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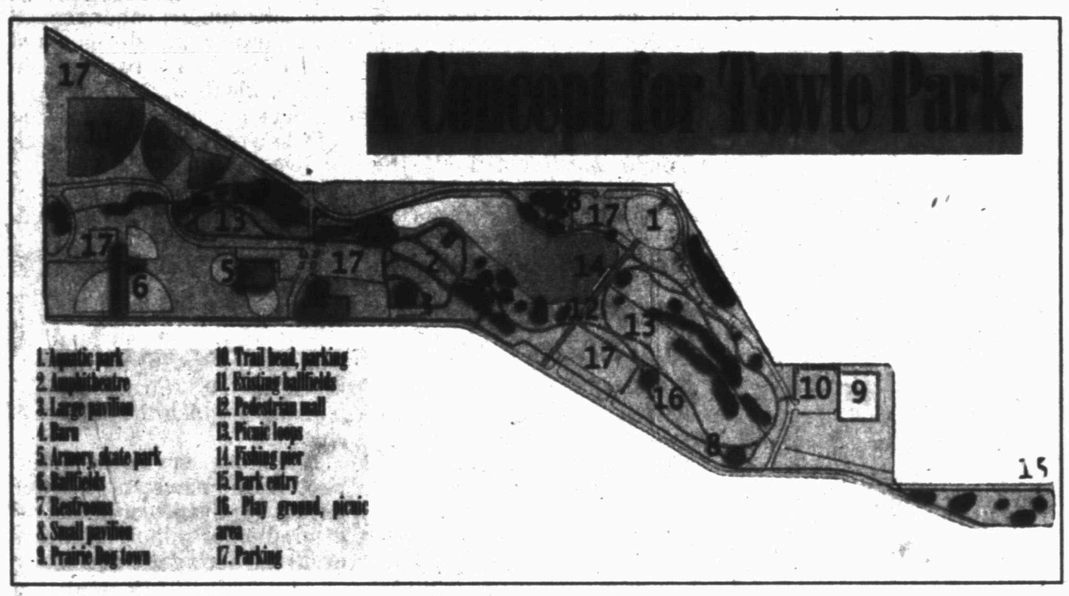
Home of Faye Chastain

Monday meeting will focus on Towle Park

By Bobby Allen
SDN Staff Writer

The Scurry County parks department will hold a public meeting at 6:30 Monday evening to give county residents an opportunity to add ideas to the planned parks system renovation.

Scott Crenwelge, parks director, said the county's application for a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant for $500,000 will be submitted in November and, if approved, would be used along with matching county funds to completely renovate Towle Park.



Crenwelge said he hopes to have a large turnout of Scurry County citizens.

"We hope to build community excitement," he said.

The department had a pamphlet made up with an idea for the redesign. "This was a concept just to get people talking," said Crenwelge. "There are five or six different ones that we like the best."

The county retained the firm Schrickel, Rollins and Associates of Arlington to work with the staff in developing a master plan.

The design on the pamphlet calls for a new aquatic center, a fishing pier, a skate park and an outdoor amphitheater.

Parks supervisor Tommy Johnson said the amphitheater would enhance the community.

"It's great for churches and meetings," he said. "It will be a great asset to the community."

The aquatic center included in the initial concept includes the construction of a new, smaller pool and a water park. The water park would include a play area, slides and a shallow pool. The smaller pool would be designed for lap swimming.

Johnson believes the aquatic center will triple the current daily average of 100 people that use the county's public pool. Kids would likely stay at the water park, while adults would be more inclined to swim with fewer adolescents in the pool.

Crenwelge also said because the current pool is in such a state of disrepair, a new aquatic center could be paid off in 10 to 15 years and would cost less than maintaining the present pool. "The pool was built in 1948 and it leaks," he said. "It's very inefficient."

"For us, the pool is the top priority," said Johnson, noting that all equipment in the park, including the barn, was built in the 1950s, and none of the playground meets current safety regulations.

"Most all the playground is original equipment," added Crenwelge. "It's been grandfathered (as to safety regulations) so it doesn't need to meet standards."

"It needs to be upgraded," said Johnson. The pamphlet plan has a new playground located to the southeast of the pond.

The open-access fishing pier is a requirement for the parks grant, and its inclusion was one of the most requested in a citizen's survey.

While the pamphlet concept does not include plans for a second pond, Johnson said that another pond is still an option. He said the current pond only averages nine feet in depth. Crenwelge added that many residents desire a second pond in the east end of the park that would catch runoff from the present pond.

Also in the concept is a plan to construct a skate park for kids, with only skateboards allowed in the cement structure. Crenwelge said the skate park was the second most requested facility in the survey.

Parks staff also plans to construct lighted walking paths. Currently, pedestrians must either walk in the grass or on the road.

See Park, 2A

WTC receives large grant

By Brian Brisendine
SDN Staff Writer

Western Texas College announced this week that it is the recipient of a $950,000 grant, the largest in the community college's history.

The school was notified by U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson and U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm that the institution has been selected as recipient of a $950,000 grant.

The grant, which comes from the Talent Search Program in the Department of Education and will span a period of five years, is the largest external funding ever received at WTC, according to president Dr. Greg Williams.

"Receiving this grant is a very big deal for Western Texas College and for the city of Snyder as well," Dr. Williams said. "We are one of only 27 institutions nationwide to be selected. And in five years we will have a strong program, which makes it much easier to receive continued grant funding."

Through the funding, WTC will be able to provide services to participating public schools in eight counties, including Scurry.

Other high schools and middle schools expected to participate include the communities of Crosbyton, Post, Rotan, Stamford, Colorado City, Sweetwater and Ballinger.

The new program will enable WTC staff to assist students in four areas.

The first objective is to identify qualified youths in the participating schools that have potential for education at the post-secondary level.

Secondly, the staff will be able to provide services to encourage the youths to complete their secondary schooling and to undertake post-secondary work.

Financial aid counseling also will be provided for those students pursuing post-secondary education.

The final objective of the program is to encourage dropouts to return to school and complete their secondary education.

Williams said the grant would benefit the community, as the college will create five new positions with an additional annual payroll of $160,000 per year.

"Anytime jobs are created it's good for Snyder, so this is a wonderful opportunity for the entire area," he said.

WTC vice president Bettie McQueen said the positions added would include a program coordinator and a certified counselor, both of which will require a minimum of a master's degree.

Two academic advisors will be added, McQueen said, requiring a bachelor's degree and also a secretarial position.

"I think this program will allow the college to provide excellent services to area schools and also allow us to be more involved with the students," she said. "It's good that we can implement a program like this because most schools in this area can't afford to do so because of budget restraints."

Dr. Williams said that McQueen was instrumental in obtaining the grant and she led the effort in applying for the funds and making sure the application made it in on time despite a close call in December.

See WTC, Page 2A

Rainfall totals vary...

Afternoon storm hits area

Adverse weather caused a host of problems for Snyder residents Friday, from fallen power lines to lightening strikes. Local law enforcement and the Snyder fire department were kept busy much of the night, as calls came in at a steady pace.

Hermleigh reported over 1.5 inches of rain in a little more than 30 minutes, while the water treatment plant in Snyder got .62 inches. Dermott, Ira and Union all were pelted with at least .75 inches.

Heavy rains and marble-sized hail began to fall shortly after 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and damage calls began to flood in soon thereafter.

At 5:35 p.m. a man reported a

See Weather, Page 2A

David Allan Coe here in August

Scurry County Coliseum will host country musician David Allan Coe in a concert and dance next month.

Coe, singer of such country classics as "You Never Even Called Me by My Name," "Sad Country Song" and "Would You Be My Lady," is famous for his wild stage antics. He has been on the country music scene since 1968, when he released his first album, "Penitentiary Blues."

The concert is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 8, with Coe being the sole performer.

Coliseum manager Whit Parks said advance tickets are in the process of being printed for the 8 p.m. concert. The cost will be $15 for general floor seats and $10 for general admission.

"We're pretty fired up," said Parks. " He's a pretty big name."

Parks said a dance floor will be set up in the back of the arena, and he expects a healthy turn out for the concert.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "People who pray for rain shouldn't complain about the mosquitoes."

We like bumping into Buck Buchanan at the post office. The retired service station operator is always upbeat and positive.

Somebody commented about the July heat, and Buck said, "Yeah, this was the weather we were looking for last January."

Weather gives all of us something to talk about. We think it was Will Rogers who said "Everybody talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it." Some try, however.

We know folks who leave Texas to escape the dry, hot climate. They move to or visit places where they not only get rain, but floods – and sometimes earthquakes.

Other folks relocated to dry, hot climates for health reasons. People with air conditioners in Snyder leave, and spend a week at a cabin in the mountains and endure 90-degree weather there without mechanical air.

Sitting in a boat on the lake or playing 18-holes of golf under the Texas sun is called recreation. Mowing the grass under the same conditions is called work.

There are places in the U.S. where golf is limited to six or seven months out of the year. And folks in Buffalo, N.Y. give thanks for warm weather – 'cause they ain't shoveling it.

Summer winds in West Texas can be good and bad. A visitor once commented that the wind was blowing about 105 degrees.

However, if there is a breeze, natives know to hunt for a shade. The wind turns the perspiration (sweat, in West Texas) into a natural evaporative air conditioner.

And Texas can spend their time second-guessing the TV weather forecasters. One might hear, "There is a possibility of showers tonight, but a probability of no rain."

In other words, that means West Texas has a 20 percent chance of isolated thunderstorms, but an 80 percent chance of more of the same.

The heat and the humidity can be a sapping duo. Harry and Marsha Krenek moved from Snyder to Rockport on the Texas coast. Harry reported a dog chasing a cat the other day – and both were walking.

And before last week's rains, there was talk about rationing of water in abilene. If things got worse, they may only allow one bath a week. A kid in the DQ said he wants to move there.

Eye trouble cuts mission work short

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Traci Eicke, a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School and a senior at Texas A&M University, had planned to spend about a year in Thailand with the Aggies for Christ program.

However, a severe eye infection cut her plans short.

"I had an ulcer in my right eye, and then a bacterial infection developed," said Eicke. "The ulcer was about gone when the infection started in. And in about two days, what was getting better went the complete opposite direction."

Eicke went to a clinic in Chiang Mai where her group was ministering, and received what she described as "first class treatment."

"I was initially treated at a clinic and the doctor said I needed to be admitted to the hospital. By this time, I could not see out of my right eye.

"The nurses put drops in my eye every 15 minutes for the first couple of hours, and then once an hour after that," said Eicke.

"Everyone at the clinic was very concerned about me as the people of Thailand are a very caring people.

"The nurses were very kind and gracious, and very service-oriented."

Eicke spent the first night in a hallway as the hospital in the 100,000-population city was full.

She was later moved to a private room and ended up spending a month in the hospital in Chiang Mai before being transferred to a hospital in Bangkok.

"I was treated by eye specialists who had been trained in the United States," said Eicke. "They determined that I would probably need a cornea transplant and my best chance to get one would be back home."

The Thai doctors told Eicke that 300 corneas are available in Thailand yearly, while some 40,000 are available yearly in the U.S.

Eicke arrived in the U.S. in June, and has been seeing an eye specialist in Dallas for treatment with the last appointment just this past Monday.

She said a cornea transplant is likely due to the damage the infection caused.

She plans on returning to A&M this fall for her final year.

Her future plans may include mission work, and perhaps back to Thailand.

"I became interested in mission work at A&M," said Eicke. "The Aggies for Christ do mission work on weekends and participating in this started my love to help people."

Two other girls went to Thailand with Eicke – Kate Thompson from Hamilton and Betsy Anderson from Idaho.

As it worked out, Thompson ended up coming home the same time as Eicke.

"She actually served as my nurse on the way back as I needed drops put in my eye every hour," laughed Eicke, noting Anderson had returned earlier to the U.S. for a job.

"I'm just hoping to get my eye fixed and return to Thailand," said Eicke, the daughter of Barbara and Arlie Eicke.



Traci Eicke visits a home for the elderly in Thailand

ASK US

Q—Why does it take so long for congressmen and senators to reply to letters?

A—Since Oct. 1, 2001, all mail sent to representatives has been routed to a center in Ohio for decontamination, and delivery to representatives takes three weeks at a minimum.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 91 degrees; low, 66; 7 a.m. Saturday, 61; .62 of an inch precipitation; total for 2002, 13.71 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy; 20% rain chance; low 65-70; E winds 5-15 mph. Sunday night, mostly sunny; high around 90.



Joshua Stansell
Sunny

Sunset:
8:50 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:49 a.m.

Of 193 days in 2002, the sun has shone 186 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

All men having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree.
—James Madison

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View of executive privilege 'too expansive'

WASHINGTON (AP)— A federal judge says the Bush administration has a disturbingly broad legal view of confidential advice to the president that would keep a huge amount of government information secret.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan also accused the Bush administration of making purposefully misleading arguments in defending Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force against two lawsuits.

The Sierra Club environmental organization and Judicial Watch, a conservative watchdog group, are seeking records about how the Cheney task force was influenced by industry executives and lobbyists in formulating national energy policy.

Sullivan criticized the Bush administration's position that applying the Federal Advisory Committee Act to the Cheney task force encroaches on the president's right to receive confidential advice necessary to carry out his duties.

"The implications of the bright-line rule advocated by the government are stunning," Sullivan said.

The judge said the government's position signifies that "any action by Congress or the judiciary that intrudes on the president's ability to recommend legislation to Congress or get advice from Cabinet members in any way would necessarily violate the Constitution."

"Such a ruling would eviscerate the understanding of checks and balances between the three branches of government on which our constitutional order depends," said the judge. The administration's arguments "fly in the face of precedent."

The judge said the proper approach is to examine whether disclosure would prevent the executive branch from carrying out any constitutionally assigned function.

The judge's opinion details his legal reasoning for an oral decision he made in May that rejected the Bush administration's motion to dismiss the cases.

Sullivan said Justice Department lawyers defending the Cheney task force had mischaracterized a minority opinion in a Supreme Court case as if it were controlling legal authority that should result in dismissal of the lawsuits.

"One or two isolated mis-citations or misleading interpretations of precedent are forgivable mistakes of busy counsel, but a consistent pattern of misconstruing precedent presents a much more serious concern," Sullivan wrote.

He said the government misstated the law in other instances as well.

Larry Klayman, chairman and general counsel of Judicial Watch, said Friday the judge's opinion shows the arguments of the Bush administration were frivolous and were made only to delay the case.

Justice Department spokeswoman Barbara Comstock noted that the judge granted the Bush administration's motion to dismiss Judicial Watch's claims based on the Freedom of Information Act, and the judge agreed that FOIA does not apply to the vice president.

"To the extent that he denied our motions to dismiss the lawsuits, he has indicated he will go forward with discovery, and he is allowing limited discovery to determine whether our legal defenses have merit," Comstock said.

The judge also dismissed three lobbyists from the case. Judicial Watch had alleged that Mark Racicot, Haley Barbour and Thomas Kuhn should be considered members of the Cheney task force.

Racicot, former governor of Montana, is chairman of the Republican National Committee. Barbour is a past chairman. Kuhn lobbies for the Edison Electric Institute, which represents large utilities.

Park

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Johnson said the time has come to bring the rest of the park up to speed with the ball fields. "We have some of the best fields in the area," he said. "It's time to upgrade and update (the rest of the park)."

The $500,000 grant would be matched by the county in the form of monies and services provided by the parks department. Johnson said one grant would not take care of all the facilities the department wants to construct in the park, but getting the grant opens the door to other grant sources. "Our planning committee has been working on this for over two years."

The meeting will be held in the Towle Park barn, and all attendees will get a free ice cream bar. All county residents are invited to attend.

"I'd like to see the barn full and the doors open with people standing outside," said Johnson.

KEY TO THE KINGDOM
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Mother
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WTC receives large grant

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"We originally applied for the grant in October," Dr. Williams said. "But just before we released school for Christmas break, we received word that the application had not been received and that it was stuck in a post office that was locked down because of the anthrax scare. Bettie worked diligently to prepare a second application and submitted it just before the deadline.

"Without her hard work we wouldn't have received this money," the president said. "There were a number of people on campus involved, but Bettie played a key role in securing this for the college."

The funding will take effect Sept. 1, Dr. Williams said.

"We will begin interviewing candidates for the coordinator position and hopefully allow that person to hire the remaining individuals," he said.

Obtaining the largest grant in WTC's history is a feat that caps a 25-year career at the school for the vice president, who will retire this month.

McQueen has served in the administrative position for five years and has been on the college's staff since 1977.

"Bettie has served the students of Western Texas College and the community of Snyder very well for 25 years," Dr. Williams said. "We are sorry to see her go, but wish her the best in her retirement. She will most definitely be missed on campus."

This month also marks a milestone for the president as he completed his first year at the helm of the college and Dr. Williams said his first year at WTC has been a good one.

"Everything has gone very well for me as well as my family," he said. "We couldn't be happier than we are here in Snyder."

Dr. Williams also had kind words for the WTC family.

"The faculty and staff at this college is absolutely wonderful," he said. "The students are great too. Everyone is kind and generous and I'm grateful that they all have given this new administration a chance to make necessary changes that have worked in the short-term and I believe will work in the long term.

"I've really enjoyed living in a real 'hub-city.'"

Weather causes concerns

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tree down in the 2700 block of Ave. F, and two minutes later a call was received reporting a car stalled out in rapidly rising water on Ave. E between 21st and 22nd Streets.

Sheriff's deputies were dispatched 20 minutes later to U.S. 84 and FM 1611 after a report of a funnel cloud, but no tornado was located. At the same time, a grass fire started by lightning was reported between Union and Ira.

Two reports were received at 6 o'clock concerning downed power lines. A caller reported electrical lines down at 34th Street and Ave. D, and at 30th Street and Ave. D. At the same time, a caller reported a downed transformer and power line in his backyard in the 300 block of 23rd Street.

Police got a report of a tree knocked over in the 1500 block of Ave. I, and the caller also advised that the 1200 block of 24th was submerged and needed to be barricaded.

At 6:35, a man reported his roof being struck by lightening on CR 3109 in Ira.

The city was advised of another tree falling in the 800 block of 24th Street at 7:20 p.m., after which the calls subsided.

Telephone service was interrupted in parts of Snyder because of the power lines, and a number of minor accidents occurred during the downpour.

Boy jumps from 2nd-floor window

CHICAGO (AP) — A 7-year-old boy apparently jumped from the second-floor window of a filthy apartment after being locked inside for at least two days, police said.

The boy was taken to a hospital after Wednesday's fall and was reported in good condition Friday. Neighbors said he suffered cuts and bruises.

Cynarae Colbert, 33, and Christopher Rodriguez, 29, were charged Thursday with child neglect and endangering the life and health of a child, police said. The couple were caring for the boy.

Rodriguez said the boy moved in because his mother felt she could no longer care for him.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.62
North of city	Trace
East of city	.60
West of city	.50
Hermleigh	1.50
Polar	.30
Loyd Mountain	Trace
Camp Springs	.50
Dunn	Trace
Ira	.70
Dermott	.80
Union	.75
Gail	Trace
Pyron	.90
Gins	
Sc. County (W)	.30

Totals as reported by area residents for Friday and early Saturday.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
25-3-4-33
Bonus number 25
Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
27-12-24-6-9

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-3-9

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Marcie Rodriguez

Marcie Rodriguez earns top honor

Marcie Rodriguez has been selected as an outstanding performer at the 2002 Texas State Solo-Ensemble Vocal Solo Contest.

Of the approximately 75,000 students participating in the regional UIL music contests and the 18,000 musicians who performed at TSSEC, only 179 students earned the distinguished honor of being recognized as an outstanding performer.

Johnson named to Dean's List

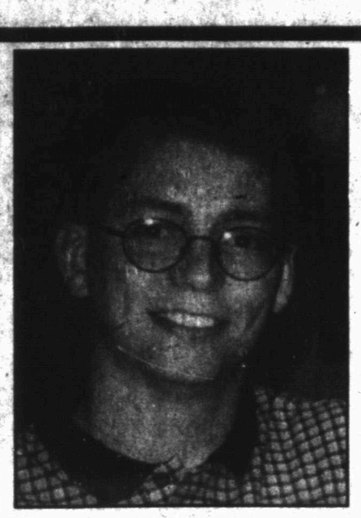
Tremaine Johnson of Snyder has been named to the National Dean's List for 2001-2002. He is eligible to compete for a $1,000 scholarship.

Johnson is a 2001 graduate of Snyder High School and is attending Eastern New Mexico University where is on the Greyhound's football team. Johnson maintained a 3.22 GPA his freshman year.

He is the nephew of Marcus and Deborah McGlouthin and the great-grandson of the late Verleatha Anderson.

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The basic monetary unit of Saudi Arabia is the riyal, and its chief fractional unit is the halala.



Eric West

Eric West receives engineer's license

MIDLAND – Eric West, a 1992 graduate of Snyder High School, is now licensed to practice professionally as a licensed engineer in the state of Texas.

West, a civil engineer with the Midland office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, has been with the firm for four years.

West earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech in 1996 and a master's of science degree in engineering (water resources) in 1998.

West, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Monte West of Snyder, has designed several projects for Midland College, the city of Midland and for TxDot.

Ventura released

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Gov. Jesse Ventura was released from the hospital Friday, three days after he was admitted with a blood clot in his lung.

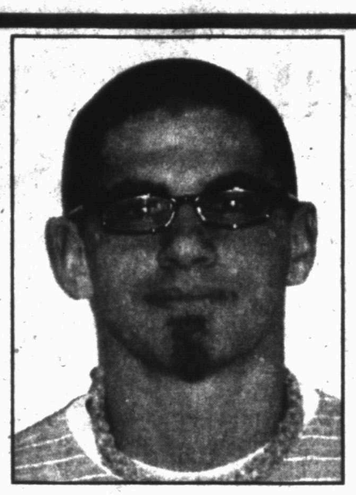
"He's feeling good. He's feeling fine. He's on his way to his home," said spokesman John Wodele. "He's eager to get back to work."

Doctors treated Ventura with blood thinners to break up the clot.

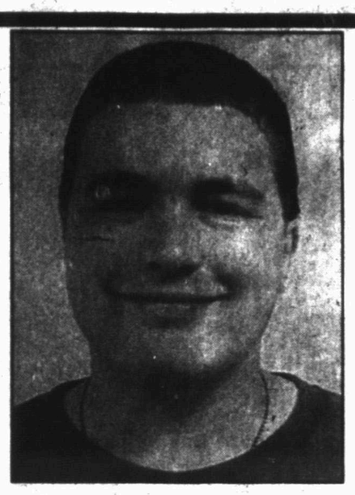
The same condition during the mid-1980s forced Ventura to give up his professional wrestling career.

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The state bird of Kansas is the Western meadowlark.



Seth Rosson



Todd Dobson

Two from Snyder to work as revival team members

Seth Rosson and Todd Dobson of Snyder are spending the summer as members of a revival team working in the American Northwest.

Rosson, a junior business major at Texas Tech University, is part of a mission team sent by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. A member of First Baptist Church in Snyder, he will be a worship leader for the revivals.

Dobson, a sophomore majoring in church ministry at Hardin-Simmons University, is a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. He is working as part of a mission team sent by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. During previous summers, Dobson completed short team missions, but this year will serve throughout the summer.

An estimated 290 Texas Baptist college students and new graduates will work this summer on volunteer mission projects both overseas and in North America as representatives of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Additional students will serve under the auspices of the International Mission Board of North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Man pleads innocent to shooting priest

BALTIMORE (AP) — A man pleaded innocent Friday to shooting a priest who allegedly molested him in his youth, and his attorney said he planned to argue temporary insanity.

Dontee Stokes, 27, should not be held criminally responsible because there was evidence he suffered a "psychotic episode" at the time of the May 13 shooting, attorney Warren Brown said.

Brown said his client told police after turning himself in that he "felt like he was outside of his body."

Stokes is charged with attempted murder in the wounding of the Rev. Maurice Blackwell. Stokes told police he shot Blackwell after the priest failed to apologize for abusing him in the early 1990s, police said.

Stokes had told authorities in 1993 that Blackwell was molesting him.

Hundreds protest treatment of teen

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Activists rallied in support of a black teenager who was slammed against a patrol car and punched by a white police officer, but protest leaders urged people to remain calm while the incident was investigated.

"While people are properly outraged in the community — as well they should be — it has not gotten out of control as of yet," John Mack, executive director of the Los Angeles Urban League, said at the rally Friday.

The hundreds of protesters attending the rally demanded that criminal charges be filed against the policeman. Many chanted "No justice, no peace," and one carried a pink sign reading "To Protect & Serve, NOT Lie & Cover-Up."

Later, Inglewood Mayor Roosevelt Dorn disclosed that investigations will be reopened into two previous complaints filed against Officer Jeremy Morse. The mayor declined to provide details on the cases.

Morse is on paid leave while the arrest is investigated.

Also Friday, a woman filed a civil rights lawsuit against Morse and other law enforcement officers that alleged Morse assaulted her when officers stormed into her home Oct. 20. Morse's attorney, John Barnett, did not return telephone calls seeking comment.



