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Home Of Stephanie Buchanan

Federal marshals take custody of Waco tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Previously undisclosed evidence in the FBI's 1993 tear-gas assault on the Branch Davidian cult near Waco, Texas, has been impounded by federal marshals as Justice Department officials begin talking with possible candidates to head an outside investigation of the escalating tear-gas controversy.

The marshals took custody of an infrared videotape recorded during the early morning of April 19, 1993, when FBI agents lobbed incendiary tear-gas canisters at a concrete bunker adjacent to the Davidians' compound, an FBI source said Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Hours later, the wooden compound erupted into flames. Cult leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died during the inferno, some from gunshot wounds, others from the fire.

The FBI and Attorney General Janet Reno, who have been heavily criticized over the Waco tragedy, have said there was no evidence to suggest the blaze was set by the combustible canisters.

Senior Justice officials directed the marshals to seize the evidence Wednesday afternoon after being informed by the FBI that new information had been discovered in the files of the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team at Quantico, Va., Justice and FBI officials said.

The Dallas Morning News and The New York Times in today's editions quoted officials as saying an audio track on the infrared tape picked up the voice of an agent seeking and receiving permission from a commander to fire incendiary tear-gas grenades at the bunker.

Reno has decided upon an independent inquiry — as recommended by the White House, the head of the FBI and several lawmakers — instead of one run from within her department, the Times and The Washington Post reported.

An informal list of several potential outside candidates to head the probe was in circulation, and some of them have been contacted, a Justice source said Wednesday. Reno was out of the country on official business through today.

Department sources said Reno and her top aides were angered at the latest twist in the newly resurgent Waco controversy. Just a week ago, the FBI was forced to retreat from six years of denials that it had used incendiary tear gas during the final hours of the 51-day siege, which had begun in a bloody shootout when federal agents tried to arrest Koresh on weapons charges.

That belated admission about the incendiary tear gas has prompted an outcry on Capitol Hill, where congressional Republicans are readying hearings for the fall. A frustrated Reno also ordered an inquiry to determine why combustible tear gas was used against her orders.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, on Wednesday urged Reno to resign over the Waco controversy.

"I think the attorney general should step down," Gramm said. "This is another example of where she has either lied to the American people or allowed the American people to be lied to."

The newly uncovered Forward-Looking Infrared, or FLIR, tapes were turned up as part of FBI Director Louis Freeh's order that all files be searched for relevant information in advance of the investigation, the FBI source said. After the evidence was found, it was transferred to FBI headquarters in Washington, where the marshals took possession.

The Hostage Rescue Team was in charge of operations during the siege and the final tear-gas assault.

"Earlier this afternoon, senior main Justice Department officials learned from the FBI that the FBI had found additional materials in its possession regarding the shooting of military CS gas rounds on the morning of April 19," Justice spokesman Myron Marlin said.

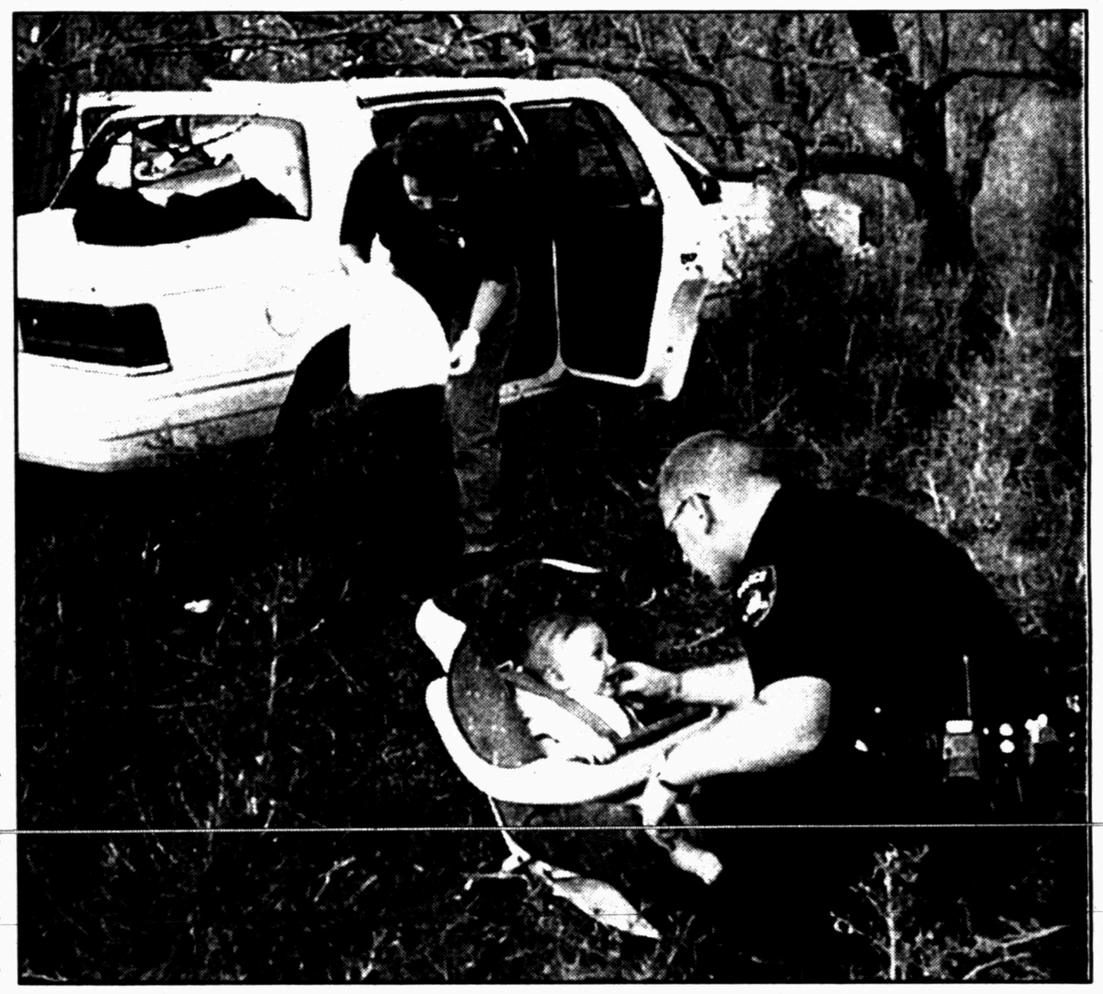
The Justice officials "immediately directed the United States Marshals Service to take possession and inventory the materials," Marlin added.

The FBI concurred, bureau spokesman John Collingwood said.

"We are anxious to identify and preserve for outside review and congressional oversight anything that may bear on the firing of the military gas rounds," Collingwood said. "In the end, the only way we can completely restore our credibility is to identify every scrap of information we have and immediately turn it over to whomever is doing the review."

Joining a chorus of voices on and off Capitol Hill, the White House has made clear its preference for an independent investigation, a White House official said Wednesday.

Senator Gramm calls for Reno's resignation



IT'S OKAY – Snyder police officer David Holley consoles 11-month-old Matthew Bass following a one-vehicle accident shortly before 8 a.m. today in the 3600 block of Avenue E. Matthew was a passenger in the back seat of a vehicle driven by his mother, Rachel. A medical condition caused Mrs. Bass to lose control of the car. She was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where she was being treated late this morning. Also shown is Cindi Josey of Snyder EMS. (SDN Staff Photo)

Island declared disaster area in wake of Dennis

WAVES, N.C. (AP) — Tropical Storm Dennis stalled off the North Carolina coast today, half the storm it was when it first spun into the Outer Banks earlier this week, but still making life hard for 5,000 people.

The fragile barrier islands were lashed by 60 mph winds and 14-foot waves as crews struggled to deliver supplies to the stranded.

President Clinton declared 50-mile-long Hatteras Island a disaster area and National Guard convoys ferried meals to the island.

"Between Avon and Buxton, it's completely washed out," Sgt. Joe Baker of the National Guard said Wednesday after his convoy failed to reach Buxton, on the southern end of Hatteras Island.

Later in the day, another National Guard convoy reached Buxton, and an additional convoy set out this morning for Hatteras' southern communities.

About 5,000 people, mostly residents, stayed on Hatteras after officials ordered an evacuation Sunday, then were stuck when the island's only north-south highway became impassable.

Baker's convoy encountered ocean overwash, 4-foot-deep sand and a storm-created trench, running across a quarter-mile neck between Avon and Buxton, while delivering 3,700 ready-to-eat meals to three fire stations north of Avon before turning back.

"The main thing is getting the road clear so we can get some help to those people," said Sgt. Craig Garriss of the state Highway Patrol. "They're in dire need of help."

Hatteras Island was without electricity, telephone service and, in some cases, water because electric pumps were knocked out, Garriss said. In Hatteras village, ham radio operators reported extensive flooding.

A Coast Guard helicopter airlifted a pregnant Hatteras Island woman, 19-year-old Amber Simerly, to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, where she gave birth.

Elsewhere on the Outer Banks, at least three cars were buried in sand up to their door handles in Nags Head. One cottage collapsed at Kitty Hawk, and five were reported destroyed at Rodanthe on Hatteras Island.

On Ocracoke Island flooding was widespread. Some 1,000 islanders remained without power, but ham radio operator Dale Mutro said everyone seemed to be getting along all right.

Nine coastal counties also were issued with federal disaster declarations Wednesday, meaning the government will cover 75 percent of the cost of relief efforts.

At 8 a.m. today, Dennis was nearly stationary, 110 miles east of Cape Hatteras, still lashing the barrier islands with gusty wind and high waves. No significant motion was expected today.

A tropical storm warning remained in effect from Surf City to Chincoteague, Va. A gale warning was in effect from Chincoteague to Fenwick Island, Del.

Forecasters said Dennis, once a Category 2 hurricane, could be downgraded further.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There's some advantage to not having all the latest electronic gadgets. A guy that still uses a rotary phone gets to talk to a real person."

When it rains, it pours. At least that's what one roofer in Seminole found.

A few weeks before Snyder was pounded with a midnight hailstorm, Seminole was hard hit.

The First United Methodist Church, just a few blocks west of downtown, sustained substantial damage to its high, slanting roof and considerable damage inside from the rain.

The church leaders immediately called in the insurance adjuster and then hooked up with a roofing company who promptly arrived in town to do the emergency repair.

For some reason, however, the roofing crew stopped a block short of the First Methodist Church, and promptly began removing the old roof of the First Baptist Church.

That evening, a three-inch rain fell, flooding the inside of both sanctuaries.

A few weeks ago, our fancy new computer failed to detect a classic goof, when we described a menu item as "boneless children" rather than "boneless chicken."

Something similar happened to one of our newspaper friends. Instead of describing something as "mouth watering," someone's fingers typed "mother watering."

Quote of the century, perhaps. It came from Archie McDonald of Nacogdoches, a Texas historian and former president of the Texas State Historical Association.

He said, "If I knew then what I know now, I'd have raised puppies instead of kids."

While sitting in a hospital waiting room, the only reading material was a woman's magazine with some tips for "getting a grip."

It told of an unique service for hotel guests.

Hotels are going way beyond the usual amenities, like inside refreshment centers and massages.

Two hotels in California are now offering the ultimate luxury for stressed-out patrons: psychotherapy.

At the Nob Hill Lambourne in San Francisco and the Hotel Acqua in Mill Valley, a chat with a local psychologist can be arranged by phone, e-mail or in person.

All for just $2 a minute.

What next: A sleeping pill or tranquilizer on your pillow instead of a chocolate?

