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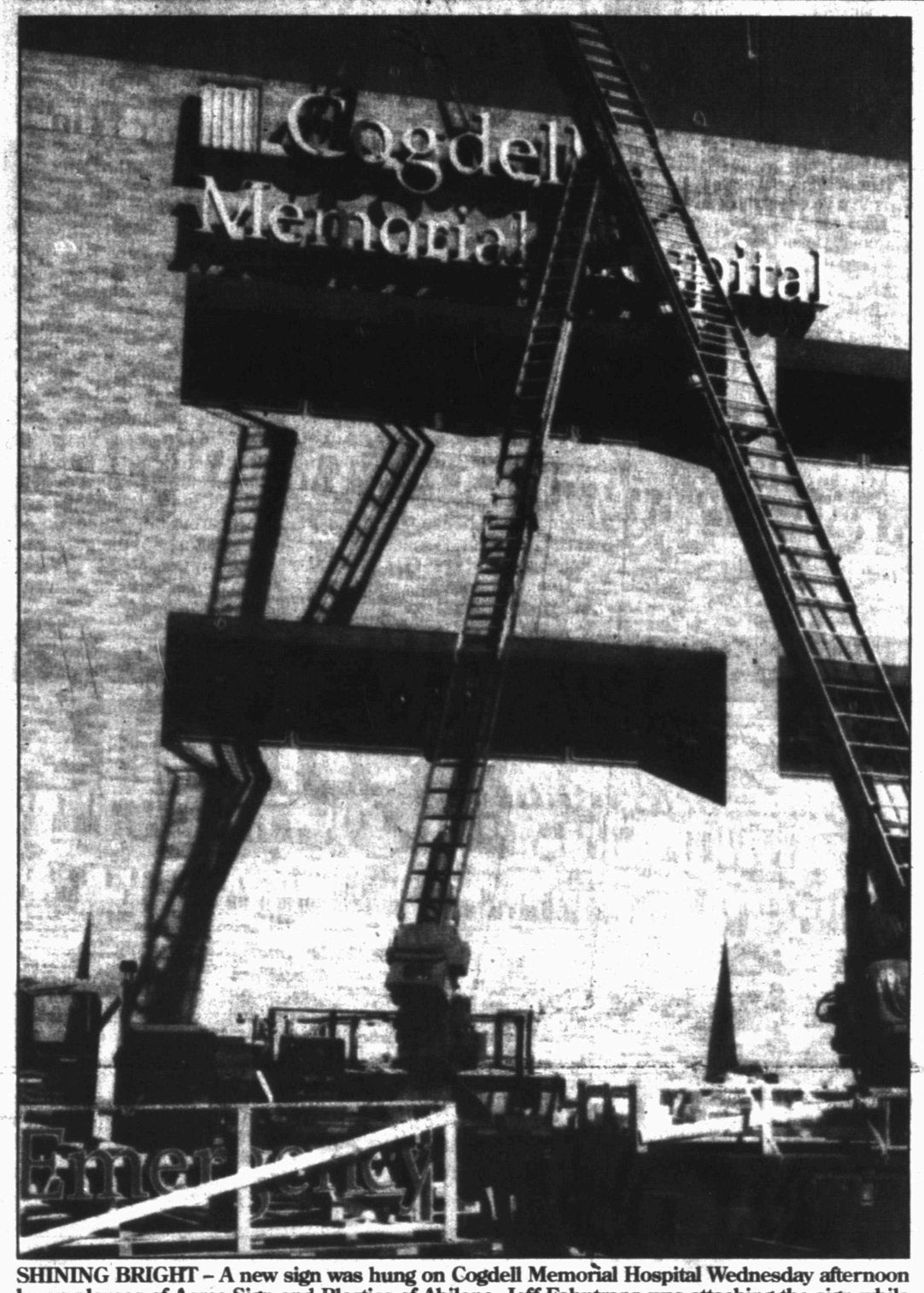