Holly Cagle

Holly Cagle in Who's Who for 2nd year

Holly Deann Cagle, a 2002 graduate of Western Hills High School in Fort Worth, will be recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for the second consecutive year.

Cagle is the daughter of JoAnn and Tim Mitchell of Fort Worth, and Tony Cagle of Snyder. She is also the sister of Bridgett Sifuentes of Snyder and T.J. Cagle of Fort Worth. Her grandparents are A.P. and Virginia Smith of Snyder and Bettie Cagle of Colorado City.

Horton graduates

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Landon Wade Horton received a master of science degree from the University of Iowa during the 2002 spring commencement ceremonies held May 16-19.

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Not all terrorist victims may be identified

NEW YORK (AP) — The man who has led the monumental effort to put names to the remains of the World Trade Center dead has come to the sad realization that the task could end with just 2,000 victims identified.

Of the 2,823 people believed killed in the terrorist attack, 1,229 victims — fewer than half — have been identified, 519 by DNA alone.

Dr. Robert Shaler, the city medical examiner's chief of forensic biology, said in an interview that the medical examiner's office will exhaust all available forensic technology in an undertaking expected to last until the end of the year. But if the final number is 2,000, he said, "I think we'll have done a pretty good job."

"If we get that high," Shaler said, hesitating, "I don't think I'll feel really, really glad. But I'll feel like we've done the best we can do."

Experts have said some victims probably were vaporized by the intense fires and the crushing weight of concrete and would never be identified. City officials have hesitated to venture any estimates for fear that victims' families might interpret any number as the point where the work will stop.

For Shaler, who says he is "obsessed" with identifying the dead, the only endpoint is when all available DNA technology has been tapped.

The medical examiner's office has become the last wisp of hope for families whose loved ones were not recovered in the trade center ruins. The recovery effort ended last month at ground zero, and on Monday the last bit of rubble will be sifted at a Staten Island landfill.

For the past 10 months, the medical examiner's office has been conducting the biggest forensic investigation in U.S. history.

Shaler manages about two dozen staffers who work full-time on trade center identifications at the facility along Manhattan's East River. Some staffers work in laboratories extracting DNA from human remains; others analyze DNA profiles on computers.

Families regularly visit, affecting the dynamic in the laboratory as well as the scientists themselves.

"Being in this profession and being involved in a laboratory isolates you from the real world, and I think you get hardened. You steel yourself against the emotional aspects of it," Shaler said. "That barrier has been broken down, and I'm much more emotional now."

Technicians sometimes weep at their computers. Shaler himself meets regularly with families at the office. They tour the place, usually peppering him with questions.

"He's been very direct, and up front," said Terry Strada, who regularly calls Shaler to see whether any progress has been made in finding her husband, Thomas. "He doesn't give you any false hope, but at the same time he says, 'If he's here, we'll find him.'"

Shaler said that getting close to the relatives is painful. "What it does, though, is it instills in you an obsession to help them," he said. "And I think that's what drives me now."

Human DNA is made up of billions of base pairs, represented by the letters "A," "C," "G" and "T." Forensic scientists generally work with DNA samples of about 400 base pairs.

Genetic laboratories around the country process the samples found at the trade center site along with DNA taken from family members, and the results eventually come back to the medical examiner's office to be matched. Generally it takes about six weeks for one sample to go through the process of extraction, profiling and matching.

But about half of the nearly 20,000 body parts recovered did not initially yield enough usable DNA, mostly because the samples were so damaged by moisture, bacteria and the fires that raged in the ruins for months.

The medical examiner's office is working with Dallas-based Orchid GeneScreen to adapt a test that would examine pieces of DNA shorter than 100 base pairs.

"I feel an obligation to these families to do whatever we can do," Shaler said. "I haven't in my own mind exhausted everything that can be done."

Case's collapse shakes faith in system

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The people of Philadelphia's gritty Mill Creek section have never quite trusted police or politicians, so when city leaders promised rapid justice after seven people were murdered in an abandoned rowhouse 18 months ago, they were skeptical.

Today, they are just as disillusioned.

Prosecutors dropped charges Wednesday against four men who have been jailed for nearly a year and a half in the slayings, saying they needed more time to determine whether they had the right people behind bars.

The decision outraged relatives of the seven victims, who turned their anger on police, prosecutors and the news media, saying all had botched the investigation.

In Mill Creek, it was met with a collective shrug.

"Why would that surprise anyone?" Tawanda McClelland said Thursday outside a deli a block from the site of the slayings.

"The people here don't have much confidence in the city. It's the same thing with the drugs. Why haven't they been able to get drugs out of here? Most people around here believe that the government is helping to bring the drugs in here. I guess I believe that too."

The case has the potential to be another embarrassment for a police department that has fought to win back the trust of citizens after a series of infamous missteps in the past two decades.

Many Philadelphia residents still remember 1985, when police trying to arrest armed members of the anarchist group MOVE dropped a bomb on a block of rowhouses not far from Mill Creek, killing five children and six adults and burning down 60 adjoining buildings.

City officials tried hard after recent killings to show that they did care about the neighborhood, despite the feelings of many residents that the city had abandoned them.

Mayor John F. Street offered a $50,000 reward for information about the case. Politicians and activists rallied with residents at a neighborhood school, promising to do something about drugs and crime.

The four suspects were behind bars in just 14 days. Police said one had confessed.

Within months the city had announced plans to tear down an empty high-rise apartment complex and 47 abandoned buildings in the neighborhood that had been used by drug dealers.

More than a year later, however, residents said little in the neighborhood has changed.

The rowhouse where the killings took place was torn down, but most of the other buildings that had been earmarked for demolition remain. Drug dealers still roam the area at all hours.

Rev. Dwayne Royster, who was pastor of a congregation in Mill Creek until it closed in November, said the city has failed to convince many residents that it is serious about dealing with the neighborhood's problems. The murder case, he said, is just another example.

"This is an open wound in Mill Creek," Royster said. "If this isn't solved, it's like the city doesn't care about us all over again."

District Attorney Lynne Abraham declined to say where the investigation was headed, other than to say charges had been dropped "in the interest of justice" and police continue to pursue leads.

"I will never go forward with a trial in a case where I have questions in my mind that have not been resolved," Abraham said, adding that she realized that dropping the charges had left the families of the seven dead "traumatized."

The four original suspects, Hezekiah Thomas, Jermel Lewis, Quiante Perrin and Sacon Youk, remain behind bars on unrelated criminal cases, though there is a chance some will be released after court hearings on Monday.

Defense attorneys for the men have said that for nearly a year, police ignored the confession of a fifth man, Shihean Black, who claimed to have served as a lookout for a different group of killers.

Black confessed twice, but recanted both times.

Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson said investigators remain committed to the case.

"I'm not going to comment on whether the wrong people were arrested," he said. "I'm confident that the right people will be convicted."

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States are taking steps to change death penalty laws in light of new court ruling

DENVER (AP) — With Colorado taking a leading role, some states have begun amending their death penalty laws to bring them in line with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that said it is up to juries, not judges, to decide whether a killer should live or die.

Colorado Gov. Bill Owens on Friday signed a revised law enacted during a special session that was called primarily to take up the death penalty. Lawmakers in Arizona, where the Supreme Court case originated, plan a special session next month to take similar action.

"Time after time when we've done what we are convinced is constitutional, we find that a court says it isn't. What I want to make sure we have is a constitutional death penalty statute, and I'm convinced that we have that at this point in time," Owens said Thursday.

Under the new Colorado legislation, juries would have sole responsibility for deciding whether a killer should die.

Other states with laws that could come under question have begun considering action, such as seeking a state high court ruling on the constitutionality of their laws.

Legal analysts and death penalty opponents believe states should take quick, clear action to avoid a legal morass, not only with inmates on death row but those whom Denver defense attorney Scott Robinson calls "the gappers" — inmates sentenced after the June 24 ruling but before any change in state law.

"I think the smarter states will do what Colorado is doing and return it to the juries," said Chris Adams, a death penalty specialist with the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling directly affected laws in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana and Nebraska, where judges alone decide whether to impose the death penalty.

Montana and Nebraska plan to consider changes to their laws next year.

Nebraska Attorney General Don Stenberg has told prosecutors to ask jurors to decide whether the crime merits the death penalty; then the judge could sentence a defendant based on the jury's findings.

Idaho has taken no direct action, but a prosecutor reached a plea bargain in a murder case this week in part because of uncertainty over the law.

The ruling could also ultimately affect Florida, Alabama, Indiana and Delaware, where juries recommend sentences but judges have the final say.

Executions in Alabama and Florida are on hold while those states' high courts consider whether their death penalty laws are constitutional in light of the ruling.

Even before the ruling, Indiana changed its law to require judges to follow a jury's recommendation. The previous law gave judges authority to impose the death penalty even if the jury recommended against it.

After the ruling, Delaware late last month passed a bill that says a judge cannot sentence someone to die unless the jury unanimously decides the inmate is eligible for the death penalty. The previous law allowed judges to impose the death penalty even if the jury found no grounds for such a sentence.

The high court ruling threw into doubt death sentences handed out to 168 killers in the five states. Among them are three inmates in Colorado. In all nine states, there are 785 inmates on death row, though not all would be affected by the court ruling.

Nationwide, about 3,700 inmates await execution in the 38 states that allow capital punishment.

Then there are the "gappers" like Randy Canister, who was on trial in a triple slaying in Colorado when the court decision came down. After he was convicted, the judge scheduled a hearing in August to determine whether prosecutors can seek the death penalty.

The worst punishment Canister can face is life in prison, contended defense attorney David Lane, who represents one of Canister's co-defendants.

In 1995, Colorado lawmakers turned death penalty decisions over to three-judge panels. Lawmakers mandated that if the law were found to be unconstitutional, inmates should receive life sentences.

"It shows how random the death penalty is and how unfair it can be," said Lane, a well-known death penalty opponent. "Canister, who pulled the trigger, lucked into a life sentence."

Financial Focus

Funding IRA with Mutual Funds Offers Key Benefits

Recent changes in the tax laws allow you to put in more money each year to either your Roth IRA or "traditional" IRA. But if you're going to take full advantage of these new, higher contribution limits, you need to select the right vehicles with which to fund your IRA. In picking these investments, consider mutual funds - they can offer you some significant advantages.

Before we look at the benefits of placing mutual funds within an IRA, let's look at the new contribution limits. Until 2002, you could invest up to $2,000 a year in either a Roth or a traditional IRA. But now, thanks to the Tax Relief Act of 2001, you can put in up to $3,000 a year to either IRA - and this limit will eventually rise to $5,000 per year, starting in 2008. Both types of IRA can help boost your retirement savings. Depending on your income level, your contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible — and, even if they're not, all your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but all earnings grow totally tax-free, provided you've had your account at least five years and you're at least 59 1/2 when you start making withdrawals.

Now, let's see how mutual funds can help you maximize your IRA:

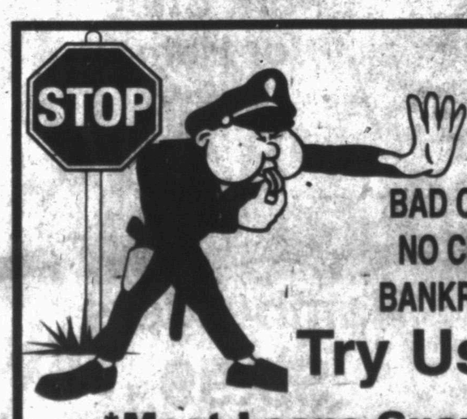
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Abuse calls about slain toddler began two years ago

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — The first call to the abuse hot line came Aug. 28, 2000.

The caller said 21/2-year-old Rheyna and 10-month-old Alfredo Montez didn't have enough to eat and that their mother, Jeanna Lynn Swallows, constantly had parties and did drugs.

The investigator assigned to the case at the time, Shannon Kersey, wrote that she was unable to locate the family.

The pattern of abuse calls and visits from child protection workers — sometimes successful, other times not — continued until Alfredo, now 2, was killed by a baby sitter July 1, allegedly for soiling his pants.

The boy's death has again put Florida's child welfare agency on the defensive, after months of criticism for its handling of the case of a missing 5-year-old. Murder charges have been filed against the baby sitter, and on Friday, a child welfare investigator became the first person charged with falsifying records under a new state law.

According to Department of Children and Families documents, five calls were made to the agency's abuse hot line about Alfredo and his sister in the 23 months before July.

Department investigator Erica Jones was fired Friday and charged with falsifying records about the last abuse call logged at the hot line, the day of the boy's death.

"Mother is always high on methamphetamine and acid," the caller told the hot line. "She hits the children when she is high. Last week Alfredo had bruising on the top of his forehead and knots on his head. The children are chronically dirty."

Jones reported that she visited Alfredo and 4-year-old Rheyna on July 1 at the home.

In a handwritten note, one of hundreds of pages of documents released by the DCF Friday, Jones wrote Alfredo had "no marks or bruises. Child was clean and appeared happy."

But police say there was no way Jones could have seen Swallows or the children that day. Swallows dropped her children at Richard Chouquer and Amandy Lawrence's mobile home in Auburndale on June 28.

The boy wasn't reported missing by a family friend until Monday. The mother, Swallows, was arrested Tuesday on a violation of probation warrant for writing bad checks and avoiding police, said Polk County Sheriff's Office spokesman Scott Wilder.

Alfredo's body, wrapped in a bedspread with figures of Disney's "101 Dalmatians" on it, was spotted late Thursday by a passing motorist 30 feet off the edge of Interstate 275 in west-central Florida.

Chouquer, 23, is charged with first-degree murder and aggravated child abuse in the boy's death. Lawrence, 22, has been charged as an accessory after the fact.

Police said Chouquer told investigators in Utah he was disciplining Alfredo after the boy soiled his pants, hitting him at least five times in the face. Police said he told them the boy never got discipline.

"I was trying to help," he said, according to the arrest affidavit.

After Alfredo lost consciousness and died, the couple put his body in the trunk of their car and drove until they found a place to drop him, police said. Their two young children were in the car, as was Rheyna, police said.

According to Lawrence's arrest affidavit, before Chouquer dumped Alfredo's body she told him "to wrap him up tight" so he would not get cold.

Authorities were awaiting the extradition of the couple from Hurricane, Utah, where they were arrested this week.

Rheyna is now in the custody of her paternal grandmother in Lake Wales.

Gov. Jeb Bush called Alfredo's case "heartbreaking."

DCF Secretary Kathleen Kearney said Jones was being charged with a third-degree felony under a new state law prompted by another department debacle, the disappearance of 5-year-old Rilya Wilson in Miami.

"We do not believe this is widespread," Kearney said at a news conference Friday.

Those comments were similar to those Kearney made when it became public that state workers lost track of Rilya, who hadn't been seen for 15 months before she was reported missing in April.

But DCF and police officials both say that even if Jones had actually visited the home, the outcome for little Alfredo would have likely remained the same, since the family wouldn't have been there.

"The reality is this mother chose to give her children to two very inappropriate caregivers," Kearney said.

Jones' first handling of the case came Dec. 26. Previous abuse allegations against Swallows were handled by three other case workers. All of them reported either that they couldn't locate the family or that the mother, neighbors and relatives denied the abuse.

Kearney said Jones admitted to state police that she falsified the records on July 9, after she learned Alfredo's disappearance resulted from a possible homicide.

Jones, who is 81/2 months pregnant and had been at the agency for less than a year, turned herself in Friday and was released on $1,000 bond. Kearney said the department is reviewing every file Jones has handled.

Under the law prompted by Rilya's case, those convicted of falsifying documents related to children, the elderly or disabled in state care could be sentenced to up to five years in prison. If the person is seriously hurt or dies because of the fraud, it could be a second-degree felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Tampa attorney Anthony LaSpada, who is representing Jones, said he could not comment about the charges.

Doctrine urges sending and receiving nations to respect rights of migrants

EDINBURG (AP) — A document prepared in South Texas holds that the world's more than 150 million migrants are cultural and economic contributors of both sending and receiving nations and deserve binational protections.

Officials and academics from ten nations were among the drafters of the "Declaration in Defense of Migrants in 2002" on Friday in Edinburg. They were hosted by the University of Texas-Pan American's Center for Border Economics, a think tank on North American Free Trade Agreement Commerce.

The declaration is to be presented in September at an immigration conference in Oslo, Norway, with hopes it will become a guide for policy makers, said Mexico's Juan Hernandez, special adviser to the president for Mexicans abroad.

Hernandez wrote the document's initial language for a similar conference in Croatia.

Its guiding concepts are an international acceptance of dual citizenship and an effort to make sure migrants aren't cheated by employers or denied basic health care and educational access, including opportunities for workers' children to attend universities in receiver countries.

It calls for "adjusting the status" of migrants, creating better documentation, improving systems for money transfer, and allowing emigrants to vote in home country elections.

The concepts are more timely than ever in this current era of terrorism and nationalistic fervor, Hernandez said.

"We filter everything around the world through what happened Sept. 11., and we should," he said. "But I believe a conference like this becomes even more relevant, in which we openly do not close our eyes to what are the benefits immigrants provide to sending countries, to receiving countries."

Migration is a worldwide phenomenon that is not going away, said conference attendee Demetrios Papademetriou, co-director of the New York City-based Migration Policy Institute. While no one knows the exact number, at least 150 million and as many as 180 million people around the world are living and working in foreign countries.

A growing number of them are undocumented and subject to abuse in countries that see the foreigners as a threat to their national identity, even as they welcome the labor.

"As everyone is trying to protect their own interest, they're losing site of the possibility that working together might actually address many of the interests of all actors in the migration process," he said.

But supporters of immigration crackdowns questioned Mexico's predominant role in the document and said it was part of that country's campaign to open U.S. borders to Mexicans.

Space shuttle grounded until September

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's space shuttle fleet is grounded until at least September because of potentially dangerous cracks in the fuel lines of each ship.

Shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said Friday that the concern is that these cracks, while small for now, could grow and splinter into hazardous chunks of metal.

"We're not going to fly until we're satisfied that we understand this problem," Dittemore said.

At the same time, NASA is being criticized by its own inspector general's office for failing to provide adequate safety oversight over shuttle launch preparations by the contractor.

All four space shuttles apparently have been flying with the cracks for quite some time, perhaps since the beginning of the 21-year-old program, Dittemore said.

In all, 11 cracks have been discovered over the past month, three each in Atlantis, Discovery and Columbia and two in Endeavour. The cracks are about the same size — one-tenth to three-tenths of an inch in length.

If any of the cracks were to grow, chips of the metal could break off and end up in a main engine during liftoff. A piece of metal flying into a turbine rotating at thousands of revolutions per minute could have disastrous consequences.

Dittemore said he does not know why the cracks were not discovered before now. "That's something we're going to ask," he said. The larger cracks are visible to the naked eye.

Columbia's research flight with the first Israeli astronaut is on indefinite hold; it had been set for a July 19 liftoff. An Aug. 22 launch by Atlantis on a flight to the international space station is also off. Dittemore said the earliest a shuttle could launch is September, or two months from the time a go-ahead is given.

The cracks are in the metal liners used to direct the flow of super-cold hydrogen fuel to the main engines. Columbia's liners are made of stainless steel; the liners in the other shuttles are a nickel alloy.

The original material for the liners may have been flawed, Dittemore said. When the liners were welded into place, the metal may have been stressed, he said. Age is not considered a factor since the cracks have been found in NASA's oldest shuttle as well as its newest.

Dittemore said engineers might conclude after a few more weeks of analysis that the cracks will not grow and no repairs will be needed.

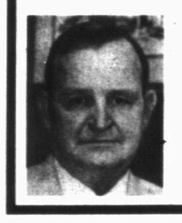
But just in case, engineers are considering such repairs as welding or grinding or cutting out the cracks, without removing the actual plumbing.

It would be difficult to pull out the fuel lines, which are 1 feet in diameter and extend into the shuttle, Dittemore said. No spare parts are available and it would take months to manufacture new pieces.

The last time the shuttle fleet was afflicted with such a widespread problem was in 1999, when flights were suspended for five months because of damaged electrical wiring.

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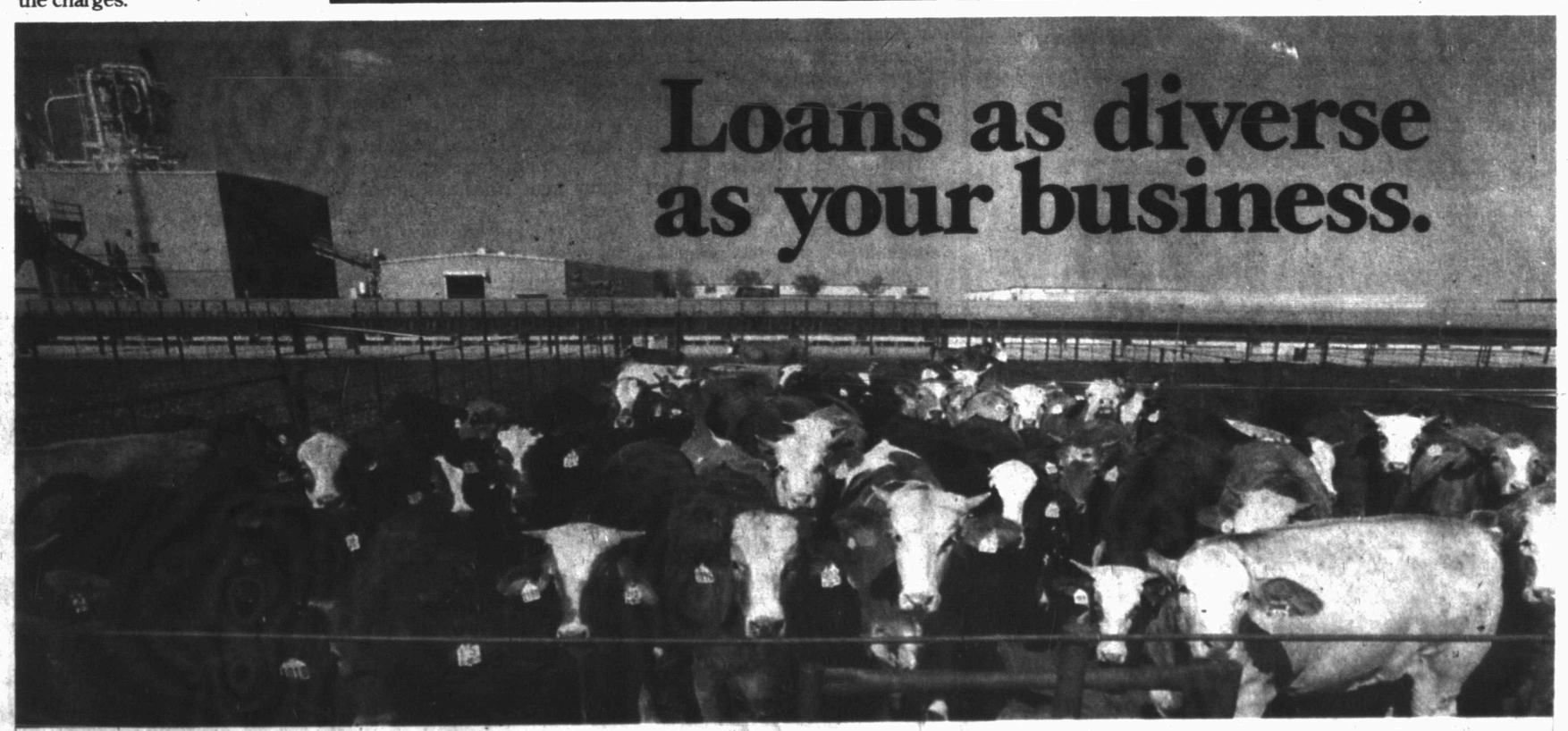
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In Little League all-star action...

Wylie overpowers Snyder squad, 17-9

ABILENE — The crack of Wylie's bats brought Snyder's Little League season to a screeching halt.

Abilene Wylie pounded out 13 hits, including a pair of home runs, to roll over Snyder, 17-9, in Friday night's 11 and 12-year-old all-star action at Will Hair Park.

The setback, combined with Thursday's 5-4 loss to Abilene Dixie, ended Snyder's hopes of advancing to the sectional tournament. The locals wrap up District 5 competition Saturday night against Breckenridge, while Wylie and Dixie square off for the title.

Wylie came out hitting and never let up, scoring four runs in the opening frame and four more in the second.

Snyder took its only lead of the night in the bottom of the first. Four consecutive walks to start the inning forced in a run and chased Wylie starter Jason Hoyt. The locals plated four more runs on doubles by Riley Davis and Ryan Arredondo before reliever Mason MacNoll settled down.

Wylie answered with its four-run second inning and never relinquished the lead again.

MacNoll kept Snyder in check, giving up only a Dillon Matthies single over the next three innings.

Wylie broke the game open with eight runs in the fifth. A three-run homer from Trevor Casey spurred the outburst.

Midway through the inning, Jesse Conner came on in relief of Snyder starter Brent Bollinger. Bollinger gave up seven hits and four walks through four innings of work. He also hit two batters and registered two strikeouts.

Trailing, 16-4, Snyder tallied four runs in the bottom of the inning on three walks, two hit batters and a Dustin Murdock single off reliever Cody Williams.