Everyone is invited to kickoff season

The community is invited to a pep rally at 2 p.m. Friday in the Snyder High School gym as the Tigers will host Littlefield in the first home game of the season.

Fans are encouraged to wear black and gold to the pep rally as well as to the game which has an 8 p.m. kickoff.

Tickets for the game will remain on sale until noon Friday at the administration building.

Tickets purchased early for students are $2, and adult tickets are $5. All tickets purchased at the game will be $5.

Prior to the game, the Snyder choir boosters will have a Mexican stack supper from 5-7 p.m.

Tickets are $5 each and are available from the choir members. Carryout orders will also be available.

Labor Day holiday prompts closings

The Labor Day holiday on Monday will prompt several closings around town.

Financial institutions will be closed including West Texas State Bank, Texas Savings Bank, Snyder National Bank, First American Bank and American State Bank.

Area schools — including Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Western Texas College — will also be closed.

The Texas Workforce Commission and the Scurry County Museum, both located on the WTC campus, will also observe the holiday.

Snyder public schools will also have an early release day on Friday. Students will be dismissed at 2 p.m.

City and county employees will also receive a day off Monday as City Hall and the courthouse will both be closed.

The exception is the city landfill, which will be closed Saturday and open Monday.

Scurry County Library will not be open Saturday through Monday.

"Taste" tickets remain on sale

Tickets remain on sale for the third annual "Taste of Scurry County" which will be held a week from today in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church.

Those attending will have a variety of food to sample from a majority of the food establishments in the county.

A silent auction will be held from 6-7:30 p.m., with the food being served at 6:30.

The live auction of many items will start at 7:30 p.m.

Items are still being accepted for the auction by contacting the Scurry County Museum at 573-6107.

Tickets are $10 per adult and $5 for children ages 5-12. Children under five are free.

ASK US

Q—Was the decision to have a moment of silence before Friday night's football game an administrative decision, or that of the board of trustees?

A—It was an administrative decision, said Supt. Gayle Lomax.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, mid-to-upper 60s. Friday, partly cloudy. High, mid 90s. Rain chance less than 20%.

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 95 degrees; low, 71; 7 a.m. Thursday, 72; no precipitation; total for 1999, 19.31 inches.



Angie Amarillas
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:06 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:21 a.m.
Of 244 days in 1999, the sun has shone 237 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Today is the best preparation we have for what tomorrow may bring.

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Leslie Pemberton

Leslie Pemberton on academic list

Leslie Pemberton has been named to the president's list for the summer quarter of the academic year at The Art Institute of Dallas.

This is her sixth consecutive quarter to be named to the list.

Students must carry a 3.5 average out of a 4.0 scale. She has maintained a 3.8 for all six quarters.

Leslie is studying interior design with a graduation date set for March, 2000.

She is the daughter of Leon and Kathy Pemberton of Snyder.

Amana recalling 5,000 gas ovens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amana Appliances is recalling more than 5,000 gas-fueled, downdraft ovens that have a faulty lock. The oven can open during the self-clean cycle, exposing people to high temperatures.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said Tuesday no injuries have been reported, but customers should stop using the self-cleaning feature but can continue to use the oven for cooking.

The oven comes in either black or white. The model number AGDS901E or AGDS901WW appears on lower left side behind the utility drawer. The cooking surface has two gas burners on the left side and a gas grill on the right.

Major department store and appliances stores sold the ovens nationwide from October 1995 through July 1999 for between $1,500 and $1,600.

Customers should call Amana for a free replacement of the self-clean locking mechanism, at 1-800-266-3535.

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Pepsi had to sell 192,307,692 cans of soda to recoup the expense of its advertising campaign featuring Michael Jackson.

The official governmental term for a zipper is "interlocking slide fastener."

New child car-seat regulations in effect

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first in a three-year series of steps to improve child car-seat safety began Wednesday.

Stricter head protection standards went into effect at midnight Tuesday, meaning that most new seats now will have to be equipped with a tether strap that anchors the top of the seat more securely so children are thrown about less in a crash.

The change is the first phase of a federal plan to create a universal, easy-to-use children's seating system. The goal is to eliminate confusion among parents that results in incorrect installation of up to 80 percent of car seats.

Once all autos and seats have the new system, the government estimates up to 50 lives will be saved and 3,000 injuries prevented each year.

Parents should not abandon the hundreds of thousands of child seats already are in use, government officials say. Seat manufacturers and automakers are offering kits to add the tethers and new attachment points to existing seats and cars for parents who want them.

Experts believe existing seats are safe when installed properly, but that the new regulations are needed to simplify that task.

"Currently, it varies from seat to seat and vehicle to vehicle what type of restraint system you have," said Steve Oesch, senior vice president of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, an industry-backed research group that supports the change.

"This system will make child restraints safer, simpler and more secure," said Dr. Ricardo Martinez, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the federal agency issuing the new regulations.

Starting today, the safety administration is requiring that automakers do their part by beginning to equip new cars with anchor points for the top tether straps.

In most sedans, the anchors will be on the shelf between the rear seat and rear window. In minivans, the anchors will be on the floor behind the seat. Eighty percent of vehicles sold in the United States for the 2000 model year must have the anchors, with the percentage increasing in succeeding years.

By Sept. 1, 2002, car seat makers also must add two more straps to attach the seat bottom to a car without using its seat belt system. Automakers must equip all new vehicles with standardized attachment points for both the top and bottom straps by that date as well.

Ford Motor Co. plans to equip all its 2000 models with the top tether mounts. Its Windstar and new Focus models also will come with the lower mounts. A government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Volkswagen may also get a head start by announcing that all three attachment points will be standard equipment on its 2000 model year Beetles.

Car accidents are the leading killer of children ages 14 and under. With dozens of seats being offered to protect infants and toddlers, parents have been frustrated by the difficulty of finding the right one for their vehicles.

Automobiles also come with a wide variety of seats and seat-belt designs, adding to the confusion.

The new head protection regulation reduces the amount a child's head can move in a 30 mph crash from 32 inches to 28 inches. While some existing seats can meet the stiffer requirement without a tether strap, most cannot.

The rest of the tether and anchor system was proposed as a means of standardizing seat installation.

Child seats now cost from $40 to $220. The highway safety administration, in a study last year, estimated that a universal latching system would increase the cost by $10 to $65 per seat.

The safety administration said people with questions about the new system should call their seat's manufacturer, the maker of their automobile or NHTSA's auto safety hot line at 888-DASH-2-DOT.

Information is also available via the Internet at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps.

Parents charged when snake kills son

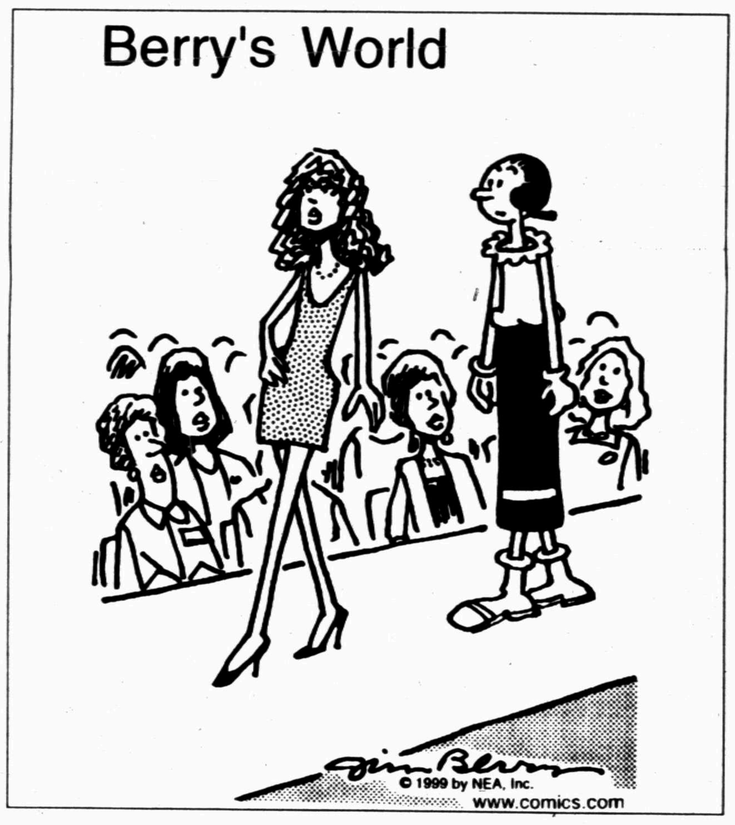
CARLYLE, Ill. (AP) — The parents of a 3-year-old boy squeezed to death by a pet python were charged Wednesday with endangering the life of a child and possession of a dangerous animal.

Robert Altom, 26, said Wednesday he didn't know the snake was vicious enough to kill his son, Jesse, who was asleep on the living room floor of the family's mobile home.

"I don't blame the snake. ... I don't really believe he tried to stalk my son down. He might have got out of the cage and he cuddled up by him," Altom said after his son's funeral Wednesday.

"I wouldn't have had a snake in my house if I'd thought it was going to kill my son. That boy was everything in my world," he said.

The endangerment charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.





Natalie Mia Rodriguez

Mia Rodriguez is winner at pageant

Natalie "Mia" Rodriguez, one-year-old daughter of Gloria Gonzales and Gaylon Rodriguez of Snyder, won several trophies and other recognition Sunday during the Lubbock Area Baby Pageant, sponsored by Teen Publications.

She earned two first places trophies, one for being named queen in her age group and the other for her personality.

She also received a good-health certificate and two third- place ribbons, one for the beauty category and the other for the photo category.

Sponsors included Red Barn BBQ and Scifries Tires, formerly Lang Tire.

Mia's grandparents include Martha Oviedo, Raymond Rodriguez and Mary Rodriguez, all of Snyder.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Sept. 3, 1999

Be patient as your annual birthday cycle begins, because a new course you could be embarking on might not be immediately evident to you. However, you'll soon make a major change in direction that'll prove very worthy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll learn today that it was a blessing in disguise for something that might have been denied you in the past. You'll have lots to cheer about. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Base your hopes and expectations on practical action rather than wishful thinking today and they will stand an excellent chance of being fulfilled over the next few days.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could discover today that your ideas have more respect from your contemporaries than you might realize when they readily agree to get involved in one of your ambitions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Provided agreements are predicted upon fairness, any negotiations you have at this time have very good probabilities for producing mutual benefits for all involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Starting today, substantial gains at work can be realized by working together with others to revamp something that sorely needs a transformation. Organize a group for these purposes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Allowing your heart to rule your head may not be too wise a decision process, but today it might be this very behavior that will yield you the best results.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Devote your energies and efforts today to things you deem to be labors of love and your accomplishments could be outstanding. This is especially true of that which you do for your family.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone in whom you've been interested, but may have paid you little attention previously, might take an interest in you today. Put on your best smile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you don't attempt to structure things in a severe, strict fashion you could be luckier than usual today, especially financially. Leave ample room for friendly influences to operate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) For the next couple of days, you could experience some favorable conditions over what affects you personally. Start today arranging your schedule to accommodate an important ambition.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A project on which you've been working might show its first signs of paying off today. Chances are, this could be something you didn't believe would be successful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The secret to your success today lies in your ability to believe in yourself. Know that you are now in a very fortunate achievement cycle and whatever you set your mind to can be acomplished.

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Clinton declares extreme fire hazard exists in 217 of Texas' 254 counties

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has declared that an extreme fire hazard condition exists in 217 of Texas' 254 counties, including Scurry, Borden, Fisher, Garza, Mitchell, Nolan and Swisher.

