar Natarajan, reported the situation to the dean of the medical school. The three items were later discovered inside a filing cabinet in Spencer's office, he said.

Natarajan did not return phone calls Wednesday.

In 1992, the county's medical examiner's office came under fire when Ralph Erdmann pleaded no contest to felony charges of falsifying autopsies and tampering with evidence. The conviction resulted in legal havoc in dozens of West Texas cases which Erdmann handled.

Today's chuckle

Soldier on leave wins Mega Millions pot



ATLANTA (AP) — Army Sgt. Stephen Moore has millions of reasons to fondly remember his home leave.

Moore, 30, visiting family members during his 30-day leave from South Korea, bought the winning Mega Millions ticket for Tuesday night's drawing at a convenience store in the south Georgia city of Fitzgerald.

His haul? A cool $150 million.

Moore, a chemical specialist, said he was out with his brother Tuesday night, and when he returned he found his wife, Danielle, waiting for him.

"She came out the door, and I thought I was in trouble," Moore said. "She said, 'Guess what, we won the lottery!'"

Moore said the family began calling other relatives to let them know of their good fortune.

"I told my mom to go ahead and quit work," Moore said.

He said he plans to build a new home for his wife and two daughters. Danielle Moore, also an army sergeant, said the two were married by a justice of the peace, and now she wants a dream wedding.

Kerry criticizes Dean during Dallas visit

DALLAS (AP) — Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry today criticized the environmental records of fellow Democrat Howard Dean and President Bush, accusing the former governors of striking a deal in the 1990s to ship nuclear waste to a poor Hispanic town near El Paso.

Kerry said Dean, when he was the Vermont governor, signed a compact in 1993 with Maine and Texas to send nuclear waste to Sierra Blanca, a plan opposed by civil rights groups. Bush was the governor of Texas at the time.

"He clearly reflected an insensitivity to that community," Kerry said during a campaign stop at a Dallas housing project.

The Massachusetts senator criticized the decision to "dump nuclear waste into a poor community far away from where you live because you can do it. I think George Bush was wrong and I think Howard Dean was wrong."

Kerry said he voted against the measure in the Senate. The Sierra Blanca plan was scrapped in 1998 after the Texas environmental agency determined a geologic fault under the proposed dump would have made it unsafe.

Officials with the Bush campaign and the Republican National Committee did not immediately return phone calls today.

Dean spokeswoman Tricia Enright said Dean had a stellar environmental record in Vermont and rejected the criticism that Dean was insensitive to the people of Sierra Blanca.

She said Texas officials selected the site and that the plan included strict safety standards.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Protect paycheck dollars by using your good sense

DEAR ABBY: Every time I walk into a bank to use the ATM, I notice the trashcans are full of paycheck stubs. Don't these customers realize that in most cases their Social Security numbers are printed on those stubs along with their full names and addresses?

Please get the word out: BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION! Also, is there any reason why our full Social Security number has to be printed on our paycheck stubs? In this age of electronic transfer and identity theft, it seems another ID code could be implemented. Thank you for letting me spout off. — **REGINA IN N.Y.**

DEAR REGINA: Your letter is a timely one because October has been designated "Security Month." (How sad that we need to have one.) You're absolutely right that people should be ultra-careful about paycheck stubs. They should be equally careful about canceled checks, receipts, and any other item that could be stolen and used to aid in identity theft. Many people save their paycheck stubs to give to their accountant at the end of the year or to keep track of accumulated vacation time — so they shouldn't be discarded in haste anyway.

According to Mariana Gtomer of the Social Security office in Los Angeles, the Social Security Administration does not require Social Security numbers on paychecks. Some employers use only a portion of the numbers rather than the complete ID. Since the practice is discretionary, concerned employees should discuss with their employers whether it should be continued. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: As president and founder of the world's largest document destruction and recycling company, I know firsthand how important it is to be vigilant when it comes to the dangers of identity theft. Studies show that this crime affects more than a million victims each year — making it one of the fastest-growing crimes in North America.