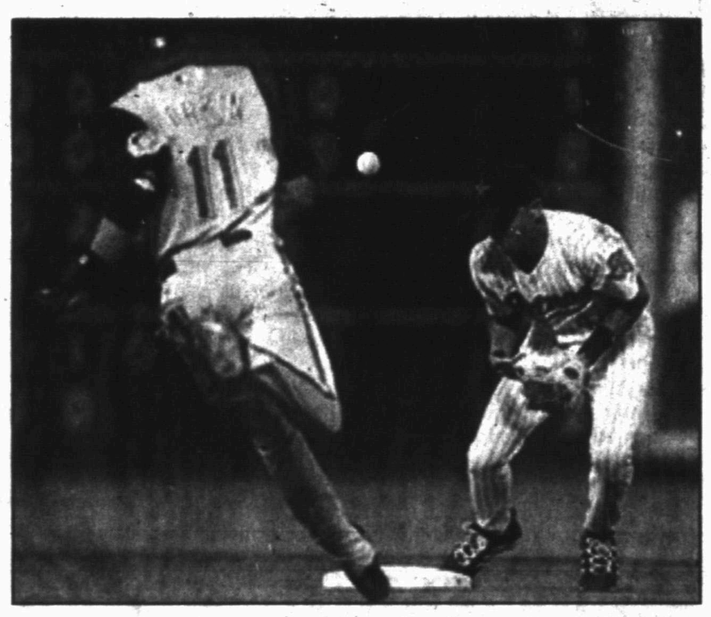
Wylie capped the scoring in the sixth on Casey's second home run of the night, this one a solo shot.

Snyder's Riley Davis singled in the home half of the sixth. Timothy Dixon closed out the game on the mound for Wylie.

Abilene Wylie 17, Snyder 9

Wylie	4	4	0	0	8	1	—	17	13	0
Snyder	5	0	0	0	4	0	—	9	5	4

Wylie: Hoyt, MacNoll (1), Williams (5), Dixon (6) and Casey. Snyder: Bollinger, Conner (5) and Claxton. WP - MacNoll. LP - Bollinger. 2B - Wylie, Dixon (2), Wilson; Snyder, Davis, Arredondo. HR - Wylie, Casey (2).



BOOT — Houston's Julio Lugo struggles to come up with the ball as Cincinnati's Barry Larkin reaches second base safely Fridy night. (AP Photo)

Astros handle Cincinnati, 6-3

HOUSTON (AP) — Wade Miller's pitching brings out the best in the Houston Astros.

The Astros' 6-3 win over the Reds on Friday night was their eighth in Miller's nine starts since coming off the disabled list in late May.

"I think we are coming together. Obviously our offense is coming together and we've picked up defensively," Miller said.

It was the Astros' fourth straight victory and their 10th in 12 games. It was the third straight loss and sixth in eight games for the Reds.

"I think everybody is doing a real good job right now. It's just that things are happening now that weren't happening before. I don't know how to explain it," Miller continued.

Miller (5-3) pitched five innings, allowing three runs on eight hits with five strike outs and one walk. He improved to 3-0 in six career starts against the Reds. He is 5-1 with a 4.29 ERA since leaving the disabled list.

Daryle Ward homered and drove in three runs for Houston. It was Ward's third homer in 14 games. He had only two in his first 75 games and went 215 straight at bats without one.

"They have been getting the hits when they need them with men on base the last few games. That is the name of the game," commented Cincinnati's Jason La Rue.

Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 16th save in 19 opportunities.

"I really don't feel in a groove yet. I've pitched so many games that were not save situations it has been hard to get in a groove," Wagner complained.

"Once you really get in groove, you get eight, nine or 10 save situations in a month. Tonight I felt rusty," Wagner said.

Ryan Dempster (5-9) went 3 2-3 innings in his first start for the Reds since coming over from Florida in a trade Thursday. He allowed six runs on six hits.

Cincinnati manager Bob Boone wasn't disappointed with Dempster's first game with the Reds.

"He had to travel, but he had pretty good stuff. I think he mislocated a few balls, but other than that I was pleased with his stuff," Boone said. "He threw 94 mph fastballs and has a tough slider. If he had gotten out of the first inning things might have been completely different."

Dempster agreed with Boone's analysis.

"I felt good out there. There were just a couple of pitches I didn't execute on. I was getting ahead of guys, but I wasn't making the right pitches to finish them off," Dempster said.

"They are a team that hits mistakes well. Tonight I made too many mistakes," Dempster added.

The Astros scored three runs in the first inning on Julio Lugo's leadoff homer and a two-run double by Richard Hidalgo.

Ward's two-run homer gave Houston a 5-2 lead in the third.

Hidalgo made two big defensive plays in the first four innings. In the second, Sean Casey had what appeared to be a double to right when Hidalgo fielded it on one bounce, reeled and threw to second base, causing Casey to retreat to first.

Miller induced a double play from Barry Larkin, the next batter, to get out of the inning.

Houston eager for start of Texans' first training camp

HOUSTON (AP) — Charley Casserly was thinking as he drove on a Houston freeway during a business trip after the departure of the Houston Oilers following the 1996 season.

"I said: 'What's wrong with this picture?'" Casserly recalled. "Here was the nation's fourth-largest city in the heart of football country without a pro football team."

At the time, of course, Casserly had no way of knowing he'd some day be general manager of the NFL's newest franchise — in Houston.

The Texans' take the field for real Friday when coach Dom Capers assembles the squad for their first training camp, leading up to their first preseason game Aug. 5 against the New York Giants in the Hall of Fame game in Canton, Ohio.

From the beginning, Texans' owner Bob McNair has made a strong effort to make the team fan friendly. When practices begin, the Texans have set aside eight nights at their gleaming new training facility adjacent to Reliant Stadium for fans to watch practices and get autographs.

The Texans are scheduling the workouts fans can watch at times when the team will be outside on two manicured fields instead of inside the air conditioned bubble for morning drills.

"We always want to try to make it a pleasant experience for the fans," McNair said. "We don't want them to come out expecting to be right there on the sideline watching the team work out and then they find out that the team has gone into the bubble and they can't see them work out."

The Texans are constructing bleachers at their practice site to accommodate up to 2,000 fans. There is no seating in the indoor practice field.

A preseason practice highlight will be a scrimmage Aug. 2 with the Dallas Cowboys at Robertson Stadium at the University of Houston. About 30,000 tickets have been sold.

The stadium formerly was called Jeppesen Stadium and was the site of the 1962 AFL championship game between the Oilers and the Dallas Texans, which later left Texas to become the Kansas City Chiefs.

Players who participated in that game will be invited to be a part of the festivities for the game.

McNair has done much right since paying $700 million Oct. 6, 1999 for the league's 32nd franchise. And fans have responded, swarming to purchase tickets to watch the first pro football in the city since the Oilers bolted for Tennessee and became the Titans.

"We certainly don't need giveaways to sell tickets," Jamie Rootes, the Texans' senior vice president, said. "We have sold 57,000 season tickets. I know that exceeds the Cowboys and the most the Oilers ever had was 45,000."

After playing their next two exhibition games at New Orleans (Aug. 10) and Kansas City (Aug. 17) the Texans will play their first game in their $365 million retractable roof Reliant Stadium Aug. 24 against the Miami Dolphins.

The regular season launch comes Sept. 8, after a full week of citywide celebration to be called Texans Week, when they open against the best of all possible opponents for fan appeal, their rivals to the north, the Dallas Cowboys.

Armstrong still third at Tour

ALENCON, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong coolly let several rivals make a high-risk sprint, coasting until his favorite part of the Tour de France arrives next week.

The 30-year-old Texan, the favorite to win a fourth consecutive Tour, eased across the finish line deep in a pack of riders Friday at the same time German sprinting specialist Erik Zabel won the race's sixth stage.

"Joining in on a sprint is a big no-no" for the three-time champion, said Jogi Muller, spokesman for Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team. "With his capabilities, you don't want to take the risk of having a crash in a sprint."

Zabel, of the Telekom team, won the 124-mile run through the cow pastures and red-brick villages of Normandy from Forges-les-Eaux to Alencon in 4 hours, 23 minutes and 7 seconds. In a group of some of the world's best sprinters, Oscar Freire of Spain was second and Australia's Robbie McEwen finished third with the same time.

Armstrong, who finished the stage in 72nd place, is expected to focus on his strengths — individual time trials and mountain stages. The next time trial is Monday, and the first of six mountain stages in the 21-day Tour is Thursday.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	58	32	.644	—
Montreal	46	43	.517	11½
Florida	45	44	.506	12½
New York	44	45	.494	13½
Philadelphia	40	48	.455	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	47	39	.547	—
Cincinnati	46	43	.517	2½
Houston	43	45	.489	5
Pittsburgh	40	49	.449	8½
Chicago	36	51	.414	11½
Milwaukee	33	57	.367	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	54	36	.600	—
Arizona	53	36	.596	½
San Francisco	51	38	.573	2½
Colorado	42	48	.467	12
San Diego	36	53	.404	17½

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 5, Florida 4, 16 innings
Atlanta 8, Montreal 3
Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Mets 8
Houston 6, Cincinnati 3
Pittsburgh 9, Milwaukee 2
San Diego 4, St. Louis 3
Arizona 3, Los Angeles 2
San Francisco 9, Colorado 0

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati (Haynes 10-6) at Houston (Munro 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (Padilla 10-5) at N.Y. Mets (Estes 3-7), 1:15 p.m.
Florida (Penny 3-3) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 6-6), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 7-7) at San Francisco (Schmidt 4-3), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona (B.Anderson 4-7) at Los Angeles (Ashby 7-6), 4:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 11-4) at Montreal (Colon 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (K.Wells 9-6) at Milwaukee (J.Wright 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 10-6) at San Diego (Tomko 4-6), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia (Duckworth 5-6) at N.Y. Mets (Astacio 8-3), 1:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Moss 4-3) at Montreal (Vazquez 6-5), 1:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Beimel 1-3) at Milwaukee (Quevedo 4-6), 2:05 p.m.
Florida (Tejera 5-1) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 2-2), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Fernandez 0-0) at Houston (Redding 3-4), 2:35 p.m.
Colorado (Chacon 3-6) at San Francisco (Rueter 7-5), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (B.Smith 0-5) at San Diego (BJJones 5-4), 5:05 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 4-5) at Los Angeles (Ishii 11-5), 8:10 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	56	33	.629	—
Boston	53	34	.609	2
Baltimore	42	45	.483	13
Toronto	35	53	.398	20½
Tampa Bay	28	59	.322	27

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	52	39	.571	—
Chicago	43	47	.478	8½
Cleveland	40	48	.455	10½
Kansas City	33	54	.379	17
Detroit	32	55	.368	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	57	33	.633	—
Anaheim	53	35	.602	3
Oakland	52	38	.578	5
Texas	39	49	.443	17

Friday's Games

Toronto 5, Boston 0
Oakland 1, Baltimore 0
Cleveland 2, N.Y. Yankees 1, 10 innings
Detroit 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Seattle 2, Tampa Bay 1
Minnesota 4, Texas 3, 11 innings
Anaheim 11, Kansas City 3

Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 12-6) at Detroit (Moehler 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (F.Castillo 5-9) at Toronto (Carpenter 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (Baldwin 6-6) at Tampa Bay (Sturtze 1-9), 6:15 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 9-5) at Minnesota (Santana 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Zito 11-3) at Baltimore (Driskill 6-1), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Sele 7-5) at Kansas City (Byrd 11-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (D.Wells 9-5) at Cleveland (Drese 8-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 1-1) at Detroit (Maroth 1-3), 7:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Boston (P.Martinez 11-2) at Toronto (Loaiza 3-5), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 12-3) at Cleveland (Finley 4-11), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 11-5) at Tampa Bay (W.Alvarez 2-2), 1:15 p.m.
Oakland (Lidle 2-7) at Baltimore (Ponson 3-4), 1:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 8-6) at Kansas City (Asencio 1-2), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Garland 7-6) at Detroit (Bernero 2-4), 2:05 p.m.
Texas (Burba 4-4) at Minnesota (Lohse 8-5), 8:05 p.m.



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SPORTS

Rangers' rally spoiled by Jones

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota's pitching held off the Texas Rangers just long enough for the Twins to get their bats going.

After several innings of blown scoring opportunities, Jacque Jones hit a two-out single in the bottom of the 11th to give the Twins a 4-3 victory.

Even though the Twins wasted a bases-loaded, one-out chance in the 10th, Tony Fiore and LaTroy Hawkins held the Rangers hitless in extra innings to give Minnesota another opportunity.

"That's what it's all about. Pitching and defense. If you do those things you've got a chance to win," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

The biggest defensive play came in the seventh with the Twins leading 3-2. The Rangers had a chance to tie it when Ivan Rodriguez's shot to center bounced past Torii Hunter to the wall. But Jones ran it down and hit his cutoff man, Cristian Guzman, as Rodriguez rounded third. Guzman fired the ball to A.J. Pierzynski, who tagged out Rodriguez.

"That's a great play," Hunter said. "I was trying to make the catch, but it got some topspin on it and I had to come up on it or else it was going to eat me up."

Rangers manager Jerry Narron called it a perfect relay. "Guzman didn't panic. Made a nice little throw home."

Texas tied it in the ninth after Juan Gonzalez led off with a single to right off closer Eddie Guardado, who blew his fourth save in 31 chances. Gonzalez scored on Rodriguez's sacrifice fly to center to make it 3-3.

The Twins had a chance to win it in the ninth with runners at the corners against Jay Powell with two outs, but Luis Rivas flied out to right.

Minnesota loaded the bases with one out in the 10th. But Guzman was thrown out at home on a fielder's choice and Michael Cuddyer struck out swinging.

"Our guys out of the pen did a great job," Narron said.

Fiore retired the Rangers in order in the 11th to set up the bottom-half heroics. Jones, who came to bat 0-for-5 and in a 3-for-25 slump, hit the first pitch from Hideki Irabu (3-8). The hit scored Dustan Mohr, who led off with a single before advancing on a sacrifice by Tom Prince.

Jones raised his fist in the air and tossed his helmet across the field in celebration.

"I just wanted to put the ball in play," Jones said. "Our bullpen pitched pretty well, we did a good job of giving ourselves a chance to win."

Rick Reed pitched seven solid innings for the Twins, and Mohr went 3-for-3 with a sacrifice and an RBI. Pierzynski and Rivas each drove in runs for Minnesota.

"I come in, I didn't save it. But I gave us a chance to win also," Guardado said. "We got the job done, Twins win. That's what matters. I don't feel too bad now."

Alex Rodriguez, who finished 2-for-5, hit his 28th homer of the season in the sixth off Reed to cut the Twins' lead to 3-2. Rangers starter Ismael Valdes, winless in four starts against Minnesota, gave up three runs on five hits while walking two and striking out two.

Dodson fires 77, tops field at Lubbock

LUBBOCK — Snyder High School senior Kellie Dodson fired the low round of the day, posting a 77 to win the girls' 15-18 age group Thursday at the NTPGA Westcott Junior Tour event at Meadowbrook Golf Course.



Dodson

The victory qualified Dodson for the West Texas Championship to be held July 22-23 in Midland.

Kellie is the daughter of Doug and Bonnie Dodson.

Sports Briefs

Cheerleader mini camp

The SHS Cheerleader Mini Camp for ages 4-12 is set for July 29 through Aug. 1. Cost is $40 per camper. Registration will be held Wednesday and Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Humble Smith office. Campers will compete during halftime of the first home football game.

Booster club meeting

Snyder Tiger Booster Club meets at 7 p.m. July 23 at the athletic film room. Parents of all SHS football players are urged to attend.

Softball meeting

Snyder Girls' Softball Association will hold a board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the BP Pipeline office on Ave. K.

Youth football camp

The free Snyder Tiger Football Camp will be held from 9 a.m. until noon Tuesday at the boys club. Players from six-years-old through the eighth grade can participate. The camp is hosted by SHS coach Chad Rogers and the Snyder Tigers. Hot dogs will be served for a $1.00. For more information, call 573-3344.

Cargile golf tournament

The Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation benefit Golf Tournament is set for Aug. 10 at Western Texas College. Format is four-person scramble and cost is $30 per player.

Cash prizes will go to the top four teams. Contests for closest-to-the-hole, longest drive and hole-in-one will be held. To register, call the pro shop at 573-9291.

SISD athletic physicals

Physicals are required for students wishing to participate in SISD athletics. Those needing physicals are all incoming seventh and ninth grade athletes, students new to SISD athletics, athletes in their third year of high school, and all students who answered "yes" to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 or 7 on their medical history form.

The school district pays for physicals through Aug. 2 with the following doctors: Raykov, Burleson, Cooper, Thompson, Wolboldt and NP Beth Ashley. Incoming seventh and ninth graders can pick up physical forms in the doctors' offices.

Tennis events

Snyder Tennis Camp, hosted by SHS coach Ted Phillips, will be held July 22-25. Incoming fourth through seventh graders are eligible and cost is $30. Registration forms can be picked up at the SHS principal's office.

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is hosting a three-day tournament starting Friday. There will be singles and doubles competition in five age divisions, 12-under, 14-under, 16-under, 18-under and open. There will also be mixed doubles in the open division.

For more information on either event, contact Ted Phillips at 573-2525.

WGA weekly play day

The SCGA Women's Golf Association holds a weekly play day each Tuesday at 9 a.m. Format is queen of the hill.

WTC Men's Golf Association

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

SCGA weekly events

The Scurry County Golf Association holds a weekly scramble Tuesdays at 5:30. The Men's Golf Association holds an all-day MGA event each Thursday.

Three players tied at GMO

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Kirk Triplett wondered why he never came to Brown Deer Park before.

The Greater Milwaukee Open suits his game and his family so well that the 40-year-old father of four vowed an annual return Friday after a 7-under 64.

His 36-hole total of 12-under 130 — his personal best — had him tied for the lead with first-round leader Tommy Armour III and Jeff Sluman, who won the GMO in 1998.

Sluman shot a 66 Friday, while Armour had a 67.

Steve Lowery (65) was one shot behind the leaders and Chad Campbell (66), Robert Damron (63), Dan Forsman (63) and Bo Van Pelt (68) were another stroke back.

Triplett only entered the GMO because he wanted to take his 6-year-old twin sons, Conor and Samuel, to the All-Star game festivities at Miller Park earlier in the week.

"We had about 50 balls hit right at us in the Home Run Derby," Triplett said. "And that game had everything a fan could ever want. That was a great All-Star game."

Not even the much-debated 7-7, 11-inning tie dampened Triplett's praise of Milwaukee, which he called a great place to spend a summer vacation.

"I'm wondering why I haven't been here before," he said. "We've had a blast."

At the ballpark and on the golf course.

Brown Deer's par-71 layout measures 6,759 yards, one of the shortest on the PGA Tour, putting a premium on iron play and putting while neutralizing the long hitters.

So, Triplett said, it's not surprising the top four golfers are in their 40s.

"I think it's enjoyable for us to play these kinds of courses," he said. "Look at the leaderboard, you've got some guys up there who have been playing for a while. This is the kind of course we grew up on. Some of the younger guys that come out, they're used to playing at TPC or a wider-open course."

Lowery, 41, said it takes patience and savvy to navigate the throwback golf course with notoriously thick rough, wicked doglegs and a creek that dissects four of the par-4s.

"You can't just overpower this course," he said. "You have to play for position. I think the guys who have played here a lot know that.

WNBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	14	5	.737	—
Charlotte	10	8	.556	3½
Orlando	9	8	.529	4
New York	10	9	.526	4
Miami	8	10	.444	5½
Indiana	8	11	.421	6
Cleveland	7	12	.368	7
Detroit	3	16	.158	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	15	3	.833	—
Houston	16	4	.800	—
Utah	12	6	.667	3
Portland	11	9	.550	5
Seattle	9	11	.450	7
Phoenix	8	10	.444	7
Minnesota	6	12	.333	9
Sacramento	3	15	.167	12

Friday's Games
Detroit 72, Minnesota 69
Charlotte 72, Orlando 67
Miami 68, Indiana 62
Los Angeles 82, Portland 76, OT
Houston 74, Sacramento 60
Cleveland 62, Seattle 58

Saturday's Games
New York at Washington, 1:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 2 p.m.
Minnesota at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7 p.m.

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

Monday's Game
WNBA All-Star Game at Washington

Matthews will retire after 19 NFL seasons

HOUSTON (AP) — Veteran offensive lineman Bruce Matthews officially will end his NFL career after 19 seasons Monday at a news conference in the offices of Tennessee Titans' owner Bud Adams in Texas.

The Houston Chronicle reported the retirement Friday night, but the Titans would not comment on the report. Team spokesman Robbie Bohren confirmed the Titans have scheduled a news conference for Monday.

The announcement has been expected since the end of last season, but the man who had played more NFL games (296) than anyone except kickers had kept his options open just in case he wanted to return.

Matthews, who will turn 41 on Aug. 8, never missed a game due to injury in his career. Deciding to quit wasn't easy, but he told the Chronicle he will devote himself to being a husband and father to his five sons and one daughter.

"During this offseason, I wavered a number of times. Going back and forth so much was starting to take a toll," Matthews said.

"At times, I felt like I could have played another season, but at other times, I felt like it was time to hang it up. Once I decided what to do, it was an easy decision."

Matthews only missed games in 1983 and 1987 due to contract disputes. He played every position on the line, and last year he tied Merlin Olsen for most Pro Bowls in NFL history with 14, including nine at guard and five at center.

Only he and guard Randall McDaniel, who also retired this year, appeared in every game in the 1990s.

Matthews spent the first 14 years of his career with the Houston Oilers, who drafted him with the ninth pick overall in 1983. He reluctantly moved with the team to Tennessee and played in the only Super Bowl of his career in January 2000, when the Titans lost to the St. Louis Rams 23-16.

He was opposed to the relocation, but spent five seasons in Tennessee while keeping his offseason home in Texas.

"Even though I didn't want the team to move, it turned out to be a blessing," Matthews said. "In Nashville, every Titans game is such an event. The fans are so enthusiastic. Now that Houston's got the Texans and Reliant Stadium, I think it's worked out well for both cities."

Matthews' decision means he will remain tied with his brother, Clay Matthews Jr., with 19 seasons in the NFL. His brother played 278 games at linebacker for Cleveland and Atlanta from 1978-96, and their father, Clay Sr., was a defensive lineman for the San Francisco 49ers in the 1950s.

"God blessed my brother and I with bodies that could take a pounding. When I was young, I wanted to be like my older brother," he said.

"My whole life, I've copied those closest to me — first Clay and then Munch (Mike Munchak) when I came to the Oilers. I attached myself to them. Not only were they great players, but they were great people, too."

The Titans had given the man who played more seasons and games than anyone in franchise history plenty of time to make his decision. Training camp doesn't open until July 24.

The team is expected to retire Matthews' No. 74 later this season.

Matthews didn't attend any practices this offseason, while the Titans moved Gennaro DiNapoli into his place at center. They also signed Jeff Smith as a potential replacement.

USOC officials tour Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston's chances of hosting the 2012 Olympics could hinge on convincing the visiting United States Olympic Committee that the city has the right international flavor, officials said Friday.

Houston 2012 officials started a two-day tour with the USOC selection committee convinced they have the best technical bid among the four cities hoping to represent the United States in worldwide competition for the Olympic Games.

Now they want to appeal to the world.

"We want to educate them," Houston 2012 president Susan Bandy said. "It's not a situation of us not being an international city. It's just letting people know that we are an international city."

Houston is competing against New York, Washington and San Francisco to represent the country.

The USOC will narrow its list to two in September and will select the U.S. city on Nov. 3. The International Olympic Committee will name the 2012 host city in 2005.

"In the next two days we want to impress on the committee that Houston can compete on the international stage," Houston 2012 chairman George DeMontrand said. "We are an international, culturally rich and vibrant city."

Houston 2012 boasts that it has 88 percent of its venues already built and is ready to commit to an $87 million renovation of the Astrodome into an elite track and field facility if it gets the U.S. bid.

It planned to impress the committee with Houston's cultural aspects and diversity during this second and probably last visit to the city before a decision is made.

"The Games are about more than just sports events," Bandy said. "When fans get their tickets, they get to see one or two events per day. They have the whole day and need exciting, fun things to do."

Houston officials have planned a concise location for the Olympic venues along a line from downtown out to the Astrodome and adjacent Reliant Stadium, including a rail system to conveniently transport patrons.

"We've created a celebration corridor where people can go to concerts watch outdoor big screens for events they can't attend. All these things have to be a part of the Olympic experience," Bandy said.