The declaration area includes all of West Texas and the area of the eastern half of the state from along the Red River southward to a line that runs between San Antonio, Victoria, Houston and Beaumont. Only extreme South Texas is not covered by the declaration.

It means that federal funding will be made available for emergency protective measures as authorized by the Stafford Act.

Date Book

Thursday, Sept. 2, 1999

Today is the 245th day of 1999 and the 74th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1930, Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte completed the first nonstop airplane flight from Europe to the United States.

On this day in 1944, president-to-be George Bush, a Navy pilot, was shot down by Japanese forces in the Bonin Islands. He was rescued by a U.S. submarine.

On this day in 1978, former Beatle George Harrison and Olivia Trinidad Arias were wed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Cleveland Amory (1917-), writer, is 82; Marge Champion (1923-), dancer-actress, is 76; Terry Bradshaw (1948-), football great-commentator, is 51; Mark Harmon (1951-), actor, is 48; Jimmy Connors (1952-), tennis star, is 47; Eric Dickerson (1960-), football star, is 39; Keanu Reeves (1964-), actor, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, Jimmy Connors and Chris Evert won their first U.S. Open singles matches.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A little of what you call frippery is very necessary towards looking like the rest of the world." — Abigail Adams

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

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The basic monetary unit of Uganda is the shilling, and its chief fractional unit is the cent.

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Eighty percent of all refrigerators are either white or almond.

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BULL CREEK COWBOY CAMP MEETING

September 4th & 5th, 1999
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Susie Luchsinger
Will Lead Praise & Worship
Paul Luchsinger
Will Preach The Gospel

Sat., Sept 4th - Chuckwagon Supper - 5:00 p.m.
Worship Service Will Follow

Sun., Sept. 5th - Chuckwagon Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.
Morning Service - 10:00 a.m.

Following lunch there will be a Baptismal Service

Please bring a salad or dessert





ENTERTAINED AT BANQUET — The Show Choir at Snyder Junior High School performed several songs, with a tropical island flair, for over 500 attending the Snyder Chamber of Commerce awards dinner Tuesday. The coliseum was decorated with a Hawaiian theme. Marcia Dennis is choir instructor. Three singers of the boys choir pictured are Rankin Hardin, Brad English and Justin Guynes, from left. Five pictured from the girls choir are (from left) Gerrico Greenlee, Kristel Fitts, Laura Arellano, Melissa Jerome and Sarah Crawford. (SDN Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Fire up the grill for some new ideas

In the South, barbecue is practically a religion, with many apostles and just as many sects.

Every backyard chef fancies himself a guru of the grill, a master of the meat. But where they may differ on technique and style they all agree on one thing: of all the barbecue classics — chicken, steak, even burgers — only one can claim to be king: the spareribs.

Perhaps it's the mystique of the old roadside smokehouse, or maybe it's just the succulent and chewy richness of melt-off-the-bone rib meat that inspires the barbecue masses. Whatever it is the rib rules, and it's not as hard to cook as most people believe. This easy recipe takes advantage of pre-cooking the ribs before grilling and makes delicious use of the tangy heat of barrel-aged Tabasco Pepper Sauce to impart an authentic, rich and spicy barbecue flavor.

Spicy Southern-Style Pork Spareribs

4 pounds pork spareribs, cut into 2-rib portions
¼ cup honey
¼ cup ketchup
¼ cup red wine vinegar
¼ cup orange juice
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon Tabasco Pepper Sauce
1/2 teaspoon salt.

Heat spareribs and enough water to cover to boiling in 5-quart saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 1 hour or until ribs are fork-tender. Drain

Meanwhile, for grilling sauce: heat honey, ketchup, vinegar, orange juice, garlic, Tabasco Sauce and salt to boiling in 1-quart saucepan over high heat. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered 5 minutes or until mixture thickens.

Preheat grill to medium or preheat oven to 450 degrees F.

Place ribs on rack in grill or on rack in broiler pan; brush with grilling sauce. Cook for 20 minutes or until heated through, brushing occasionally with grilling sauce and turning once.

Makes 4 servings.

For Results Use Snyder Daily News Classified Ads 573-5486

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 09-02-99
♠ Q 10 4
♥ Q 9 8 5
♦ K 6 5
♣ K 6 3

West
♠ A 7 5 2
♥ K 7
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ A 9 4

East
♠ 9 8 6 3
♥ 3 2
♦ 9 4 3
♣ 10 8 7 5

South
♠ K J
♥ A J 10 6 4
♦ A 7 2
♣ Q J 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

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

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Listen, think, act

By Phillip Alder

If you have an uncontested auction, you will rarely gain an insight into the location of missing key honor cards. However, if an opponent bids, you have been given a blueprint. Don't forget to read the plan and act on it.

In this deal, you reach four hearts after West kicks off with one diamond. He leads the diamond queen. What is your line of play?

When in a suit contract, first check your losers, then count your winners. Here, you are faced with four losers: one in each suit. Without any opposition bidding, you might — incorrectly! — hope that the trump finesse is working. However, you are missing only 14 high-card points, yet West opened. So, he must have the heart king.

Apparently, you have 10 tricks via two spades, four hearts, two diamonds and two clubs, but that's not much use if the opponents take four winners first. You must divest yourself of a loser. That requires finding a suit with more cards in one hand than in the other, which are either winners now or will be in time — here, spades. But if West holds up his spade ace one round, you will need a dummy entry to get to the third spade. So, win trick one with the diamond ace, cash the heart ace (the king might drop), and continue with the spade king.

Let's suppose West wins with the ace and continues with the diamond 10. You win with dummy's king, cash the spade queen to squash your jack, and call for the spade 10, on which you discard your remaining diamond. Play another trump, and when everyone follows, you can claim, losing one spade, one heart and one club.

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The closest that Frederick Remington, a native of upstate New York whose paintings and bronzes helped immortalize the Old West, ever came to being a cowboy was 10 months he spent on his sheep ranch in Kansas.

Cantrell reunion was held recently in Towle Park barn

The annual Cantrell reunion was held Aug. 14-15 in Towle Park Barn.

Attending from Midland included Yvonne and Johnny Castleberry, Bobby Cantrell, Jackie and Jean Cantrell, James and Deborah Blinco, Steve, Jacinda and Brenna Cantrell Tommy, Shantell, Tiffany Dillion, Cameran and McKinley Weatherlin of Midland.

Coming from Denton were Hollis and Darlene Chandler, Darla Kay and Jamie Chandler and Austin Berry.

Tom, Vickie, Bryson and Madison Oliver from Sweetwater also attended.

Others were Justin and Shatasha Compton from Hermleigh, and Lila and Billy Cantrell, Lance Turner, Betty and Dale Cantrell and Betty and Alicia Pierson, all from Snyder.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course set Monday and Tuesday evenings at 6 to 9; community room of Texas Savings Bank, 27th & College Ave.; no reservations are needed and for more information call 573-2850.

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

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

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Nuestra Vueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; for more information call for Nathalie at 573-0015; 5 p.m. weigh-in.

Plainview Family Community Education Club (FCE); 2 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

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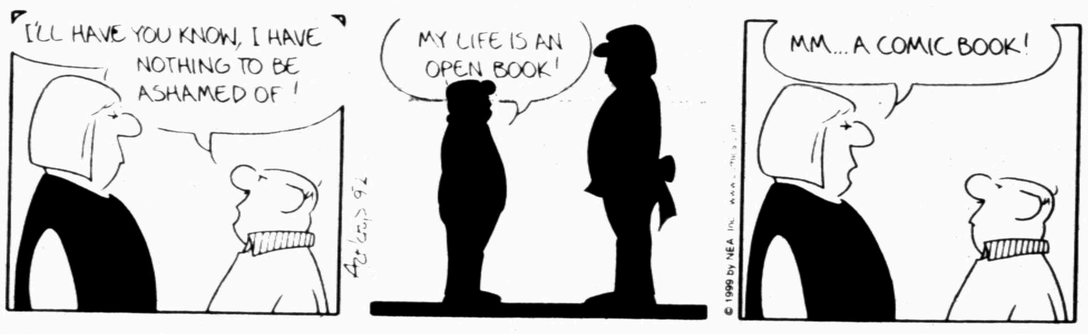
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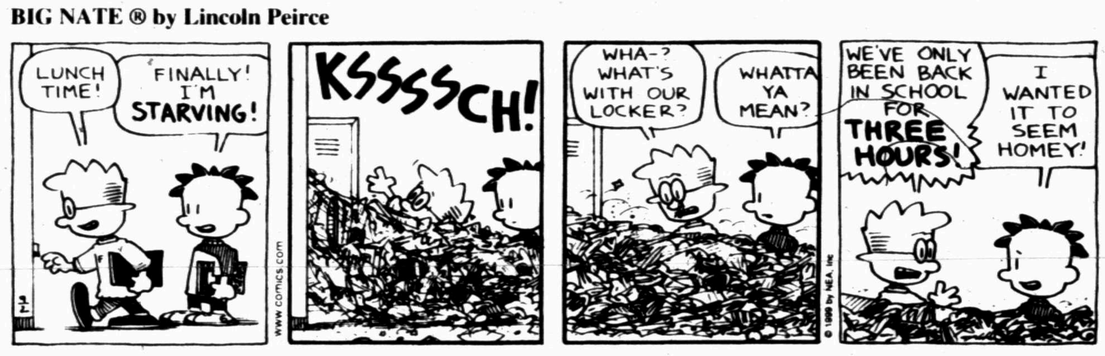
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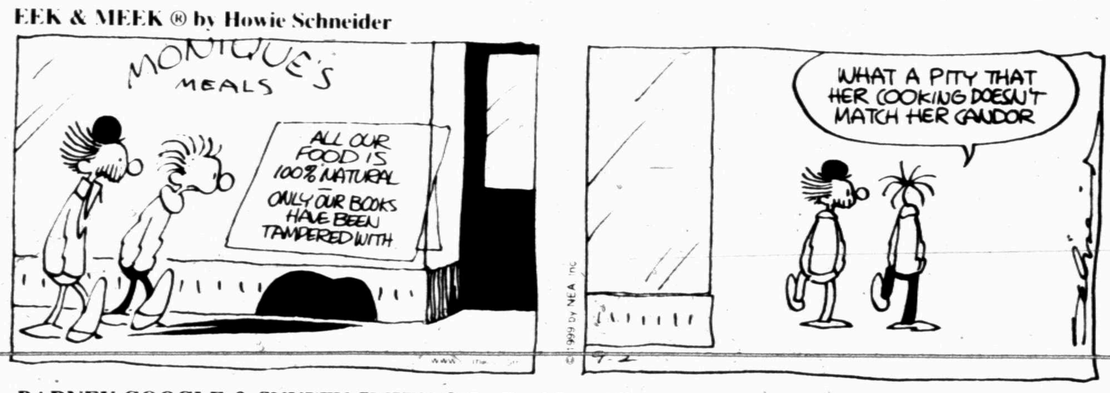
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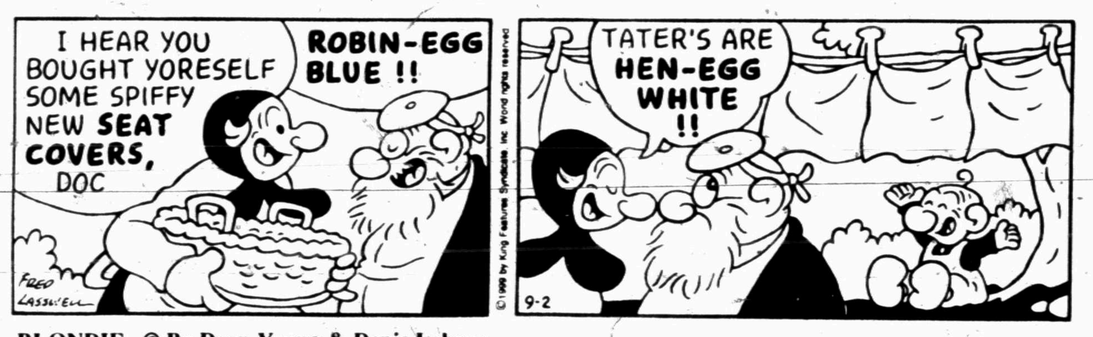
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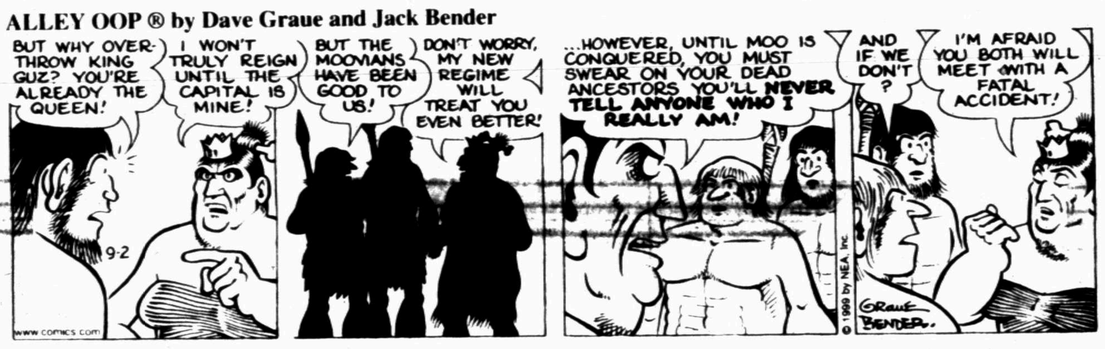
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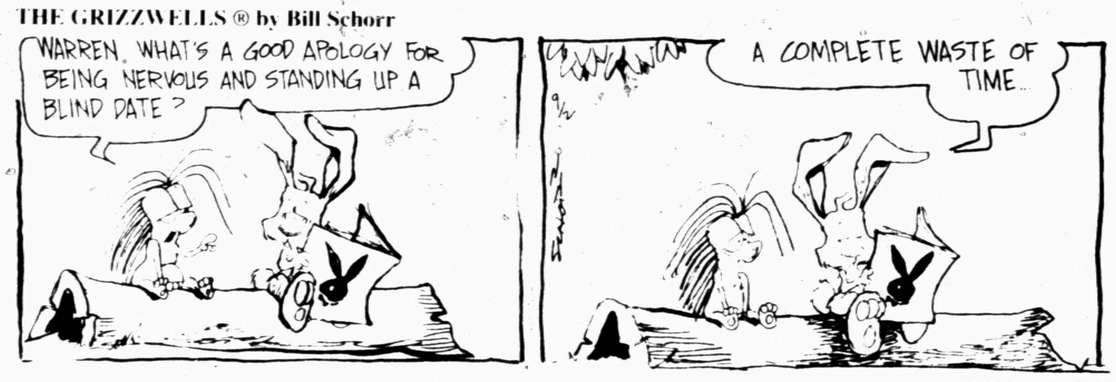
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ACROSS

