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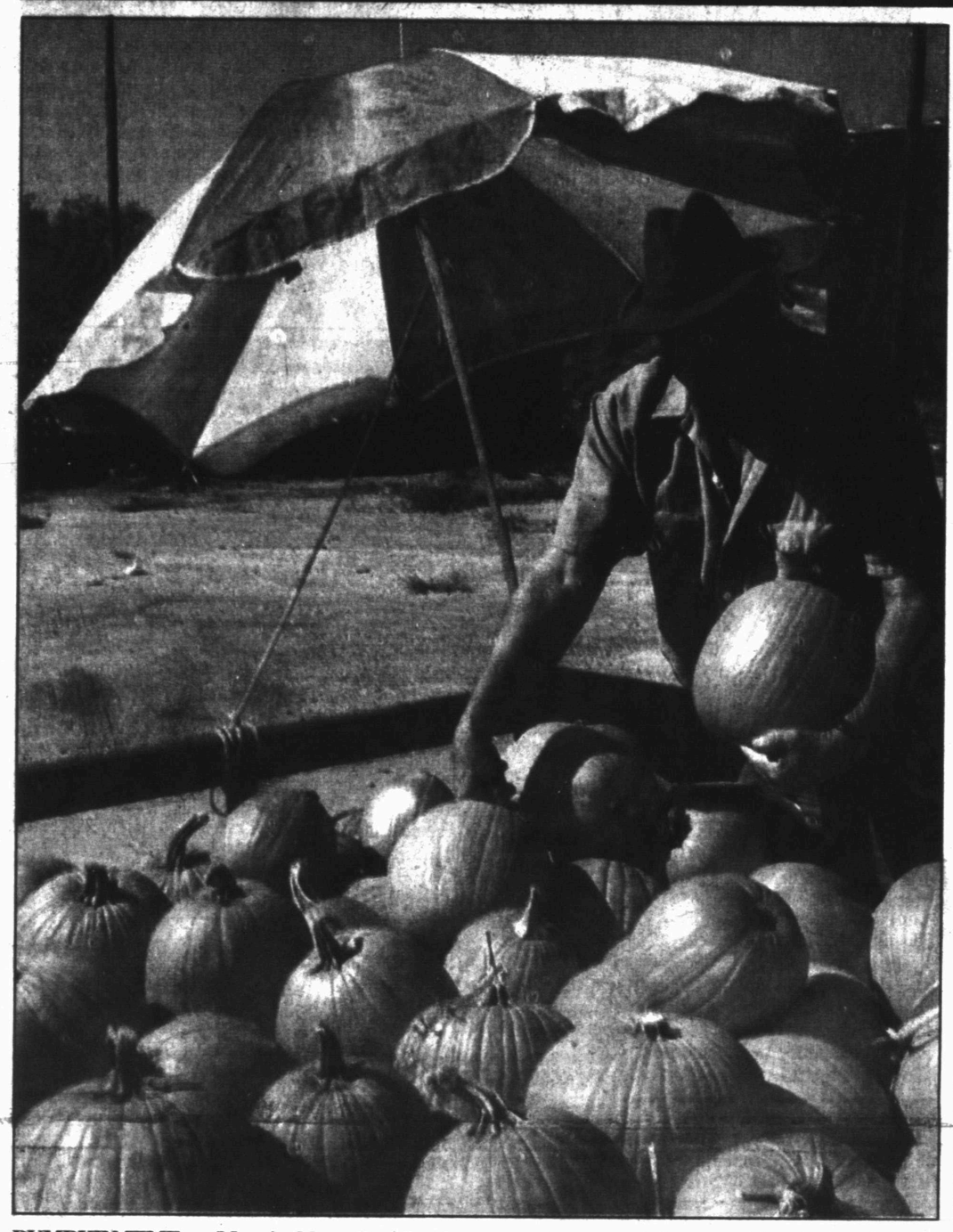
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Home of Ena Carroll



PUMPKIN TIME — Marvin Morrell of Snyder arranges some of the pumpkins he has for sale on College Ave. Morrell said he brings the pumpkins from Floydada and he also has watermelons from Brownfield. (SDN Staff Photo)

As Isidore swirls...

Coastal cities brace for storm

HOUMA, La. (AP) — Schools are closed, hospitals were asked to postpone some surgeries and coastal residents were urged to evacuate as Tropical Storm Isidore swirled toward Louisiana and Mississippi today.

Wind and rain from the fringe of the storm slapped at both states' coasts late Tuesday and Isidore was expected to hit with hurricane force as early as tonight.

In southwest Terrebonne Parish, which stands right in the middle of Isidore's anticipated path, officials opened an emergency shelter and said they expected around 2,000 people to show up.

"Once it gets here, we don't want it to stay and visit us," Terrebonne Parish president Bobby Bergeron said. "This hurricane is not next door. It is on our back door."

At 9 a.m. EDT, Isidore was about 305 miles south of New Orleans and heading north at about 13 mph. Its sustained winds rose to 60 mph but were not expected to strengthen today.

Isidore swept over Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula Monday, tearing off roofs, cutting communications and leaving at least two people dead. By Tuesday morning, it was back over open water in the Gulf of Mexico. Its sustained winds had fallen below hurricane strength of 74 mph as the storm moved over land but then rose again to 60 mph in the Gulf.

Today, a hurricane watch stretched some 300 miles from Cameron, in southwestern Louisiana, to Pascagoula, Miss., and a tropical storm warning encompassed the wider area, from the upper Texas coast to Destin, Fla.

Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove declared a state of emergency late Tuesday for his entire state in anticipation of Isidore's impact.

Ira trustees seek lowest propane bids

Ira school trustees met in special session Tuesday night to discuss fuel purchases for the district and decided to take bids on propane on an as-needed basis.

"When we need propane, we will call the distributors and get the lowest price possible," said James Bible, interim superintendent.

Bible also said the trustees hired his wife, Dixie Bible, a certified librarian, as the school's library consultant.

"We recently got a $30,000 grant for the library and part of the requirements is to have a certified librarian at our facility once a month," said Bible.

"She received her certification from the University of Texas and was hired on a one-year contract," said Bible.

Contract awarded for Huffman Ave. overpass

Jones Bros. Construction of Odessa has been awarded the contract by the Texas Department of Transportation to build an overpass over Huffman Ave. on Hwy. 84.

Mike Molter, area engineer for TxDOT, said the $5 million project could be underway in about three months and the contract calls for completion in 320 calendar days.

The intersection has long been considered a safety hazard and numerous accidents have occurred there, including those with fatalities.

Molter also said the contract for improvements to College Avenue is due to be let in February, pending approval of the bridge plans over Deep Creek.

The height of the bridge over 27th Street is currently being reviewed, said Molter.

The $4.2 million project will run from 25th St. to the south city limits.

Thursday morning...

Cogdell board will hear a number of reports in meeting

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will hear a number of reports when it meets at 8 a.m. Thursday in the hospital boardroom.

CEO George Parsley will report on the employee health plan, as well as a pharmacy benefit program and the emergency department renovation.

Joe Wright, chief financial officer, will report on a change in some medical record policies and procedures, as well as the monthly financial statements. Nursing director Cheryl Chance will update the board on a proposed internal agency staffing policy.

Chance also will give an in-service report on maintaining an adequate number of nurses at the hospital.

Dr. James Burleson, chief of staff, will give his monthly medical report.

WTC Foundation...

Retiring board members to be honored Thursday

Western Texas College will honor three retiring Foundation board members Thursday with a reception in the Scurry County Museum on the college campus.

Bill Wilson Jr., Bill Seale and Pat Falls will be honored at the 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. reception.

Dennis Noblett, director of development at WTC, said the men will receive a token of appreciation from the college.

"As these three men rotated off the foundation board this year, the board wanted to honor them for their part in bringing the amount of our endowed scholarship fund to $1 million," he said.

Dr. Greg Williams, WTC president, said the reception is to show appreciation for "everything these men have done for this college and for this community."

"They have been pillars of our community and of the college as foundation members and they have done outstanding work that will benefit this all of us for years to come," he said.

Wilson also was one of the original college trustees.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

Area sales tax rebates

City	Sept. '02	Sept. '01	+/-	Year '02	Year '01	+/-
Abilene	$2,041,940.22	$1,847,506.09	10.52%	$19,243,113.13	$18,938,757.22	1.60%
Big Spring	$266,390.29	$260,515.41	2.25%	$2,876,143.12	$2,803,044.30	2.60%
Colorado City	$29,779.90	$32,023.24	-7.00%	$305,061.31	$324,726.68	-6.05%
Lamesa	$57,719.70	$60,827.43	-5.10%	$626,743.71	$665,671.46	-5.84%
Lubbock	$2,277,421.91	$2,168,502.05	5.02%	$21,532,895.09	$21,213,629.79	1.50%
Post	$20,822.89	$21,899.90	-4.91%	$196,892.39	$223,321.10	-11.83%
Roby	$1,613.30	$1,154.12	39.78%	$15,799.72	$16,555.97	-4.56%
Rotan	$11,417.14	$8,508.59	34.18%	$101,463.17	$98,304.85	3.21%
Snyder	$116,724.55	$109,933.92	6.17%	$1,077,495.19	$1,055,839.26	2.05%
Sweetwater	$155,482.57	$150,905.91	3.03%	$1,390,077.69	$1,425,197.69	-2.46%

SALES TAX REBATES — Snyder's sales tax rebate for the month of September was up 6.17 percent from the same month last year. The city's check this month is $116,724.55 as compared to $109,933.92 a year ago.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Shirley A. Gorman



After retiring as an elementary school teacher, Sammie Jarrell found a new calling — volunteering.

The Snyder woman, a longtime member of the Methodist Church's Volunteers in Missions Program, completed her seventh trip to Guatemala in July.

The "tremendous needs of the people" draw her back to the country every year. By now, Sammie is a veteran who well knows the mechanics of the yearly trips.

Hesitant at first, the Guatemalans now welcome them with open arms. They speak a Mayan dialect so an interpreter is needed.

The volunteers work in an extremely poor section of the country and are based in Chichicastango. For the first six years, Sammie helped the medical team dispense medicine. This year's assignment was different though. She worked with the dentistry program, learning to load a syringe and sneak it to the dentist so the patient doesn't see it.

The Guatemalans can't afford dental care so their teeth are in pretty bad shape. It's common for them to have the first four teeth missing. Usually, the most the dentist can do is extract the decayed teeth. Patients are given pain pills and antibiotics for infections.

They also don't have any toothpaste and the VIM group can't carry any with them because it would take up space needed for medicine. They do distribute toothbrushes though and try to demonstrate how to use them.

Guatemalans also develop cataracts because they don't have the resources to buy sunglasses to protect their eyes from the effects of the high altitude sunlight.

It's also common for an entire family to live in a one-room home. Some still build fires inside and the smoke inhalation causes lots of respiratory problems. The more modern homes have wood burning stoves and vents in the ceiling.

Women usually do the laundry by hand in the closest river. But some have started using the more modern concrete wash basins. The washing gives them a chance to visit while they work.

Walking is the basic mode of transportation and the roads are anything but smooth. Yet Guatemalans carry things on their back and baskets on their heads.