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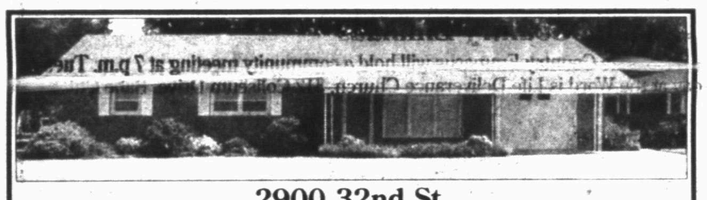
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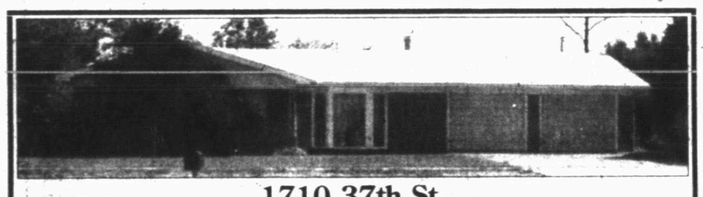
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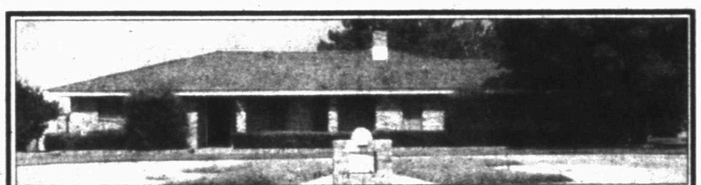
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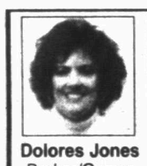
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Personal loans to company officials banned by Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is moving to bar companies from making personal loans to their top executives, such as those given to Enron and WorldCom officials — and President Bush when he was a Texas oilman a decade ago.

The Senate by voice vote Friday attached the ban to legislation aimed at curbing a wave of corporate scandals that has rocked Wall Street. A vote on the overall bill is expected early next week.

"Perhaps the greatest need for our economy at this moment is restoring confidence in the integrity of the American business leaders," Bush said in his weekly radio address Saturday.

"Nearly every week brings news of greater productivity or strong consumer spending, but also a discovery of fraud and scandal, problems long in the making and now coming to light," Bush said.

He said his administration is working with Congress to pass legislation to protect workers and shareholders and investors and "will not stop working until a final bill is passed."

Rep. David Phelps, a Democratic congressman from Southern Illinois, urged lawmakers to pass the Senate bill to protect investors, employees and those corporate officials who play by the rules.

Phelps, in the Democrats' weekly radio address aired Saturday, said the small businesses in his rural district get punished if they do wrong.

"Why should large corporations and corporate officers not have to live by the same rules of honesty as the small businessman?" he said.

The Senate action came as the White House defended the $180,000 in low-interest loans that Bush received in the 1980s from Harken Energy Corp. The loans carried a 5 percent annual interest rate, and Bush wasn't required to repay the principal for eight years.

The president met Friday with his new financial crimes "SWAT team." The chairman of the panel, Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson, pledged to go after corporate criminals "with vigor and an aggressive manner." Investigations have been opened by hundreds of prosecutors across the country, he said.

Harvey Pitt, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission and a member of Bush's SWAT team, said officials won't know how widespread the prosecutions might be until after the nation's 1,000 biggest corporations respond to an SEC order to have chief executives and chief financial officers certify the validity of financial statements already on file.

"That will happen in the next few weeks and when that does, that will give us a very clear picture of what's around," Pitt said.

In the Senate, supporters pushed the ban on personal loans as a way to prevent conflicts of interest.

"Why do executives at Adelphia, Enron and WorldCom need to borrow money from their stockholders?" said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., who sponsored the amendment. "Why can't they go to the bank like everyone else?"

Bernard Ebbers, the former chief executive of WorldCom, received $400 million in loans from the company, which recently disclosed nearly $4 billion in accounting irregularities. Former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay sold some $70 million of his Enron stock back to the company to repay loans last year, including $16.3 million in the 13 days after he was warned by executive Sherron Watkins of serious accounting problems.

Earlier Friday, the Senate voted, 91-2, to limit debate to 30 additional hours on the legislation imposing new sanctions on corporate wrongdoing and tightening oversight of the accounting industry.

The only dissenters were Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Carl Levin, D-Mich., whose efforts to add other, far-reaching measures to the bill were rebuffed Thursday by their Senate colleagues.

The measure has broad bipartisan support. The leader of the GOP-controlled House expressed approval Thursday of amendments adopted this week by the Democratic-led Senate to impose tough penalties for corporate fraud, including 10-year prison terms for securities fraud. The sanctions include, and go beyond, proposals Bush made in a speech Tuesday on corporate responsibility.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said, "The House bill is a tough bill, the Senate bill is a tough bill, and (Bush is) looking forward to signing a tough bill into law." He said it was too early to say whether the president would sign a final compromise bill crafted from the competing House and Senate versions.

Bush has given only qualified support to the bill, which would create an independent private body with authority to discipline auditors and establish auditing and ethics rules.

Family of man who died after surgery files lawsuit

ATLANTA (AP) — The family of a Minnesota man who died after a knee graft filed suit Friday against the company that provided the tissue, claiming it came from an infected cadaver.

Surgeons planted the cartilage into the knee of 23-year-old Brian Lykins on Nov. 7. He died four days later. Health investigators found a deadly bacterium in his body and in the cadaver from which the cartilage was lifted.

The suit says tissue bank CryoLife Inc., of Kennesaw, left the cadaver unrefrigerated for 19 hours and failed to test the tissue for the bacterium, Clostridium sordellii. It seeks unspecified damages.

CryoLife spokesman Roy Vogeltanz said the company would not comment on pending litigation.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in March that at least 14 people had contracted infections after receiving tissue transplants from CryoLife. Lykins was the only one who died.

Five other lawsuits connected to graft infections — two in California and three in Tennessee — have been filed against CryoLife.

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River levels likely to rise in S. Texas

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The Choke Canyon Reservoir has filled to capacity for the first time in almost a decade and flooding is expected as river levels rise in South Texas.

As Kelly Seitter headed to her home on a flooded road along the Nueces River between George West and Swinney Switch on Friday afternoon the water was already reaching her thighs.

It wasn't her first time to navigate the waters. She waded through it at 1 a.m. Friday to pick up her sister.

"That was a little scary," she told the Corpus Christ Caller-Times for Saturday's editions.

This time, as Seitter crossed with three others, the Live Oak County emergency management coordinator gave out his business card and told the group how high the Nueces River was expected to get — 41 feet.

The rising levels follow heavy rains that drenched Central Texas last week.

The National Weather Service reported that the Nueces River, 11 miles south of Tilden, reached 20.5 feet, six feet about flood level, early Friday. And with the river level expected to continue to rise this weekend and crest at about 21 feet, flooding is expected.

At Three Rivers, the river level Friday was 39.8 feet, almost 15 feet above flood level. The river level there also is expected to rise to 41 feet over the weekend.

There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms Saturday through Tuesday, the weather service reports.

On Friday, Texas' two U.S. senators and a trio of congressmen toured one of the areas hardest hit by last week's severe flooding.

Arafat writes lengthy letter to Powell

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yasser Arafat wrote a long letter about democratic change to Secretary of State Colin Powell, beginning a discussion with the United States three weeks after President Bush demanded the Palestinian leader's ouster.

A U.S. official familiar with the letter said Arafat described a 100-day reform program he'd put in place, but told Powell that Israel's military thrust in the West Bank limited what he could do.

Arafat asked for U.S. help to implement further reforms, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Powell, in a brief interview with al-Jazeera, a satellite television station based in Qatar, said he found the letter interesting.

The secretary reiterated that he won't deal personally with Arafat, whom the Bush administration has accused of being involved in corruption and terror, but he said the State Department intends to respond to the letter in some way.

Bush, in an interview Friday with Polish journalists, said terrorism must be stopped before the vision of a Palestinian state can become a reality. "It's going to be impossible to achieve that vision if terrorists are allowed to have a free run and blow up the process," he said.

He said the Arab world has a responsibility to help develop a Palestinian security force.

"A security force, by the way, which must exist to enforce security, not enhance the status of a single person," he added.

Arafat has blamed Israel's military forays into Palestinian-held areas for wrecking the Palestinian security apparatus.

Bush said Israel has a responsibility, too. As security improves, he said, Israeli forces must be pulled back to the boundaries of September 2000, when the Palestinian uprising began.

In an Associated Press interview Friday at his headquarters in Ramallah, Arafat sidestepped Bush's demand for his removal.

Without saying whether he would seek re-election in January, the 73-year-old Palestinian leader said: "I have been elected by the people. I am not a coward. I am not ready to betray the people who elected me."

Bush said the international community will begin working with the United States next week on creating institutions necessary for a Palestinian state.

Powell will talk about reforming Palestinian institutions during meetings Tuesday in New York with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, European Union diplomat Javier Solana and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

They'll be joined at a second session that day by foreign ministers Ahmed Maher of Egypt and Marwan Muasher of Jordan.

Egyptian, Jordanian and Saudi ministers are expected to come to Washington next week.

Commissioners to hear request for assistant district attorney

Scurry County commissioners' court will hear a request for approval of an assistant district attorney position when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

District Attorney Dana Cooley said the addition of the position would help with her workload. "It will be a prosecutor," she said.

The assistant will try criminal cases and perform the same type of legal services that Cooley now provides.

The county also will consider adoption of a resolution to participate in the Federal Highway Administration's off-system bridge program, which funds replacement and rehabilitation of bridges that are not on federal aid roads. The federal program would fund the vast majority of the cost, while the state pays at least 15 percent for public bridge projects.

In other items of new business, the court will consider changing the health unit sanitation and inspector fees, and consider an appointment to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board to replace Nan Swanson who moved from the community.

The court also will consider sponsoring a grant for improvements in the Ira water system, and look at the appointment of election judges and clerks for the November general election.

The court will again consider a request to permit Snyder CADA to use space in the courthouse annex on East 25th Street.

The court will discuss and consider any line item transfers and budget amendments as well as the approval of bills.

Commissioners' court meets on the third floor of the courthouse.

Obituaries

Pauline Compton

1943-2002

Pauline Sullivan Compton, longtime resident of Snyder, died Friday, July 12, in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

Service for Mrs. Compton, 59, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on April 28, 1943 in Lake Providence, La., Mrs. Compton was a retired nurses' aide.

Survivors include a son, Snyder; two daughters, Terri Lynne Rawls and Teresa Michelle Simms, both of Snyder; two brothers, A.C. Sullivan of Florence, Ala., and Donald Dean Sullivan of Mountain View, Ark.; two sisters, Betty Jo Glasner and Shirley Dale Maggio, both of Monroe, La.; and nine grandchildren.

Family visitation is set for 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Sis Jones

1912-2002

COLORADO City — Mrs. Talva Mae "Sis" Jones of Colorado City, a former Snyder florist, died Thursday, July 11, in a Colorado City care center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Jones, 89, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Elton Wyatt and Jim Baum will officiate. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Born Oct. 9, 1912 in Mitchell County to Ruben D. and Lottie Dorn Hart, she had lived in the Mitchell and Scurry County areas all of her life.

Mrs. Jones owned and operated Colorado Floral in Colorado City and Friendly Flowers in Snyder for many years and was a charter member of the West Texas and New Mexico Florist Association. Mrs. Jones was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a sister, Sue McCarley of Colorado City; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

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Stella Pylant

1911-2002

Stella Lois Pylant, longtime Snyder resident, died Friday, July 12, at her daughter's home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Service is set for Mrs. Pylant, 90, at 2 p.m. Sunday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. F.R. "Bear" Williams and the Rev. Walter McCall will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Nov. 3, 1911 in Canton, Tex., she married Raymond Pylant on Dec. 12, 1926 in Colorado City. He died Aug. 5, 1987. Mrs. Pylant was a homemaker.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Kay Smith; two granddaughters, Stephanie Smith and Dana Ring; a grandson, Randy Collins; and a great-grandson, Alexander Neill; and seven brothers and sisters.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Darlene and Harlan Amox of Snyder and Rena and Clyde Cooley of Wickett; and two sons and daughters-in-law, Marshall and Virginia Pylant of Vernon and Boyd and Jeannie Pylant of Canadian, Okla.; two brothers, Dempsey Morris of Canton and Cliff Morris; two sisters, Louise Watts and Lorene Montgomery, both of Start, La., 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great grandchildren; and 1 great-great-great-grandson.

Annie Sides

1911-2002

LUBBOCK – Annie Fern Sides, a former Snyder elementary school teacher, died Saturday, July 6.

Graveside service for Mrs. Sides, 91, is set for 3 p.m. Monday in Resthaven Cemetery.

Born May 24, 1911 in De Leon, she was a graduate of Vernon High School and earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech.

She also was a teacher in El Paso and Lubbock before retiring in 1975. She had lived most of her life in Lubbock before moving to New London, N.H., in 1999.

Mrs. Sides was a member of the Asbury Methodist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma, Lubbock Women's Club and Allegro Music Club.

Her husband, King James Sides, died in 1995.

Survivors include a son, King James Sides Jr. of Lafayette, La.; two daughters, Jane Ann McSwiney of New London and Elizabeth Sides of Reno; a brother, Cecil Bickley of Denver City; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Two arrested on felony charges

•Arrests

Two people were booked into Scurry County Jail on felony charges late Friday and early Saturday morning.

At 11:17 Friday night, DPS troopers arrested Joe Garcia, Jr., 39, of 2010 31st in Lubbock on a felony Lubbock County warrant for fugitive theft between $500 and $1500. He was taken into custody at U.S. 84 and Avenue E.

Officers arrested Ricky Silva, Jr., 22, of the 2600 block of Ave. U at 1:03 this morning in the 2900 block of Ave. Q for felony driving while intoxicated and municipal warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication and failure to appear.

Deputies reported a fight in progress in Hermleigh at 9:15 p.m. Friday and arrested a 23-year-old man for public intoxication.

•Theft

Linda Hermosillo reported at 9:45 a.m. Friday the theft of a bicycle from her residence in the 100 block of Ash.

•Close patrols

A man requested a close patrol of his residence in the 3600 block of 40th Street at 10:45 p.m. Friday in reference to someone tampering with his vehicles.

A woman reported someone shining a flashlight into her window in the 3900 block of Ave. O at 12:15 Satuday morning and a close patrol was maintained.

•Gas drive offs

At 8:48 Friday morning, a clerk with Town and Country north reported a gas drive of $12.25.

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Medical fund

A medical fund has been established for James Weldon Buchanan at American State Bank to help with cancer treatment expenses. The account name is James Weldon Buchanan Medical Fund, #4802659.

Country and gospel music

Country and gospel music will be played at the Scurry County Senior Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Borden County reception

A reception to honor retiring educators Mickey and Shirley McMeans will beheld at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Borden County school cafeteria. The public is invited.

AARP meeting

AARP will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday for a potluck supper at the senior center. Guest speaker will be Gayle Lomax, Snyder ISD superintendent.

VFW auxiliary meeting

VFW Auxiliary Post 8231 will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home. All members are encouraged to attend.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Love That Serves God," followed by "Mother."

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

White Elephant auction

Snyder Lions Club will hold a White Elephant Auction at Tuesday's noon meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

Mesquite Country Emmasus will hold a community meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Word is Life Deliverance Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. Babe Chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Desert Reign Ministry

Desert Reign Ministry will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity United Methodist Church. The public is invited to hear country gospel music with a southwestern flair.

Open house

Snyder Healthcare Center will host an open house from 2 to 6:15 p.m. Friday. Staff will provide tours of renovated facilities. There will be door prizes, entertainment and refreshments.

Girl Scout swim party

A Girl Scout swim party will be 5-7 p.m. next Saturday at Towle Park pool, followed by a hot dog supper in the park. Girl Scout membership card is required for admittance. There will be a leader meeting during the party. Contact your leader or call 573-3926 for more information.

Adventures with Paul VBS

Adventures with Paul Vacation Bible School will be from 9 a.m. until noon July 22-24 at 37th St. Church of Christ. It is for ages two years through the sixth grade. For more information, call 573-0154.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School needs addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held next Saturday.

Head Start registration

Head Start registration will be held Aug. 5-9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children must be at least three years old and family must meet income guidelines or child must have a diagnosed disability. Birth certificate, current immunization records, Social Security Card and proof of family income are required.

Fall poetry contest

Mesquite Country Writers Guild is accepting entries for its fall poetry contest. Theme is open and there is a 20-line limit. Deadline is Aug. 15 and entry fee is $2. First prize is $50, second is $30 and third is $20. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. State Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Calling all poets

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is inviting poets to send an original poem to be published in the fall newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." Theme is open with a 20-line limit. Mail entries to Yvonne Nunn, 9221 S. Hwy 208 in Hermleigh, 79526.

Court throws out Lipscomb's conviction

DALLAS (AP) — A federal appeals court on Friday reversed the conviction of former Dallas City Councilman Al Lipscomb, who was found guilty two years ago of 65 bribery counts.

Lipscomb had been accused of accepting money from the owner of a Dallas taxicab company in exchange for favorable votes on the City Council.

The ruling by a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans also overturned his sentence and ordered a new trial for the 77-year-old black activist.

The three-judge panel said U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall erred in moving the trial from Dallas to Amarillo, where Lipscomb faced an all-white jury.

"I wanted to fall on my knees and just pray," Lipscomb said when he heard the ruling.

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Governors seek ways to cut costs, raise money

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Their pursestrings still tightening, the nation's governors gathered for their summer meeting with money on their minds. Their goal: Try to squeeze more out of the federal government and raise more from Internet sales.

"You had a slowing economy, Sept. 11 and a stock market crisis ... and all of sudden, there's just no revenue," said Michigan Gov. John Engler, the Republican chairman of the National Governors Association.

The economic rainstorm, as Engler called it, already has drained some states' rainy-day funds — leaving governors grappling for other ways to cut costs and raise money. "We are increasingly going to find the options limited," Engler said.

The organization kicks off its four-day meeting Saturday amid an economic downturn that has left states cutting programs, furloughing workers and increasing some taxes.

Despite signs of a gradual recovery, budget woes that forced 39 states to cut spending by $15 billion during the last fiscal year are expected to continue well into the current cycle. The problems stem from a crippling combination of higher tax refunds, lower tax revenue and rising health care costs.

"The biggest topic is who's got the biggest financial problems," said Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, a Democrat who takes over Tuesday as chairman of the association.

"We had expected a normal recovery to begin very early in this calendar year. At the February meeting, we were saying, 'Well, we've weathered the storm.' Now we realize we haven't weathered the storm," Patton said. "This is moving from serious to crisis."

With reserves running out, governors face some daunting decisions about how to further slash costs.

"You're talking about either cuts in education or bigger cuts in health care or broader-based tax increases," said NGA executive director Ray Scheppach. "The question is: Where do you go from here?"

At this conference, the answer is Washington.

The governors will consider a proposal that calls on Congress to pick up a greater share of the cost of Medicaid, the health insurance program for the poor. Senate legislation would provide an additional $4.5 billion in Medicaid money over the next 18 months and a block grant of $4.4 billion that states could use for health care or social services.

With Medicaid eating up 20 percent of state spending, governors insist the legislation is vital.

"If we could just get 18 months of increased federal assistance, that will help some," Patton said. "By that time, hopefully, our economies will be recovered. Without that, we will begin cutting back services."

Governors also will look for ways to curb the soaring costs of prescription drugs. Medicare administrator Tom Scully was to address NGA's Human Resources Committee on Monday.

Apart from federal relief, the governors are looking to the Internet to rebuild their bank accounts. The organization is calling on Congress to support creation of a uniform system for collecting sales taxes on products sold out of state through the mail and on the Internet.

"We believe there are benefits for the states as well as benefits for the consumers," Engler said of the idea, noting that the current system is inconsistent because only some companies collect taxes.

Nineteen Republican and 11 Democratic governors are scheduled to attend the meeting.

Other top issues:

— Homeland security. Experts will discuss anti-terrorism efforts and improvements needed in the U.S. health system to counter bioterrorism.

— Energy. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham will discuss federal plans to address the nation's rising energy needs while protecting air quality.

Convicted priest helped abusers stay in ministry

DALLAS (AP) — After being convicted in connection with a young woman's sexual assault, a priest then went to work at a treatment center where he supervised clerics sent there for counseling, The Dallas Morning News has found.

John B. Feit was one of the men whose recommendations helped some of the church's worst molesters gain new assignments — where they found more victims.

After his criminal problems in South Texas prompted his bosses to remove him from parish work, Feit arrived at a New Mexico center for troubled priests in the early 1960s. Within a few years, he had joined the religious order that ran the facility in Jemez Springs and become a top administrator supervising priests sent there for counseling.

Among the men Feit helped keep in ministry: child molester James Porter, who assaulted more than 100 victims before he was ultimately defrocked and sent to prison.

"That's really shocking, very much so," Coadjutor Bishop Joseph Galante, the U.S. bishops' spokesman on sexual abuse issues, told The Dallas Morning News for its Saturday editions.

Galante, of the Dallas Diocese, added that his colleagues have become less reliant on such evaluations.

For victims' advocates, Feit's criminal record raised new concerns about who staffed treatment centers in the past and the legitimacy of the advice that they provided cardinals and bishops.

"We have long said that Catholic leaders are being disingenuous at best when they said they relied on the best medical experts, because they haven't," said David Clohessy, of St. Louis, president of the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests. "Clearly, this man (Feit) was the last person who should have been in that role. It boggles the mind to think the church did not know about this man's criminal past."

Feit would not say Friday how much the Servants of the Paraclete, the religious order that operated the Jemez Springs center, knew about his record when they made him a supervisor.

The present leader of the Paracletes, the Rev. Peter Lechner, said former administrators told him they were aware of an apparent incident involving a woman — but did not know about Feit's criminal conviction.

Lechner said he was stunned to learn that a priest with a criminal background made decisions regarding the continued employment of priests accused of sexual misconduct.

Feit acknowledged Friday that in 1962 he pleaded no contest to aggravated assault in connection with the attempted rape of a 20-year-old college student. The woman testified during the trial that the priest had attacked her inside Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Edinburg.

He was tried the previous year on a more serious charge of assault with intent to rape, but jurors deadlocked and the judge declared a mistrial.

Feit left the priesthood in 1972, married and now works for a lay Catholic charity in Phoenix. He refused to answer further questions.

"It's a matter of public record," he said when asked about his conviction. "I pleaded no contest."

Feit's religious order at the time — Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate — removed him from parish work and sent him to the Jemez Springs complex outside of Santa Fe.

Feit later quit the Oblates and by 1966 had joined the Servants of the Paraclete. A year later, he was working on the Jemez Springs staff, Lechner said.

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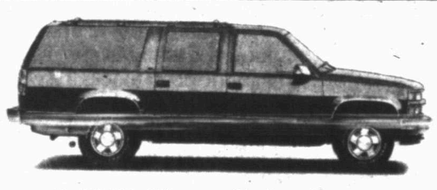
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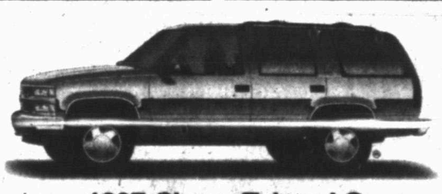
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Senior Center News

The Community Sing is scheduled Saturday at the center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Music is provided by volunteers and everyone is welcome.

All AARP members are invited to attend the pot luck meal Monday at the Scurry County Senior Center. Guest speaker, Gayle Lomax, superintendent of Snyder Schools, will follow.

Make plans to join us at the Senior Center for the noon meal and invite a senior friend. Encourage newcomers in our community to visit our facility. If you are 60 years or over and need help, would like to help others, or would enjoy visiting with other seniors, please join us. The center is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Due to vacation time, volunteers are needed for the Meals on Wheels Program. Call 573-0405 if you can help.

MONDAY

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues until noon. The daily exercise program is at 11 a.m. and lasts about 15 minutes. This exercise program is very mild and seniors may participate at their own pace. The AARP pot luck and meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in the center dining room.

TUESDAY

Eighty-eight play is from 10 a.m. until noon. This game is played with double six dominoes and is similar to forty-two. The Aubrey Wilson Band will entertain in the dining room at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis meet every Tuesday at noon for lunch followed by their business meeting and program. All seniors are welcome to join them.

WEDNESDAY

Join us for ladies pool at 9 a.m. Seniors may play bingo from 10 a.m.-11:45 a.m., we have fun prizes. At 1 p.m. seniors may participate in Double Pinochle in the bridge room or line dancing and clogging in the dining room.

THURSDAY

Seniors may participate in dominoes, pool, eighty-eight, bridge, exercise, or quilting daily from 8:30-5. The fabric painting class meets from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Newcomers are welcome. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 1 p.m.

FRIDAY

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 11 a.m.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Chicken Spaghetti
Green Beans
Harvard Beets
Tossed Salad
Peanut Butter Cookie

TUESDAY
Ham & Cheese Stuffed Potato
Chopped Broccoli
Apple/Celery Salad
Spice Cake w/Cream Cheese Frosting

WEDNESDAY
Chopped Barbecue on a Bun
Potato Salad
Pinto Beans
Pickles/Peppers/Onion
Fruited Gelatin Chiffon

THURSDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
English Peas
Three Bean Salad
Peach Cobbler

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Parslied Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Cabbage Slaw
White Cake w/Strawberries & Whipped Topping

Tillis sells theater

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — Country singer Mel Tillis has sold his theater in Branson to the owner of the Hobby Lobby chain.

Tillis announced Wednesday that his 2,600-seat theater and 13 acres of land had been purchased by David Green, owner of the Oklahoma City-based Hobby Lobby stores. Green immediately leased the theater to the Tri-Lakes Assembly of God.