1 Actor Peter —
6 Greek peak
10 Kampala's land
12 Soft clothing fabric
14 Texas city (2 wds.)
15 Baltimore bird
16 "— Miserables"
17 Nothing
19 Companion of odds
20 Worshipper, at times
23 Page number
26 Agt.
27 IRS worker, maybe
30 Overturns
32 Dannon product
34 Fabricated (2 wds.)
35 Enthusiasm
36 Guido's high note
37 Medieval poem
39 Poem of lamentation
40 Made fizzy
42 They're yoked
45 Vessel's curved planking
46 African native
49 Get there
51 Kicked a football
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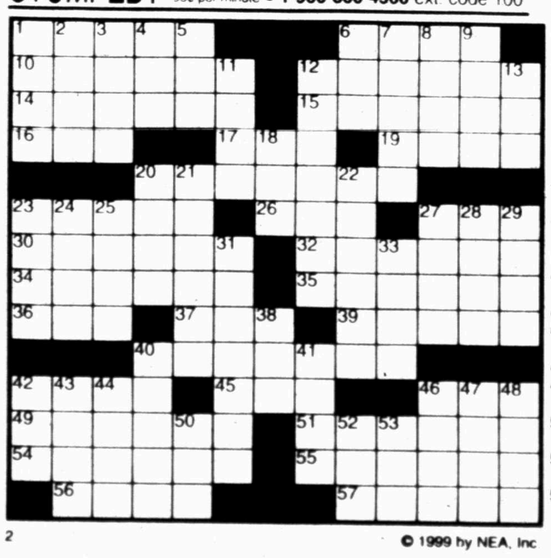
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5 Billboards, e.g.
6 Above (poet.)
7 More foxy
8 In a second
9 Dec. 31 word
11 First-rate (2 wds.)
12 Some tennis shots
13 Musical notes
18 Comparative ending
20 Cattle
21 Rounded lump
22 Epic poem
23 Smoke
24 October birthstone
25 Mother of Castor and Pollux
27 Heal
28 Self-righteous person
29 Court figure (abbr.)
31 Less dense
33 — the lily (adorn)
38 Author Fleming
40 "It's — — wind . . ."
41 Proofreader's quarry
42 Western hemisphere assn.
43 Medical picture
44 Silkworm
46 Believe — — not
47 Actor Lugosi
48 Some poems
50 Collar shape
52 Actress Hagen
53 Neither's partner

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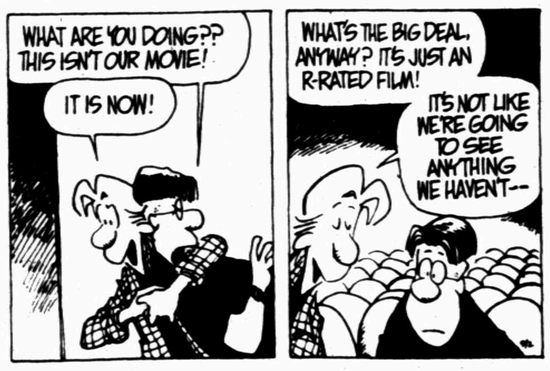
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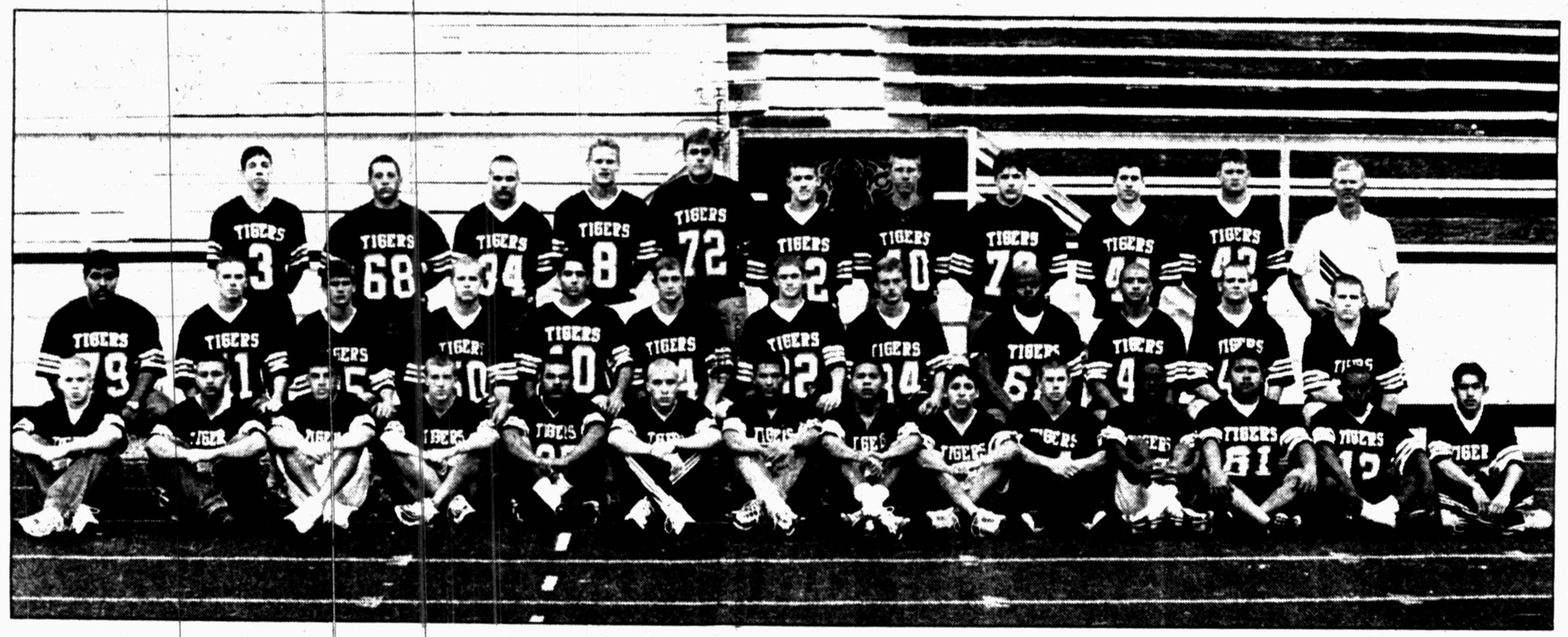


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SPORTS

Sports Whirl
By Eric Drennan SDN Sports Editor

Pondering the question of whether to pray, or not to pray, while waiting for the Lady Tigers to return home.

Ask a member of the Lady Tiger volleyball team what their home uniforms look like, and you might not get an answer.

Snyder has played a total of 15 matches as of today, all of them on the road.

And the squad will be back on the bus this weekend when it takes part in the Wayland Baptist tournament in Plainview.

All total, the Lady Tigers host just seven matches in the SHS gym this season, with four of them being played consecutively during district competition.

But hang in there Lady Tigers, because relief could be on the way. The UIL's biennial realignment is this coming spring.

It's been rumored that avid football fans have a different take on life than some. Evidently, now they have different constitutional rights, as well.

A Texas court has ruled that it is unconstitutional to pray before football games, but it's perfectly fine to pray during graduation ceremonies.

I wasn't aware that the Constitution of the United States applied only to certain situations. But then again, I've always stood, removed my cap, and bowed my head prior to kickoff, figuring it wasn't only my right, but my duty as a fan of the game, to pray for the safety of the players. Evidently, according to the courts, I was wrong.

But let me just get this straight. If a man is leading a group of people in a flag burning prior to kickoff, it is illegal for me stop him. But it is perfectly fine for that same man to stop me from leading a group of people in prayer over the PA system.

Somehow, I don't think this is what Thomas Jefferson had in mind when he sat down with his quill and his ink, over 200 years ago.

For Longhorns' tilt with Stanford...

Brown challenges oversized line

AUSTIN (AP) — Things are supposed to be big in Texas.

For Texas Longhorns coach Mack Brown, the challenge is getting his humongous offensive line ready to move mountains, not just be one.

The Longhorns have maybe the biggest line in college football, averaging 327 pounds across the front. With 6-foot-6, 367-pound tackle Leonard Davis and 6-5, 315-pound guard Roger Roesler both lining up on the left side, it's a wonder the field doesn't tilt.