"God willing," Sammie plans to go back to Guatemala next July. During the year she will think "off and on" about the 2003 trip; mainly what she can bring that will help the people. This year, the volunteers brought a lot of lip balm, because they saw so many cracked and chapped lips during the July 2002 trip. During a previous trip, paramedics from Abilene brought an ambulance to Guatemala and they gave CPR instructions.

The needs of the people are so great, that volunteers can become frustrated because they provide so little help. Occasionally, they contribute funds to pay for medical care for seriously ill people; such as those with cleft palates.

It doesn't matter that the medical service the volunteers provide is the equivalent of a Band-Aid. Like the starfish story, helping one person, even in a small way, makes it all worthwhile.

ASK US

Q—When can we expect full reception to return to Channel 11?

A—A KCBD engineer said a temporary antenna is currently in use, causing the weak signal. A new antenna will be operational by the end of October.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 78 degrees; low, 48; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 48; no precipitation; total for 2002, 16.30 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear; low around 60; light, variable winds. Thursday, sunny, high near 90; E winds 5-10 mph. Thursday night, clear, low upper 50s.



Mary Quintero
Sunny

Sunset:
7:36 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:34 a.m.

Of 267 days in 2002, the sun has shone 260 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I like dreams of the future better than history of the past.

—Thomas Jefferson

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Vaccine for virus likely in 3 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — A West Nile virus vaccine to protect against the sometimes fatal infection could be ready in as little as three years, federal scientists told Congress.

A way to test the nation's blood supply against the virus might be in place next summer, the scientists said Tuesday.

The mosquito-borne virus has infected 2,000 people in 32 states so far this year and killed 98. Particularly worrisome are recent discoveries that West Nile apparently can be spread through blood transfusions if someone donates blood shortly after becoming infected, and that it occasionally causes a polio-like paralysis.

Still, public health specialists are expressing cautious optimism. While West Nile virus is here to stay, they expect infections to fall sharply — possibly as early as next year — as more people become immune and communities act quickly each spring to destroy mosquito eggs and breeding grounds.

There even are hints that immunity against cousins of West Nile — such as yellow fever, dengue fever and St. Louis encephalitis — might provide protection against the new virus too.

In experiments, genes from the West Nile virus were added to the structure of the yellow fever vaccine, and proved protective in animal studies, said Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health.

A biotechnology company, Acambis, plans to begin tests in a few dozen people soon to see if the experimental vaccine is safe, and if later testing proves its effectiveness, it could be available in three years, Fauci told a Senate hearing.



OCEANS AND CONTINENTS — Hermleigh third graders recently studied the continents and oceans. In order to work on their papier-mache globes, students had to be able to identify and locate all of the continents and oceans. Students pictured from left are Carly Gill, Larissa Nachlinger, Fabian Fuentes, Santos Reynoza and Delinda Dacus. Joyce Lionberger is the teacher. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Ag department announces ways to improve meat saftey

WASHINGTON (AP) — Criticized for its handling of a large ground beef recall this summer, the Agriculture Department is toughening food safety policies and will begin randomly testing for E. coli at all meatpacking plants.

The policy reverses a 1998 directive that allowed some plants to be exempt from such tests and gives the agency greater authority to shut down packing plants where contamination is found.

"Strengthening food safety programs that protect consumers from foodborne hazards continues to be a top priority at USDA," Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said in announcing the policy Tuesday. It is to take effect in a few weeks.

The news came just days after a congressional audit said the public could be sickened by tainted meat because the department's Food Safety and Inspection Service has been lax in enforcement.

Some members of Congress questioned the department after it recalled 19 million pounds of ConAgra ground beef this summer because of E. coli contamination — the second largest recall in history. The meat sickened 17 people in Colorado.

Scientific data shows that E. coli bacteria has become more prevalent, prompting the agency to toughen inspections and rules, said Elsa Murano, undersecretary for the FSIS.

"These action steps move beyond detection of this hazard and on to preventing it," she said in a written statement.

E. coli is a bacteria found in animal intestines and manure. It can be carried by cattle hauled to factories for slaughter. People who eat contaminated meat can become very ill and even die.

Department officials said they aren't sure why E. coli has become more prevalent.

The agency, often accused by groups of being too soft on the meat industry, also is putting the onus on companies to develop a system to prevent outbreaks.

Consumer groups touted the rules as a first step toward safer meat.

"USDA needed to take action, and I think the GAO report was just confirming what we already knew, which is the program needed to be improved to protect public health," said Caroline Smith DeWaal, director of food safety for the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

The Consumer Federation of America said it supports the change but wants the agency to do more. Spokesman Art Jaeger said the Agriculture Department should increase the number of random tests it conducts in all packing plants.

Bees trained to find land mines

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Trained honeybees have shown a remarkable ability to sniff out land mines, suggesting a possible new way to find the estimated 110 million unexploded land mines around the world, according to researchers at the University of Montana.

Jerry Bromenshenk has studied bees as pollution sensors and environmental sensors for the past 30 years. He said honeybees have proven themselves to be easier to train, harder working and more accurate than bomb-sniffing dogs.

Honeybees have a very refined sense of smell, live in packs of thousands, cover ground more quickly than dogs, and learn a new task in a matter of days, he said.

"We know bees can sense vapors at levels dogs can't get to," Bromenshenk said. "If they can smell it, they will be as good or better than dogs at finding it."

For two years the bees have been finding simulated land mines that smell like the real thing. So far the bees have a near-perfect track record, said researcher Colin Henderson.

The United Nations estimates about 110 million unexploded land mines lurk around the world, and each year some 26,000 people are killed or maimed by the hidden bombs.

events

TEXAS LOTTO

RESULTS

Tuesday's Lottery Numbers
Texas Two Step
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
15-16-19-22
Bonus number 4
Estimated jackpot: $425,000
Pick 3
(Day) 7-6-9
(Night) 4-4-1
Cash Five
11-12-23-28-33

Merle Haggard cancels 11 concerts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer Merle Haggard canceled 11 concerts this month because of back trouble, a spokesman said.

"Merle said he is sorry about this inconvenience ... and he hopes everyone understands," said Lance Roberts, his booking agent.

Haggard, 65, has four herniated discs in his back and is at home in California resting and getting medical care, Roberts said Friday. More concerts could be canceled, depending on what treatment is prescribed.

September concerts had been scheduled in Memphis, Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tenn.; Washington; Atlanta; and other cities.

Haggard's hits include "Mama Tried" and "Okie From Muskogee."

He is a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Date Book

Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2002

Today is the 268th day of 2002 and the fourth day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, the U.S. Senate approved 12 amendments to the Constitution. Ten of them were ratified, and became known as the Bill of Rights.

On this day in 1957, after a federal court ordered racial integration, nine African-American students entered Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., under the protection of the National Guard.

On this day in 1978, a U.S. District Court judge granted Melissa Ludtke, a Sports Illustrated writer, access to the locker rooms at Yankee Stadium. The suit, which was filed by Sports Illustrated after Ludtke was not allowed into the locker rooms in 1977, asked for equal access for women to interview players.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Faulkner (1897-1962), writer; Mark Rothko (1903-1970), painter; Pedro Almodovar (1951-), director, is 51; Will Smith (1968-), rapper and actor, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, Satchel Paige became the oldest player ever to appear in a major league game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To live anywhere in the world today and be against equality because of race or color is like living in Alaska and being against snow." — William Faulkner

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

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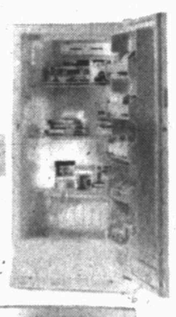
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man holding in-law's ashes may have lost grip on reality

DEAR ABBY: My family has always had its share of eccentrics, but my older brother, "Rusty," has me perplexed. His mother-in-law, "Louise," passed away six months ago and was cremated per her wishes. She left a considerable amount of money to my brother and sister-in-law — well into seven figures. Rusty was always fond of his mother-in-law, and I recognize their bond, but his actions of late have grown bizarre.

Rusty now takes Louise's ashes with him to family functions, graduations, camping trips — and even got a permit to take her remains sailing with them in the Caribbean.

Louise travels first class to more places and attends more functions as cremains than she did when she was flesh and blood. Meanwhile, our own dear mother is still living, and she is never invited to accompany them on any of these trips.

What's your reading of this? — **POOR BUT SANE BROTHER**

DEAR BROTHER: Your brother could have separation issues with Louise, or he could be overwhelmingly grateful for the windfall she left them. He may bring the ashes to family functions in an effort to assure that Louise, although gone, is not forgotten.

Your signature indicates that you suspect your brother may have lost touch with reality. Mention your concerns to your brother. If he doesn't have a logical explanation, mention your concerns to his wife. If she agrees, he should have a mental and neurological evaluation.

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DEAR ABBY: I met a wonderful man, "Ryan," whom I love dearly. We were planning on a June wedding, but I called it off because of his heavy credit card debt. I thought it should be paid off before we got married.

Also, Ryan has a way of hiding things from me that I feel should be out in the open. If he gets a call from a bill collector, he always goes into another room to talk. Shouldn't I be included in what's going on in his life?

I would offer to help with his debt, but Ryan makes three times as much money as I do. Plus, I have discovered that some of his credit card charges are from Internet porn sites. (He swears he no longer frequents them.)

Don't get me wrong, Abby. This man has done everything he can to get back on track financially so we can be married. But I still feel he's hiding little things from me — mostly about money.

Am I making too much of this? What should I do or say when he talks about setting another wedding date? I'm not shy about speaking up and sharing my feelings, but somehow he isn't willing to open up and come clean with me.

Your advice would be greatly appreciated. — **WARY FIANCEE IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR WARY: Trust is everything in a relationship — and you and this man don't have it. Listen to your intuition, and if you do decide to marry him, insist on premarital and credit counseling first, and keep your own separate line of credit so his cannot ruin yours.

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Three INS agents indicted in one immigrant's death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The death of a Mexican immigrant who died after he was allegedly beaten and doused with pepper spray has led to federal indictments against three U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service agents.

Veteran deportation officers Carlos Reyna, Richard Henry Gonzales and Louis Rey Gomez are accused of violating Serafin Olvera-Carrera's civil rights in a five-count indictment unsealed Tuesday in Houston.

Olvera-Carrera, a 47-year-old father of five and illegal immigrant who lived in Houston, lived about a year after prosecutors contend he was paralyzed in the INS raid at a Bryan home on March 25, 2001.

The indictment accuses Reyna, 42, of beating Olvera-Carrera, and accuses Gonzales, 36, of dousing him with pepper spray. Reyna, Gonzales and Gomez, 36, all of San Antonio, are accused of denying Olvera-Carrera medical care after his paralyzing injury.

Such civil rights charges are rarely brought against law officers, U.S. Attorney Michael Shelby said, because the prosecution must prove an officer intended to violate the victim's rights.

"This was a bodily assault, a chemical assault," said Shelby. "It was an intentional and willful indifference to (Olvera-Carrera's) well-being."

The INS agents were arrested as they showed up for work Tuesday at their San Antonio offices. They've been suspended with pay, said Denton Lankford, an INS spokesman in San Antonio.

"The INS takes very seriously the charges against its officers," said Lankford.

Shelby said Olvera-Carrera had attempted to convince the officers he had been paralyzed by the beating, and they "basically disregarded his pleas" to take him to a doctor.