The sale price was not told.

Report dead birds to Texas officials

COLLEGE STATION — Dead birds, particularly blue jays, crows and hawks, or suspected equine cases of West Nile virus infection need to be reported to the proper state agencies, said Dr. Bruce Lawhorn, who is a veterinarian with Texas Cooperative Extension and the department of large animal medicine and surgery at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University. Dead birds should be reported to the Texas Department of Health regional zoonosis control offices. A list of those offices is at the end of this news release.

"It's important that all cases and suspected cases of the encephalitis be reported, so the spread of this new disease throughout our state can be tracked," added Lawhorn.

"Health officials need to know to be on the lookout for this disease, especially if and when it is diagnosed in humans," Lawhorn said.

Migrating birds are the primary source of the virus, which is transmitted by mosquitos to other birds, animals in the equine family, or people.

According to the TDH Web site, when you call, the technician will ask your name, telephone number, zip code and the location of the dead bird. Also, you will be asked about the number of dead birds and the species. All this information is needed to map the location and the spread of West Nile in Texas.

Whether the dead bird or birds is tested depends on several factors: your location in the state, the bird's species, its condition and whether enough birds from your county already have been tested.

The only domestic animals that seem to be adversely affected by West Nile virus are equines. If you suspect your horse, donkey or mule has West Nile virus infection, contact your veterinarian for a diagnosis. Veterinarians will take the appropriate samples to be submitted for laboratory confirmation and contact the Texas Animal Health Commission at (800) 550-8242 or (512) 916-5552 to alert them of this possible West Nile virus case.

West Nile virus is commonly found in Africa, Eastern Europe, West Asia and the Middle East. West Nile virus was first reported in Texas in mid-June, having been found in two dead blue jays in Harris County. No human cases have been reported in the state. The first human case of West Nile virus occurred in New York in 1999.

According to the TDH, most people who are infected with West Nile virus show no symptoms. Those who do typically develop mild symptoms of disease, including fever, headache, body aches and skin rashes. Less than 1 percent of those infected with West Nile virus will develop more severe symptoms that include meningitis or encephalitis, an infection of the brain. Death can result.

Only one equine case has been identified in Texas thus far, Lawhorn said. Equines seem to be a dead-end host, and there is a vaccine available from veterinarians. Two doses of vaccine are administered three to six weeks apart, and protection starts to build at four to six weeks after the second vaccination.

"That means there is a minimum of seven to eight weeks after the start of the vaccine series before any protection can be expected," Lawhorn said.

Much like humans, most infected equines will not show clinical signs. The most frequent clinical signs, though, are a wobbly gait, stumbling and falling, weakness of limbs, recumbency (lying down), muscle fasciculation (fine muscle movements or twitching of a small area of muscle) and death

Minimizing mosquito exposure is especially important while a horse is building immunity to vaccination, Lawhorn explained.

Dr. Jim Olson, entomologist with the department of entomology at Texas A&M, said to reduce the chance of getting the disease, Texans should practice personal precaution, premise clean-up and mosquito-proofing of homes.

"The first thing people need to do is get rid of all the mosquito breeding sites they can find," Olson said. "Anything that is collecting and holding water for longer than three days needs to be either filled in, thrown away, turned upside down, or whatever."

Dog bowls and dishes under flowerpots should be emptied at least every three days. Or, if you are trying to save water, Olson says, put a top or a screen wire across the container to keep mosquitoes from getting in it to breed and lay eggs.

To prevent mosquitoes from getting inside your home, make sure screen window frames fit up tight against the windowsills, or fill in gaps with duct tape. Also, make sure there is weather stripping around doors. The use of yellow outside lighting will also reduce the attractiveness of premises for mosquitoes.

"Make sure that when (doors) are closed, they don't allow gaps for mosquitoes to get through because they will," Olson said.

When going outdoors, do so during the brighter times of the day and stay away from shadows and wooded areas. However, if you must go out during the evening hours, wear protective clothing and a repellant of your choice.

If bitten by mosquitoes, Olson said, you should not be too concerned if the bites are infrequent. In order to prevent a secondary infection though, don't scratch the bites.

"Put some type of antibacterial ointment on it, and otherwise watch it in case it does become infected," he said. "But most times, within two or three days, they're down and gone."

TDH regions are included on its Web site at http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/brlho/regions.htm

Regional telephone numbers for reporting dead birds are:

Region 1, Canyon, (806) 655-7151

Region 2 and 3, Arlington, (817) 264-4920

Region 4 and 5 North, Tyler, (903) 533-5212

Region 5 South and 6, Houston, (713) 767-3300

Region 7, Temple, (254) 778-6744

Region 8, Uvalde, (830) 278-7173

Regions 9 and 10, El Paso, (915) 834-7781

Region 11, Harlingen, (956) 444-3224

The main TDH telephone number in Austin is (512) 458-7255.

Further information about West Nile virus is included on the TDH Web page at http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/arbo

Public Records

Action in District Court

Scurry County vs. Stephanie Kay Hall, et al, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Brenda J. Tallant to Emily M. Stufflebeam, Lot 7 in Block G of the Park Place Addition.

Bruce Earl and Stephany Ann Drummond to Asburn Gale Branscum, Lot 3 in Block 8 of The Highlands Addition.

Argi-Oro Inc. to Grimmett Bros. Inc., tract one being 6.4207 acres in Blocks 7 and 14 of the Cody Addition; tract two being 2.1180 acres being Lots 1-13 of the M.F. Cornelius subdivision of Block 7, Cody Addition.

Marie Hildegrarde Clark to Grimmett Bros. Inc., Block 32 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

David W. and Diane L. Raschke to Carl A. and Jalene McBroom, 2.268 acres in the south part of Section 444, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Snyder Builders Inc. to Brian Lynn and Susan Lynn Brisendine, Lot 10, Block 2 of the Wall Addition.

Kathryn Roberta Jukes to Clint Allen and Katy A. Doty, Lot 12, Block A of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

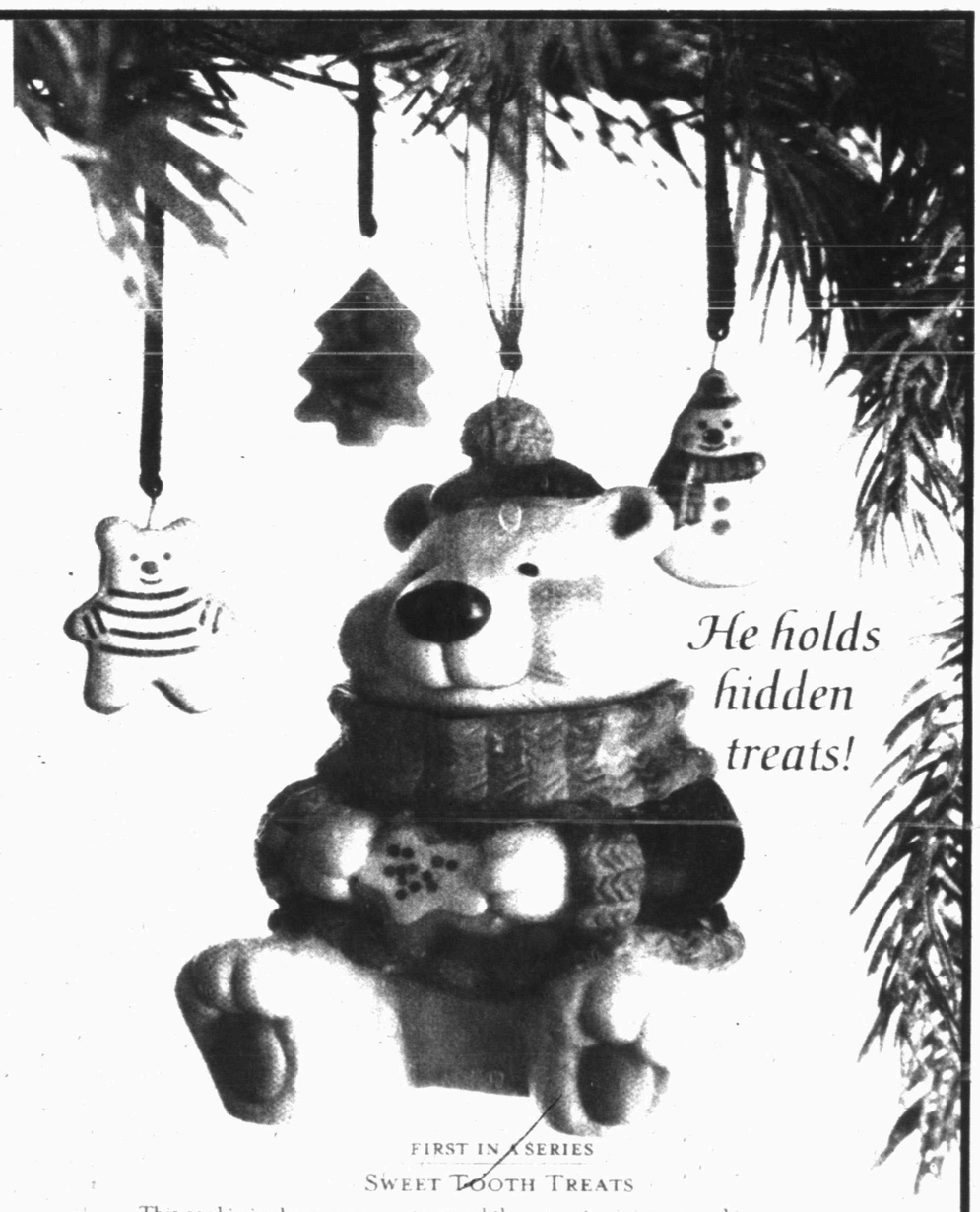
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Sawyer, Willson marry

Mrs. Billie Sawyer announces the marriage of her daughter, Holly Jo, to Justin Ross Willson, son of Cy and Charity Willson, all of Snyder.

The couple exchanged vows May 29 at the courthouse gazebo. They have a one-year-old son, Addison Willson.

In keeping with tradition, the bride wore for something old the groom's great-grandmother's wedding band; something new was her dress; something borrowed was her mother's pearl pin she carried with her bouquet and something blue was the blue cap their son wore home from the hospital.

The bride's chosen colors, peach and white were used throughout the wedding décor.

Frances Sawyer, maid of honor, wore a peach dress.

Father of the groom was best man and was attired in black pants and a white shirt along with a black tie. The bride's oldest brother, Tommy Sawyer of Baytown, gave her in marriage in place of her father, the late Travis Sawyer.

The reception was held in the bride's mother's home and the couple's honeymoon trip was to Lubbock.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-13-02
♠ 6 4 2
♥ 6 2
♦ A K 8 5
♣ K Q 10 8

West
♠ A J
♥ 9 8 3
♦ 6 3 2
♣ A J 9 7 4

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

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

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: Both

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

Opening lead: ??

Saturday, July 13, 2002

Bridge from the expert side

Experts — obviously — play bridge well. However, there are times when they make "mistakes" that lesser mortals would never even contemplate. This deal occurred during the final of the prestigious Vanderbilt last March. First, sitting West, what would you lead against four hearts?

At one table, West selected the club ace; then, hoping his partner had the spade king, West continued with the spade ace and jack. Declarer, John Mohan, won with the king, crossed to dummy with a diamond, carefully discarded his remaining spades on the king-queen of clubs, and played trumps: plus 620.

At this table, West, the Polish world champion Piotr Gawrys (Gavrish), led a trump. East, Jacek Pszczola, won with his ace and shifted to a fourth-highest spade three.

After declarer played the spade 10, you or I would have won with the jack, cashed the spade ace, and tried the club ace: one down. Gawrys, however, knew that declarer was 4-6 or 4-7 in the majors. Perhaps South had no clubs. And if so, there was only one chance. Playing his partner for the spade king, Gawrys won with the spade ace and returned the spade jack.

Declarer, multi-world champion Paul Soloway, won with his king and drew trumps. If he had now led a club, he would have cruised home. However, Soloway couldn't believe that West would defend like this if holding the club ace. So, declarer led the diamond jack, hoping West would have the queen and not cover. However, East produced the queen, cashed the spade queen, and led a club to his partner's ace for two down. Gawrys' defense gained a trick!

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Bridge Scores

Duplicate Bridge Club met at the Snyder Country.

Friday, July 5

A Section
1. Nona Morrison, Nina Nesbit.
2. LaVerne Hood, Christine Stuard.
3. Pat Floyd, Margaret Dillaha.

B Section
1. Sue Reed, Dorothy Rosson.
2. Peggy Hardin, Margaret Presswood.

Tuesday, July 9

1. Margaret Presswood, Peggy Hardin.
2. Betty Gibson, John Gibson.
3. Linda West, Monte West.
4. Dorothy Rosson, Nonnie Ward.

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The United States went off the gold standard in 1933.

Martin, Bird pledge solemn vows in First United Methodist Church

Michelle Renee Martin and Christopher Val Bird, both of Watauga, were married in the First United Methodist Church in Snyder at 5 p.m., June 15 with the Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor, officiating.

The bride's parents are Jerry and Suzette Martin of Snyder and the groom's parents are Val and Becky Bird of Fort Worth.

Vows were exchanged before an altar decorated with candelabras adorned with votive candles, tulle and greenery. Pews were marked with Gerber daisy arrangements.

Candlelighters were Tasha Sonnier and Bridgette Sonnier, cousins of the bride from Houston.

Lynn Baldwin of Snyder, organist, played a prelude of musical selections by Enya; the "The Wedding Song," as grandparents were seated; and "Canon in D," by Pachelbel as mothers were seated. Baldwin performed the "Bridal Chorus," by Wagner for the processional and the recessional was the "Wedding March," by Mendelssohn.

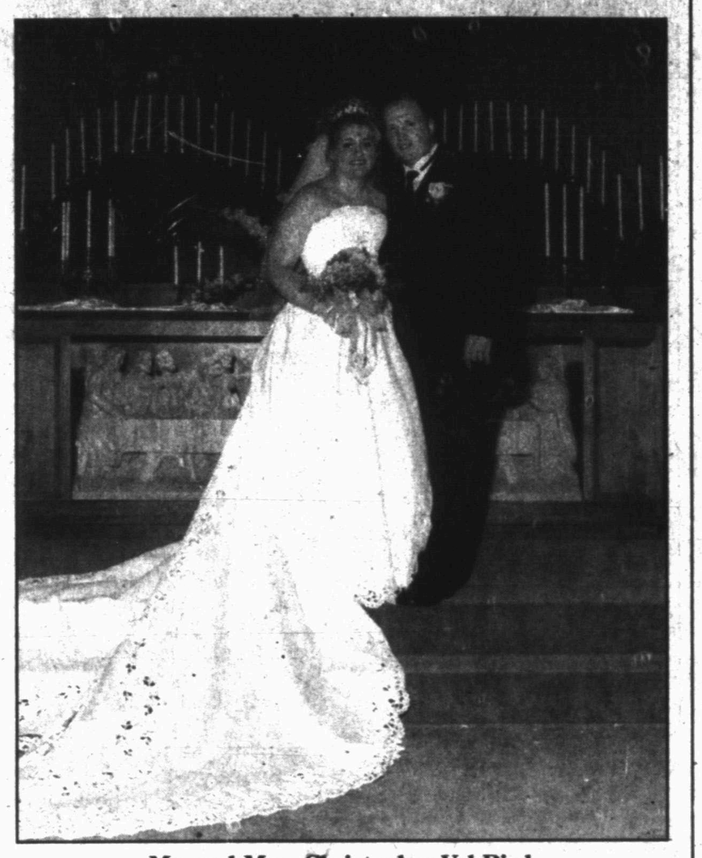
Jimmy Hall sang "Ava Maria," during the lighting of the unity candle. The song was chosen for a sentimental reason — it was sung at the wedding of the bride's parents and symbolizes years of love and dedication.

The bride's mother and father presented her in marriage as she was attired in a gown by Michelangelo. The satin strapless gown had a cathedral train embroidered with hundreds of tiny pearls and rhinestones. Her rhinestone and pearl tiara and veil were adorned with tiny pearls.

Matron of honor was Theresa Stephens, sister of the bride from Snyder. Bridesmaids were Kari Greene of Snyder and Amy Choate of Fort Worth. They wore Michelangelo gowns of metallic embroidered empire bias organza of celadon.

Abbey Stephens and Brantley Stephens of Snyder, niece and nephew of the bride were flower girl and ring bearer.

Robert Bird, brother of the groom from Fort Worth, was best man. Groomsmen were Dan Osborn of North Richland Hills and Kevin Kime, brother-in-law of the groom from Fort Worth.



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Val Bird
(Contributed Photo)

Ushers included Terry Stephens of Snyder, brother-in-law of the bride, Christopher Sonnier of Houston, cousin of the bride, Tanner Reed of Snyder and Jeremy Reed of Lubbock.

Male attendants wore tuxes by Ralph Lauren. The groom's tux had a two-button notch and long tie and attendant's tuxedoes had a one-button notch jacket and bow tie and all wore legend charcoal vests.

Courtney Evans of Dallas registered guests at a table covered with a light green organza topper and decorated with a picture of the couple.

A reception was held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club and light hors d'oeuvres were served. The bride's table held mints, a punch fountain and the wedding cake that was white chocolate with butter cream frosting of basket weave. It was five layers and adorned with frosted fruit and greenery. Serving were Monica Squiers of Lubbock and Beth Larmer of Dallas.

The groom's table, with a light green topper, held a white chocolate cheesecake with panache and chocolate covered cherries. Also served were mints, nuts and chocolate covered strawberries. Serving were Cindy Bowling, cousin of the groom from New Orleans.

Their honeymoon trip was to Nassau, Bahamas and they have made their home in Watauga.

The bride is a 1995 Snyder High School graduate. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1999 with a bachelor of science degree in restaurant, hotel and institutional management. The groom, a 1993 graduate of Castleberry High School in Fort Worth, is employed with Frito Lay in Fort Worth.

Library News

By Janie Romine, Librarian

The Scurry County Library staff would like to remind children in the Summer Reading Program to come Wednesday for the awards program.

Bettie McQueen, staff member at Western Texas College, will hand out the certificates and the prizes.

A drawing for some prizes will be held including the bicycle from Wal-Mart.

The library will continue having storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds at 10 a.m. on Monday mornings.

Also, the lunchbreak on Tuesdays at noon will continue until we have finished the current book.

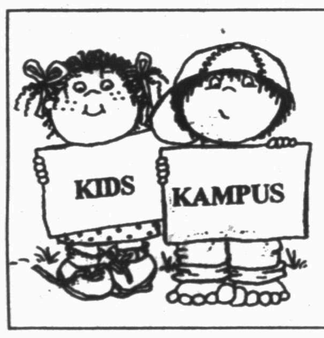
Children are invited to bring their lunch and listen to the story.

Traditionally, in Italy, time was reckoned around a 24-hour day starting at sunset. That's how the hours near sunset came to be

Married...



MARRIED – LCPL Michelle Torres of Fallbrook, Calif., became the bride of LCPL Wil C. Hardin, also of Fallbrook and formerly of Snyder, on May 19 in Las Vegas. The bride's parents are Johnny and Carmen Torres of Union City, N.J., and the groom's parents are Richard and Rhonda Hardin of Snyder. The newlyweds are serving in the U.S. Marines and are stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif . They are making their home in Fallbrook. (Contributed Photo)



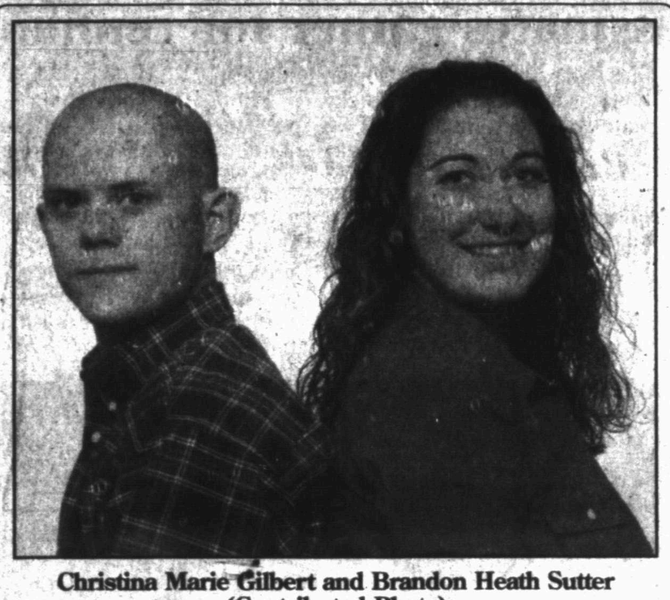
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Christina Marie Gilbert and Brandon Heath Sutter
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Gilbert, Sutter plan to marry

Christina Marie Gilbert and Brandon Heath Sutter plan to marry on July 27 in Brownwood.

Christina, daughter of Gary and Debbie Gilbert of Alvardo, graduated from Manisfield High School. Her fiancé is the son of Alton and Crystie Sutter of Monahans and the grandson of Janice Cox of Snyder. He graduated from Monahans High School.

Both attend Hill College and are employed by MedStar Ambulance Service of Fort Worth. They will make their home in Arlington.

Couple marry at 7-Eleven on July 11

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — A former manager and employee of a convenience store returned to the place they met for their wedding — the 7-Eleven at 7:11 a.m. on July 11.

"I figured if I got married at 7:11 on 7/11 in 7-Eleven, it'd be hard to forget my anniversary," groom Randy Kimball said.

Kimball met his bride, Sharon Stehli, at the store when she applied for a job two years ago.

"We met here so we didn't consider getting married any other place," Stehli said.

The brief ceremony was performed Thursday by Dee Blazina, a notary who is an assistant manager at another 7-Eleven store.

The couple also hauled in a pile of sand for their altar — the concrete slab between the convenience store and the parking lot — to give their wedding a tropical theme.

The groom wore dark sunglasses, a Hawaiian shirt and shorts. The bride donned a Hawaiian print sarong dress. Both wore shark tooth necklaces.

After the ceremony, the newlyweds sipped coffee from a foam 7-Eleven cup.

Borden County EMS, Scurry United Way receive grants

Scurry County United Way and Borden County EMS were notified this week that they were two recipients out of 23 who received grants from the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

"We applaud each of these very worthy organizations for the important and wonderful work they are doing for the people of our region's communities," said June Cowden, chairman of the Foundation's grants committee.

Grants by the Permian Basin Area Foundation are provided from resources of the Foundation's various component funds. Providing grants for Spring 2002 cycle were Richard S. Anderson Memorial Fund, Buddy Anguish Memorial Fund, Hy and Elizabeth Davidson Memorial Fund, Lacy Permanent Fund, M. Elizabeth Locker Memorial Fund, Rachel Lyman Memorial Fund, Beverly and Joe Pevehouse Fund, Jack and Margery Riggs Fund, Clarence and Dorothy Scharbauer Fund, Deane H. and Janet Stoltz Fund, Allen K. Trobaugh Memorial Fund, the Mrs. Donald O'Shaughnessy Fund, the Vicki J. Wilson Fund and the Permain Basin Endowment Fund.

The local United Way agency received $2,500 to be used for office furniture and equipment and Borden County received $3,700.



MARRIED JULY 12 — Sue Phipps and Warren Badger were married at 7 p.m., Friday, July 12, in the East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, minister, officiated the marriage vows. (Contributed Photo)

American custom stems from an ancient Carib tradition

According to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, outdoor grilling is more popular than ever. In 2001, North Americans used more than 900,000 tons of charcoal briquettes, a figure that is even more impressive when one considers that the gas grill has overtaken the charcoal grill in popularity.

According to "culinary anthropologist" Robb Walsh, the word "barbecue" derives from the Spanish word barbacoa, which is a variation of the Arawak-Carib word brabacol.

"The part of barbecue history that fascinates me most is the association between barbecue and leisure time," said Walsh. "Not only did they contribute the word barbecue to the English language, they also taught us the word 'hammock.' They might as well have invented summer weekends altogether."

The test kitchens at Fleischmann's Yeast unveil an exciting new recipe: Mustard Onion Sandwich Buns.

They're a terrific complement to virtually any barbecued specialty: from burgers to brisket, pork and chicken. Even grilled seafood or Portabello mushrooms work well. Bespeckled with minced onion, these golden-brown buns are big on flavor-whole wheat goodness and tangy seasonings baked into and onto the bun. Mustard Onion Sandwich Buns are substantial buns with a tender "crumb." The Dijon-style mustard and onion tastes are prominent.

MUSTARD ONION SANDWICH BUNS

Makes 12 Buns
3 to 3½ cups all-purpose flour
2 cups whole wheat flour
2 envelopes Fleischmann's RapidRise Yeast
1 tbsp. instant minced onion
2 tsp. salt
¾ cup milk
½ cup water
1/3 cup butter or margarine
¼ cup honey
2 tbsp. Dijon-style mustard
2 large eggs
Instant minced onion

Egg Glaze:
1 egg
1 tbsp. water

In a large bowl, combine 1 cup all-purpose flour, whole wheat flour, undissolved yeast, 1 Tbsp. onion and salt.