The smallest player among the front five is center Marcel Blanchard at 6-4, 305. Even the second-team averages 316 pounds.

In a game where size matters, Stanford coach Tyrone Willingham has taken notice.

The Cardinal, which opens its season Saturday against Texas, averages 273 pounds on the defensive line.

"That one tackle is what, three or four hundred or somewhere along those lines?" Willingham asked. "This will be a massive team we play."

The problem is, all that Texas beef didn't move any mountains in a 23-20 loss last week to No. 24 North Carolina State.

If fact, the Texas offense was stuffed twice on quarterback sneaks in critical 4th-and-inches situations. The first killed a second-quarter scoring drive deep in N.C. State territory. The other came late in the game, stopping a fourth-quarter drive to tie at midfield.

Brown has challenged the line to dominate with its size and to get the critical inches when they are needed most.

"I asked the guys to talk between themselves and pick a play," Brown said. "We're not going to go for it if we can't get it."

He asked if they could meet the challenge.

"I think I know what their answer will be," Brown said.

Roesler was ready with one Wednesday.

"When you don't get your six inches when you need it, it's tough on your confidence," Roesler said. "A line as big as ours should've been able to get those inches.

"I don't know if we have to get off the ball harder or what, but the next time when we have six inches to go, we'll be that much more prepared to get it," he said.

Texas' offensive line was a critical component to the Longhorns' 9-3 1998. But that unit had a lot more experience than the current group. Roesler is the only senior and only returning starter.

After averaging 204 yards rushing as a team in 1998 with Ricky Williams, Texas totaled a mere 56 yards on the ground against N.C. State once 32 yards lost on sacks and tackles for losses were factored in.

Roesler said he thinks the line had a solid game despite the miscues. Quarterback Major Applewhite had time to complete 30 passes for 316 yards.

The unit has learned from watching the game film and can correct the mistakes Saturday, he said.

"Even though we had some mistakes and lost the game, as a unit we got better," he said.

"The goal of the offensive line," Roesler said, "Is to dominate up front and move the ball."

Local Golf Results

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Championship flight: Carolyn Green-Martha Fagin, first place; Stacy Reed-Esther Guelker, second place; Vivian Norwood-Kaye Cypert, consolation.

First flight: Jo Sterling-Juanita Hester, first place; Finnie Seale-Norma Thompson, second place; Peggy Hardin-Judy Moss, consolation.

Second flight: Donna Stehley-Marie Dollins, first place; Colleen Duke-Doris Downing, second place.

Closest to the pin: Vivian Norwood (both holes).

Accuracy drive: Jo Sterling and Kaye Cypert.

WTC MGA
Skins Game

Foursome winners: Jeral Beard, Nolan von Roeder, Kenneth Parker, Pete Rios, Blaine Long, Allen Fine and Greg Hodge.

Sports Schedule

TODAY

Football: Snyder JV at Littlefield, 6 p.m.

Football: Midland Christian at Snyder 9th B, Travis Field, 4:30.

Football: Littlefield at Snyder 9th A, Tiger Stadium, 6:30.

Tennis: Snyder JV at Abilene High.

FRIDAY

Football: Littlefield at Snyder, 8 p.m.

Football: Ira at Loop, 7:30.

Football: Hermleigh at Highland, 7:30.

Football: Borden County at Wilson, 7:30.

Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Wayland Baptist tourney.

SATURDAY

Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Wayland Baptist tourney.

Volleyball: Snyder 9th and JV at Snyder tourney.

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Borden County at Wilson	Borden County	Borden County	Borden County	Borden County
Brownwood at Sweetwater	Brownwood	Brownwood	Brownwood	Brownwood
Fort Stockton at Crane	Fort Stockton	Fort Stockton	Crane	Crane
Frenship at Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring
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Stanford at Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Arizona at TCU	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona
Baylor at Boston College	Boston College	Boston College	Boston College	Boston College
Arkansas at SMU	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas
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Nebraska at Iowa	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
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Virginia at North Carolina	North Carolina	Virginia	North Carolina	Virginia
South Carolina at North Carolina St.	North Carolina St.	South Carolina	South Carolina	North Carolina St.
Minnesota at NY Jets	NY Jets	Minnesota	NY Jets	NY Jets
San Francisco at Denver	San Francisco	San Francisco	Denver	San Francisco
Tampa Bay at Washington	Tampa Bay	Washington	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay

Gonzalez, Rangers heat up in stretch run

DETROIT (AP) — Juan Gonzalez is going to have a monster September. Texas manager Johnny Oates can just feel it.

Certainly, nothing would help the Rangers more in their stretch run for the AL West championship.

Gonzalez, Luis Alicea and Gregg Zaun homered Wednesday night to help Rick Helling stretch his winning streak to six as the Rangers pounded the Detroit Tigers 14-7.

"I was saying before the game that this could be Juan's month," Oates said. "I can tell by the way he lifts his knee and strides into the pitch that he's feeling good. Plus, Juan hasn't had that monster month yet."

Not that he's been in a slump or anything.

Gonzalez is hitting .312 with 31 homers and 109 RBIs. This is the fourth straight season he's had at least 30 homers and 100 RBIs, and the sixth time in his career.

"In my mind, I see myself hitting 40 homers every season," Gonzalez said. "But you need consistency more than anything. That's the key. So I just try to play game by game — no plan."

Gonzalez has three homers in his last five games, driving in six runs in the six games on this Texas road trip.

Dean Palmer, Tony Clark and Damion Easley homered for Detroit.

Helling (12-7) was in trouble early, falling behind 5-1 after three innings. But he allowed just two hits in the next four innings, retiring the Tigers in order in the fifth and sixth.

"Even in the early innings, I felt good," Helling said. "I told myself to stay with it and maybe I'd quit making mistakes."

In seven-plus innings, Helling allowed six runs and eight hits with one walk and seven strikeouts.

John Wetteland got the last five outs for his 37th save in 44 opportunities.

Helling, relieved by Tim Crabtree after Palmer's single leading off the eighth, hasn't lost since June 21 at Boston, going 6-0 with seven no-decisions in his last 13 starts.

"Rick changed some things around," Clark said. "He started throwing more breaking balls, and kept it on the corners."

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	81	51	.614	—
Boston	75	58	.564	6½
Toronto	71	64	.526	11½
Baltimore	59	73	.447	22
Tampa Bay	59	74	.444	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	82	50	.621	—
Chicago	62	72	.463	21
Minnesota	56	75	.427	25½
Detroit	53	79	.402	29
Kansas City	51	82	.383	31½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	80	54	.597	—
Oakland	73	60	.549	6½
Seattle	67	66	.504	12½
Anaheim	51	81	.386	28

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 1
Toronto 4, Minnesota 0
Boston 4, Kansas City 3
Cleveland 8, Anaheim 1
Texas 14, Detroit 7
Oakland 7, New York 1
Seattle 3, Chicago 2

Thursday's Games

Kansas City (Suzuki 0-4) at Boston (R.Martinez 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 11-5) at New York (Hernandez 14-7), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Sele 15-7) at Detroit (Mlicki 10-10), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Arrojo 4-9) at Baltimore (Erickson 10-11), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mays 5-6) at Toronto (Wells 12-9), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Sparks 5-10) at Cleveland (Nagy 14-9), 7:05 p.m.
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Atlanta	85	50	.630	—
New York	81	53	.604	3½
Philadelphia	67	65	.508	16½
Montreal	57	76	.429	27
Florida	53	80	.398	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	79	56	.585	—
Cincinnati	76	56	.576	1½
Pittsburgh	67	67	.500	11½
St. Louis	65	69	.485	13½
Milwaukee	58	74	.439	19½
Chicago	55	77	.417	22½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	79	55	.590	—
San Francisco	72	61	.541	6½
Los Angeles	62	71	.466	16½
San Diego	61	73	.455	18
Colorado	60	75	.444	19½

Wednesday's Games

San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 3, 11 innings
Pittsburgh 9, Colorado 8
Milwaukee 5, Los Angeles 4
Atlanta 8, Cincinnati 7
St. Louis 9, Florida 3
New York 9, Houston 5
Montreal 8, Arizona 1
Chicago 1, San Diego 0

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia (Grahe 0-1) at San Francisco (Nathan 4-3), 3:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Oliver 7-8) at Milwaukee (Nomo 11-6), 8:05 p.m.

WNBA Playoffs

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Friday, Aug. 27
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Sunday, Aug. 29
New York 74, Charlotte 70
Monday, Aug. 30
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Sunday, Aug. 29
Houston 83, Los Angeles 55
Monday, Aug. 30
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Thursday, Sept. 2
Houston at New York, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 4
New York at Houston, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 5
New York at Houston, 3:30 p.m., if necessary

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Thursday's Games

St. Louis at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Carolina, 8 p.m.
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Jacksonville at Dallas, 9 p.m.

Friday's Games

N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, Noon
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Saturday's Game

Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

MGA monthly tourney

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Bowling league news

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Cleveland suburb enforces ban on cell phone-driving

BROOKLYN, Ohio (AP) — Police have started ticketing drivers for chatting on cell phones in this Cleveland suburb under a law believed to be the first of its kind in the country.

Police had been warning drivers since the ordinance was passed in March. But on Wednesday, police started handing out tickets to those using hand-held cell phones.

Fines for the misdemeanor start at $3 for first-time offenders, but can shoot up to $100 for a second offense or if the driver is involved in an accident.

The law prohibits use of a cell phone while driving unless both hands are on the steering wheel. Exceptions are made for emergency calls, using a phone in a parked car or using a speakerphone.

The idea for the ordinance began when Mayor John Coyne learned that an accident near a city recreation center was caused by an inattentive driver talking on a cell phone.

"What we're telling people is that if you're going to give the gift of gab, get to the side of the road," Coyne said.

David Cleary, 35, of Arlington Heights, Ill., was one of the first drivers to be ticketed. Although he was surprised at being pulled over, he understood the reasoning.

"If it makes the road safer, that's good," he said.

A 1997 study published in the New England Journal of Medicine found that talking on a phone while driving quadrupled the risk of an accident and was almost as dangerous as being drunk behind the wheel.

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics, cell phones were a contributing factor in 57 fatal crashes in 1997, the last year for which figures are available.

Several countries have banned the use of cell phones while driving. Jeffrey Nelson, a spokesman for the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, said he believes Brooklyn's law is the first of its kind in the United States.

Brooklyn has a history of leading the way in traffic safety. Coyne, 82, who has been mayor since 1948, helped to enact a seatbelt requirement in 1966. He said that law was also the first of its type.

Newborn panda cub has public wowed, but very frustrated

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Michelle Forbes and her two children arrived at the San Diego Zoo on a mission — they wanted see the newborn giant panda.

Everywhere they looked, pandas stared them in the face, from stuffed toy animals and poster-size cut-outs to coffee cups, key chains and T-shirts emblazoned with black-and-white pandas.

It would be the closest she ever got to the as-yet-unamed cub.

"It's like this monumental event, but an event you can't experience," said Mrs. Forbes of Apple Valley, staring at a $10 ceramic panda figurine in the zoo gift shop Tuesday.

Pandamonium — or, pandemonium — has taken over since the Aug. 21 birth of the celebrity cub, the first in the Western Hemisphere in nearly a decade and one of the few births in captivity for the endangered species.

But the zoo research team has put the mother and cub off limits, in hopes the mom won't get upset and endanger the cub. Since no one has gotten close enough to determine gender, it's known around the zoo as "the offspring" or "the baby panda."

Daily newspaper and nightly television updates have only served to whet the public's appetite. Snippets of the hairless newborn — about the size of a stick of butter — have come from video footage taken from hidden cameras in the panda pen.