Texas parolee is set to die for capital murder

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — With at least four felony convictions already on his record, parolee Calvin Eugene King was no stranger to the criminal justice system when he went on trial for capital murder.

A Jefferson County jury wasted little time returning him to prison, deliberating only 30 minutes before deciding King was guilty and deliberating just an hour before voting he should go to death row for the fatal stabbing of a Silsbee man during a drug deal robbery in Beaumont in 1994.

King, 48, was set for execution this evening.

He'd be the 28th Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this year and the second in as many days.

On Tuesday, Rex Mays, who worked occasionally as a clown and had dressed as Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny, was executed for fatally stabbing a pair of Houston girls in 1992.

Attorneys asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review King's case in hopes of delaying the punishment.

King was on parole when he was arrested for killing Billy Wayne Ezell, 21, of Silsbee, about 20 miles north of Beaumont.

Relatives described Ezell as ignorant of the ways of the city and making poor choices by choosing to sell crack cocaine in Beaumont in the days before his death.

"According to one of his buddies and his mom, he was looking at this as an opportunity to make some really good money, really quickly, because he thought that would help him get back together with estranged wife," said Ramon Rodriguez, the Jefferson County assistant district attorney who prosecuted King. "He was just a country boy in over his head.

"People at the hotel said he was flashing cash. It was not surprising somebody took advantage of him."

Evidence showed that was King, a landscaper who had been on parole for about five months after serving only four years of a 25-year prison term for burglary in Dallas County.

Court records indicated Ezell was lured to a Beaumont motel Feb. 26, 1994 where he was stabbed, beaten and robbed by King and a partner, Leonard Johnson, also of Dallas.

"It was a was a very brutal crime," Rodriguez said this week. "We're talking dozens of stab wounds, and then being bludgeoned with a table lamp."

Today's chuckle

Neighbor saves friendly cow

CUMMING, Ga. (AP) — After JoAnne Leach bonded with her neighbor, a friendly breeder cow named Ginger, she knew the animal would make a better pet than a steak.

So when the cow's owner was forced to sell off some of his livestock, Leach couldn't let Ginger be sold to the stockyard.



"I really do not find cows very interesting, but Ginger is different," Leach wrote in an appeal for the 5-year-old cow and her unborn calf.

The Forsyth County resident pleaded Ginger's case over a popular community Web site. One community activist sent out 150 e-mails on the bovine's behalf.

Leach thought a home with a pasture or a petting farm was just what Ginger needed. Marsha and Page Lathem offered their pasture in Cherokee County to be Ginger's new home.

Ginger's owner, Larry Shadburn, is selling her for $475. The Lathems are paying $375 and the Leaches are putting up $100 and providing transportation to Ginger's new grazing ground.

Leach forged her friendship with Ginger at a pasture fence.

"She'd come for a treat or visits when you called her and let you pet her neck. She helped dispose of our apples and pears this summer and enjoys dinner leftovers," Leach told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

On Saturdays, Leach says Ginger follows her and her husband, Ken, along the fence, keeping them company as they trim shrubs and waiting patiently for Rice Krispie treats and dinner leftovers.

Shadburn raised and hand-fed Ginger and her sisters. He said he doesn't want to sell the cows, but the parched pasture no longer provides enough grazing for all the animals — all of whom are pregnant, including Ginger.

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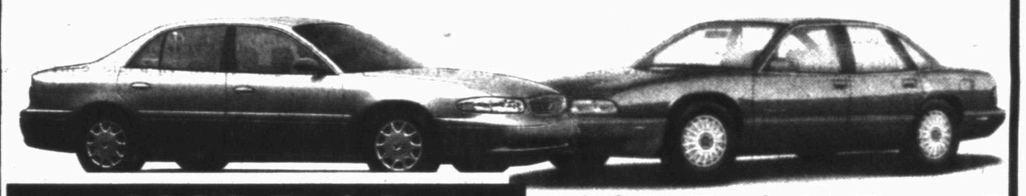
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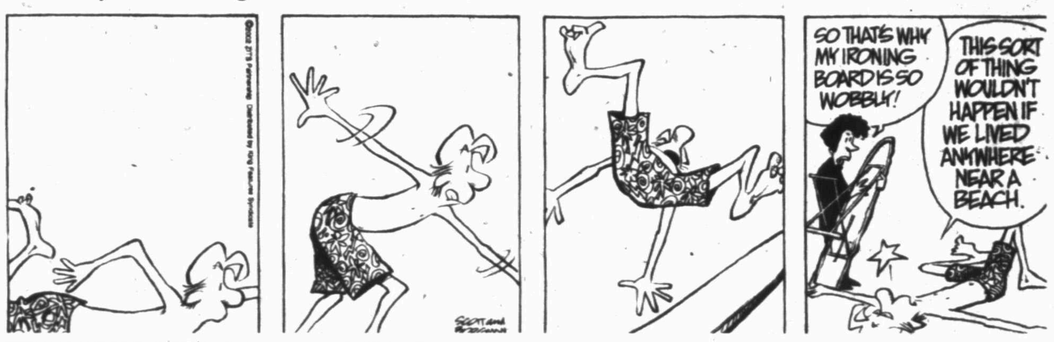
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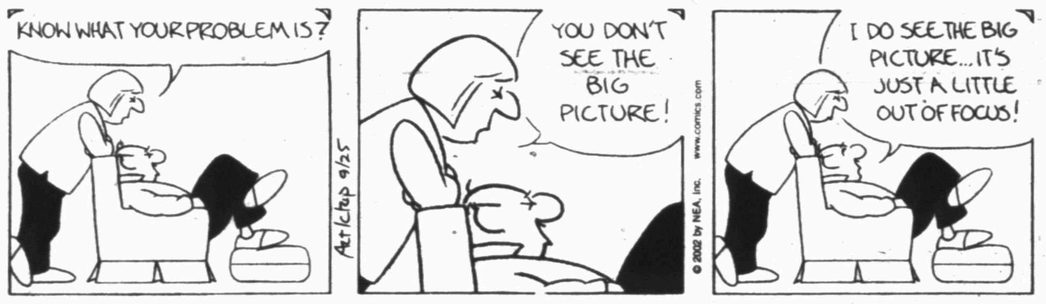
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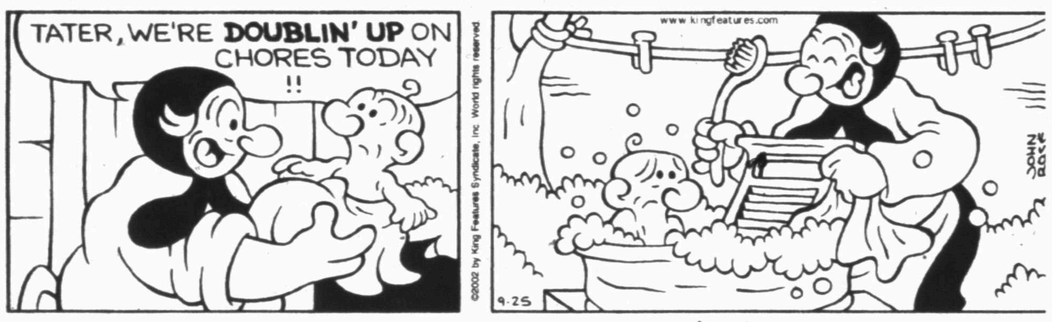
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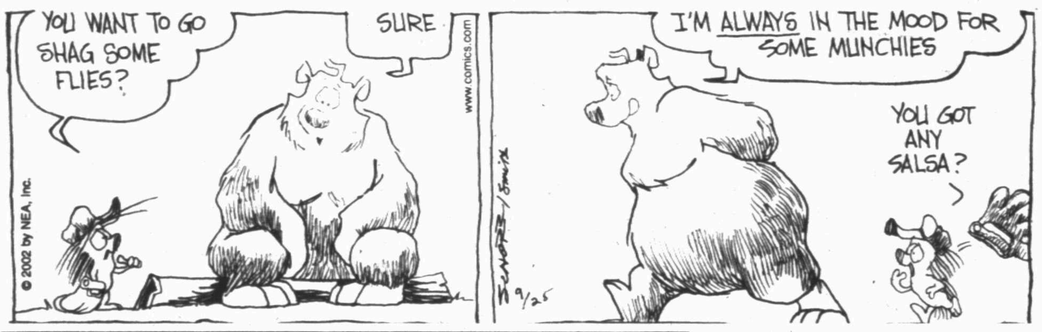
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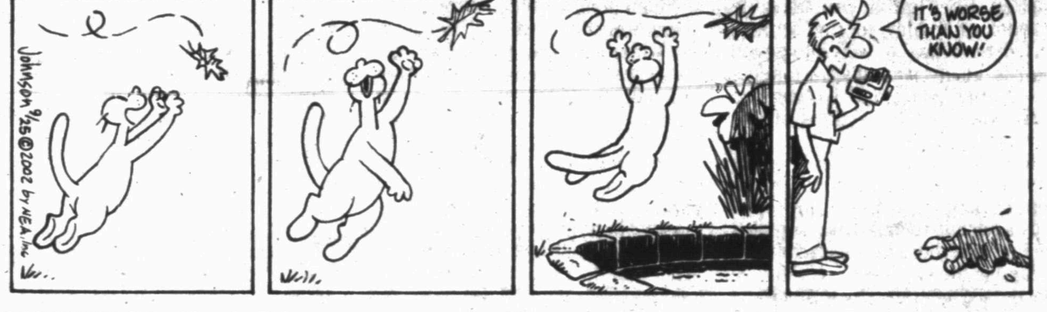
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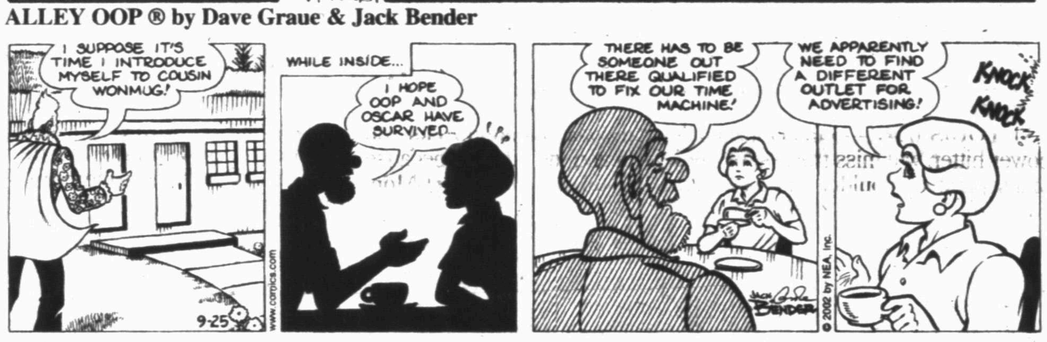
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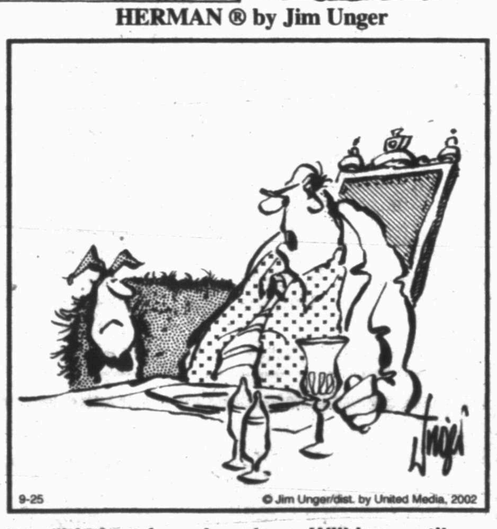
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1 Kids around
6 Finish second
11 Sci-fi thriller
13 Minister's helper
14 Nelson of country music
15 Scale
16 Hosp. employee
17 Ground breaker
18 Used to be
21 Votes
23 Not allow
26 Lb. or tsp.
27 Eventful period
28 Showed up
29 Early settler
31 Berg
32 Seine moorages
33 Bored into
36 Swarm with
37 Leia's rescuer
38 Fortas or Vigoda
39 "The Addams Family" cousin
40 Hoodlums, slangily
42 June honoree
43 Gigantic
44 Periscope site
46 Dismay
49 Eloquent speaker
53 Prepare to share
54 Soft wool
55 Denominations
56 Railroad terminal