Identity theft occurs when criminals steal your personal information and use it for fraudulent purposes, frequently costing victims thousands of dollars. Most often this happens when people throw away their personal papers such as bills, credit card statements and pre-approved credit card offers.

Some steps you can take to protect your confidential information:

(1) Check your credit reports once a year to make sure there are no discrepancies.

(2) Guard your Social Security number and don't carry your Social Security card with you unless absolutely necessary.

(3) Always destroy papers containing personal information prior to throwing them out (a cross-cut shredder is best).

(4) Never give your information to telephone solicitors, unless you have called them yourself.

(5) Consider using a locked mailbox to receive all mail.

(6) If you have Internet access on your computer, always install a firewall.

(7) Businesses should talk to their employees about the importance of confidentiality and establish clear guidelines on workplace security. — **GREG BROPHY, PRESIDENT, SHRED-IT INTERNATIONAL-INC.**

DEAR GREG: Thank you for pointing out that preventing identity theft is simply a matter of being cautious, proactive and always vigilant with one's private information. Readers, heed his warning NOW. Remember: Better safe than sorry!

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 3, 2003

The year ahead will take you into a productive cycle that has potential to increase your ability to achieve some of your greatest desires. Make the most of the happy times and share your good fortune with others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your sensitivities might be far more acute today and allow you to realize that someone you thought was your cohort is really a competitor. This knowledge will enable you to shine unencumbered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Subdue all self-doubts today and your positive visions will take you as far as you want to go. Just believe in yourself and your abilities, and everything will work out wonderfully for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Your idealistic spirit will be a welcomed addition at any social gathering today, or even when you're simply palling around with your friends. You give everyone a clearer vision of happiness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your possibilities for personal gain look highly encouraging today. This is because you're not apt to look at everything with a jaundiced eye and will be able to spot some great deals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Today may not be without its frustrations, but, to your credit, your positive attitude gives you the power to leap over any obstacles that might be barring your path — and leads you to success.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It's admirable of you today to assist those who cannot do things for themselves. Others will take notice of this, so don't be surprised if your popularity soars.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Squelch those impatient impulses that you feel in your stomach and take the time today to think out your plan of action before attempting to move forward on an important project. Success will follow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — If your goals are clearly defined today and not based upon wishful thinking, your chances for success will be enhanced considerably. It'll help to be single-minded regarding your objectives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Negative people could cause you to doubt your judgment and put a damper on things, so don't discuss your plans with them. Instead, engage yourself only with those who are enthusiastic supporters.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Holding a strong belief in people will prove to be very helpful to you today. Someone with a potentially good idea will sense your faith in him or her and invite you to be part of his or her project.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — One of the greatest keys to success is to treat the other person as you would like to be treated. Today, when you show a willingness to be cooperative, all will happily go smoothly for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Someone who is always trying to take credit for another's accomplishments may be fingered today, giving you the chance to show the boss who the real performer is. Step out and be noticed.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Eight women killed in tour bus accident

HAMPSHIRE, Ill. (AP) — A day trip to a garden exhibit turned tragic for a group of 22 women when a tractor-trailer slammed into their tour bus, killing eight and injuring several others.

The victims were members of a women's cultural organization who were returning to Chicago from a Japanese floral show in Rockford, said state police trooper Doug Whitmore.

Around 3 p.m. Wednesday, traffic had slowed near a toll plaza on Interstate 90 about 50 miles west of Chicago when a tractor-trailer plowed into the tour bus, ramming it into the back of another tractor-trailer. The bus was pushed through the trailer and onto the median. A pickup truck then hit that tractor-trailer, which hit another truck, Whitmore said.

Theft, criminal mischief reported

•Arrests

A 42-year-old female was arrested Wednesday at 4:24 p.m. at 900 26th Street on a warrant for theft by check.

•Theft

Lucia Moran requested to speak to an officer Wednesday afternoon in reference to stolen property. A report for Class B theft was submitted.