"We don't want to do anything to disturb the mothering process," said Dr. Barbara Durrant, a reproductive physiologist overseeing the health of the mother and cub.

The tree-lined canyon road leading to the panda research center and exhibit has been closed and a guard posted. Small signs ask visitors to lower their voices in the "Baby panda bear zone."

The zoo has even suspended nightly laser and slide shows at a nearby amphitheater to keep the noise down. "It doesn't seem to bother that many people. Most understand the importance of it," said zoo spokeswoman Sarah Marai.

The cub's mother, Bai Yun (pronounced BUY-yoon), and father, 16-year-old Shi Shi (pronounced SHE-SHE), are on loan from China for 12 years. When the cub is named, it will reflect its heritage, Durrant said.

Video footage — and the zoo's Internet site — shows 213-pound Bai Yun in a semi-dormant state, constantly holding the gray cub and rarely leaving their small den.

On Monday, zoo officials breathlessly reported that Bai Yun, who turns age 8 on Tuesday, left the den to eat a bamboo meal for the first time since the birth. Mom has gone for water twice, but she hadn't eaten.

Zoo attendance is down slightly this summer, but it's unclear if it has anything to do with the closed panda exhibit.

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AndarkPtr		34	3-16	33¾ 34 — 3-16
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BellAtl		61⅛	60	9-16 61¼— 1
BellSouth s		44⅞	44	44 3-16— ⅛
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Tandy s			47	45 45½—2 9-16
TempleInland		63	15-16	63 1-16 63¾— ⅜
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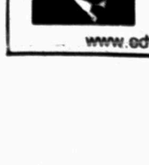
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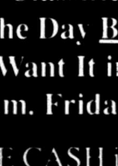
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	Salary Increases	Travel Allowance
County Judge	$462.81	$2,400.00
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County Attorney	$513.91	
County Treasurer	$417.65	
Tax Collector	$423.24	
Sheriff	$538.68	

Any other proposed increases in expense/allowance may be found in the proposed County Budget which is available in the office of County Clerk, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas. Call County Auditor, Eddie McHaney at 915-573-7121 or County Judge, Ricky Fritz at 915-573-8576 for information relating to salaries, expenses, or allowances that are proposed to be increased and the amount of the proposed increases, or any other budget information.

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New law in Texas now requires test for EIA

Planning to sell ole Paint? Beginning Wednesday, Texas law now requires that equine - including horses, donkeys, mules and asses - have a test for Equine Infection Anemia 9EIA), (also known as Coggins" or "Swamp Fever") within 12 months before the animals undergo any change of ownership.

The law exempts nursing foals changing ownership with the test-negative dams, and equine sold to slaughter. Persons who sell equine and fail to comply with the law, passed as House Bill 1732 in the 76th Texas Legislature, commit a Class "C" misdemeanor.

"Buying test-negative animals will reduce the chance of taking home an infected animal," said Dr. Terry Beals, executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agent. "It's a real shame to buy an untested horse, get home, and find out that the animal is infected and has exposed your best horse to the disease."

EIA is a viral disease spread from an infected equine to a 'clean' equine by blood-to-blood contact. Biting flies can mechanically carry the disease from one horse to another, and unsterilized medical instruments or blood transfusions can also put equine at risk. (Mosquitoes are not capable of spreading EIA). Like some other viral disease, EIA can strike as an acute infection, in which the animal becomes very ill and dies. At the other extreme are infected equine that show no signs of being ill, but test positive for the disease. These equine pose a worse threat as no one suspects the animal has a health problem, even though it is a reservoir for disease.

"Our 12 governor-appointed commissioners have proposed regulations that will bring us in line with the new change-of-ownership testing law and clarify conditions for selling equine to slaughter without a test," said Dr. Terry Beals.

"The commissioners have struggled with the question of the untested equine moving through a market to slaughter," he said. "At this point, they are against it. However, until their final vote is cast and regulations are adopted, we recommend that markets require a test for all horses, even if they are expected to be sold for slaughter. If, however, the markets elect to sell untested equine to slaughter, the animals will be allowed to move only to the plant under a restricted permit, known as a VS-1-27, issued by a TAHC inspector or veterinarian.

"The commissioners will address the proposals and may adopt them as regulations at their mid-September meeting in Austin. The law, however, went into effect Wednesday, requiring that the equine have an EIA test within the past 12 months. The person transferring the ownership is responsible for having the equine tested, whether the animal is traded or sold at a public auction or private sale, or is just given away."

TAHC commissioners, each of whom represent the public or a segment of the livestock industry, have proposed the following.

***Foals that are nursing and are less than 8 months old would be exempt from EIA. If they undergo change of ownership with their dam. The mare, however, must have tested negative for EIA within the previous 12 months.**

***Zebras would be exempt from the change-of-ownership testing rule.**

***If an equine is not tested, it could be sold only direct to a slaughter plant where a blood sample would be collected for testing at state expense.**

"Other aspects of the EIA regulations will not change," explains Dr. Beals. A negative EIA test within the previous 12 months is required for equine transported to events, races, trail rides, assemblies or other gatherings where they will co-mingle with other equine. The EIA test document, called a VS-10-11, is adequate proof of testing. Equine used exclusively for ranch work are exempt from EIA tests, unless they are undergoing change of ownership.

Lubbock catttle auction

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 525 head of cattle for the Thursday, Aug. 26, sale. Cows were steady $1 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 36-41
Canner and low cutters: 32 to 36
Slaughter bulls: 46-52
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 90-110
400-500: 82-95
500-600: 75-87.50
600-700: 75-84
700-800: 70-76
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 83-95
400-500: 75-87.50
500-600: 75-87
600-700: 72-78.50
700-800: 65-72.50
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 75-85
700-800: 64-73
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-875
Grade: 550-650
Springers: 400-625
Baby calves: 100-175
Doodlers: 140-220

Colorado City cattle auction

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 800 head of cattle for the Saturday, Aug. 28, sale. Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers under 500 pounds were firm to $2 higher. Slaughter cows were $1 to $2 higher. Bulls were $2 higher. Bred cows were firm and pairs were too few to test. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 108-114
300-400: 94-104
400-500: 86-94
500-600: 77-84.50
600-700: 75-61
700-800: 71.74
800-900: 69.50-79.50
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 90-99
300-400: 83.50-92
400-500: 76-85
500-600: 73-77
600-700: 70-76
700-800: 67-72
600-900: 62-65
Replacement cows: 500-570
Bred cows: 400-480
Cow and calf pairs: 725-800
Slaughter cows: High dressing: 42-45.75
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 55.25-58.25

Scent of female rice borer is utilized to stop bug's spread

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Department scientists are working with counterparts in Louisiana to protect that state from a horsefly-sized pest that is already eating its way through more than $10 million of Texas sugar cane a year.

The Mexican rice borer, whose larvae munch through sugarcane stalks sometimes to the point of breaking them, has been in south Texas since 1980. It has cost sugarcane growers in the lower Rio Grande Valley $10 million to $20 million a year, and also feasts on rice, sorghum, wheat and forage grasses.

Officials are concerned that sugar cane a Beaumont, Texas, plantation is about to send to Louisiana for grinding may be infected.

So they have set traps that will release a synthetic version of the scent that female rice borers use to attract their mates.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Freezing fresh herbs

Freezing is an excellent way to preserve tender herbs, such as dill, chives, parsley and tarragon. It is very easy to freeze fresh herbs, and it takes much less time than drying.

While it is possible to place herbs right out of the garden into the freezer, the quality in terms of taste and color will not be quite like fresh herbs. A slightly bitter flavor and drab grayish-green colors are common. Frozen herbs can be improved by blanching before freezing. They still will not taste and look quite like fresh herbs, but they will come very close. They are best used frozen, but frozen herbs can be thawed in the refrigerator, they will keep approximately one week.

To freeze fresh herbs:

*Rinse freshly picked herbs.
*Blanch for a few seconds using the following method;
—Hold the herbs by their stems with tongs.
— Dip them in boiling water briefly, swish around a bit.
—When their color brightens, remove them from water.
*Cool, either by holding them under running water and then blotting dry with paper towels; or by placing them on towels after taking them from the boiling water to let them air cool.
*Remove stems, chop, if desired or leave in whole leaves to chop later.
*Freeze in one of several ways:
—Place in small plastic freezer bags in amounts that will be used at one time.
—Place in ice cube trays and cover with water; repackage into freezer bags when frozen.

(Note: If boiling water is used to cover herbs, the cover not only protects the herbs from exposure to the air, it also blanches them at the same time.)

To make it easier to separate herbs, lay the dried herbs out in a single layer on wax paper. Roll or fold the paper so that there is a layer of paper separating each layer of herb. Then, pack paper and all in freezer bags or wrap in freezer-rated plastic wrap. To use, break off as much as needed, and chop if it wasn't chopped earlier.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, Extension Agent

It's that time of the year again. The 1999 Texas A&M Ranch-to-Rail program will be taking cattle deliveries in October. But now, producers need to begin the process of selecting and preparing their entries.

Ranch-to-Rail gives producers the opportunity to check feeding performance and carcass traits of steer calves produced from their herds. Cattle are fed at the Hondo Creek Feed Yard at Edroy, near Corpus Christi, or Friona Industries' yard near Amarillo, or both.

"Participation involves three-step process," said John McNeill, beef cattle program leader with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

First, producers need to enroll their cattle. To sign up, contact your local county extension agent or McNeill at 409-845-3579. Enrollment forms must be submitted this month.

Next, producers should identify a minimum of five steer calves to enter.

"Only steers will be accepted and there's no age restriction. We recommend weights between 500 and 800 pounds," said McNeill. Individual identification will be maintained on each calf for the length of the program.

The last step may be the most important according to the beef expert, as calves will need to be prepared for the feeding program.

Although a preconditioning regimen isn't required, it is highly recommended, McNeill said. "Ideally, the calves should be weaned a minimum of 45 days before shipping.

"We like to see the animals vaccinated against viral and bacterial pathogens that can lead to illness once the calves leave the ranch," he added.

While not required, these preparations will reduce the risk of health problems en route to the feed yard.

The steers selected also need access to a complete mineral supplement, good quality grass hay or pasture, and a high protein supplement. Guidelines for preparing the calves, such as the Texas A&M VAC-45 and Tex-VAC, can be obtained from your local county extension agent, area livestock/beef specialist or from McNeill.

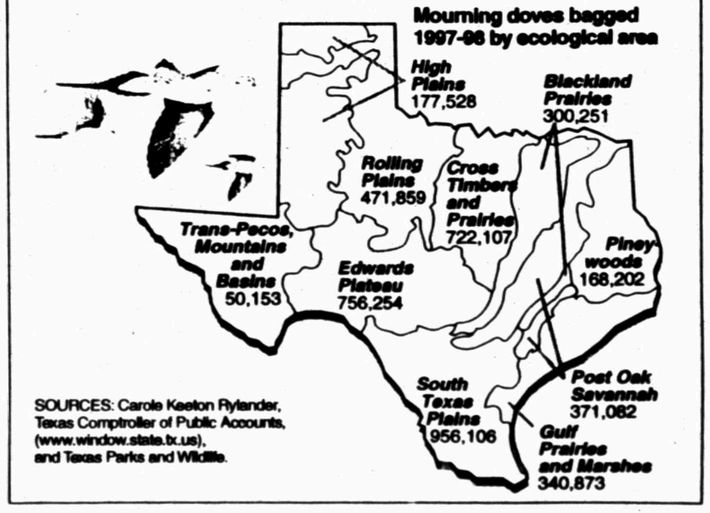
"Now's the time to ready your animals," he said. If a 45-day regimen is chosen, then the steers should be weaned now. Even if calves are not weaned for that long, the schedule for administering some vaccinations may require producers to begin now.