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1 Yak
2 New Haven student
3 Part of RSVP
4 Confide in
5 Bit
6 Acapulco cash
7 See-through fabric
8 King beater
9 Opposing
10 Finale
12 Pedro's wife
13 "Slightly Scarlet" star
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19 Talisman
20 Thoroughfare
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25 Lacked
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30 Tenet
34 Kidnapper's demand
35 Took out a policy
40 Paints gold
41 Look rudely at
43 Worm, maybe
45 Empty
46 Billboards
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48 Pipe plastic
50 Summit
51 Lennon's Yoko —
52 Go bad

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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

WTC men's golf tournament

The Men's Golf Association will host its monthly tournament Saturday at the Western Texas College golf course. Format is two-man low ball and cost is $7. Tee time is slated for 1 p.m. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more info.

Hunter education course

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

Youth bowling league

The Snyder youth bowling league meets Saturdays at 10 a.m. at Snyder Lanes for bowlers age 3 to 21. Call 573-4438 for more info.

WTC golf tournament

The second annual WTC SGA four-man select golf tournament will be held Oct. 5 at the WTC Golf Course. Shotgun starts are slated for 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is $160 per team and first prize is $360. Proceeds will benefit the Student Government Association.

Flag football

Any teams interested in playing TAAF flag football should contact Earl Ware at 573-0800 before Oct. 7.

Couples golf tournament

The second annual Putters and Duffers couples golf tournament will be held Oct. 5-6 at the Scurry County golf course. Cost is $140 per couple. To register contact Xalyn Palacios at 574-3343.

Mike Webster, Steeler legend, dead at 50

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Webster, the Hall of Fame center who helped the Pittsburgh Steelers win four Super Bowls and whose life spiraled into drug use and homelessness after he retired, died at age 50.

Webster died in the coronary care unit at Allegheny General Hospital, but the hospital did not announce a cause of death. He was considered one of the game's greatest centers and was voted in 2000 to the All-Time NFL Team.

Faulk's status is uncertain

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Marshall Faulk's neck injury doesn't appear to be as serious as first thought, but the status of the St. Louis Rams running back is uncertain for Sunday's game with the Dallas Cowboys

D-backs star lost for the season

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Luis Gonzalez, the Arizona Diamondbacks' top power hitter, will miss the rest of the season and the playoffs because of a separated shoulder and torn ligaments. Gonzalez was hurt Monday night in a collision with shortstop Tony Womack.

Moss in jail on felony charges

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota Vikings receiver Randy Moss was arrested after being accused of bumping a traffic control agent with his car for a half-block.

Police said the agent, a city employee but not an officer, was not seriously hurt.

Moss was in jail on suspicion of assault with a dangerous weapon, a felony. The county attorney would consider charges Wednesday.

Pierce testifies against men who stabbed him

BOSTON (AP) - Celtics forward Paul Pierce said he was attacked from all directions, left bloodied and asked emergency room doctors whether he would live after being stabbed two years ago, as he testified in the trial of three men charged in the assault.

MLB Standings

American League
At A Glance
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-New York	99	58	.631	—
Boston	91	66	.580	8
Toronto	73	84	.465	26
Baltimore	67	90	.427	32
Tampa Bay	54	103	.344	45
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Minnesota	90	66	.577	—
Chicago	79	78	.503	11½
Cleveland	70	87	.446	20½
Kansas City	61	96	.389	29½
Detroit	54	102	.346	36
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oakland	99	58	.631	—
Anaheim	96	61	.611	3
Seattle	91	66	.580	8
Texas	71	86	.452	28

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Tuesday's Games

Toronto 11, Baltimore 1
N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 0
Texas 2, Anaheim 1
Minnesota 4, Cleveland 3
Boston 4, Chicago White Sox 2
Kansas City 17, Detroit 2
Seattle 8, Oakland 7

Wednesday's Games

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

Thursday's Games

Boston (Burkett 12-8) at Chicago White Sox (D.Wright 13-12), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 8-4) at Texas (Lewis 1-2), 3:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lidle 8-10) at Seattle (Pineiro 14-7), 6:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Hentgen 0-3) at Toronto (Loaiza 8-10), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 8-11) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 12-5), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Drese 9-9) at Minnesota (Radke 9-5), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Cornejo 1-4) at Kansas City (Suppan 8-16), 8:05 p.m.

National League
At A Glance
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Atlanta	97	58	.626	—
Montreal	79	78	.503	19
Philadelphia	79	78	.503	19
Florida	76	81	.484	22
New York	74	82	.474	23½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-St. Louis	93	64	.592	—
Houston	83	75	.525	10½
Cincinnati	76	81	.484	17
Pittsburgh	70	87	.446	23
Chicago	65	92	.414	28
Milwaukee	55	102	.350	38
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Arizona	94	63	.599	—
San Francisco	91	66	.580	3
Los Angeles	88	69	.561	6
Colorado	73	84	.465	21
San Diego	65	92	.414	29

x-clinched playoff spot
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Tuesday's Games

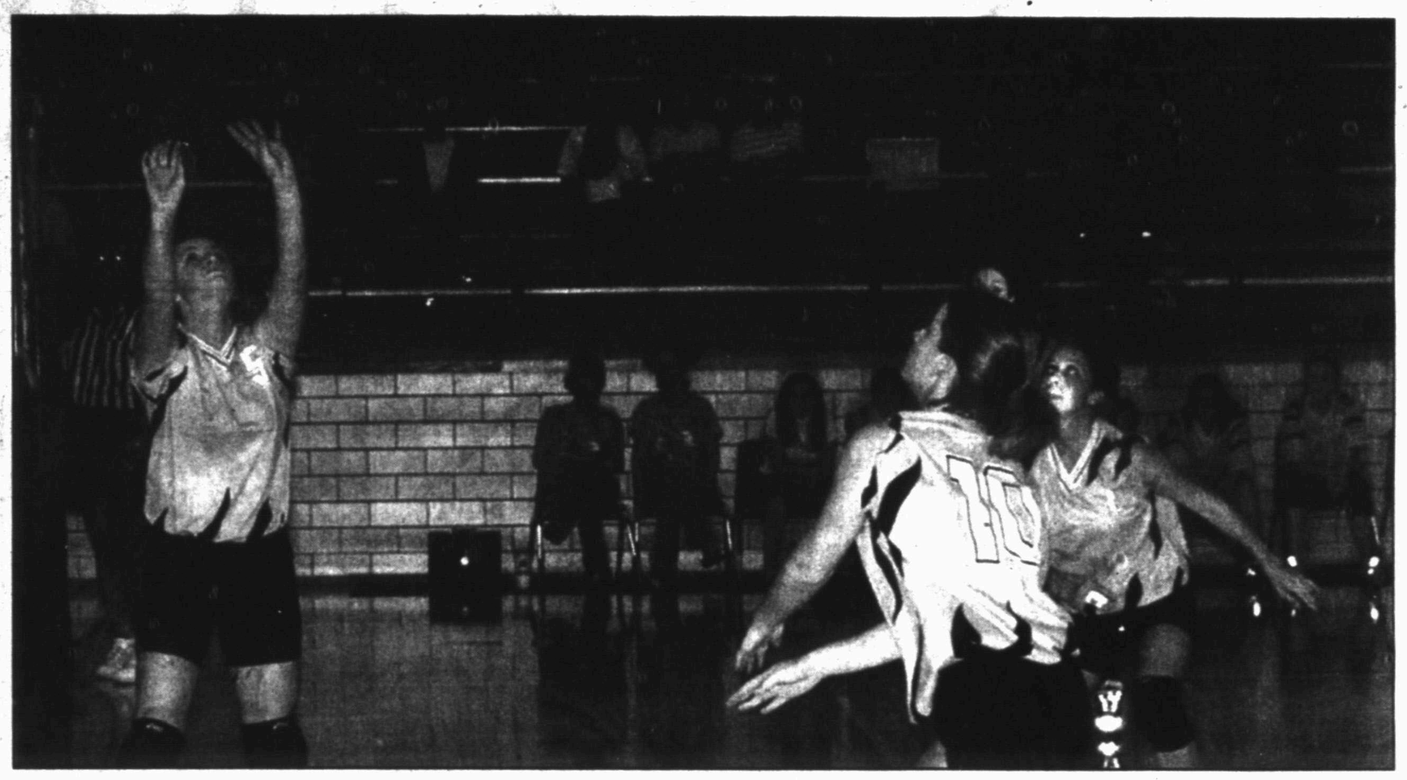
Florida 9, Montreal 6
Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Mets 3
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 3
Cincinnati 1, Chicago Cubs 0
Milwaukee 3, Houston 1
St. Louis 3, Arizona 2
Colorado 1, Los Angeles 0
San Francisco 12, San Diego 3

Wednesday's Games

Arizona (Schilling 23-6) at St. Louis (Stephenson 1-5), 1:40 p.m.
Florida (Beckett 5-7) at Montreal (Colon 10-3), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Middlebrook 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Meadows 1-6), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Moss 11-6) at Philadelphia (B.Myers 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dempster 9-13) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 12-10), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Neugebauer 1-7) at Houston (Munro 5-5), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 16-8) at Los Angeles (Carrara 6-3), 10:10 p.m.
San Diego (Condrey 1-1) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 11-16), 10:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Cincinnati (Graves 6-3) at Chicago Cubs (C.Zambrano 4-7), 2:20 p.m.
Florida (Penny 8-6) at Montreal (Armas Jr. 11-12), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Thomson 9-13) at Pittsburgh (Torres 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 17-8) at Philadelphia (Roa 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Diggins 0-3) at St. Louis (Morris 16-9), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Flores 0-1) at Arizona (Johnson 23-5), 9:35 p.m.



GET SET! — Heather Holmes sets the ball for hitters Courtney Cox (10) and Heather Zajicek Tuesday during the junior varsity match at home against Denver City. The JV squad fell 4-15, 5-15 against a precise and experienced Lady Mustangs team. The JV will travel to Lamesa Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

In district play...

Volleyball teams stopped by skilled Denver City rivals

Despite a seemingly lopsided score, Snyder varsity volleyball coach Laura Moses said the team played its best match of the season in losing to district foe Denver City, 3-15, 5-15.