•Criminal mischief

At 11:33 a.m. Wednesday, Jerry Millhollon reported criminal mischief at A & B Transport, 512 N. College Ave. A report for felony criminal mischief was filed.

•Gas drive off

An employee at United reported a gas drive off worth $10 Wednesday afternoon.

•Harrassment

At 4:14 p.m. Wednesday, Linda Carrisalez requested an officer in reference to her daughter being hit on the school bus. She was advised of the proper steps to take.

Danny Gunderson reported Wednesday at 4:16 p.m. that his son had been pushed into a locker at school. An officer was dispatched and advised the proper steps to take.

A woman at 1200 26th Street reported that she had been receiving harassing phone calls from a man. Officers made contact with the subject and advised him of the complaint.

•Accidents

At 4:59 p.m. Wednesday, a two-vehicle accident occurred at 30th Street and College Ave. Involved were a 1991 Toyota van driven by Rebecca Coronel Espinosa, 20, of 1010 30th St., and a 1997 Mercury, driven by Joyce Marie Bohannon, 54, of 1490 North Ave. Q.

•Racing

Wednesday night several motorcycles were reported racing on FM 2763 between S.H. 350 and Western Texas College. An officer made contact with several subjects and advised them of the complaint.

•RR crossing warning

Lyn Lancaster reported Wednesday night that the railroad arms and lights were not working when a train went by on N. College Ave. The railroad was notified.

Prison term, probation handed down

One prison term and one probated sentence was handed down Tuesday following guilty pleas entered in 132nd District Court.

Stanley Dale Woods of 2416 Gilmore pleaded guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle on July 20.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Woods, 20, to serve 18 months in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice state jail facility.

Also pleading guilty was 40-year-old Billy Ray Kenley of 2006 Ave. O.

Kenley was charged with the July 2 offense of possession of a prohibited weapon.

Judge Armstrong sentenced Kenley to serve five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for five years. Kenley also was fined $1,000.



OPENS TONIGHT — *The Yellow Jacket* opens at 7:30 tonight in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College. Additional performances are set for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children. Call 573-8511, ext. 234 to reserve tickets. WTC student Chris Hensley plays Wu Fah Din in the Chinese fantasy. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Obituaries

Vergie Howard

1926-2003

Vergie Clemons Howard, 76, died Wednesday, Oct. 1, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Howard is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor of the First United Methodist Church will officiate.



Vergie Howard

Graveside service will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the Old Glory Cemetery.

Born Oct. 25, 1926 in Crawford, she married Robert Vinson Clemons on May 10, 1947 in Waco. He died May 29, 1979.

During World War II, Mrs. Howard worked at the McGregor bomb factory and also at the Stamford Flight School. She was a member of the VFW and the American Legion for many years.

Mrs. Howard worked as an accountant and in sales for several department stores and recently retired as a sales associate for Wal-Mart. She attended the First United Methodist Church in Snyder.

She also was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruby Hamilton and Jewell Griggs; a brother, Hubert Willman; two grandchildren, Steve Clemons and Holly Winstead; and one great-grandson, Drake Jones.

Survivors include two daughters, Debbie Bowlin of Snyder and Dianna Winstead of Corpus Christi; a son, David Clemons of Garland; a stepson and his wife, Robert Gene and Nancy Clemons of Leonard; a stepdaughter and her husband, Barbara and Kenneth Stevens of Waco; a sister, Mozelle Ferguson of Lubbock; nine grandchildren and their spouses, Robby and Nicole Winstead and Romey and Heildi Winstead, all of Corpus Christi; Janee and Todd Odom of Kerrville; Courtney and Greg Jones, Barrett Bowlin and Brett Bowlin, all of Snyder, Page Betke of Birmingham, Ala.; Nikki and Jay Higgins of Dallas, and Christi and Don Tanner of Crawford; nine great-grandchildren, Zerek and Spence Jones of Snyder; Taylor, Hunter and Tyler Winstead and William Winstead, all of Corpus Christi; Blake and Conner Odom of Kerrville; and Logan Higgins of Dallas.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Bernice Hale

1909-2003

LUBBOCK — Bernice Reed Hale, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, in Midland.