Heat milk, water, butter, honey and mustard until very warm (120 to 130 F). Gradually add to flour mixture.

Beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Add eggs and 1 cup flour; beat 2 minutes at high speed. Stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on lightly floured surface until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Cover; let rest 10 minutes.

Divide dough into 12 equal pieces; shape each into smooth ball. Place on greased baking sheet.

Flatten balls with hand to about 2 ½-inch rounds. Cover; let rise in warm, draft-free place until doubled in size, about 1 hour.

Brush tops with Egg Glaze; sprinkle with onion. Bake at 400 F for 15 minutes or until done. Remove from sheet; cool on wire rack.

Egg Glaze: In a small bowl, combine egg and water. Stir to blend.

For more delicious recipes and baking tips for the beginner and experienced baker, visit the Fleischmann's Yeast Web site, www.breadworld.com.

Young couple fishing reel in a big one

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — A young couple fishing in the Florida Keys reeled in a big one — a leather bag with about $80,000 inside.

The couple, visiting from Vero Beach, Fla., found the bag floating south of the Seven Mile Bridge in the Keys on Saturday. And they can keep the money inside if the owner doesn't claim it in three months, authorities said.

"They saw a baseball cap floating out there, and they were going to retrieve the baseball cap, and they found a little leather bag," said George Rogers, head of the U.S. Customs Service in Key West.

The couple called the FBI, who contacted Customs.

"It's either drug money or alien smuggling money," Rogers said. "It was soaked, it had been floating in the water for a while."

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office is holding the cash. State seizure rules allow people who find unclaimed property to keep it if the legitimate owner doesn't come forth in 90 days.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

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

NA-Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

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

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SATURDAY

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WRITERS GUILD — Winners of two Mesquite Writers Guild contests include, from left, Yvonne Nunn, Betty Kellum, Bert Johnson; and Virginia Wade, in the photo at right. (Contributed Photos)

Writers win in light poetry contest

Mesquite Country Writers Guild members entered a May light poetry contest, sponsored by Anne Overhulser and judged by Judy Hubbard of Earth.

Winners included Yvonne Nunn, first place with "Neigh Tale;" Betty Kellum, second place with "Eyeglasses;" and Bert Johnson, third with "Get Rich Quick."

In June, members entered the June sonnet poetry contest sponsored by Yvonne Nunn and judged by Dr. Ed Barkowsky. Winners were Yvonne Nunn, first with "A Study of William Wordsworth; Von Bourland, second for "Mother/Daughter Dance;" Betty Kellum with third for "Reverie;" and Virginia Wade, fourth with "A Sleepless Night."

Noisy parrot welcomed back home with pasta and ice cream

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A noisy parrot that was stolen from a pet clinic and boarding center was recovered — and welcomed back home with a dinner of pasta and ice cream.

Bonzo's owners were in tears Tuesday after police, acting on a tip, found the unusually squawky 10-year-old African gray parrot at a home in the city's south end.

Bonzo, appearing healthy but slightly underweight, greeted his owners, Bill and Gail Brooks of Federal Way, with one of his special sounds, an imitation of a squeaky dog toy.

"Bet you're glad to even see me," Bill Brooks said to the bird, which perched on his wife's finger as she showered him with kisses.

"I can still hardly hold him without shaking," Gail Brooks said.

A 14-year-old boy was arrested at the house and booked into juvenile detention for investigation of first-degree theft, Officer Jim Mattheis said.

Bonzo sings a version of the song "Bingo" using his own name, squawks "Night, night" at bedtime and quotes lines such as "I'll get you, my pretty, and your little dog, too" from the "Wizard of Oz." Another favorite line is "Bonzo pretty, Bonzo smart."

The parrot, worth about $2,000, was stolen June 23 from the Pet Pavilion.

Free 'Botox Night'

BALTIMORE (AP) — A "Botox Night" at a world-renowned medical center is furrowing the brows of some consumer advocates.

A Johns Hopkins Hospital spokesman defended the event as an informational seminar, though people who attend the free event will be able to receive Botox treatments.

"We think it's insidious erosion of the culture of medicine being promoted by an institution that counts itself as one of the world's leading medical centers," Dr. Peter Lurie, deputy director of Public Citizen's Health Research Group.

Hermleigh classmates gather for reunion

Seventy ex-students and teachers and guests attended the 2002 Hermleigh classmates' reunion at the Holiday Inn in Sweetwater on June 28-29.

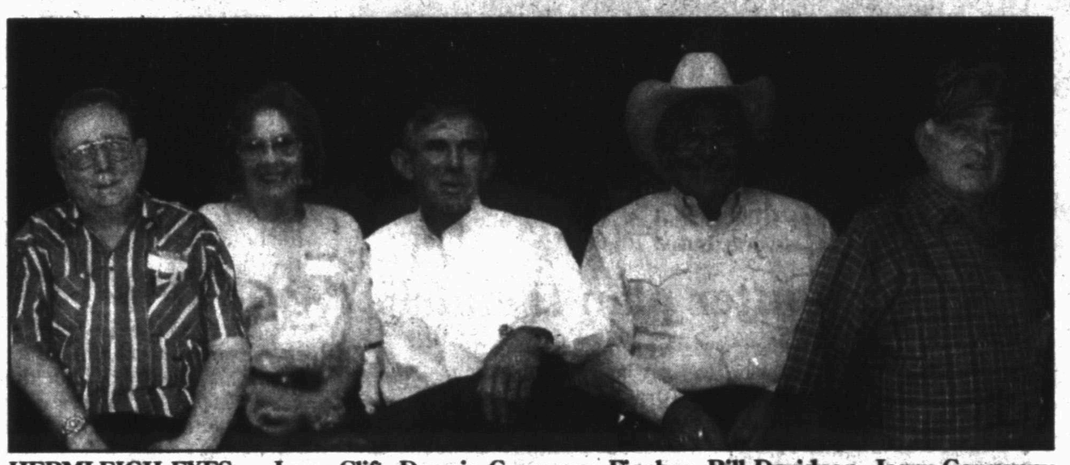
Activities began with a Friday Dutch treat dinner at Bucks. Following registration, classmates elected Ken Bell, King; Carolyn Clift Delacruz and Nita Corley Rannefeld tied for Queen; Diane Holdridge Robbins, Mrs. Congeniality; Donald Paul and Carolyn Stucky Hamby, least changed; Tom Winter and Jayne Gannaway Larsh, most changed.

Other awards were presented to Wallace Wall, travelling the farthest; Donnie Gannaway Fincher, most children; Dorothy Freytag McKenzie, most grandchildren; and Orville and Margie Paty, married the longest.

Photos of classmates were viewed by an overhead projector and Ken Bell read a brief history as their picture appeared.

The Hermleigh 1960 Region II Championship undefeated football team members were recognized. Nine team members and one coach were present.

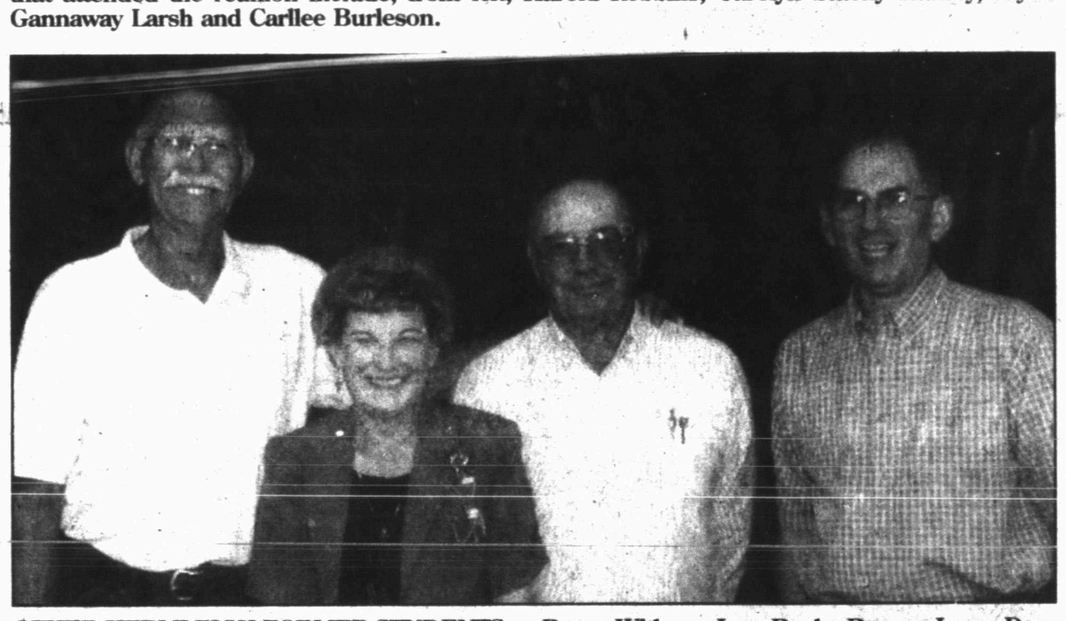
Pictured below are those present.



HERMLEIGH EXES — Jerry Clift, Donnie Gannaway Fincher, Bill Davidson, Jerry Gannaway and Denzil Kight are members of the classes from 1950-57 who attended the Hermleigh reunion. (Contributed Photos)



MORE EX-STUDENTS — Former Hermleigh students who were members of the class of 1959 that attended the reunion include, from left, Harold Robbins, Carolyn Stucky Hamby, Jayne Gannaway Larsh and Carllee Burleson.



OTHER HERMLEIGH FORMER STUDENTS — Bruce Withers, Jane Beeks Ramey, Larry Denson and Mickey Winter, from left, were also at the Hermleigh reunion held at the Holiday Inn in Sweetwater June 28-29.

Owner and his dog together in pet cemetery

INDIANOLA, Iowa (AP) — A man loved his drug-sniffing dog so much that he decided they should remain together after death — at a pet cemetery.

The cremated remains of Jim Crovetti and his Rottweiler, Lady, are buried in separate urns at the Loving Rest Pet Cemetery in Warren County, about 10 miles south of Des Moines, in a section dedicated to service animals.

Crovetti and Lady worked for nine years with police in southern Iowa and northern Missouri to investigate illegal drugs and present anti-drug programs at schools.

Nancy Crovetti, Jim's widow, said she knew people might question burying a man in a pet cemetery, but it was her husband's wish.

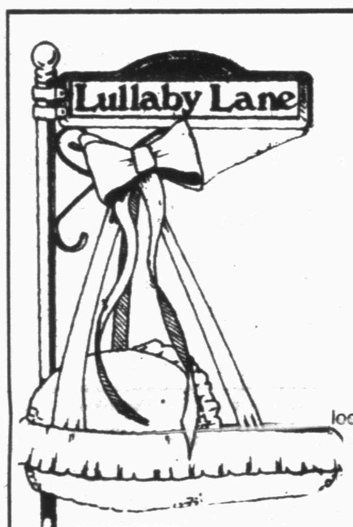
"It is a beautiful spot," she said. "When I go there, I remember the good times when I had them both. For them to be together forever gives me comfort."

She said her husband and Lady spent thousands of hours teaching kids about drugs with the program he created called "Keep Your Paws Off Drugs."

"The morning Lady died, I thought I would lose Jim that same day. Lady and Jim were so close. The bond between them was phenomenal. They were always together," she said.

Jim Crovetti died of a heart attack in November 2000, less than six months after Lady died. He was 69.

Nancy Crovetti said she plans to be buried with her dog, Kahlua.



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Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Scurry County Anti Drug Coalition and Al-Anon support groups devote this column to current information on substance abuse, and how we, as a community, can work together to create a safe and drug free environment for our children.

HOW DOES ALCOHOL AFFECT THE WORLD OF A CHILD?
(Part 3 of 6)
IMPACT ON CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY

"Underage alcohol use is a significant threat to the health and safety of our children. It is time for us to come to grips with this widespread, devastating public health problem." —Steven A. Schroeder, M.D., President/CEO, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundatio>

- In a 1999 survey, 31% of ninth graders reported having ridden in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol. Nearly 5% of ninth graders reported driving one or more times while drinking.
- Of all children under age 15 killed in vehicle crashes in 2000, 20 percent were killed in alcohol-related crashes.
- Among 12- to 17-year-old current drinkers, 31% had extreme levels of psychological distress, and 39% exhibited serious behavioral problems.
- In 1997, suicide and homicide accounted for nearly 16% of the total deaths among children aged 9-15. Twenty-eight percent of the suicides and 46% of the homicides could be attributed directly to alcohol.
- Current drinkers among a nationally representative sample of youth aged 12-16 had higher levels of diastolic blood pressure than did their non-drinking counterparts.
- Adolescents who drink heavily assume the same long-term health risks as adults who drink heavily.
- Twelve- to sixteen-year-old girls who are current drinkers are four times more likely than their non-drinking peers to suffer depression.
- Adolescent females who drink exhibit higher levels of estradiol (an estrogen) and testosterone than non-drinking girls. High levels of estrogen may contribute to increased risk for specific diseases, including breast cancer; high levels of testosterone are associated with an increased risk of substance use.

For information about preventing alcohol use by children, e-mail *Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free* at: Leadership@alcohol-freechildren.org .

For further information on how you can be involved in creating a drug free community in Scurry County, contact the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA) or the Scurry County Anti Drug Coalition at 573-1141.

Ailing former fugitive weds

LONDON (AP) — Ronnie Biggs, the ailing former fugitive jailed for Britain's "Great Train Robbery," married his son's Brazilian mother in prison.

Wearing a white cotton trouser suit, Raimunda Rothen, 54, arrived at Belmarsh Prison in southeast London for the 30-minute private ceremony in the prison chapel Wednesday, accompanied by the couple's 27-year-old son Michael; his 2-year-old daughter, Ingrid; and friends.

Afterward, Rothen showed reporters her wedding ring and told them, "I'm very happy." Her son added, "We are all together now as a family."

Rothen, who lives in Switzerland, has visited Biggs several times in prison.

Prison officials said Biggs, now 72, shed a tear during the ceremony and, although partially paralyzed, managed to sign the marriage register.

A family spokeswoman has said Rothen is concerned about Biggs' ailing health and accepted his proposal because she feared he was nearing the end of his life. The couple met 31 years ago in Brazil, where Rothen was working as a dancer.

Biggs was sentenced to 30 years in jail for his part in the 1963 holdup of a mail train that netted 2.6 million pounds, the equivalent of nearly $50 million today.

He escaped from prison in 1965, fled abroad and eventually settled in Brazil.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Sunday, July 14, 2002

Your possibilities for success will be greatly enhanced in the year ahead as you discover new ways to liberate yourself from situations that had previously tied you down. This freedom will allow you to take on bigger and better things.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The disappointment you'll feel in someone who you treated with consideration in the past will be justified if s/he doesn't do the same for you when given the chance today. Fortunately, others will make up for it. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although you may not receive financial remuneration today for an endeavor on which you worked hard, you will get something far more valuable: the esteem of associates.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may be a trifle too stubborn for your own good today, thus becoming your own worst enemy. Relax and let live. The successes you desire will fall into place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Something you promised to do might be asked of you today. Unfortunately, it may greatly disrupt your plans. Don't agonize, come up with a more agreeable time and it'll be accepted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Check out the source before believing information that would cause you to question the sincerity of a pal of long standing. You'll soon find out it wasn't reliable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't allow someone else's judgment to get your thinking off track today regarding an issue of mutual concern. When you review your own solutions, you'll realize your assessment is far more accurate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Just because another doesn't place as high a value on an endeavor as you do doesn't mean it should be scrapped. Move forward on it in your own way and relish in your success.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your luck will be quite good today in most circumstance. The exception, however, could be in ventures that have strong elements of chance. Avoid such risks.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It is best not to make a promise to your mate or family today, because chances are, you'll have to break it. Rather than disappoint them, let events unfold on their own.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Trust in yourself and in your ideas today. All negative thinking must be squelched before you can make room for success.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A business matter that is important to you may not be locked down as securely as you think, but it can be saved. Take some time today to check out all the small details.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A personal interest might be usurped today by an associate who has his/her own agenda. When you see this person taking over your space, move to another location and do your own thing.

Monday, July 15, 2002

Your material affairs look quite encouraging in the year ahead, due much in part to how you will be doing things and treating people. Others will be more accommodating towards you and will want you to acquire your goals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Chances are, today will be one of those days when everyone in the family will be in harmony on a family issue. Take collective action while the time is ripe. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and an SASE to Astro-Graph c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167 Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — A consideration you may have to make today should not be based solely upon its material aspects; there are other factors of equal importance to be considered.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — The ways and means to acquire something you've long desired but thought too expensive might today become available. Someone who likes you might make this possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Now is the time to make your needs known to your friends, because they are more likely than normal to be supportive of your proposals. Act while they're in your corner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Any sensitive issues you may have to deal with today should be restricted to yourself or to those directly involved. Everyone else should be kept at arm's length.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — How you treat people and associates today will have a direct effect on any dealings you may have with them at this time. It won't matter if you're dealing with personal or business issues.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Through the use of imaginative but accommodating measures taken on behalf of others, a subtle advantage can be gained today that will have a positive affect upon your financial standing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — By taking a long-range view on matters that affect your self-interests, you can start formulating plans and arrangements that will have a positive influence on your tomorrows.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Rarely is it acceptable or appropriate to be either purely emotional or coolly logical. Today you'll need to maintain a balance between the two if you are to have any hope of joining others in a promising endeavor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Emotion cannot be left out of an important decision today, especially one that involves your mate or someone with whom you have strong ties. By all means use logic, but don't forget the human element.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Recognize the worth of others today and they, in turn, will acknowledge your deeds and skills. Be the first one to speak up and give approval when you see someone doing something right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — There's something especially nice and pleasant about you today that others will find attractive and pleasing. Don't be surprised if the flame everyone gathers around is you.

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New trial sought

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Lawyers for Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci Jr. asked for a new trial Friday, saying his conviction on a federal corruption charge went "against the weight of evidence and has caused a miscarriage of justice. "Cianci was convicted last month of racketeering conspiracy. He was acquitted on 11 other charges.

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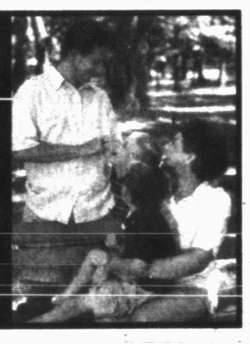
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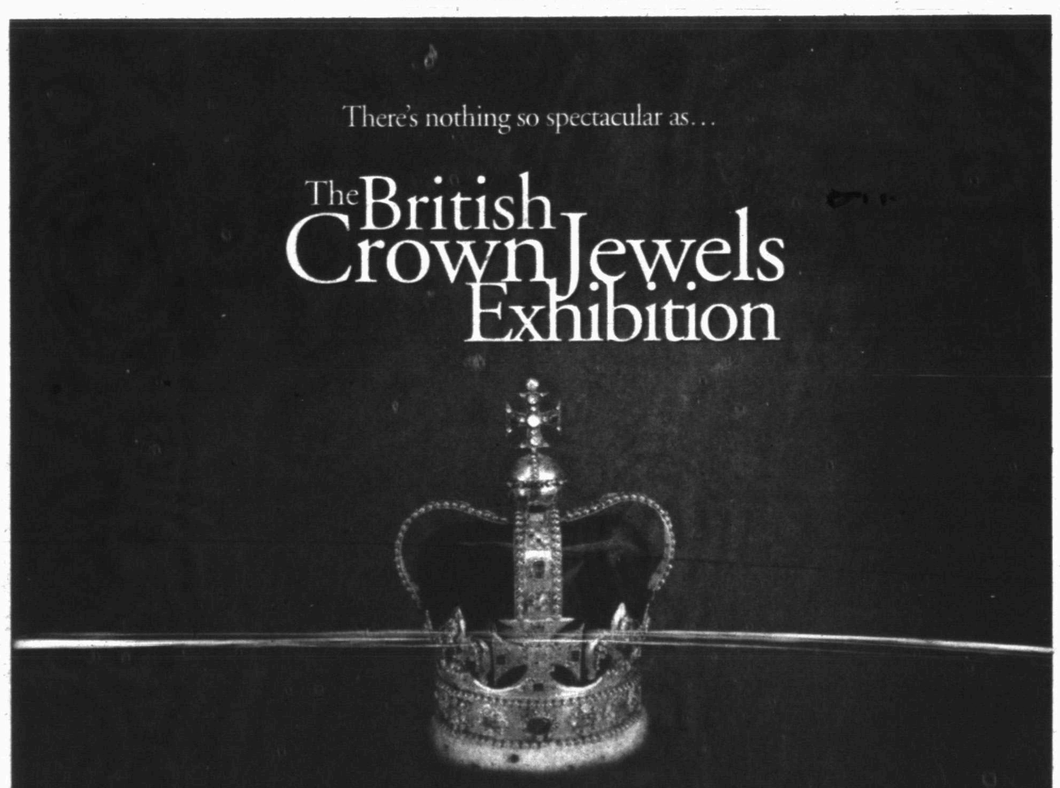
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Friend's 'emergency' day-care occurs every other day

DEAR ABBY: I am a day-care provider working out of my home. Most of the children I watch belong to friends. One friend — I'll call her Jodie — announced that she was quitting work and would no longer need me to care for her infant son.

Then Jodie had a family emergency and asked me to baby-sit for a few hours. She had five other so-called emergencies over a two-week period. She left her child here about five hours each day, during my normal working hours.

My question: Should Jodie have offered to pay me for the time her son was in my care? My husband calls me the Good Samaritan and thinks Jodie took advantage of me. I say we're friends, and I wouldn't have taken the money anyway. What do you think? — **GOOD SAM IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR GOOD SAM: I think you have been a sympathetic friend and Good Samaritan long enough. You are also a businesswoman who deserves to be paid for her services. It's time to draw the line — and don't feel guilty for doing so. Jodie may be a friend, but your husband is your BEST friend.

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DEAR ABBY: My father died two months ago and left his belongings to my mother. My siblings have begun to request some of them. Most of the items have little or no monetary value, while others are worth a considerable sum.

I believe Dad's belongings should be distributed by my mother when she is ready. When my father was alive, he refused to give my sister something she wanted — and now she says she's just going to take it. I am very uncomfortable with this and don't know what to do. What are your thoughts? — **FEELING PAIN IN MAINE**

DEAR FEELING PAIN: The items are your mother's to do with as she wishes. Discuss it with her and see how she feels about these requests. If your mother feels she's being taken advantage of, help her to resist the pressure. If not, accept the fact that the items are going where your mother wants them to go — and express to her what you would like.

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DEAR ABBY: I married a high school friend a year ago. I had remained single for 12 years after my divorce, and I wanted to be sure I married a great guy this time. In almost all ways, he is a terrific husband.

The problem? I keep finding porn sites in the history files on my computer, and also Yahoo profiles of young girls. He promised me in the past that he would not do it anymore. I wouldn't mind as much if we had a sex life, but it is pretty much nonexistent. Your advice would be appreciated. — **WIFE WITH A PROBLEM IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR WIFE: Your husband has substituted impersonal computer sex for a mutually satisfying sex life with you. And if he is conversing with or meeting underage girls, he is also breaking the law.

Tell him you know what he has been doing and offer him the option of counseling. If he refuses, you have a serious decision to make about the future of the marriage. I hope this story has a happy ending. It depends on how invested he is in your marriage and how strong his addiction to cyber-sex may be.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my ex-husband for five years. (He was my second husband.) We divorced in the mid-1990s. Two years ago, he took a job out of state, but we have continued to see each other. When we're alone together, we have a wonderful time and are very happy.

The problem is between him and my son from my first marriage. They do not get along, never have and probably never will. It was the reason our marriage failed.

My son has just graduated from high school and will be going to a local college in the fall. My ex thinks it is time for me to sell my house and move in with him. If I do that, it will leave my son with no home base.

Abby, I love my son. He has never been in trouble and is an honor student. Even though he is 18, I know he still needs me close by for the next few years. I also love my ex, but he has terminated our relationship because he says I have made him "second fiddle" by not agreeing to sell my house and join him at this time. I offered to keep my home here and travel back and forth as needed until my son is out of college. My ex insists that is ridiculous.

I am brokenhearted. What other solution could I have possibly made? — **SAD IN OHIO**

DEAR SAD: None. Your ex gave you an ultimatum — to choose between him and your flesh and blood. It's the reason your marriage didn't survive.

Now, may I tell you how much I respect you for making the decision you did? Many women would have made the selfish choice and rationalized it by saying that, at 18, the young man was old enough to be on his own.

If your second husband really loved you, he would have won your heart with his maturity and patience and made sure that your love story had a happy ending for all concerned. Remember that — and your broken heart will heal faster.

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DEAR ABBY: Can a man father a child 10 years after he's been shot in the testicles (one had to be removed) and in the stomach, and endured surgery and three blood transfusions?

I have been with this man for 13 years and we have an 11-year-old son. I have not gotten pregnant by him since, even though we have tried. All of a sudden, this girl he has been involved with on the side is saying she is pregnant after all his injuries! Is this possible?

I slept with him around the same time she says she conceived. How come I'm not pregnant? If anyone is pregnant, it should be me. Can someone just pop up pregnant under these circumstances? — **BAWLING IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR BAWLING: Not knowing the extent of the man's injuries, I can only answer that, yes, it may be possible that he is the father. If there is any question in his mind, he should discuss it with his doctor to determine his sperm count — and with his lawyer to determine his liability.