"The score didn't indicate just how well we played," she said. "I loved the movement, the footwork and the concentration of the girls."

Moses made some lineup changes heading into the match, and she said they worked out well.

"I put Z (Zipporah Peoples) on the outside, and she had five kills," she said. "And Sarah Crawford in the middle had three blocks in a row. I'm really happy with what she did."

Afton Schwertner and Shelley Fisk each had key kills for the Lady Tigers.

Moses said Kelsey Johnson specialized in the middle back and did a terrific job picking up digs, totaling eight for the match. "She's getting the hang of holding her position."

Moses said the final game was a strong showing for the character of the team.

"We held them at 14 for a full rotation," she said. "We played great defense, but we just got outplayed by a more experienced team."

She said the team had a bit of trouble with the work of the Denver City offense, which Moses said was fast, with short, quick sets.

Moses said that although the girls were upset with the loss, the attitude and enthusiasm is evident.

"The practices have been really good," she said. "And you can tell it in the game — the girls are having fun."

Snyder is now 1-2 in district play, heading into its match at Lamesa Saturday at 1 p.m.

"We want to get a good ranking," Moses said. "We aren't content to just make the playoffs."

In junior varsity action, Snyder dropped its match to Denver City in straight sets, 4-15, 5-15.

JV coach Wendi Parks said the team had some difficulty picking up tips in the match.

"Nobody played poorly," Parks said. "We played hard, but Denver City just had more skill and experience."

The freshman team also was beaten by Denver City Tuesday, falling 15-13, 10-15 and 6-15.

Freshman coach Shelley Hayes said Shaela Thompson hit very well, and Emily Jones added some good passes.

Jones and Sarah Henson had five points and Jessica Taylor added three.

Teddi Crenwelge, Erica Little and Bianca Gonzales also scored for the ninth-graders.

The JV and freshmen teams will travel to Lamesa with the varsity Saturday, with the first serve scheduled for 1 p.m.

Jr. high spikers split with Colorado City

The Snyder junior high volleyball teams split their matches against Colorado City Monday, with the "B" team taking a three-game victory and the "A" dropping their match in three games.

The "A" team fell 15-10, 12-15 and 2-15, with Terrann Ragland leading all scorers with 10 service points. Sarah Covington added six points for the squad, and Lacree Tippens and Katy Crenwelge each contributed three points.

Other scorers for the "A" team were Shannon Mangis and Ashley Luecke with two points apiece.

Jordan Stansell, Brianna Bernal and Kaitlynn Greenlee each added a service point.

The "B" team rolled to a 15-2, 8-15 and 15-3 win, with LaShekka Richardson contributing 13 service points for the victors.

Tana Sullenger and Sydney Wright each served up seven points, and Heather West added four points in the match.

Other scorers for the "B" squad included Cheyenne Roemisch, Ember Proffitt and Tara Robertson.

The "B" team advanced to the consolation match Saturday at the Andrews tournament by beating Big Spring 14-16, 15-5 and 15-11.

Sullenger led all scorers with 21 service points in the match, and Wright and Hollie Berryhill helped seal the win with five points each.

Jessica Yanez, Megan Delora, West, Proffitt and Roemisch also added key points in the tournament.

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Netters easily handle Big Spring Tuesday, 14-5

The Snyder tennis team easily handled Big Spring Tuesday, taking the meet 14-5.

The girls swept their doubles matches against the Steers, with Pat Vargas and Andra Dunham winning 6-3, 6-2, and Afton Sutter and Jackie Beccue taking a three-set match 5-7, 6-0 and 6-2.

Cozy Jones and Kara Brumley also won in three-sets, 6-1, 1-6 and 6-1, to round out the sweep.

Dunham won her singles match 6-3, 7-5, while Jones cruised to a 6-2, 6-0 win. Beccue won a hotly contested 7-5, 7-5 match over Mindy Partee, and Brumley handled her Big Spring counterpart 6-4, 6-1.

The boys took two out of three in their doubles competition with Horacio de Paz and Tanner Reed teaming up for a 7-6, 6-3 triumph. Matt Hale and Kenny Alcala partnered up for a tough 7-5, 6-4 win.

Curt Phillips and Adam Rodgers dropped their match to Big Spring by a score of 2-6, 3-6.

The boys took four of six in the singles matches, with de Paz winning by a score of 6-4, 6-3. Reed took his match 6-1, 6-2, and Hale and Joseph Ynguanzo also won in straight sets.

The netters travel to Lubbock High to take on Vernon and Canyon Saturday.

Vernon kept Snyder from winning the Wichita Falls tourney last weekend, beating the Tigers 11-8 in the final round.

Sports Calendar

THURSDAY

Football: Snyder JV at Post, 8 p.m.
Football: Ira JV and jr. high vs. New Home, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Snyder 8th vs. Big Spring, 5 p.m.
Football: Snyder 7th at Big Spring, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football: Snyder vs. Ft. Stockton, homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Ira at New Home, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Hermleigh at Loop, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Borden Co. at Wellman, 7:30 p.m.

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Double amputee mountain climber dies

SEATTLE (AP) — Ed Hommer was a man who let little deter him from getting to the top of the world. Despite losing both of his legs after a plane crash, he made his way up some of the world's most intimidating mountaintops.

"Ed did not want to be known as a token climber because he was an amputee," longtime friend Tom Halvorson said. "He wanted to be known as a climber. He never did anything the easy way."

Hommer, of Duluth, Minn., was training for an attempt at Mount Everest when a basketball-sized rock struck and killed him as he climbed Mount Rainier early Monday. He was 46.

Hommer's body was recovered by helicopter about 70 feet from the base of Disappointment Cleaver, a popular route between the Emmons and Ingraham glaciers at the 11,700-foot level of the 14,411-foot mountain.

Three climbers who were roped with him were not injured. The park, in the central Cascade Mountains, averages about two to three deaths on the mountain annually.

An American Airlines pilot and divorced father of three, Hommer lost both his legs below the knee in 1981, when he crashed a small plane in a storm during a sightseeing tour of 20,320-foot Mount McKinley.

He and three others waited on the mountain for nearly a week. Two of them died — his brother-in-law and a friend. By the time rescuers reached the survivors, Hommer had suffered such severe frostbite that amputation of his legs was the only option.

Fitted with carbon-fiber and titanium prostheses, he won medical certification to fly commercial airliners. After working as a pilot for American Eagle from 1985 to 2000, he became an MD-80 first officer for American Airlines in 2000.

He also returned to Mount McKinley 18 years after the accident and became the first double amputee to reach the summit of North America's tallest peak.

"He inspired so many employees with his courage and relentless pursuit of his dreams," said Todd Burke, a spokesman for the Fort Worth, Texas-based airline. "His inspiration will live on in all who knew him."

Hommer tried to scale Everest last year, but bad weather forced him off the mountain 3,000 feet shy of the summit. He had hoped to try again next year.

Brian McCullough, one of the climbers who rescued Hommer after the 1981 plane crash, was his climbing partner on Everest and recalled one day when they hiked several miles through loose rock.

"He wasn't just hobbling along," McCullough said from Talkeetna, Alaska. "He had two ski poles. And I never saw him fall over."

Hommer never complained, McCullough said, not even when his prosthetic legs left painful wounds on the skin below his knees.

"He could just bear it. It was an incredible thing," McCullough said. "When he got in that mindset ... he was so focused. He was able to transcend his disability."

Halvorson made Hommer's prosthetic legs and climbed part way up Everest with him last year.

"In climbing, you've just got to get into a Zen and just throw one foot in front of another," Halvorson said, "and he was like a machine that could just go and go."

Hommer wrote about his resolve to show what he could do without his feet in a book titled "The Hill." Part of the book's profits go to a foundation he created called High Exposure, which provides prosthetics to the needy in Nepal and raises money for U.S. children who have lost limbs.

Great River Energy, an electricity company in Elk River, Minn., sponsored Hommer's Everest attempt and posted a tribute to him on its Web site after his death.

"Ed understood the risks involved in climbing," the tribute read. It also carried this quote from Hommer: "The mountain ultimately decides who succeeds, who fails, who goes home and who doesn't."

Judge declares fed death penalty law unconstitutional

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — A federal judge in Vermont has declared the existing national capital punishment law unusable, a decision that could have implications for every defendant facing the federal death penalty.

U.S. District Judge William Sessions ruled Tuesday that the 1994 law had been rendered useless by a series of recent federal cases, including a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June that found juries and not judges must hand out death sentences. The government is appealing that ruling.

Sessions' decision comes two months after U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff in New York became the first federal judge to declare the federal law unconstitutional. He cited evidence indicating that innocent people have been put to death.

Unlike Rakoff, though, Sessions said capital punishment itself isn't necessarily unconstitutional. He said the sentence still might be carried out constitutionally if Congress fixed the law. Other federal judges, in Virginia and Pennsylvania, have upheld the Federal Death Penalty Act.

Sessions' ruling came in the case of Donald Fell, 22, who is charged with kidnapping and killing a woman in a November 2000 carjacking. Prosecutors said they would appeal.

Fell's lawyer, Alexander Bunin, called the ruling a landmark decision that could jeopardize cases against every defendant facing the death penalty, including that of Sept. 11 conspiracy suspect Zacarias Moussaoui.

"It's huge," Bunin said. "Every district judge who has a federal death penalty case is going to read this decision. ... This could affect every case that has been charged, at least until Congress fixes it."

Federal prosecutors in Vermont and elsewhere have responded to the recent Supreme Court ruling by taking cases back to grand juries to consider whether the defendants should get the death penalty if convicted.

Sessions ruled that the death penalty law makes no provision for such action. He also found that giving grand juries a hand in death-penalty decisions is unconstitutional because such panels do not hold to the beyond-a-reasonable-doubt standard, and because they do not offer defendants the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses.

"If the death penalty is to be part of our system of justice, due process of law and the fair trial guarantees of the Sixth Amendment require that standards and safeguards governing the kinds of evidence juries may consider must be rigorous, and constitutional rights and liberties scrupulously protected," Sessions said.

"To relax those standards invites abuse, and significantly undermines the reliability of decisions to impose the death penalty."

The rulings by Rakoff and Sessions will not affect individual states' death penalty statutes. Thirty-eight states allow capital punishment, though some have not executed anyone for many years. The governors of Illinois and Maryland have placed moratoriums on executions in their states.

Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and drug killer Juan Garza have been executed under the federal death penalty law.

Teachers union plays big role in Florida race

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — When Bill McBride came out of nowhere to win the state's Democratic gubernatorial primary, he owed much of his success to the Florida Education Association.

Calling the November election the most important in 50 years, the teachers union spent at least $1.5 million on ads designed to give voters background on the Tampa lawyer.

The union acknowledges that McBride's position on education wasn't the only factor in endorsing him. It also wanted a candidate with the best chance to beat Republican Gov. Jeb Bush.

Now Republicans are trying to turn one of McBride's largest assets in the primary election against him, saying he is simply a puppet of union bosses who are more concerned about labor issues than education.

"I don't think I have ever seen a gubernatorial candidate so draped in a special interest group," said Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan, a Republican. "Bill McBride is a classic FEA candidate in that he will be a wholly owned puppet for the FEA."