Bernice Hale

Funeral service for Mrs. Hale, 94, is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church with Elder George Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in the Englewood Cemetery in Slaton under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Born July 24, 1909 in Georgetown to John Henry and Dessie Viola Mariner, the family lived all over Texas and New Mexico.

She married Clinton Dewey Reed on Feb. 21, 1926 in Post. During their 49 years of marriage, the family lived in various towns in West Texas as Mr. Reed was a section foreman for Santa Fe Railroad. He died May 9, 1975.

She married Thomas Belton "Chic" Hale on May 5, 1979. He died April 17, 1996. Mrs. Hale also was preceded in death by her parents, six brothers, two sisters and one grandson, James Bryan Barnes.

Mrs. Hale moved from Snyder to Midland in 1997.

Survivors include six daughters and five sons-in-law, Bobbie and Wallace Combest of Snyder, Doris and Bill Turner of Midland, Verna and Harold Ingle of Sudan, Billie and Don Everett of Lubbock, Linda and Dr. Woodrow Hitchcock of Clifton, Va., and Clynice Baker of Midland; 20 grandchildren, including Jana Davis of Snyder; 32 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Kelly Barnes, Clinton Jones, Dr. Richard White, Kevin Combest, Scott Baker and Reed Hitchcock. Honorary pallbearers are her five sons-in-law and other grandsons Roger Barnes, Michael Jones, Randy White, Gary White and a special friend of the family, Don Jan es.

The family will greet friends at the Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church, 4401 N. University, from 9:30 a.m. until service time.

The family suggests memorials to the hospice of your choice, the Snyder or Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church, or a favorite charity.

Opal Clinkinbeard

1902-2003

Funeral service for Opal Virgie Clinkinbeard is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Walter McCall, Odyssey Healthcare chaplain, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Mrs. Clinkinbeard, 100, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, at her home in Snyder.

Born Oct. 3, 1902 in Okemah, Okla., she married John Clinkinbeard on March 23, 1920 in Okmulgee, Okla. He died in 1956. She also was preceded in death by two sons, Charles Clinkinbeard in 1999 and David Clinkinbeard in 2000.

Mrs. Clinkinbeard was a rancher and a cook at the Plaza Restaurant, retiring 23 years ago.

Survivors include three sons, Earl Clinkinbeard and Bob Clinkinbeard, both of Snyder, and Raymond Clinkinbeard of Plainview; two daughters, Margaret Fowler of Odessa and Dolly Tatom of Snyder; and numerous grandchildren.

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83/57	80/55	66/52
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Sunrise 7:39 AM / Sunset 7:26 PM	Sunrise 7:40 AM / Sunset 7:25 PM	Sunrise 7:40 AM / Sunset 7:23 PM