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DEAR ABBY: As a child growing up, I remember my aunt reciting, "If 'ifs' and 'ands' were pots and pans, ..." and the rest escapes my memory. This little poem has been going round and round in my head, and it drives me wild that I can't remember the whole thing.

I know this isn't a serious problem, Abby, but I would appreciate any help you or your readers can give me. Thanks. — **DESPERATE IN OHIO**

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Attorney claims evidence is flimsy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The attorney for three men accused by a stripper of threatening to blow up local military bases says the evidence against his clients is flimsy.

And authorities acknowledge that the trio has no connection to terrorist cells.

A judge reduced bonds Thursday for Ribhi Abdalla and his cousin, Jadallah Abdalla, both of Palestinian descent, as well as 20-year-old Makram Hijaz of Mesquite. Bond for the Abdallas was reduced to $500,000 and to $750,000 for Hijaz.

State District Judge Sid Harte also ordered the three men to immediately surrender their passports, submit to electronic monitoring and be confined to house arrest if they are able to post bond and be released from the Bexar County Jail.

Each of the men described themselves during Thursday's hearing as a hard-working employee of his family's gas station and convenience store business.

From their jail cells Wednesday, the Abdallas said they had now idea how they wound up in the terrorism investigation. They insisted they are not terrorists and made no threats — not even in jest.

The two cousins said they spoke nothing of terror attacks and contrary to reports, were not drunk.

"I love this country. I'm not going to do anything against it," Ribhi told the San Antonio Express-News in Thursday's editions. The 25-year-old naturalized American citizen from the West Bank works for his father at a local gas station.

A San Antonio Police Department spokeswoman said investigators do not believe the men have connections to any terrorist group but are pursuing other leads. FBI agents said that federal authorities would not pursue charges against the trio.

Albert Acevedo Jr., the privately retained attorney representing all three, denied that the men ever made threats and said they are victims of racial profiling by people who overreacted when they heard the men speaking Arabic.

The cousins and their friend were arrested at the XTC Cabaret late Monday and charged with making terroristic threats against a public service, namely San Antonio's military bases, a third degree felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Jim Kopp, chief of the Bexar County District Attorney's intake division, said his office would ultimately decide whether to proceed with the cases. He expects to receive the paperwork in about 20 days.

Will Harrell, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, said it sounded like the men were being unnecessarily harassed.

Jadallah Abdalla, 21, initially identified by police as Jadallah Abdallah, said, "(The stripper) said you have a nice accent and she asked where we are from. We only said that she was very pretty."

Jadallah Abdalla immigrated from Ramallah 17 months ago to work in his father's convenience mart in San Antonio. He said he left Ramallah because of tensions with Israel and trouble brewing in the Middle East over the Sept. 11 attacks.

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Today is the 194th day of 2002 and the 23rd day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1787, the Continental Congress passed the Northwest Ordinance, providing government of the territory north of the Ohio River. The ordinance, which prohibited slavery, also guaranteed freedom of worship and the right to trial by jury.

On this day in 1977, close to 9 million New York City residents lost power in a city-wide blackout. The blackout lasted 25 hours, during which time over 3,000 people were arrested, most for looting.

On this day in 1985, Live Aid concerts were staged simultaneously in Philadelphia and London. Mick Jagger, Madonna, Paul McCartney and Bob Dylan were among the performers.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathan Bedford Forrest (1821-1877), Confederate cavalry general; Edward Flanagan (1886-1948), Catholic priest; Harrison Ford (1942-), actor, is 60; Cheech Marin (1946-), comedian and actor, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1961, Willie Kirkland of the Cleveland Indians hit his fourth home run in a row, tying a major-league record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You know you're getting old when all the names in your black book have M.D. after them." — Harrison Ford

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 10) and first quarter (July 17).

Sunday, July 14, 2002

Today is the 195th day of 2002 and the 24th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1099, during the First Crusade, a group of European Christians conquered Jerusalem and massacred thousands of its inhabitants.

On this day in 1789, a Paris mob stormed and captured the Bastille, during the French Revolution.

On this day in 1992, actress Demi Moore appeared on the cover of Vanity Fair magazine wearing a painted-on suit.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Isaac Bashevis Singer (1904-1991), writer; Woody Guthrie, (1912-1967), folk singer and guitarist; Gerald R. Ford (1913-), U.S. president, is 89; Ingmar Bergman (1918-), film director, is 84; John Chancellor (1927-1996), broadcast journalist.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, Citation won the Hollywood Gold Cup.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over." — Gerald R. Ford

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 10) and first quarter (July 17).

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War on terrorism will be a long one

ERMA, N.J. (AP) — With one mission, Paul W. Tibbets helped end World War II.

But the man who piloted the Enola Gay, dropping an atom bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, says America's war on terrorism won't end so quickly.

"It's going to be a long battle. I've heard the president say that and I believe it. In World War II, we knew damn well who we were fighting. In this, we don't know who the enemy is or what he looks like, but he's all around us," Tibbets said.

Nearly 57 years after he flew into history, Tibbets, 87, remains defiant and proud about his role in the atomic age.

"I'm very proud of my role in history," he said during an appearance at an aviation museum Wednesday. "I'm just damned glad I could do what I did. I went on that mission feeling that if I was successful, we would show the Japanese the futility of wanting to continue to fight."

The Japanese surrendered eight days later.

Tibbets, then a 29-year-old lieutenant colonel in the Army Air Corps, assembled and trained the teams that dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and — three days later — on Nagasaki.

About 1,200 people turned out to see Tibbets speak at the Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum.

U.S. military bullish on robot planes

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — The use of robot planes by the U.S. military in the war on terrorism has helped spark interest in the cutting-edge technology, in spite of the crashes that continue to plague pilotless aircraft.

On Thursday, officials showed off a futuristic robot plane designed to do a better job of surviving the rigors of combat.

Since the fall, at least eight robot planes have crashed in and around Afghanistan, Iraq and the Philippines. The latest crash, of a Global Hawk reconnaissance plane, came Wednesday in Pakistan.

But military officials are still bullish on unmanned air vehicles, or UAVs. Planes like Northrop Grumman's Global Hawk and the General Atomics Aeronautical Systems Predator have had high-profile roles.

"I doubt you could have found 12 congressmen prior to Sept. 11 who could have told you what a Predator was, much less who made it," said Larry Dickerson, senior unmanned air vehicle analyst for Forecast International/DMS in Newtown, Conn.

Dickerson predicts the global market for military drones could be worth $7.5 billion over the next decade.

The Defense Advanced Research Project Agency, which develops future technologies for use by the Pentagon, has at least a half-dozen other UAVs and UCAVs — the "C" stands for combat — under development. Among them are jet- and rotor-driven craft, some no larger than a cake pan.

On Thursday, one of the largest of the planes, the X-45, was displayed.

Developed by DARPA, the Air Force and The Boeing Co. for $256 million, the sleek, tailless jet is the first unpiloted plane to be developed specifically to carry weapons into combat. Beginning in Vietnam, other drones, including the Predator now flying in Afghanistan, have been modified to carry missiles.

"This is designed as a tactical aircraft. Global Hawk and Predator were not," said Col. Michael Leahy Jr., manager of DARPA's UCAV program.

Boeing has built two X-45s so far, one trimmed in blue, the other in red. Only the blue plane has flown, on May 22 and June 13 above the Mojave Desert. The second will begin flight tests this fall.

The two Y-shaped planes both sport a gaping air intake instead of a canopy. The planes have a 34-foot wingspan and are just 4 feet thick, giving them a slim, stealthy profile.

Military officials said the slightly larger production model of the plane will be able to carry more than 3,000 pounds of bombs.

Irving police arrest man in death of girl three years ago

DALLAS (AP) — Three years after the slaying of a 3-year-old girl, a North Texas Irving man has been jailed on a capital murder warrant.

Brett Bednarek, 26, of Irving submitted to police DNA tests in the 1999 death of Cristy Ryno. He was arrested Wednesday night and remained in jail without bond early Friday.

A formal charge is expected to be filed with the district attorney later Friday.

The girl was last seen alive April 17, 1999 sleeping in the living room of her apartment with her twin sister Tiffany. Fishermen found her nude body in the Trinity River's Elm Fork four days later.

An autopsy ruled her death as a homicide. Investigators said she may have been smothered, drowned or strangled.

Cristy's mother, Leticia Ryno, said she had no faith that her daughter's killer would be found.

"I actually gave up. I didn't think they would ever," she said in Friday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "I worried they had given up. It's totally shocking."

Though Tiffany was just three years old when she lost her twin, she has not forgotten.

"Tiffany remembers her," Ryno said. "She says Cristy still comes to see her at night and keeps her from sleeping. She says she plays with her when she's supposed to be sleeping."

Police said Bednarek was an associate of someone who lived in the Irving apartment complex where Cristy Ryno disappeared.

"We weren't sure if the apartment was entered or she went out on her own," Irving Police officer David Tull said. "We feel certain that she did not leave the complex on her own."

Investigators had extensively interviewed Ryno's mother, Leticia Ryno and her live-in boyfriend, both of whom no longer live at the Irving apartment. About 300 other people also were questioned, police said.

Tull said that over the past three years, investigators have re-interviewed residents and visitors to the apartment complex, asking for voluntary samples of DNA.

Man-eating fish is found in Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Two large, meat-eating fish native to China found their way into a Maryland pond after a pet owner dumped them, and now authorities are concerned the fish could be a threat to native species.

The two northern snakeheads were released into a Crofton pond two years ago, police said Thursday. But the fish may now have hundreds of offspring.

The situation is of special concern to authorities because the Little Patuxent River is about 75 yards away from the pond, and northern snakeheads can live three days out of water and walk short distances on their extended fins in search of food.

"They can gain a foothold here and begin to proliferate in ways that would displace native organisms," said Eric Schwaab, director of the Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Service.

The northern snakehead can grow to be 3 feet long and has a voracious appetite.

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Letters to the editor

Agrees with everything

Dear Editor:

I just want to thank Surry Gillum for his article (letter to the editor) in the Sunday, July 7, newspaper.

I agree with everything he wrote. I applaud him for taking a stand and expressing his love for God and his (our) country.

Truly, it's time for Christians to stand up and believe that "He that is within me is greater than he that is in the world."

Please add my name to those standing!

Addie Markham

Prayers are with family

Dear Editor:

I want to let the Sanchez family know that my prayers are with their family. I was saddened to hear that her child was left in the van at the Snyder Child Day Care Center.

I have prayed several times that the daycare would watch and pay closer attention to the children that we parents entrust them with.

I have had a similar thing happen to one of my children while in the care of Snyder Day Care.

My son had been in and out of day care since he was two years old. He is now eight years old and was enrolled in their after school program. They picked him up from Stanfield every school day since August.

In April he was left at the school and not picked up (he has a sister, and brother picked up also).

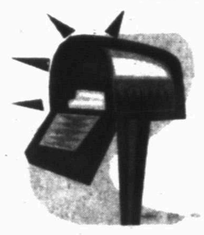
It was after snack time when they discovered he was not with them, so they went back to school and picked him up, No one at the day care told me about this incident, it was my eight-year-old son that told me that the day care left him and had to come back and get him.

I asked about this and was informed that it was an accident and will not happen again. Well, I was not happy and since there are not many other day cares in Snyder, I had to figure out what to do to make sure this did not happen to my child again, so I chose to find a different job so I could pick up my own children from school,

I quit a job of five years with good pay for a lower paying job so I would not have to depend on others to watch my children. I also have heard that this is not the first similar incident and I would like everyone that knows of an incident to take a stand and let the state day care commission know.

Someday, an incident may not have such a happy ending.

Carla Seale



Wonderful Fourth

Dear Editor:

While I live outside a small town, I am always humbled at togetherness small towns show when assembled in a crowd.

I attended Snyder's July 4th festivities and had a wonderful time. From the Lions Club Breakfast, to the parade, to the afternoon in the park, fun was had by all.

Snyder, you should be proud of all the volunteers who work to put together such a fantastic event and never take it for granted.

While many think of us as "hicks", they have no idea what they are missing.

Thanks for the hospitality and I look forward to next year's event.

Sincerely,
Jeri Slone
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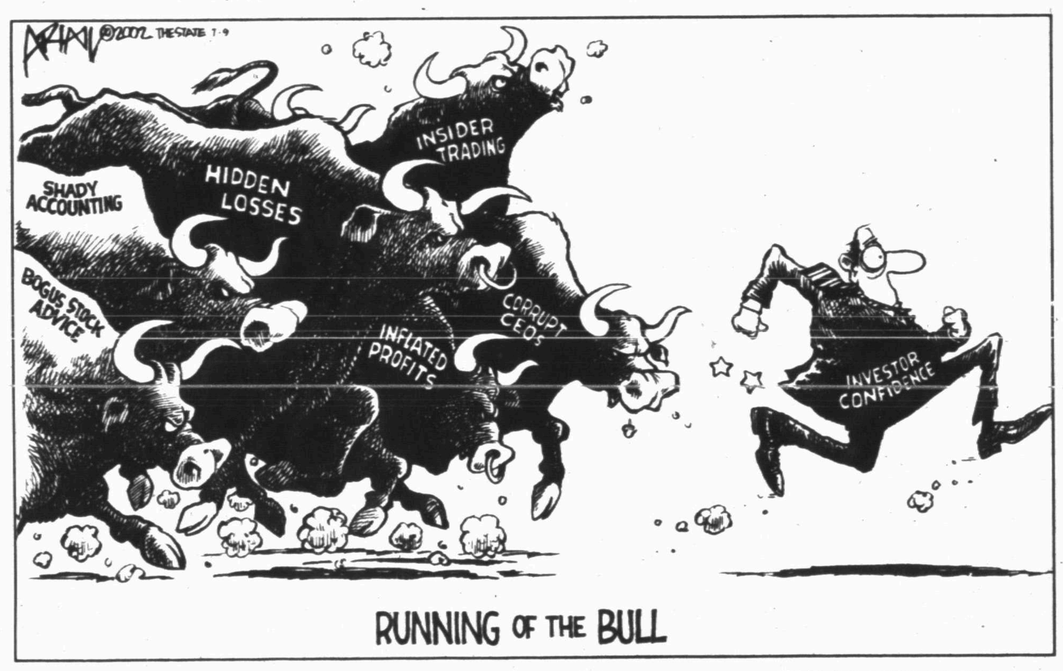
Open Government Barometer

Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2002.

Scurry County	7
City of Snyder	4
DCOS	3
Cogdell Hospital	2
Hermleigh ISD	2
Ira ISD	2
WTC	2
Snyder ISD	1









North of Forty by Red Green

Retire with less

When I was a kid, my friends would start every summer by building a tree fort in the woods, which would become our home away from home until school was back in. We'd stop at Pop's Smoke Shop for a bottle of Orange Crush, a half-dozen licorice pipes and a box of jelly powder. Then we'd sit up in the tree fort and have lunch — a licorice appetizer followed by a jelly entree. No cutlery required.

Just lick your finger and stick it into the powder. Every finger had a different flavor. The index finger for grape, the middle finger for lemon-lime and the pinky finger for tutti-frutti. That way you didn't have to worry about mixing flavors. Or I suppose you could wash your hands between meals — that was another option.

And now here I am a whole lot of years later, wondering if I have enough money to retire. I have a couple of homes and cars and a lifestyle that I can barely afford and that would suggest that I won't ever be able to stop working. On the other hand, if I'm prepared to spend my declining years sitting in a tree fort, licking jelly powder off my fingers, I can start today. The right answer is probably somewhere between those two extremes, but you get the point. I know the tree fort thing won't work, because I'd never be able to talk my wife into it. It's one of her best qualities.

REALITY CHECK

I used to think most of us stay the same age in our minds our whole lives. And everybody chooses that age for themselves. You may have a mental picture of yourself as 23 or 18 or 35. I'm not talking about how other people see you. My wife usually sees me as 10 years old until she wants me to do something, at which time she sees me as 107. For me, the magic number is 28. That's my mental picture of myself. That image is occasionally shattered by an unflattering photo or the unfortunate placement of a full-length mirror, but generally I've been able to keep the dream alive. Until recently. In the last couple of months there have been physical changes that are hard to ignore. My muscles are sore, and I get tired fast. It's getting awfully difficult to convince myself that I'm still young when parts of me that aren't supposed to be stiff, are. And vice versa.

BIG GUT CAMO

After you've lived with a large stomach for a while, you realize that it's here to stay. So, instead of hoping to reduce its mass, here are some clever ways to camouflage the biggest thing you've got going for you:

— Wear a really wide tie.

— Stay in your car.

— Wear football shoulder pads.

— Hump your back.

— Wear a huge hat.

— Stand next to large storage tanks.

— Wear full-length vertical stripes. (There's a factory outlet near Attica.)

HISTORY BUFFS

I notice a lot of old guys take a real interest in history. The same men who never paid attention in school and who have never expressed any interest in anything that happened prior to their existence, suddenly become obsessed with the evolution of man down through the ages. If you ever go to a meeting of your local historical society, you'll probably notice that the average member is pretty darned old. I'm not saying that's a bad thing — it keeps the meetings short — I'm beginning to think that an interest in history is something you acquire as you age. Maybe it's an honest respect for what has gone before or maybe it's a last ditch attempt to make history important, because you sense you're about to become it.

Quote of the Day: "If you're too open-minded, your brains will fall out." **— Red Green**

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of the new book "Duct Tape is not Enough: A humorous guide to midlife." (Hatherleigh Press, 2002). Watch for the feature film Red Green's "Duct Tape Forever" at a theater near you.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Flood aftermath

The worst part of a flood may be its aftermath. Rampaging water is dangerous not only because of its power but also the bacteria that it carries. After the water has come and gone, the terror is over, but the misery begins.

Floods leave in their wake bacteria, compromised drinking water, insects, displaced reptiles and other wildlife and human beings who can be easy prey for those who capitalize on human misfortune. Central Texans got a respite from the rains over the weekend and began the long and soggy process of cleaning up even as another weather system that threatens to bring more rain forms in the Gulf of Mexico.

The deluges that gripped the state were being described in some areas as 100-year floods. The term doesn't really mean that these types of rain occur only once every 100 years — nature doesn't follow those kinds of rules. What the term means is that chances of a flood of that magnitude occurring are 1 in 100.

It's a lottery Texans didn't want to win. But we did.

Of course, you increase your odds of surviving that victory by doing common-sense things such as staying away from rising water. Sounds simple, but you read and hear all the time about people who challenge rising water and lose.

Floodwater contains a lot of trash and bacteria, posing the threat of not only what's in the water but what is underneath it or being carried by it.

Since the big rains began last week, 39 of the state's 254 counties — 15 percent — have been declared disaster areas. People have drowned, homes and property have been lost and when the threat of more rains subsides, the real work will begin. Only after the floodwaters recede can the true impact of the damage be assessed. The sad part is that many of those whose homes have been damaged may not be insured against their losses. Insured or not, the cleanup will be a long and potentially dangerous chore.

Mold and bacteria don't go away with the water. Included in the cleanup advice from the Texas Department of Health was an admonition to wait until flooded homes are thoroughly dried out before beginning clean up.

San Antonio Express-News

Reckoning for student killings

For more than three decades, no issue has haunted Mexico more than the 1968 and 1971 massacres of hundreds (thousands, according to human rights activists) of university students.

The press, political activists and, to some extent, the public think that Luis Echeverria, first as interior minister and then as president of Mexico, ordered the massacres, which were carried out by the military in 1968 and by security forces three years later.

Adding salt to the wounds, during Echeverria's presidency from 1970 to 1976, the Mexican government launched the so-called "dirty war" against leftists and other people suspected of being subversives.

Yet, to this day no one has faced criminal charges stemming from the bloody attacks on the students or the widespread human rights abuses of the dirty war.

President Vicente Fox can change that and give the families of those killed, disappeared or injured what they have demanded for a long time justice.

Fox recently received the names of 74 former officials who may have been responsible for the massacres, torture and other human rights violations of that era. It was compiled by a commission that examined secret police records and interviewed hundreds of witnesses.

Even before he was elected two years ago, Fox promised that anyone, including former presidents, accused of those crimes would be brought to justice.

Echeverria, who is now 80 years old, finally was called to testify last week, indicating the government investigation may begin to make progress. Until last week, Fox and a special prosecutor he appointed in January have been moving slowly.

The time has come to act decisively on this investigation.

If Echeverria, or for that matter his successor Jose Lopez Portillo, authorized the crimes they are accused of, they should be prosecuted. As Fox recently told The New York Times, everybody in Mexico is now subject to the rule of law "and when I say everybody, I mean everybody."

On the other hand, if Echeverria and Lopez Portillo do not face charges, they should be exonerated. For too long both men have been living in virtual disgrace because the public blames them for the repression and everything that went wrong when they governed.

Even if the two ex-presidents are exonerated, Fox faces criticism from the political opposition. In all likelihood, the accused are or were members of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, which ruled Mexico for 71 consecutive years until Fox's election two years ago.But a true leader makes courageous decisions, without fearing political consequences.

The Dallas Morning News

Lack of data hurts crimefighting

A study from Texas' Criminal Justice Policy Council should make avid crime fighters fighting mad not at criminals but at government agencies that have been delinquent in reporting on criminals. With all the concerns over terrorists and complaints about the lack of information sharing, simply improving commitment to data entry could make this a safer state.

The council, an independent state agency, sampled data from 30 counties and found reports on nearly 90,000 court dispositions being held because law enforcement agencies had not reported the matching arrests to the Texas Department of Public Safety. That would translate on a statewide basis to 221,000 court cases that have no identified backup files such as fingerprints.

The problem is not limited to law enforcement agencies not plugging in data. The courts also are delinquent in entering information. Only 61 percent of arrest records today are associated with court dispositions.

Consider the implications:

With so many holes on both the arrest and conviction ends, it's apparent that some information on convicted people may be missing from the electronic system. This jeopardizes the integrity of background checks on people applying for sensitive jobs.

When arrest data is available without court disposition information, time-consuming follow-up checks are necessary. Thousands of such searches are done each year.

If court disposition information is available without the original arrest data, including fingerprints, the identified name is not very reliable. Think how many Jane Smiths and Juan Garzas there are.

And for firearm purchasers, if information is not located within three business days, the firearm can be sold. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms North Texas division (which also covers Oklahoma and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico) has had to recover hundreds of guns from people who later were found to be ineligible.

WTC News
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE

Happenings on Campus

July 1-31
Preregistration
for returning students
(by appointment)

Aug 1-14
Preregistration
for new students
(by appointment)

June 6-August 22
"Ready to Roll" Exhibit
Scurry County Museum

July 16, 23, 30
LVN Testing
1:30pm - Counseling Office

July 20
TASP Testing
8am - Counseling Office
(registration deadline 6/21)

July 31
Compass Testing
1:30pm - Counseling Office

Weekend, July 13-14, 2002 Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave. Snyder, TX 79549

It's not too late to apply for Financial Aid for Fall

Plans are NOW underway for the fall semester on campus. If you would like to be considered for a tuition or housing scholarship, now is the time to complete your application. The WTC scholarship foundation has more than 75 fully endowed scholarships, many with multiple recipients. All scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Western Texas College
Scholarship Opportunities

Students interested in applying for Federal Pell Grants or the Federal Workstudy Program need to fill out the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA). This may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or by mail. Visit the financial aid office located in the WTC student center soon to complete your file. Careful planning now will ensure a successful enrollment in the fall. For more information, call the financial aid office at 573-8511 ext. 309 or 1-888-go-to-wtc.