McBride quickly dismissed the idea.

"That's about as silly as anything I've ever heard," McBride said. "That's just politics ... They need to raise the level of their game."

Education has become one of the top issues in the governor's race, one of 36 being decided across the nation this year.

Bush has rankled some teachers by emphasizing standardized testing for students and letting students at failing public schools use vouchers to attend private schools.

McBride is proud of the endorsement and sees it as a testament to his commitment to improve schools. The union's support certainly helped him emerge from relative obscurity to beat former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno by 4,794 votes out of more than 1.3 million cast in the primary.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Alcohol should be part of medical history

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a healthy male, 55, with a drinking problem. What do you advise in terms of a routine medical examination and testing?

DEAR READER: First, your physician must take a medical history that concerns any symptoms you have had, pertinent family illnesses, an overview of your lifestyle and a review of the things you should — or shouldn't — do to affect your health. I urge you to be brutally frank and open about your alcohol consumption. All too often doctors gloss over the subject of alcohol abuse because they feel uncomfortable about it — and, as the old adage says: an alcoholic is someone who drinks more than his doctor does.

Next, you need a full examination, which should include a digital exam of your prostate gland — and, in your case, a careful screening of the possible consequences of your alcohol habit, such as a swollen liver.

Finally, you should have a blood count, a metabolic profile (that checks your liver function), a cholesterol level, a PSA (for prostate cancer), a urinalysis, perhaps a cardiogram (or a stress test), and — if you have not had one in more than five years — a colonoscopy (to check for bowel polyps and cancer).

I would also recommend that the physician actively counsel you about the dangers of alcohol abuse. He may encourage you to reduce your consumption or — better yet — stop drinking entirely, especially if the exam and testing indicate a potential health problem.

Although your doctor may choose to fine tune some of these suggestions, the list I provided would constitute a bare minimum for someone your age.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a 75 year-old woman who blacked out for almost an hour. Because I drive, I asked for an MRI to make sure I didn't have a stroke. The report concluded with the following sentence: "There are deep white matter changes more than usually seen for this age, and compatible with ischemic micro-angiography." What does this mean? My doctor assures me that I am fine.

DEAR READER: I take issue with your physician. In everyday English, the MRI report is saying that your brain is shrinking, because of loss of nerve cells probably caused by mini-strokes. If, indeed, this is the case, I believe that the issue should be aggressively addressed — at minimum by a neurological consultation, a carotid artery ultrasound test and the daily use of 81 milligrams of aspirin. Also, in my opinion, the prudent practitioner should order a brain wave test (EEG) and a Holter monitor (a 24-hour cardiogram to check for abnormal heart rhythms).

If you were to faint again while driving, the consequences could be disastrous. Therefore, I favor an active effort to diagnose the cause of your blackout so that you can be prescribed treatment to prevent a future occurrence. Ask your doctor to reconsider his position.

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AndarkPtr	42.70	42.02	42.12	+ .35
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Motorola	10.75	10.21	10.55	+ .50
NCR Corp	21.95	21.55	21.67	+ .14
Navistar	21.50	21.15	21.18	+ .54
PNM Rescs	19.38	19.15	19.15	—.08
Penney JC	19.10	18.49	18.60	+ .04
PepBoys	13.00	12.09	12.09	+ .23
PepsiCo	37.23	36.36	36.46	—.31
Pharmacia	38.20	37.80	38.05	+ .55
PhelpDodge	25.85	25.30	25.35	+ .42
PilgrmPrd B	9.34	9.10	9.13	+ .22
Praxair	50.63	49.70	49.86	—.14
ProctGamb	89.04	87.99	88.68	+ .64
RadioShack	20.43	20.25	20.35	+ .45
ReliantEngy	9.10	8.65	8.80	+ .20
RoyalDut	40.17	39.02	39.14	—.11
SBC Comm	23.00	22.36	22.54	—.09
SaraLee	18.74	18.42	18.64	+ .26
Scripps EW	71.30	70.30	70.30	—.42
SearsRoeb	42.29	41.07	41.10	—.41
SherwinW	23.35	23.10	23.23	+ .19
SouthernCo	27.93	27.50	27.74	—.08
SwstAirl	12.95	12.54	12.76	+ .26
SprintFON	9.80	9.37	9.41	—.15
SprintPCS	2.24	1.89	1.93	—.20
Sunoco Inc	30.80	30.13	30.32	—.05
TXU Corp	40.20	39.67	39.95	+ .23
TempleInland	41.13	40.67	40.74	+ .33
TexInd	23.35	22.95	23.00	—.25
TexasInst	16.00	15.31	15.72	+ .62
Textron	35.08	34.75	34.92	+ .51
TrinityInds	17.01	16.90	16.95	+ .09
TylerTech	4.00	3.90	4.00	
UnionPacif	58.10	57.65	57.88	+ 1.02
USSteel	11.70	11.41	11.41	—.09
UnitedTech	57.25	56.00	56.10	+ .12
Unocal	30.99	30.45	30.50	+ .06
VerizonComm	29.30	28.74	28.84	+ .09
WalMart	52.39	51.53	51.68	+ .19
WellsFargo	48.76	47.70	47.88	—.12
WstnGasRs	31.00	30.35	30.60	+ .27
WinnDixie	13.72	13.24	13.47	—.01
Xerox Cp	6.04	5.95	5.98	+ .02
YumBrands s	28.10	27.72	27.81	+ .49

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Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

DEER HUNTERS CAUTIONED TO BE ALERT FOR SIGNS OF CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Besides finding a good hunting lease, one of the main topics of conversation among deer hunters is Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a fatal brain and nervous system disease found in deer and elk in certain regions of the country. To date, CWD has been detected in 10 states and two Canadian provinces.

"At this time," said Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist Byron D. Wright, "there is no proof that CWD occurs in Texas, but the potential for introduction exists because of past movement of elk and deer for husbandry purposes."

Interstate movement of deer and elk led the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Animal Health Commission to issue separate orders suspending the importation of these animals into Texas from other states.

As of Sept. 1, the animal health commission rescinded its order prohibiting elk and black-tailed deer from entering the state. However, importation of these animals must meet the commission's more stringent entry requirements, which includes requiring that the animals come from herds that have been monitored for CWD for three to five years.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's moratorium on importing mule deer and white-tailed deer into Texas is still in place, but will likely be repealed in the near future, Wright said. The agency's entry requirements for mule and white-tailed deer are expected to be consistent with the animal health commission's rules governing elk and black-tailed deer.

CWD belongs to a family of diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE) or prion diseases. The disease attacks the brain of infected white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer, mule deer and elk. During the past year, cases of the disease have been found for the first time in Wisconsin, New Mexico, and Minnesota.

Texas hunters should be watchful for deer and elk exhibiting symptoms of illness. Symptoms of CWD include emaciation, excessive drooling, staggering, and an overly wide posture with head and ears carried low. Infected animals may exhibit a combination of the symptoms.

Hunters who see deer with these symptoms are urged to mark the area and notify Texas Parks and Wildlife officials at (800) 892-1112 (enter 5 for wildlife and 1 for general information).

"While this disease fits in the group of TSE's," Wright said, "it is not the same as mad cow disease." As far as contracting the disease, "no scientific evidence currently exists proving CWD is transmissible to humans. However, for general health purposes, persons harvesting deer and elk in Texas should avoid consuming any animal that appears ill," he said.

CWD was first recognized in the late 1960s as a syndrome among captive mule deer at research facilities in Colorado. The disease is terminal, with no vaccine or treatment for infected animals. The suspected mode of transmission among deer and elk is through the animal's saliva, feces and urine.

"There is still a lot to learn about the disease," Wright said. "We are not positive of the agent that causes it, but scientists suspect a type of protein (prions) that has an alteration of amino acids resulting in an abnormally folded shape. This protein recruits other normal prions to take on the abnormal shape."

The disease prions are believed to accumulate only in particular portions of the body, specifically lymphatic tissue, brain matter, the spinal cord, and the spleen. The length of time from exposure to the onset of clinical symptoms for animals in the wild is yet to be clearly defined.

Texans hunting in areas where the disease is found in free-ranging deer and elk, such as northeast Colorado, southeast Wyoming and the extreme southwestern corner of Nebraska, can follow some common-sense precautions, which include:

1. Not eating any portion of deer or elk that show symptoms of CWD.

2. Not eating the brain, spinal cord, eyes, tonsils, lymph nodes or spleen of any deer or elk.

3. Wearing rubber or latex gloves when field dressing.

4. Minimizing exposure to brain or spinal tissues, particularly when removing the head and antlers from the body and use tools designated only for this purpose.

5. Cleaning dressing equipment and work area with a 50/50 solution of chlorine bleach and water, soaking knives for 1 hour.

6. De-boning all meat.

7. Removing all lymphatic nodes from the portions of the carcass that will be consumed.

8. Processing animals separately to avoid mixing meat and trimmings.

9. Sanitizing work area and equipment with bleach solution after processing.

Texans hunting in states where CWD occurs should check with the state game agency in that area for any restrictions on transporting harvested game.

For information on locating the lymph nodes in deer and in-depth precautions on processing venison from areas where deer and elk are known to be infected with CWD, go to http://datcp.state.wi.us/ah/agriculture/animals/disease/chronic/

More information on CWD can be found at the Texas Parks and Wildlife website at http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/hunt/

Scurrying Around Snyder

Beth Davidson, CEA—Family and Consumer Sciences, 2605 Avenue M, Snyder, Texas 79549

Home for the Holidays

This annual event is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

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BUDGET OR BUST: MAKE HOLIDAY SHOPPING A SUCCESS

Yes, Christmas is right around the corner, and now is the time to begin thinking of your Christmas gift buying. As shoppers hit malls, outlets, speciality shops and stores in search of the perfect Christmas gift, an economist recommends ways to stay on budget. First, set a budget for total gift giving. Make a list of all gifts to be bought and decide before you begin shopping how to divide gift money. Next, make a list showing the money allotted for each gift. When shopping, keep the money for each gift in mind – don't look at items outside the budget limit. If a special buy that saves money on a gift is found, keep track of savings and decide how to use these savings.

You may add them to other gifts or give the whole family a gift of extra savings for the year, look for unique gifts that minimize cost. For example, give older family members a special calendar with dates marked when you will do something special with them. Give children savings banks with quarters inside to encourage them to save and plan to use their money for something special they want.

If a gift is expensive, make sure it's something that will be used long enough to give full value for the cost paid. Purchase something that won't break easily or be outgrown quickly. Shop alone when possible, it's easy for someone else to divert you from your strategy. When shopping for older children, remember that cash is always a great gift! Buy prepaid long distance phone cards for parents or friends who don't call because they can't afford to. Put your number or special family member's or friend's phone number with the card.

Grandparents could give their children a certificate for nights or weekends out when they will keep the grandchildren. Spouses might give each other gift certificates for one evening a month for a date away from the children, a free Saturday to do something they usually can't find time to do.

Another special gift grandparents can give is one that comes straight from the heart and mouth. They can make tapes for loved ones to share what they remember about their first or early holiday experiences, and special holiday memories over the years as a family. Oral and video family history will be treasured for years to come.

Nothin' says lovin' like the oven.

Bake special breads, cookies or candies for gifts. Involve other family members and let them wrap the items to be given to people like teachers and neighbors.