Whether now or later, today's beef producers must be knowledgeable about the product they market. Ranch-to-Rail offers the chance to learn more about their cattle and their industry to boot.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Dove hunting season opens

Dove season opens in September. During the 1997-98 season, 359,103 hunters bagged 4,314,415 mourning doves.



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Angry Serbs block main road

GRACANICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Angry Serbs blocked the main road in Gracanica today, protesting the disappearance of a Serb man two days ago and demanding that NATO troops protect them from their revenge-minded Albanian neighbors.

NATO troops said Serbs roughed up six people when they tried to drive through the village Wednesday afternoon. About 20 Serbs and a few Gyspies today stood beside vehicles preventing all but NATO vehicles from passing.

Meanwhile, in London, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said today that British police in Kosovo have uncovered 50 bodies buried in a garbage dump. The latest discovery brings the number of bodies found by British forces and police in Kosovo to more than 200 in the last two months.

"We are currently carrying out the work of exhuming and documenting those bodies," Cook said. Evidence from the mass grave will be sent to the International War Crimes Tribunal, he added.

Local Serbs said they erected the barricade in Gracanica on Wednesday after Milorad Popovic, 41, disappeared the day before while driving a truckload of lumber to a nearby village.

"It's not only because of my husband," said Popovic's wife, Vesna. "It's because of the way we have to live here now that we put up the barricades."

Mrs. Popovic said she, her husband and two children came to Gracanica (pronounced GRA-cha-neet-zah) two months ago after ethnic Albanians drove them from their apartment in Pristina, four miles to the north.

She said the blockade would last "until they find my husband."

In Pristina, an Albanian doctor, Mehmet Maxhuni, said five Albanians and one Bulgarian woman, married to an Albanian, were pummeled at the barricade. NATO spokesman Maj. Roland Lavoie said six people were roughed up but none was seriously injured.

Gracanica, in the British sector, is the site of a Serbian Orthodox monastery — one of several religious shrines threatened by ethnic Albanians, the majority of whom are Muslim. A detachment of Irish Guards is stationed in the area.

The blockade is a further sign of ethnic divisions that have impeded efforts by the NATO-led peacekeeping force to bring peace to this province.

Elsewhere, NATO said a Gypsy family of four, was found dead of gunshot wounds Wednesday in Gornji Dragolevci, one mile southeast of Istok.

A Serb man was killed and another injured in an ambush Wednesday near Kosovska Mitrovica, NATO said. Late Wednesday, three Serbs were injured in a grenade attack on their house in the British sector, NATO added.

Group backs spending reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — A prominent business group, defying the protests of a leading Senate Republican, says it expects support to grow for its effort to bring about changes in campaign spending laws.

Business backing for legislation to restrict the flood of company and union money into political campaigns could be influential when the House considers the bills this month, said Edward Kangas, an officer in the Committee for Economic Development.

"I am convinced, whether it is this fall or a year from now, we will have campaign finance reform because there is a revolt brewing," said Kangas, chairman of the accounting and consulting firm Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who heads fund-raising efforts for Senate GOP candidates, recently wrote business executives saying he was "astonished to learn" their companies were supporting the CED "in its all-out campaign to eviscerate private sector participation in politics."

He said executives who disagree with the "radical" campaign finance agenda of the CED should resign from the nonpartisan public policy group that has promoted economic growth since 1942.

About 100 executives and academics in the CED — about half its membership — have endorsed the group's recommendations for changing the laws, including by banning unregulated soft money donations to political parties. It also suggests increasing the ceiling for contributions by individuals, providing public matching funds and setting voluntary spending limits for House and Senate races.

"We don't think that money is a bad thing, but we think it needs to be regulated and accounted for," said CED president Charles Kolb.

3 misdemeanor arrests logged

Three subjects were arrested Wednesday on misdemeanor charges.

Deputies took a 32-year-old male into custody at 9:25 a.m. at the Scurry County Courthouse for surety surrender.

A 57-year-old male was booked into jail at 6:24 p.m. for Class C assault.

Following a report of a domestic problem in the 200 block of North U.S. Hwy. 84, a 35-year-old male was arrested by deputies for public intoxication and disorderly conduct/language.

Officers worked two accidents Wednesday.

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 6:25 p.m. in the 2100 block of Avenue N. Involved were a 1989 Chevrolet Corsica driven by Francis Cerda Garza, 30, of 2707 Avenue J and a 1998 Ford Contour driven by Maria Elaine Luera, 39, of 2709 Avenue F.

A passenger, 15-year-old Linda Luera of 2709 Avenue F, was transported by private vehicle to Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was later transported by Snyder EMS to Lubbock's University Medical Center. Her condition was unavailable this morning.

Maria Luera and two other passengers in the Contour, were transported by private vehicle to Cogdell Memorial Hospital where they were treated and released.

The other two passengers were Ellie Gutierrez, 37, of 1704 Avenue N and Regina Martinez, 11, of 1906 Avenue R.

A hit and run was reported at 7:34 p.m. in the 2200 block of College involving a 1997 Ford F-150 pickup owned by Jerry Cline of 309 34th Street and an unknown vehicle which left the scene.

Obituaries

Mr. Zarafonetis

1913-1999

BIG SPRING – William H. Zarafonetis, the brother of Patsy Huckabee of Snyder, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, at his home in Big Spring.

Funeral service for Mr. Zarafonetis, 86, was set for 4 p.m. today in St. Mary Episcopal Church. Rev. James Liggett, pastor, was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Born July 9, 1913 in Hillsboro, he married Pauline Henry in 1941 in Fort Worth. She died on Oct. 4, 1976.

Mr. Zarafonetis graduated from Big Spring High School and lived in Albuquerque, N.M., from 1950 to 1977 when he returned to Big Spring. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Survivors also include two nephews, Richard Darrow of Austin and John H. Smith of Dallas.

Leslie Robinson

1952-1999

LUBBOCK – Leslie C. Robinson, former comptroller for Cogdell Memorial Hospital, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, in Covenant Lakeside Hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Robinson, 47, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Marty Carlyle officiating.

Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Chapel of Angels Funeral Home.

Born July 13, 1952 in Cheyenne, Wyo., he married Carol Atchley on Jan. 26, 1980 in Manti, Utah.

A 1975 graduate of New Mexico State University, Mr. Robinson was a member of the Texas Association of Certified Public Accountants and was vice president of finance for Covenant Health System. He served as regional comptroller at Cogdell Hospital from 1988-97.

Mr. Robinson was also a past bishop of Lubbock 3rd Ward in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and he was a member of the board of Children's Health Care Center of Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Robinson of Lubbock; four sons, Leslie Robinson Jr., Adam Robinson, Paul Robinson and Patrick Robinson, all of Lubbock; a daughter, Kimberly Robinson of Lubbock; his parents, Carter and Shirley Robinson of Shallowater; and a brother, Ronald Robinson, also of Shallowater.

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Evelyn Schulz

1921-1999

HOUSTON - Evelyn Schulz, a former longtime resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, in Houston.

A memorial service for Mrs. Schulz, 77, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Grace Episcopal Church in Montgomery, Ala.

Born Oct. 21, 1921 in Houston, she moved to Houston from Snyder several years ago. Her husband, Edward B. Schulz Jr., preceded her in death.

Survivors include her son, Edward B. Schulz III and wife, Janis, of Houston; a sister, Ruth Pearce Michaels of Montgomery, Ala., and granddaughters, Laura and Emily Schulz of Houston and their mother, Mary Brice of Kerrville; her in-laws, George and Mary Ann Schulz, Majorie McInstry, all of Bellville; two nephews, Lt. Gerhard M. Schulz, U.S. Army, and Carl Edward Schulz of Houston.

The family suggests remembrances to Shriners Hospital, American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Mattie Consley

1907-1999

Graveside service for Mattie Ross Cunningham Consley of Salt Lake City, Utah, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Snyder Cemetery. Her nephew, Dr. David Gibson, will officiate.

Mrs. Consley, 92, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, at her residence in Salt Lake City.

Born on Jan. 1, 1907 in Hochhiem, Tex., she married Julian M. (Jack) Consley on Aug. 10, 1940 in Palo Alto, Calif. He died on June 11, 1993.

Mrs. Consley, a graduate of Snyder High School, received her BA degree from Mary Hardin Baylor College and her MA from Leland Stanford. She taught school in Snyder and Napa, Calif.

Mr. Consley and her husband moved to Salt Lake City shortly after their marriage.

Survivors include three nephews, Bob Gibson of Rowlett, Kenneth Gibson of Sidney, Tex., and Dan Gibson Jr. of Granbury; and several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Memorial may be made to the Dora E. Cunningham Scholarship Fund and Western Texas College.

The family will greet friends prior to the funeral Saturday morning at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Shoplifting leads to felony theft charge

A charge of state jail felony theft has been filed against Delores Ann Davis and forwarded to the district attorney's office.

Davis, 40, of 901 29th Street was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant out of county court for theft at 5:56 p.m. Wednesday. The warrant was from a prior conviction.

She was located and taken into custody after Wal-Mart employees notified police of shoplifters who had just left the store.

Davis is charged with stealing a camera and film from Wal-Mart. The offense was enhanced to state jail felony theft because Davis has six previous misdemeanor convictions and one felony conviction for theft.

"It is enhanced due to prior offenses," Sgt. Terry Luecke of the Snyder Police Department said.

Davis was released this morning after posting bond for $1,500 on the misdemeanor and $5,000 on the felony.

Births

Bobby and Melody Smith of Hermleigh announce the birth of their five-pound, 13-ounce daughter at 8:27 a.m. on Sept. 1 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 1-Billy Banks, Velma Hester of Colorado City, Lillian McCollum, Melody Smith of Hermleigh, Treva Abercrombie, Opal Minton, Trevlyn Pitner, Patricia Scott, Christopher Sookraj of Hermleigh, and Anice Wallace.

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ONGOINGS

FFA Booster Club

The Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet at 7:30 tonight in the SHS Ag building. All parents of FFA members are encouraged to attend.

Junior high pictures

School pictures for Snyder Junior High will be taken Friday. Students have received packets and the pictures must be pre-paid. Call 573-6356 for more information.

Mexican stack supper

Snyder High choir boosters will hold a Mexican stack supper from 5-7 p.m. Friday before the football game with Littlefield. Tickets for $5 each are available from choir members. Carryout orders will be available.

Church on the Rock revival

Church on the Rock will have a revival Friday through Sunday at 7 p.m. each evening. Evangelist is Jimmy Edward of San Antonio. Call 573- for more information.

Crystal River coming to Snyder

The First Baptist Church will host Crystal River Sunday. The gospel singing trio will perform at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at the church. A special service at Towle Park will begin at 6 p.m.

Gospel singer

Susie Luchsinger, Gospel recording artist, will be in concert at The Word is Life Deliverance Church, 602 30th Street, at 7 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 573-6763.

Inmate art show

The third annual Inmate Art show continues through Oct. 21 at the Scurry County Museum on the campus of Western Texas College.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Satan, The Christian's Great Enemy," followed by "Freud vs. God."

Social Security rep

A representative of the Social Security office in Big Spring will be in Snyder Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Center.