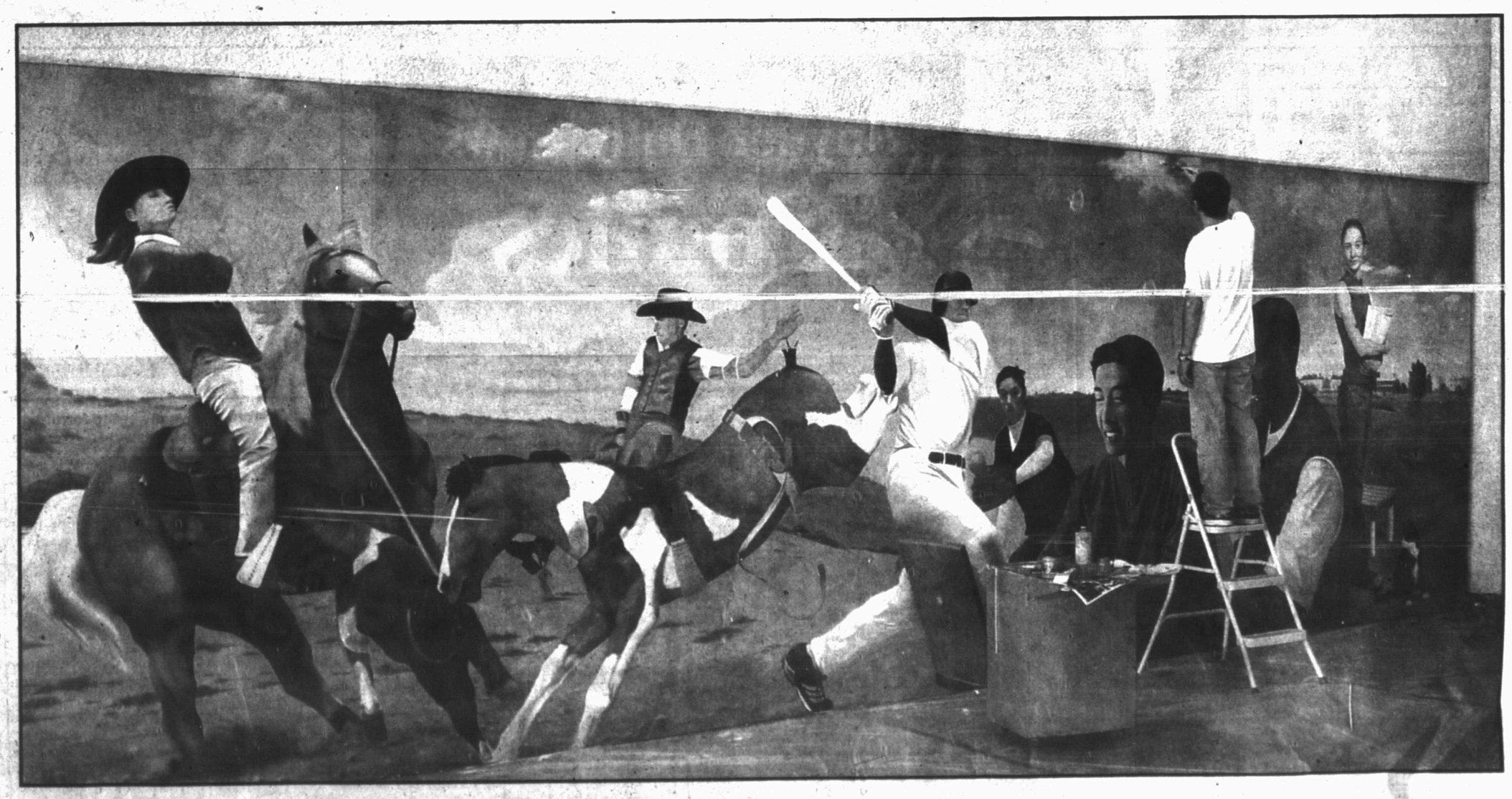
Winner Announced for S-10 Truck donated by Big Country Chevrolet



Jamie Phillips of ING Incorporated awarded Zelma Irons $500 as the winner in a drawing among WTC employees who sold chances on the Chevy S-10 truck donated by Big Country Autoland. The group included all employees who sold 20 or more chances on the truck, and consisted of Julie Fritz, Glenda Boyd, Greg Rhodes, Melanie Schwertner, Stephanie Ducheneaux, Zelma Irons, Vicky Rowland, Deborah Baremore, Sandra Hall and Jim Petty.



And the winner is . . .
Bill and Nancy Wilson present Robert Sims with the keys to the new Chevrolet S-10 truck donated by Big Country Autoland to benefit the WTC baseball and softball programs. The winning ticket was drawn by WTC President, Dr. Greg Williams during the annual July 4th celebration at Towle Park. Pictured are, from left to right: Dennis Noblett, WTC director of Development: Lawanna Burleson, Big Country employee; Bill and Nancy Wilson, owners; Robert and Fay Simms; and Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president.



WTC art professor, Ben Sum begins adding the final touches to an art mural on the east wall of the campus dining room. Sum and art students Cycris Ho, David Garcia, and Joe Romero have been working on the mural as part of a summer art project depicting various aspects of student life on the college campus.

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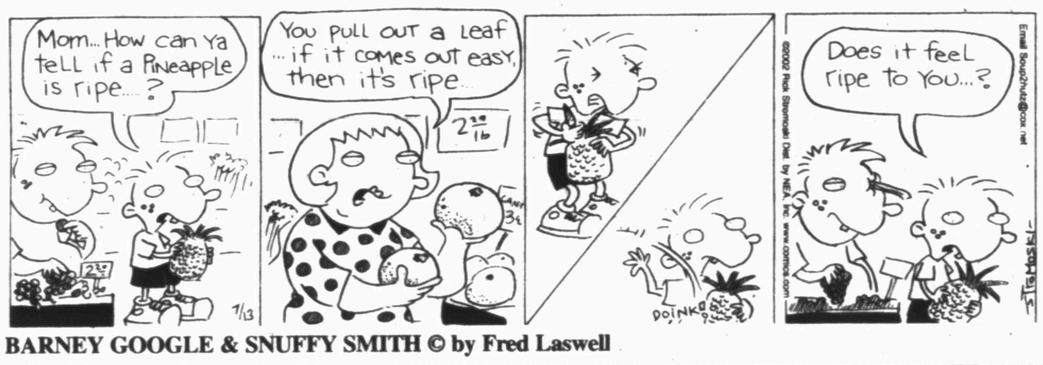
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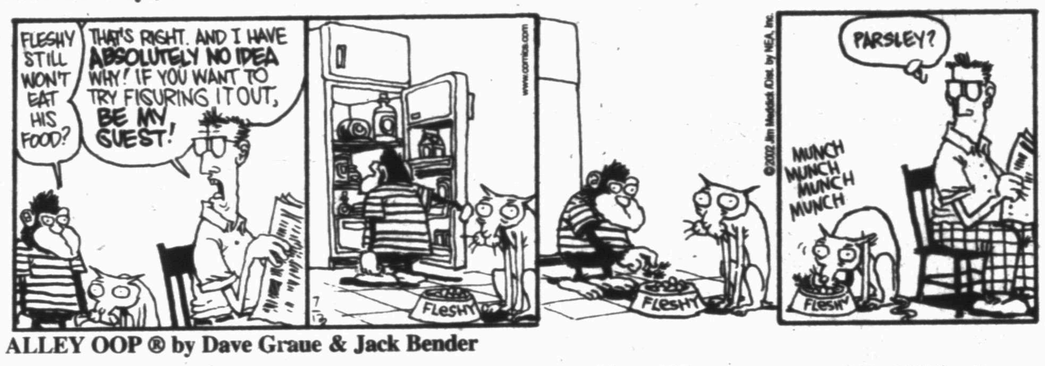
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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15 Skirt style
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19 Overlook
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21 Aye
22 Cast member
25 Greek sea
28 Baby wear
29 Maiden of films
31 Prevail
33 Airport info
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36 Bullfight cheer
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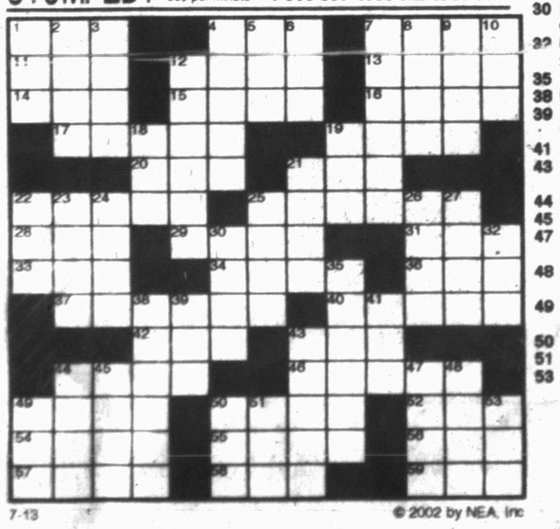
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10 Boston Red —
12 Set sail
18 GI's address
19 Actress — Ryan
21 Shout
22 Jurist — Fortas
23 Commend highly
24 Ski lift (hyph.)
25 Like the Gobi
26 MP's prey
27 Cairo's river
30 Knighted Guinness
32 Beatles' Sparks
35 Wig
38 Indifference
39 Detective — Spade
41 Earn
43 Prickly evergreen
44 Feast
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51 Hatchet
53 Once named

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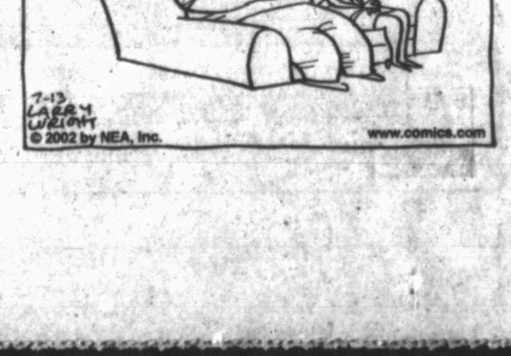
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Snyder Daily News Comics

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"Therefore, I leave my entire fortune to my trusted lawyer."

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



The itch mite in nursing homes

DEAR DR. GOTT: My elderly aunt, who is in a nursing home, was recently diagnosed with scabies. What is this skin condition, and why did it fail to respond to treatment?

DEAR READER: Scabies, caused by the "itch mite," is a skin disorder marked by a rash and severe itching, especially at night. The condition is common in children and in institutionalized adults.

The adult scabies mite burrows into the outer skin layer and lays two or three eggs a day. These eggs hatch in about four days. The larvae then migrate to the skin surface, where they mature in two weeks, mate and continue the life cycle. The burrows and surrounding reddish areas are easily seen and can involve any part of the body, typically the hands, wrists and genitals. The mite can be identified by microscopic examination of a skin scraping. More often, however, physicians simply choose a therapeutic trial of an anti-mite lotion (such as Lindane). The medication is applied from neck to toes at bedtime and washed off 12 to 24 hours later. A second application, a week later, is recommended because the lotion does not kill mite eggs, and newly hatched parasites can appear after a single treatment.

With respect to your aunt, either she does not have scabies or her doctor neglected to prescribe the second round of therapy. Because your aunt is probably uncomfortable from the scabies, I suggest that she either have a skin scraping for diagnosis or be examined by a dermatologist, because scabies can be mistaken for other skin diseases, such as atopic dermatitis.

A NOTE TO READERS: For an updated and revised Health Report on "Diabetes Mellitus," send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title. Also, be on the lookout for more updated Health Reports.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Two questions.

First, can the monosodium glutamate in Asian cooking cause indigestion and allergic reactions?

Second, what is the healthful limit of alcohol consumption?

DEAR READER: Monosodium glutamate (MSG) can cause indigestion and, in people who are sensitive to it, severe allergic reactions.

The current standard for moderate daily alcohol intake is about three ounces of spirits a day (two drinks) or the equivalent in wine (about three glasses) or beer (approximately four 12-ounce bottles). Amounts that exceed this recommendation may lead to health problems and damage to liver, pancreas, heart, brain and muscles. This is merely guidance. Large men may safely consume more, slight women less — and alcoholics none.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You wrote a book in the 1980s, called "No House Calls" (Poseidon Press, 1986). I took it out of my local library and enjoyed it immensely. I'm sorry it is out of print, so I cannot purchase it. Have you published anything since?

DEAR READER: Yes, but it is a slim book of photographs, not about medical matters, called "The Windows of 'Sconset On Nantucket Island" (Ice Island Press, 1999). Since I mentioned this several months ago, many readers have ordered it and seem to be very pleased with the publication. If you would like to receive a (signed) copy, send $14 (which includes postage and handling) to Pat Miller, c/o Ice Island Press, P.O. Box 433, Lakeville, CT 06039.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 80 and suffer from chronic post-nasal drip. What can I do to relieve this annoying condition?

DEAR READER: When the mucus-secreting tissues at the back of the nose are irritated, they produce more mucus in an attempt — I suppose — to wash away the offending agent. In any case, this causes the familiar runny nose we all experience from colds, upper respiratory infections and allergies. However, gravity often causes this mucus to drain down the back of the throat, instead of passing out of the nose.

Called a "post-nasal drip," this disorder can be a real nuisance, because it leads to a sore throat, attacks of violent hacky coughing and occasional upset stomach, not to mention sinus congestion. Post-nasal drip is common in patients with allergies and sinus irritation due to infection or air pollution, such as smog, smoke, dust or pollen.

Because this is so prevalent, there are many over-the-counter remedies for it, including Actifed, Sudafed, Benadryl, Dimetapp and others. Prescription medications include Clarinex, Allegra and Zyrtec (non-sedating antihistamines). When these products are "turbocharged" with decongestants, they are more effective but can worsen glaucoma, hypertension and thyroid disorders; thus, they should be used under a doctor's supervision.

If you have continuing symptoms of post-nasal drip - despite the avoidance of smoke and other agents - and you have unsuccessfully tried medication, you should see an allergist.

First, the specialist will attempt to determine what in your environment is causing the reaction. Then the allergist will suggest treatment. This might include reducing your exposure to allergens (such as dust, feathers, animal dander and certain foods), using medicine or taking desensitization injections.

The bottom line is that you don't have to suffer the bothersome symptoms; help is available.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: When I was diagnosed with a pre-cancerous growth in my mouth 14 years ago, I gave up smoking. But what an ordeal! Without the help of a support group called Nicotine Anonymous (also known as Smokers Anonymous), I could never have kicked the habit and stuck by my guns. So, in hopes that some of your readers might profit from my experience, I am enclosing the following information: Nicotine Anonymous World Services, 419 Main Street, PMB #370, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. They can also be reached by phone at (877) TRY-NICA or (415) 750-0328, online at http://www.nicotine-anonymous.org and e-mail at info@nicotine-anonymous.org.

DEAR READER: Thank you for supplying this information. NA is a worthwhile, non-profit, 12-step program to assist people who want to discontinue using tobacco products.

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Crucial hearings begin Monday for John Walker Lindh, lawyers

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — John Walker Lindh's lawyers are waging their most important pretrial fight, hoping to keep jurors from hearing the U.S.-born Taliban soldier's statements about meeting Osama bin Laden and knowing of al-Qaida operations.

The legal dispute, to be argued next week before U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III, could reverberate well beyond Lindh's case to other prisoners captured in the war on terrorism.

Lindh represents a new breed of defendant — someone originally picked up as an enemy combatant in a war zone and later transferred to the civilian court system. Ellis must determine whether such prisoners should be immediately advised of their right to remain silent and have an attorney present during interrogation.

Lindh's lawyers say yes. Prosecutors respond that the rule on questioning "has no place at the battlefield."

Several of the Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners now being held in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, could find themselves in a similar situation if the government chooses to prosecute them in the criminal justice system.

"I think we're looking at new law where you have combatants against the United States," said Michael O'Neill, a law professor at George Mason University and a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Legal experts said they were unaware of any precedents. Captured soldiers who are prisoners of war have rights under international treaties, and the military applies the usual civilian warnings to defendants prosecuted under its own military justice system. But POW's and military combatants usually are not switched to the civilian system.

Personally, the stakes are high for Lindh since his statements form the backbone of his indictment.

"If he loses and the statements go in, he's going to have a very difficult time," O'Neill said. "If Lindh wins (by having the statements suppressed), it all depends on what other information the government has against him."

Charges against Lindh include conspiracy to murder U.S. citizens, contributing services to al-Qaida and the Taliban and using firearms during crimes of violence. Three of the 10 counts carry maximum terms of life imprisonment for Lindh, who was captured in early December and transferred to civilian custody in late January.

Beginning Monday, Judge Ellis will hear from witnesses including military officials who came in contact with Lindh, 21, after his capture.

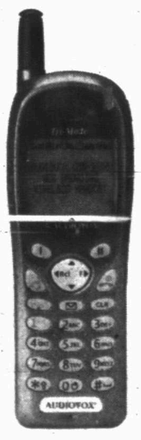
Defense lawyers argue that Lindh should have been advised of his rights by the military, not only from his first interrogation by U.S. forces but even at a CNN interview — just after his capture — in which special forces personnel participated in the questioning.

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Crimson clover helps improve bird population

TIFTON, Ga. (AP) — Sharad Phatak has been singing the praises of crimson clover for revitalizing lifeless farmland for years.

Little did he know that the red-flowering plant, which helps restore nutrients and organic material to the soil and attracts pest-fighting insects, can also help quail and other dwindling bird species to thrive.

"I don't even know one songbird," said Phatak, a horticulturist at the University of Georgia's Coastal Plain Experiment Station in Tifton, 200 miles south of Atlanta. "I'm not a bird man. I have birds in my yard, but I don't know what they are, except ... crows."

Two wildlife biologists and a graduate student in the university's school of forest resources found that the bird population in cotton fields increased significantly when cotton was planted between strips of crimson clover.

Researchers have examined the mixing of other plants with cotton to save money, control erosion and increase soil fertility. But the Georgia study is the first to look at how it could affect wildlife.

The two-year study in five counties focused on about 60 types of birds, including species that spend their winters in Latin America and fly north to breed, like the blue grosbeak and the dickcissel.

John Bianchi, communications director of the National Audubon Society, said 30 percent of American songbirds have been lost since 1970, mostly because of habitat destruction. They're declining at a rate of about 4 percent per year.

In the Georgia study, biologists studied the feeding, nesting and breeding patterns of birds in three types of cotton fields: cotton planted amid crimson clover, cotton growing on land that isn't tilled and conventional cotton fields.

They noticed the most dramatic differences during the spring breeding and nesting season.

"There were three to four times more birds, which translates to 200 to 300 percent more birds, in clover than in the no-till," said biologist Bob Cooper, who helped design the study. "But there were 10 to 12 times as many birds in the clover than in the conventional tillage."

Conventional cotton fields are deeply plowed until they are free of vegetation. Then the seeds are planted and the plants are nurtured with hefty doses of fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals.

"Other than the cotton plants, there's really not much else there at all," Cooper said. "It's a biological desert."

No-till farmers plant the new crop over the stubble of the previous crop with as little disruption of the soil as possible.

Very few farmers use the clover method. It involves covering the field with clover and using a herbicide to cut narrow strips, where cotton seed is planted using the no-till method.

Georgia farmers will plant about 1.5 million acres of cotton this year, an area nearly twice the size of Rhode Island.

"It's a huge chunk of land," said John Carroll, the other biologist involved in the study. "If only a portion went into this sort of system, it would have a phenomenal impact on songbirds."

Man's wish to be buried in backyard stirs controversy

ARCADIA, Fla. (AP) — Shortly before Rick Georges died of liver cancer in April, he started talking about being buried in the back yard next to his beloved pitbull, Bocephus.

Georges shared the idea with his ninth wife and sought help from a lawyer. Beverly Georges considered it his dying wish and vowed to make it happen.

The widow's effort to get city permission for the unconventional interment has enraged neighbors in their quiet, middle-class neighborhood. It has also sparked a bitter family feud, kept the local gossip mill churning and brought mostly unwelcome media attention to this picturesque town of 6,300 about 65 miles southeast of Tampa.

"I'm just trying to do what he wanted," said Beverly Georges, who wed Rick one week before he died at age 58. "He just wanted to be back there with his dog."

The city's planning and zoning board officials say the burial would violate city codes, as well as diminish property values and set a bad precedent. Georges and her attorney, Sandra Sanders, argue that city codes permit the burial because the house is near a real cemetery.

The City Council will have final say next month, but it's unlikely Georges will win support from town leaders.

"The primary use of residential property is for living persons, not for burying dead persons," City Attorney David C. Holloman said.

Neighbors fear that a gaudy monument will be going up in full view of most houses on the street. There's already a cross and a garden marking the grave of Bocephus, who was buried four years ago.

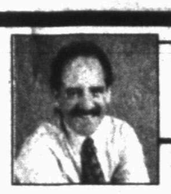
They're also sick of the TV satellite trucks cruising the street and out-of-town reporters knocking on doors.

"It's bizarre," said Lyle Kepple, whose front yard overlooks the dog's grave behind a high chain-link fence. "We feel this is a quiet, family atmosphere, and this will change it considerably."

While the city decides, Rick Georges' body is at a funeral home. Son Johnny Georges, 36, and other family members are angry he has not been buried in a cemetery.

"We're just trying to get him buried without having to go into this woman's yard to kneel down and visit his grave," the son said.

Johnny Georges worked with his father for 20 years in their agricultural irrigation and frost-proofing business.



On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

What makes a nutritionist?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Since my bout with heart disease at the age of 38, I have been working hard to change the way I live and approach life. I think I have made great progress through nutritional changes, exercise and stress management, and my doctors say I am on the right path. I now want to start a health-consultant business, because many people already call me for advice. I'm not sure what qualifies one to be a nutritionist, so perhaps there are even more basic facts I need to research. I think others might benefit from my experiences. Is there some sort of degree I can work toward that will make me a nutritionist — something that will formalize my training and serve as a credential to let people know that I studied the subject? — **M.Q., Portland, Ore.**

Dear M.Q.: Let me congratulate you on your strides toward better health. As you are well aware, it's a lifelong affair. The specific questions you pose hit on some thorny issues. One difficulty is that there is no accepted definition for "nutritionist." Many people with little or no formal training consider themselves nutritionists. Good nutrition is mostly common sense. Where we run into problems is in the interpretation and acceptance of new discoveries. It seems that there are always those attempting to foist new "miracles" on a populace anxious to jump at every "magic bullet" that comes down the road. History tells us that a few of these "bullets" will turn out to be true assets. Knowledge, training and talent come into play in separating the useful from the useless or harmful. Unless one can read and understand basic research, i.e., published peer-review scientific journals, it is difficult to examine new discoveries with a critical eye.

Employees in health and natural-food stores are routinely asked questions about health problems and often serve as de facto nutritional consultants. I have heard clerks dole out advice that is accurate and sensible, while others come up with off-the-wall, scary advisories that sell the product but pervert the issue. The field, as you can imagine, is a buyer-beware wild card.

I always advise people to seek out someone with bona fide credentials. You don't need a graduate degree to understand basic nutrition, but if you are serious about the field and want to make it a career, more sophisticated training can help you better understand and integrate new developments in research science. I have met many people who have gone through training as registered dietitians. They possess a depth and breath of knowledge about foods and its relation to health, and they are able to apply what they know to real-world situations. Consider checking into community colleges offering courses in basic and advanced nutrition. Take one, and see what it's like. You might also consider purchasing a science-based nutrition text to use as a reference. One title I use and recommend is "Understanding Nutrition," 9th edition, by Eleanor Noss Whitney and Sharon Rady Rolfes (Wadsworth Publishing Co., 2002).

Best wishes and continued good health for you and your family.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: You wrote in a recent column that an adult who doesn't move all day needs about 10 calories per pound of body weight. A sedentary adult who is up but sits around most of the day burns about 12 calories per pound. One who is lightly active needs 13 to 14 calories, while moderate activity requires about 15 calories per pound, and those who are very active burn about 18 calories per pound. Are the ratios you cite per pound of actual weight or per pound of ideal weight? My cousin David, for example, weighs a suitable 150 pounds and is sedentary, so he needs 12 calories per pound, which equals 1,800 calories per day. David's identical twin brother, Goliath, has David's height, build and activity level, but Goliath weighs 300 pounds. To lose weight, must Goliath limit himself to 1,800 calories per day or to 3,600 calories per day? — **M.S., Minneapolis, Minn.**

Dear M.S.: Good point. I should have mentioned that the numbers I gave are based on maintaining an ideal body weight. If Goliath limited himself to 1,800 calories while he sat around all day, he would slowly, but surely, lose weight. Obviously, the greater the activity, the less of a Goliath he will be. Thanks for your help.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Russia pledges to accept Iranian spent nuclear fuel

MOSCOW (AP) — Trying to soothe U.S. fears of Iran developing nuclear weapons, the atomic energy minister said Friday that Moscow would take back spent nuclear fuel from a Russian-built nuclear power station in Iran.

Russia is helping Iran build a 1,000-megawatt pressurized water reactor at Bushehr in a deal worth $800 million. U.S. officials fear spent fuel from the project could provide Iran with weapons-grade radioactive material and boost its efforts to develop nuclear weapons.

Atomic Energy Minister Alexander Rumyantsev said Russia worked out a protocol with Iran in November 1998 specifying that Russia would take back the spent nuclear fuel from Bushehr. But because Russia at the time didn't have a law allowing the import of such material, it could not be put into force, he said.

Now that the Russian parliament passed a law last year allowing the import of spent nuclear fuel, Russia and Iran will formally sign the protocol in September or October of this year — paving the way for the spent fuel to be returned to Russia, Rumyantsev said.

"We'll provide them with fresh fuel and take back the spent" material, Rumyantsev said, adding that Russia would not provide any fuel at all "until the signed regulations are in place."

The Bushehr project remains a major irritant in U.S.-Russian relations, despite the overall spirit of cooperation between Moscow and Washington in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Russia has brushed off U.S. complaints, saying the Iranian reactor can only be used for civilian purposes and will remain under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The Bushehr reactor is due to be completed by December 2003 and ready for operation by 2005, Russian officials have said. Rumyantsev said work at the plant is moving ahead.

"Construction of the first power unit is nearing completion," he said. "Heavy equipment is being supplied, along with the reactor's body, pipes and pumping equipment. In August, a turbine will be delivered."

Rumyantsev said that along with Iran, Russia is actively cooperating with China in building nuclear power plants. Russia is also preparing to import spent nuclear fuel from other countries in November, in line with the new law.

The law allows Russia to accept nuclear waste from abroad for storage and reprocessing, a measure that proponents say will bring in billions of dollars in revenue — money that could be used to clean up decades of past radioactive contamination in Russia.

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