Remember to shop early enough to avoid buying under pressure. Keep receipts for all purchases so items that don't work or don't fit can be returned. Keep track of accomplishments and stay on course. When challenged by one gift choice, remind yourself of your other successes.

The best part of planned, budgeted holiday shopping is that more thought is given to each gift, increasing the returns from your efforts.

Ag Talk

by Charlie Stenholm, U.S. Representative

House Holds Hearing on Crop Insurance Program

Last week, the Risk Management Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee held a hearing to review USDA's implementation of the crop insurance reforms that were enacted by the "Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000" (ARPA).

The purpose of the hearing was to help determine the overall effectiveness of the Federal Crop Insurance Program as a risk management tool for producers.

Ross Davidson, the administrator for USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA), appeared before the subcommittee to respond to questions and to express the administration's views about how the crop insurance program is working.

Since the enactment of the crop insurance reform measure back in -2000, participation in higher coverage levels of the program has increased, and the number of insured acres has increased.

Under the recently-enacted crop insurance reforms, farmers have sought and received more insurance protection for the value of their crops, however the policies pioneered specifically for livestock have had limited availability.

According to Administrator Davidson, the RMA is working diligently to extend much needed protection to America's ranchers.

Two livestock pilot programs for swine were introduced by the RMA this summer, and other products are under Board review.

Mr. Davidson agreed with me that the Agency has taken too long to put in place the program safeguards we passed in 2000.

One of our main goals was to make the program less vulnerable to abuse. He resolved to speed up the Agency's process, and I intend to hold him to his promise.

In addition, the RMA is working to develop and expand forage and rangeland programs.

Senate Ag Committee Reviews Farm Bill Implementation

Last Tuesday, the Senate Agriculture Committee held a hearing to review USDA's progress in implementing the 2002 farm bill.

The farm bill has brought about wide-ranging and complicated changes in the nation's agricultural law, and Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman appeared before the committee to answer questions about how USDA is managing these changes.

Lawmakers are interested in reviewing a number of issues, and these include the following: USDA's authority to adjust marketing loan rates, the process for updating base acres and yields, country of origin labeling requirements, and planting flexibility regulations.

Of course, the issue of disaster aid continues to be in the forefront of any agriculture discussion in Washington these days.

It has been predicted that the farm bill will cost nearly $5 billion less than expected in fiscal year 2002, due to rising commodity prices.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Tom Harkin believes this surplus should be used to fund drought and disaster assistance to farmers and ranchers.

Secretary Veneman voiced the administration's requirement that any federal disaster aid for farmers be offset by cuts to regular farm subsidy programs.

She also said that the administration wants to provide aid to those producers who were hurt the worst by the drought, and to those who lack risk management tools such as crop insurance.

The administration announced its proposal for livestock producers last Thursday. This is a $700 million program, and I will talk about it more as information becomes available.

Texas Parks & Wildlife

By Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist

Quail Survey

Although still below the long-term average of 18.2 quail per route, Panhandle district quail surveys were up slightly from last year. District quail survey averaged 11.4 quail per route in 2002, up from 9.0 quail per route in 2001. According to Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, although not a banner year, quail hunters in the Rolling Plains should expect fairly good quail hunting this season.

Increased rainfall amounts in 2002 likely contributed to an increase in the average number of quail observed on survey routes says Lionberger. Rainfall following drought conditions, as we have been experiencing, normally results in the production of forbs that provide food and screening cover for quail. Insects, that are essential to the diets of young quail, should be abundant this year.

Quail surveys are conducted during the month of August along a 20-mile route, with the observer counting quail along the designated route. The same routes are conducted each year. The survey data is compiled and viewed as a whole over time. Looking at one survey route or the routes in one county does not present a true picture of quail population trends. The data needs to be viewed in its entirely in ordered to provide accurate population information.

Fluctuations in quail populations are normal and should be expected. Changing weather patterns result in variations in availability of food and cover that effect resting success and chick survival. Quail populations are capable of recovering quite rapidly and if consecutive good rainfall years occur, more banner years for quail hunting could occur as well.

Free technical assistance is available through Texas Parks and Wildlife's Private Lands Enhancement Program. For technical assistance in the Snyder area contact Jim Lionberger: wildlife biologist at 915-863-2755. For technical assistance in the Panhandle, contact Danny Swepston: district wildlife biologist at 806-655-3782 for the wildlife biologist in your area.

Markets

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 890head of cattle for the Thursday, Sept. 19, sale. Cows were $2 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

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(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 34-40
Canner and low cutters: 28-35
Slaughter bulls: 44-52
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500-600: 72-83
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Good: 700-850
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Springers: 350-625
Baby calves: 125-200
Doodlers: 175-250

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Cornyn says fund managers should disclose investments

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate, said Tuesday that private firms contracting with the state should have to adhere to the same open government laws as state agencies.

Cornyn's comments come days after the University of Texas Investments Management Co., or UTIMCO, board of directors voted to make public the performance of investments that benefit the University of Texas and Texas A&M University systems.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's an open record," Cornyn told The Associated Press. "I believe that UTIMCO or any public entity should not enter into confidentiality agreements that would grant confidentiality to third parties or somehow exclude them from the operation of the Public Information Act."

UTIMCO oversees the $1.7 billion portfolio of private equity investments called the Permanent University Fund.

The board voted today to disclose individual managers' investment results after media reports suggested UTIMCO was hiding the information at a time when the entire portfolio lost 15.96 percent of its value.

But about 30 percent of the managers are still resisting disclosure, saying their contracts include confidentiality agreements. Cornyn said those contracts would be subject to state open records laws.

Open government advocates said they were heartened by Cornyn's comments.

"It helps put public officials on notice that hiring consultants or headhunters or farming out public school bus drivers doesn't escape disclosure requirements," said Wanda Cash, president of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and editor and publisher of The Baytown Sun.

Cash said Cornyn's comments may impact the growing practice of privatization statewide, which the foundation sees as "a serious threat to public access."

Performance results from managers who agreed to disclose them should be available later this week.

UTIMCO president Bob Boldt has said those fighting disclosure will have their cases referred to Cornyn's office. He said state law allows the attorney general to grant a waiver if managers can prove their investments would be harmed by disclosure.

Cornyn said his office has not received opinion requests regarding specific managers.

"I hope they go ahead and opt for openness," Cornyn said of the managers. "I would hope that UTIMCO would make sure that it does not enter into any private agreements that would hide information that should be made available to the public."

Boldt said he too supports disclosure but he is sympathetic to managers who believe their investments would be harmed by it.

"What I'm trying to do is walk the fine line," he said.

Boldt said performance results may be harmful because they are "wildly misleading" since managers use varying methods to value their investments. He said the results the board has agreed to disclose will include a disclaimer to that effect.

Cornyn's Senate opponent, Democrat Ron Kirk, made similar comments to The AP about UTIMCO over the weekend.

Brownville School Board terminates superintendent

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The Brownsville school board voted Tuesday to dismiss suspended Superintendent Noe Sauceda and begin termination proceedings.

The board of trustees took two hours to come to the 4-2-1 vote in favor of dismissing embattled Sauceda, who has been on paid suspension since June.

The vote comes on the heels of a board-appointed investigation into allegations including a failure to meet district standards of professional conduct, insubordination and failure to prepare board agendas in cooperation with the board president. The report was not immediately made public.

Sauceda has 15 days to contest the findings and request a hearing from State Commissioner of Education Felipe Alanis, who would appoint an independent hearing officer.

Sauceda filed a grievance in June contesting his suspension, but it was ruled incomplete and dismissed.

Sauceda could not be reached for comment. He has previously said he is the victim of "philosophical differences" with the school board majority that changed with last May's election.

The decision comes four months and approximately $56,000 in accumulated salary after Sauceda was suspended in June.

"We dragged our feet too long," Assistant Secretary Hugh Emerson Jr. said today. "Whether you were for or against the superintendent, it was a waste of money. We should have set a clock from the beginning."

Alma Lopez, who was among the handful of people who attended the meeting, stood in front of the BISD Administration Building Tuesday afternoon, holding signs in support of Sauceda.

"We're here to support him. We want him to remain here," she said.

Sauceda was employed with the district for a little under a year when he was placed on suspension June 6, the same day he was scheduled to take a voluntary leave of absence.

Sauceda was hired April 24, 2001 at a three-year contract at $150,000 a year. He began working for the district June 11. In October 2001, the school board, with two new board members, voted 4-3 to give Sauceda a controversial $10,000 yearly raise, bringing his annual salary to $160,000.

In May, after a job performance review, board members were scheduled to vote on a proposed suspension. Sauceda announced before the vote that he was taking a voluntary leave of absence.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Vulnerable: Both

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4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

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Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002

Partners should help each other

By Phillip Alder

Douglas Hurd, a conservative member of parliament in Britain, said: "It is not helpful to help a friend by putting coins in his pockets when he has got holes in his pockets."

Agreed — unless your friend ties string around the bottom of his trouser legs, so that the coins cannot fall out. However, at the bridge table, there will be deals in which you can help a friend — your partner. In this example, East was Gene Prosnitz, who was a successful tournament player in the New York area. He died on July 31 at the age of 70.

West led the spade king against three no-trump. East signaled encouragement as best he could with the four.

South, not fancying a diamond shift, took the trick with his ace, then cashed the three top hearts. When the bad split was revealed, declarer continued with three rounds of clubs.

West was in again. Knowing that East had a heart winner, West could play his partner for either the spade 10 or diamond ace. In the former case, West had to lead the spade seven; in the latter, he should cash his two spade tricks before shifting to a diamond. Which was it to be?

West might have found the right defense if Prosnitz had discarded a discouraging diamond three on the third round of clubs, but he did much better, tossing the diamond king onto the table. This placed South with the diamond ace (always discard the top of touching honors), so West next led the spade seven. Prosnitz won with his 10, cashed the heart jack, and reverted to spades to defeat the contract.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002

Much of the preparation and knowledge you've acquired over the past few years is very likely to pay off handsomely for you in the year ahead. Chances are, you'll find the payoff in your present field of endeavor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Because you'll know how to turn life into a game, and how to attract friends and associates as players, your influence over your peers may be quite substantial today. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Although changes might occur for you today that have been engineered by others, they will be superior to what you have been designing and thus be welcomed with open arms.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — A couple of friends with whom you have very close ties may introduce a new and interesting element into your social life today. Having a fresh activity in which to partake will be invigorating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be ready to take advantage of an opportune condition that develops today. It could have a positive effect on both your career and your personal financial wherewithal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Take the time to detach yourself from boring routines today and give full vent to your spirit of adventure. It'll refurbish your outlook.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Someone may come along and offer to hop on board of exactly what you're trying to accomplish or do today. Take advantage of him/her and let a joint effort go to work for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Something can be done today to strengthen bonds in an alliance you deem very important. This association will become more prominent if you take steps to carefully nurture it now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Because the sun is shinning brightly on your work, career and financial concerns today, it's a propitious time for nourishing things that are important to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — People won't resent you today for stepping in and taking charge of activities that may have been struggling under their hands. Associates will actually welcome your input.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Everything is moving in your favor today, so put the finishing touches on a matter you've been quite anxious to resolve or wrap up. The end result will please you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Those with whom you are closely involved today will benefit greatly from your marvelous ability to elevate their hopes, aspirations and expectations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — There will be an interrelationship today between what you achieve and your financial picture — even though each matter may be treated separately. You'll have much to gain.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Gunmen attack Christian charity office

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen entered the offices of a Christian welfare organization in the southern port city of Karachi today, tied workers to their chairs and shot each in the head, officials said. At least seven people were killed and another was critically injured.