Snyder Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club will not meet Tuesday but instead will attend the United Way kickoff luncheon next Thursday at noon at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Workforce reception

A reception honoring Dave Hanes, director of Workforce Education at WTC, and Terry Stephens, extension workforce coordinator, will be held at 10 a.m. next Thursday, in the Development Corporation of Snyder offices at American State Bank. The reception is sponsored by the City of Snyder, chamber of commerce, Scurry County and the DCOS.

United Way kickoff

The Scurry County United Way will have a kickoff luncheon at noon next Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Support groups

The Support Group Ministry of First Baptist Church's regular meeting will be a kick-off social (Dutch treat) next Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Spanish Inn. Anyone interested in cancer, grief or divorce support groups is encouraged to attend this special time of fun and fellowship. Please R.S.V.P. by next Wednesday by calling 573-1822 and asking for Brenda or Dee. Nursery will be provided at the First Baptist Church.

WTC continuing education

Basic Internet will be taught on Monday and Thursday on Sept. 13, 16, 20 and 23. Time is 7-9 p.m. Windows 98 will be taught on the same days from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Each class is $30 and pre-registration is required by calling 573-8511, ext 390.

Conversational Spanish

A course in conversational Spanish will be taught at Western Texas College on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. beginning Sept. 16. The cost is $50 and pre-registration is required. Call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Garage sale items needed

Snyder Healthcare is accepting donations for a garage sale benefiting pet cats and birds. The date of the sale will be announced later. Call 573-6332 for additional information.

Items needed

The First Church of Nazarene is accepting garage sale items for the church building fund for a new fellowship hall. Call Ethel Herrington at 574-1714 for more information.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Millennium T-Shirts

East Elementary has student millennium T-Shirts for sale and the last day to place an order is Sept. 17. Youth sizes are $7, adult sizes are $8 and XX and XXX sizes are $10. Call Christy Smith at the school at 573-1769.

Pick 3

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

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Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

13-31-34-44-45-46

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Oklahoma lottery winners take good fortune in stride

GOULD, Okla. (AP) — Rick Holder was out on his cattle ranch over the weekend when a friend called with some good news: Holder was suddenly very, very rich.

The caller, Jimmy Pendergraft, told him that he, Holder, and 10 other friends had bought the winning ticket in the $23 million Texas Lottery jackpot drawn Saturday night.

"I didn't believe him for a while," Holder said Wednesday.

The reality of winning a fortune is slowly sinking in for the 12 men and women in this 250-resident town of decaying storefronts and parched brown fields.

After suffering through last year's drought, the worst since the Great Depression, those who tend the cotton and alfalfa fields here saw their crops wiped out by a spring hail storm. Others have too much cotton.

"Nearly everybody on that list needed money," said Randy Mefford, another winner who owns and operates one of the largest farming operations in the area.

The pool began about five years ago, when the lottery hit $50 million. The group agreed to buy tickets, but only if the pot was at least $20 million.

"This really started off being just a game, a conversation piece. It's something to talk about," said Pendergraft. The group agreed to spend between $120 and $140 each time.

Tom Macom, who lives in a trailer on his parents' property in nearby Eldorado, purchased $120 worth of tickets at a gas station in Quanah, Texas, about 10 miles away.

On his return, he left the tickets on the dashboard of his truck.

When Macom got an excited wake up call early Sunday, he rushed to retrieve the winning $1 ticket and verified the numbers. Then he promptly woke up Pendergraft.

From there, word soon trickled down to the other winners.

Bonofasio Olguin, a farm laborer who also works for Mefford, was out in the field picking cotton when he found out. Olguin had rolled pennies so he could get in on the pool.

Holder, the president of Stockman's Bank, placed the winning ticket in the vault that morning, Pendergraft said. It has since been moved, but Pendergraft wouldn't say where.

It could be at least three weeks before the group can collect their fortune. They opted for an early cash out, and after taxes could only end up with about $500,000 each, Pendergraft said.

On Wednesday, Mefford and Pendergraft were back at work at the country store on Highway 5 as if nothing had happened. Both men, who have lived with risk all their lives in southwestern Oklahoma, said they don't believe much will change.

"Farming is a little bit of a gamble," said Mefford.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Neighbor's Best of Intentions Yield Worst Possible Result

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I hope you will publish my letter so do-gooders will stop and think before they do more harm than good.

I used to love my back yard. It was a bit unkempt, but my husband is gone and I am elderly. However, the yard was mine. The flowers my husband planted gave me great joy — until a well-meaning neighbor decided to bring her five teen-agers over one day, when I was not home, to "neaten up" my yard. She was trying to teach them concern for others.

I like these people. They were so happy about "surprising" me by cleaning up my yard that I didn't have the heart to tell them that the "weeds" they had pulled up were my lovely perennials that were about to bloom! And the "overgrown" evergreens were there to block the view of the neighbor's messy dog run. Now they are trimmed down to almost nothing, and the view is disgusting!

Abby, my yard is no longer mine, and I have shed many tears over the loss.

Please remind your readers that if they want to help, they should *ask* first — and not just take over.

HURT BY GOOD INTENTIONS IN MICHIGAN

DEAR HURT: Your point is well taken — and I'm printing your letter as a warning to well-intentioned people who may be tempted to make the innocent mistake your neighbor made. Take comfort in the fact that the evergreens will grow back.

Now dry your tears, call your well-meaning neighbor, and tell her that you have one more job for her and the kids — to take you to a plant nursery to select replacements for the perennials your beloved husband had planted that gave you so much joy each summer. It will be a learning experience for all of you.

DEAR ABBY: "Sexless in Seattle" seems totally focused on developing an intimate relationship with the desirable widower, but never a mention of marriage.

For many, many people, marriage comes first, then intimacy follows naturally. Perhaps this is the case of morality, not pathological grief. If his first marriage was good, an intimate relationship would seem to be infidelity, adultery or fornication.

The more fitting solution is the marriage ceremony to put closure to the first marriage and end the grieving process.

A.V.G. IN FLORIDA

DEAR A.V.G.: I agree that for many people marriage comes first. However, if morality were the issue, the man wouldn't have been making and breaking promises to the woman for nearly a year. Instead, he would have told her plainly — and proudly — that he doesn't condone sex outside of marriage. That's the honorable thing to do, and it would have saved her a lot of pain.

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DEAR ABBY: For years I have plagued my friends, neighbors, acquaintances, etc. concerning a piece about the "Bigger family." In trying to determine who was bigger, the situation became quite complicated. The youngest member of the family was a baby, therefore he was bigger because he was a "Little Bigger."

Uncle Bigger passed away and was buried down by the mill. He was then bigger because he was "Bigger by a dam site."

I would be thankful if you could find a copy of the piece, Abby. Thanks!

H.R. MANUEL, ALAMO, TEXAS

DEAR H.R.: I'm sure my readers will be as intrigued with your piece as I was — and if it's familiar to anyone and I receive a copy, I'll forward it to you. Just remember — bigger isn't necessarily better.

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

High school student kills himself after being bullied

FREEBURG, Ill. (AP) — A 14-year-old who was just four days into his freshman year in high school committed suicide after being tormented by bullies, his father said.

Andrew Rudy killed himself with a shotgun last week in the basement of his parents' home. His father, Earl Rudy, said his son had been tormented for "four days straight" by other students before the suicide.

"He was always a happy son, always friendly to people," Rudy said. "He tried to be friendly to kids that didn't have any friends."

High school administrators were interviewing Andrew's classmates Wednesday to determine who may have been involved in the harassment. Police said they've found evidence of verbal harassment, but no criminal acts.

"If we find that there was any criminal act committed, than we are certainly going to go for charges," said Chief of Police Steve Flater.

Andrew's father said his son's tormentors had forced him into a locker and demanded he utter demeaning remarks.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Quit drinking if bothered by reflux

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have two friends who have reflux. Both are on medication. One was told by his doctor not to consume alcohol. The other friend's doctor told him that such a prohibition is unnecessary. Who's correct?

DEAR READER: The doctor who advised abstinence.

In the presence of reflux, irritating stomach acid is propelled by gastric contractions up into the esophagus, in a direction that is the reverse of normal. This causes inflammation of the delicate esophageal lining, leading to heartburn, dyspepsia, gas, cough and a variety of other symptoms. Persisting, untreated reflux can, in some people, lead to pre cancerous changes in the cells, called Barrett's esophagus.

The treatment of reflux includes both antacids and medicine to reduce the production of excessive quantities of gastric acid. In addition, patients are often urged to avoid food and beverages that further stimulate gastric acid secretion. Such a beverage is alcohol, which should be completely avoided until symptoms disappear and the esophageal inflammation has disappeared. Thereafter, once the patient is symptom-free, the prudent consumption of moderate alcohol may be allowed. However, until the condition has resolved satisfactorily, abstinence is appropriate. I might add that reflux is one of many complications of alcoholism, so a problem drinker should seek to maintain constant sobriety, for obvious reasons. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Digestive Gas." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My left hand has started to tremble, so I went to my doctor who diagnosed early Parkinson's disease. When I asked about treatment, he replied that therapy would be premature at this point because of the risks involved and the fact that anti-Parkinson's medicines are effective for only a couple of years. I'm 86 and I don't want to get so bad that I have to live in a nursing home.

DEAR READER: The cause of Parkinson's disease is unknown. The affliction causes tremors in its early stages, and later may progress (with varying rates of speed) to cause balance problems, weakness and mental changes. Your doctor is correct that anti-Parkinson's drugs can cause significant side effects. Moreover, many of these medicines tend to lose their effectiveness with prolonged use over a period of months.

There is nothing you can do to prevent the progression of your neurological disorder. My consultants inform me that there are several effective anti-Parkinson's drugs available but the specialists would wait to treat you until you needed therapy. For example, if your disease slowly worsens, you may never need medicine. On the other hand, if your symptoms accelerate, therapy is always available.

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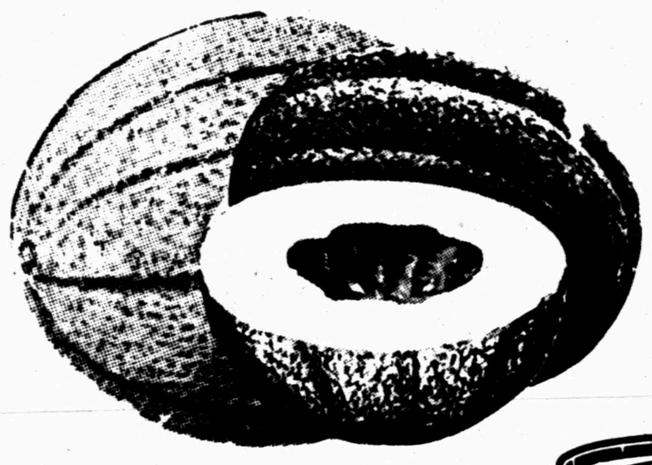
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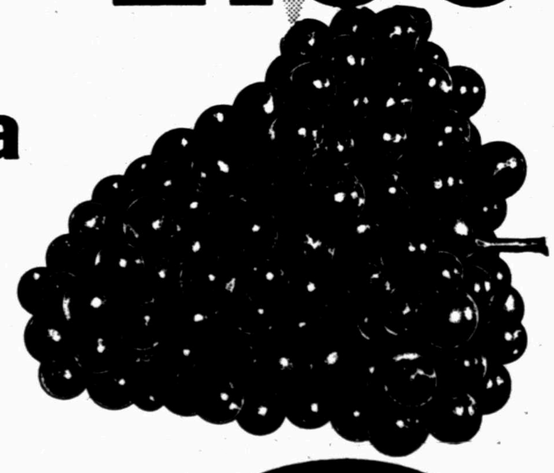
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