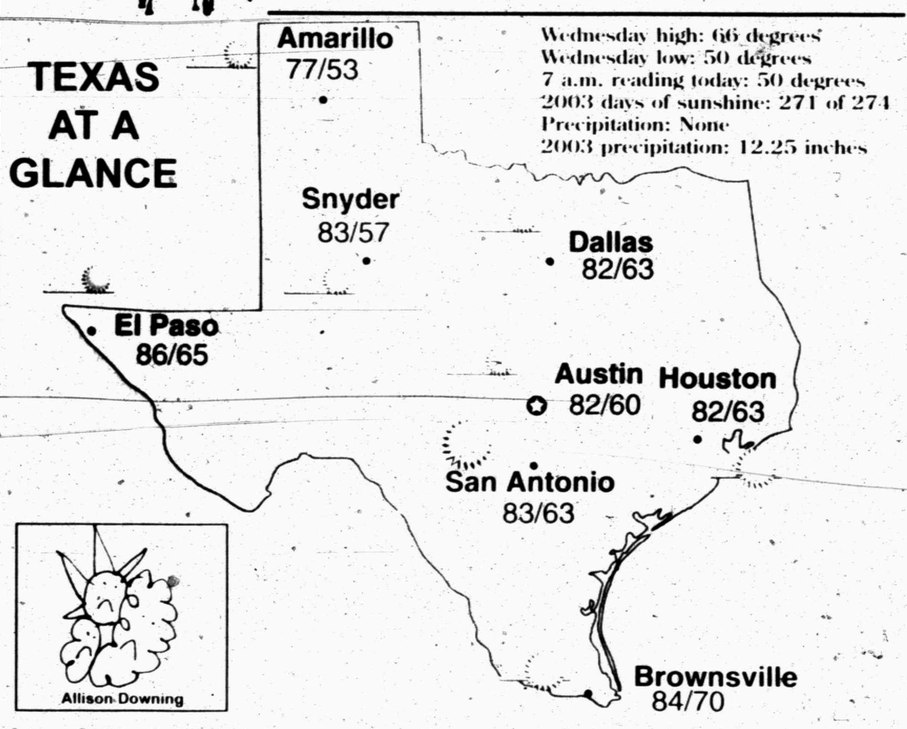
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Wednesday high: 66 degrees
Wednesday low: 50 degrees
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2003 days of sunshine: 271 of 274
Precipitation: None
2003 precipitation: 12.25 inches



Allison Downing

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	84	61	pt sunny	El Paso	86	65	pt sunny	Midland	87	61	pt sunny
Amarillo	77	53	pt sunny	Fort Stockton	89	62	mst sunny	Raymondville	85	66	mst sunny
Austin	82	60	pt sunny	Gainesville	81	57	pt sunny	Rosenberg	82	62	mst sunny
Beaumont	81	61	sunny	Greenville	80	57	pt sunny	San Antonio	83	63	sunny
Brownsville	84	70	mst sunny	Houston	82	63	mst sunny	San Marcos	83	60	sunny
Brownwood	85	59	pt sunny	Kingsville	83	65	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	80	56	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	81	67	mst sunny	Livingston	81	57	sunny	Sweetwater	84	59	pt sunny
Corsicana	81	59	pt sunny	Longview	79	56	pt sunny	Tyler	80	59	pt sunny
Dallas	82	63	pt sunny	Lubbock	85	58	pt sunny	Weatherford	82	58	pt sunny
Del Rio	84	66	mst sunny	Lufkin	80	58	sunny	Wichita Falls	84	60	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	70	45	mst sunny	Houston	82	63	mst sunny	Phoenix	89	70	pt sunny
Boston	57	47	sunny	Los Angeles	73	59	pt sunny	San Francisco	68	57	windy
Chicago	55	40	rain	Miami	84	75	t-storm	Seattle	72	52	mst sunny
Dallas	82	63	pt sunny	Minneapolis	52	38	rain	St. Louis	60	51	rain
Denver	64	39	pt sunny	New York	60	50	mst sunny	Washington, DC	61	43	mst sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Oct 2	Oct 10	Oct 18	Oct 25

UV Index

Fri 10/3	Sat 10/4	Sun 10/5
8	7	5
High	High	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0-11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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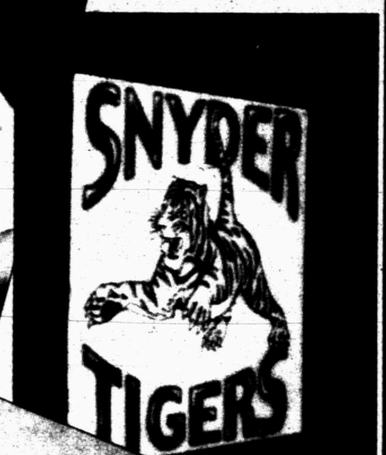




















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