The shooting was the latest in a string of violent attacks against Christians and Westerners, who have been increasingly targeted since Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's decision to crack down on Islamic extremist groups and join the U.S. war against the Taliban and al-Qaida in neighboring Afghanistan.

"Today's incident shows that the government has failed to protect us," said Bishop Victor Mall, head of the Diocese Church of Pakistan in Multan, an area in Punjab province that has spawned a number of militant Muslim groups.

"People in our community now feel more insecure," he said. "Our people are being killed."

The killings took place at the third-floor offices of the Institute for Peace and Justice, or Idara-e-Amn-o-Insaf, a Pakistani Christian charity that does work in the city. Victims were tied up in chairs with their hands behind their backs and their mouths taped before being shot point-blank in the head, according to Karachi Police Chief Kamal Shah.

All seven of the dead were Pakistani Christians, contradicting earlier police reports that three of the victims were Muslim. One worker who survived the attack later died in a hospital, police said. It was not clear who was behind the attack.

Shah said police found eight empty shell casings, one for each of those shot. He said five of the dead were found seated in a main room at the office, and the sixth was tied to a chair in the bathroom. He said police are questioning an office assistant who was tied up and beaten by the attackers, but not shot.

Police want to know how the gunmen got into the office, which had an electronic door that could only be opened from the inside, he said. The office assistant has told police there were two gunmen involved in the shooting, Shah said.

By late morning, hundreds of police had cordoned off the 13-story building in a central business district of Karachi.

A female relative of one of the victims arrived at the office, sobbing and beating herself in anguish before being led away by police.

The Christian group has been in operation for 30 years, working with poor municipal and textile workers to press for basic worker rights, and organizing programs with local human rights groups.

Pakistani Information Minister Nisar Memon condemned the attack, saying those who carried it out were "enemies of Pakistan."

Daschle has accused Bush of politicizing debate over Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle today accused President Bush of seeking to politicize the debate over war with Iraq and demanded that he apologize for implying that Democrats are not interested in the security of the American people.

"That is wrong," Daschle said in an impassioned speech on the Senate floor. "We ought not politicize this war. We ought not politicize the rhetoric about war and life and death."

"You tell those who fought in Vietnam and World War II they are not interested in the security of the American people" because they are Democrats, Daschle said. "That is outrageous. Outrageous."

Daschle cited a string of actions by the administration including a comment by Bush that the Democratic-controlled Senate is "not interested in the security of the American people."

Daschle made his comments as congressional leaders negotiated in private with the administration over the terms of a resolution that would authorize the president to use force to eliminate Saddam's weapons of mass destruction.

Despite misgivings by some rank-and-file Democrats, Daschle and House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt have both signaled support for such legislation, to be passed before Congress adjourns for the midterm elections.

Democratic political strategists have expressed concern that the national debate over Iraq is overshadowing domestic issues in the campaign.

The quote Daschle referred to came during a political stop that Bush made earlier this week in Trenton, N.J.

Speaking on the issue of homeland security before a fund-raiser for Republican Senate candidate Doug Forrester, the president said, "The House responded, but the Senate is more interested in special interests in Washington and not interested in the security of the American people.

U.S.-British airstrike targets Iraqi military

WASHINGTON (AP) — Allied aircraft have struck Iraqi air defense facilities again, defense officials said today.

In a double strike at two southeastern installations, precision-guided weapons were aimed at a radar facility near Al Amarah about 165 miles southeast of Baghdad and a defense communications facility at Tallil, about 170 miles southeast of the capital, according to a statement from the U.S. Central Command in Florida.

The statement did not say how effective the strike was, only that damage assessment was ongoing.

The last coalition strike reported in the Southern No-Fly Zone also was against the military air defense communications facility near Tallil on Sept. 15.

It brought to 39 the number of times attack missions reported this year by the United States and the United Kingdom coalition, which was put together to patrol zones in the north and south of Iraq following the 1991 Gulf War, Pentagon figures show. That includes 29 in the southern zone to protect Shiite Muslims and 10 in the much smaller northern zone set up to protect ethnic Kurds.

Four planes were used to attack each facility Tuesday, one official said.

Central Command says there have been more than 140 separate incidents of Iraqi surface-to-air missile and anti-aircraft artillery fire directed against coalition aircraft this calendar year.

Iraq considers the patrols a violation of its sovereignty and frequently shoots at the planes with anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles. In response, coalition pilots try to bomb Iraqi air defense systems.

Police check out disturbances

Arrest

Snyder officers arrested a 30-year-old man early today in the 1100 block of Coliseum Dr. for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Burglary

Jackie Hobbs reported a stereo and CDs stolen from her vehicle at 4400 Ave. U Tuesday afternoon and a report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

Close patrols

A woman requested an officer at her residence in the 400 block of 30th Street Tuesday night after hearing noises in the backyard. Officers advised the noises were caused by a stray dog, but initiated a close patrol.

A woman in Hermleigh reported a suspicious man walking around in that area Tuesday night talking on a cellular phone She requested a close patrol.

Noise disturbance

A man in the 300 block of 26th Street reported a neighbor playing loud music just before 10 p.m. Tuesday. Officers contacted the neighbor and he agreed to lower the volume.

Gas drive offs

A clerk at Town and Country North reported a gas drive off at 12:25 a.m. today in the amount of $35 and reported the customer also left without paying for cigarettes. A report was filed.

At 4:25 a.m. today a gas drive off was reported from Rip Griffin's Truck Stop. The clerk reported $17.63 worth of diesel fuel was taken and advised the vehicle left en route to Sweetwater.

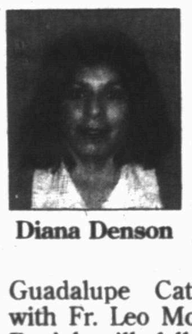
Obituaries

Diana Denson

1957-2002

Diana C. Denson, a Snyder native, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, in the University Medical Center in Lubbock after a sudden illness.

Rosary for Mrs. Denson, 45, will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Frank Ortegon officiating.



Diana Denson

Funeral service is set for 1 p.m. Friday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Fr. Leo Moras officiating. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Born Feb. 9, 1957 in Snyder, she was a 1977 graduate of Snyder High School. She married Benji Denson on Sept. 15, 1978 in Snyder.

Mrs. Denson, a homemaker, moved to Lubbock six years ago and had worked as a checker for United Supermarket for the past three years. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Benji Denson of Lubbock; a son, Eric Denson of the home; her parents, Rumaldo and Josephina Canales of Snyder; three sisters, Marina Canales and Diamentina Luera, both of Lubbock, and Noemi Pemberton of Arlington; two brothers, Salvadore Canales of Snyder and Ray Canales of Corpus Christi; her in-laws, Wayne and Jo Denson of Snyder.

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Bill Pollard

1931-2002

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

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

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

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

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

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

Maxine Brewster

1922-2002

ANDREWS – Graveside service for Maxine Brewster, 80, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Andrews North Cemetery with Johnnie Miller officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Born March 27, 1922 in Shamrock, she married Blen Brewster on March 20, 1953 in Snyder.

Mrs. Brewster, a homemaker and a Baptist, had been a resident of Andrews since 1986.

Survivors include her husband, Blen Brewster of Andrews; two daughters, Camelia Jean Brem of Midland and Linda Miller of Andrews; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Births

Ty and Joni Jones of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Reagan Alan Jones, at 9:45 p.m. on Sept. 22 in UMC in Lubbock. Reagan Alan weighed seven pounds, six ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Jack and Barbra Jones of Snyder and maternal grandparents are Leon and Susan Crenshaw of Hermleigh. Great-grandparents are O.P. and Ruth Tate and Wallace and Barbara Jones of Snyder and Rosalee Melton of Hermleigh.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Snyder Palette Club

Snyder Palette Club will meet from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday at Winston Field terminal. Members are to bring a painting for the library. The program will be by Paul Hudgins and the hostess is Lila Guinn.

FBC services televised

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

SHS homecoming parade

The homecoming parade is Thursday. The SHS student council invites all local organizations to enter. Entry fee is $15 for floats, $10 for vehicles and $5 for golf carts. Cash prizes will be awarded for best overall, most creative and best Tiger spirit. To enter, contact Christy Smith at SHS. Floats and others in the parade need to be at the Varsity Square Shopping Center by 4:30 p.m. Thursday for the parade that starts at 5 o'clock and goes around the square.

Homecoming fajita dinner

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

Joint class reunion

The Snyder High School graduating classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945 will have their reunion at Martha Ann Woman's Club Friday and Saturday. Events include a social from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, a 9 a.m. Saturday brunch and a 6:30 p.m. Saturday dinner.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

The SHS class of 1988 will meet at 5 p.m. Friday for the before game meal at the high school and then attend the game between the Tigers and Ft. Stockton. There will be a get-together after the game. Call Meredith at 254-223-3193 for more information.

SJHS choir fundraiser

Snyder Junior High School's choir will serve a hamburger supper from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday. Tickets at $5 must be bought in advance from the junior high office or any choir student.

Football T-shirt sale

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

Burrito sale

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

Ira postmaster to retire

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

Ira First Baptist Church revival

Ira First Baptist Church will hold a revival at 7 nightly from Saturday until next Wednesdsay. Murlyn Keller is the evangelist.

Support groups

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

Lord's Acre fish fry

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre fish fry is 5-7 p.m. Tuesday. Adult tickets are $7 and children's tickets – 10 and under – are $3.50. Tickets available at the church office or at the door.

Junior high open house

Snyder Junior High will host an open house from 4 to 5:30 p.m. next Wednesday. Report cards will be distributed to parents who can also visit with teachers.

Ira homecoming

Ira School's homecoming is set Oct. 11-12. The exes' basketball game on Friday begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a victory bonfire at the baseball field, weather permitting. Saturday's noon meal will be brisket and sausage plate plus all the trimmings cooked by the senior class. Tickets are $6.50 each. Children under 10 will be $3.25. Send money for the number of plates wanted to Ira School, Box 121 in Ira, 79527. Registration will be $5 per family and meal tickets can be picked up at registration.

Trains and things

Scurry County parks department is looking for loans of model trains and railroad-related items to be displayed during the Oct. 12 White Buffalo Festival. Items are needed by Oct. 7.

Adult basic education classes

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

Pickup yearbooks

There remains some Tiger's Lair yearbooks to be picked up. They are available in room 220 at SHS. Also, there are some yearbooks for sale for $60.

WTC pool, gym hours

The WTC pool and gym are now open Monday through Thursday. The gym is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The pool is available from 6:30 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 7 to 8:50 p.m. The gym closes at 4 p.m. on Friday and the pool is open only in the morning and at noon on Fridays. Memberships are $50 per semester or visits are $2. Contact Christy Cerecedes for information at 573-8511, ext 290.

Sr. citizen swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the senior center at 573-4035 for more information.

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.