SHINING BRIGHT – A new sign was hung on Cogdell Memorial Hospital Wednesday afternoon by employees of Acme Sign and Plastics of Abilene. Jeff Fahntrapp was attaching the sign while Telly Austin was operating the extension ladder. The new sign is part of the renovation of the hospital's emergency room department. (SDN Staff Photo)

*In morning meeting...*

# Cogdell board adopts internal staffing policy

**By Wade Warren**
**SDN Managing Editor**

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers gave its okay this morning to two items projected to save the hospital several thousand dollars.

One item is an internal agency staffing policy for nurses, and the other is a pharmacy benefit program administered in-house.

"We need to find a way to keep our good nurses here," said Cheryl Chance, director of nurses, in making note that some nurses living in Snyder drive to other communities for higher pay.

Hospital CEO George Parsley said staffing shift shortages with presently-employed nurses as opposed to external, out-of-town staffing companies, "makes sense."

"Our nurses know the hospital, know the patients and care about the quality of care they give," said Parsley. "I feel if we don't do this, then we won't have nurses for this facility."

The board unanimously agreed to adopt a policy for internal agency staffing that will pay licensed vocational nurses $25 per hour, and registered nurses $35 per hour.

Nurses from out of town staffing companies make over $40 an hour, plus travel expenses, said Parsley.

Board member Dink Foree agreed that the program is needed, but questioned how the hospital would finance it.

Parsley said a new pharmacy benefit program for employees would save the hospital some $80,000 to $100,000 per year, plus the hospital has incorporated several other cost-saving programs.

"We have to find a way to make this work," added Chance, who also briefed the board on the schedule of work hours for nurses.

The pharmacy benefit program Parsley referred to also was adopted by the board today.

"Employees will be able to buy a three-month supply of maintenance drugs, such as for blood pressure, for the price of a one month supply," said Parsley.

Parsley said this would be possible due to the hospital's quantity purchasing power.

"You have to remember we are the supplier and the purchaser of these drugs for our employees," said Parsley.

Parsley emphasized that the plan is just for maintenance drugs, and that employees could still buy from local pharmacies if they so desired.

No action was taken on a new employee health insurance plan as Parsley said he is still reeling from seeing the bids that had been offered.

"We can't afford the options offered by our current carrier," said Parsley. "We will be searching for a plan we can afford."

In other action, the board approved the monthly financial statements and approved two changes in the medical records policy book.

Board president Carl Williams presided and members present were Foree, Bill Voss, Dr. Charles Church and Terry Williams. E. D. Walton was absent.

# Farmers Insurance plan affects about 240 here

**By Local, Wire Reports**

Farmers Insurance Co., the state's second largest homeowner insurer and the target of a state lawsuit, said it will leave the Texas homeowners' market and stop renewing policies in November.

The company contends it is losing hundreds of millions of dollars in Texas in part because of an upsurge in claims for mold and water damage. The decision to pull out of the Texas market will affect about 700,000 customers, the company said Wednesday.

About 240 homeowners in Snyder will be affected by the action, according to Sid Wall of Wall Insurance Agency, the local Farmers Insurance representative.

"I really think they will get this thing solved," Wall said. "But when that will be I don't know. We're going to try real hard to put our local homeowners on with another carrier until this is resolved.

"We'll do everything we can to work through this and take care of our people that we have insured," he said.

Wall said Farmers Insurance disagrees with the way its policies are currently rated and the problem will be solved when the company and state officials "find some common ground."

Farmers' decision "points to the reason we needed to have a special session this summer," said state Rep. Craig Eiland, a Galveston Democrat who is vice chair of the House Insurance Committee.

Eiland and other members of the committee had asked Gov. Rick Perry to call a special session to address the insurance crisis.

"It's going to be very difficult for the rest of the insurance companies in the state to pick up those people," Eiland said.

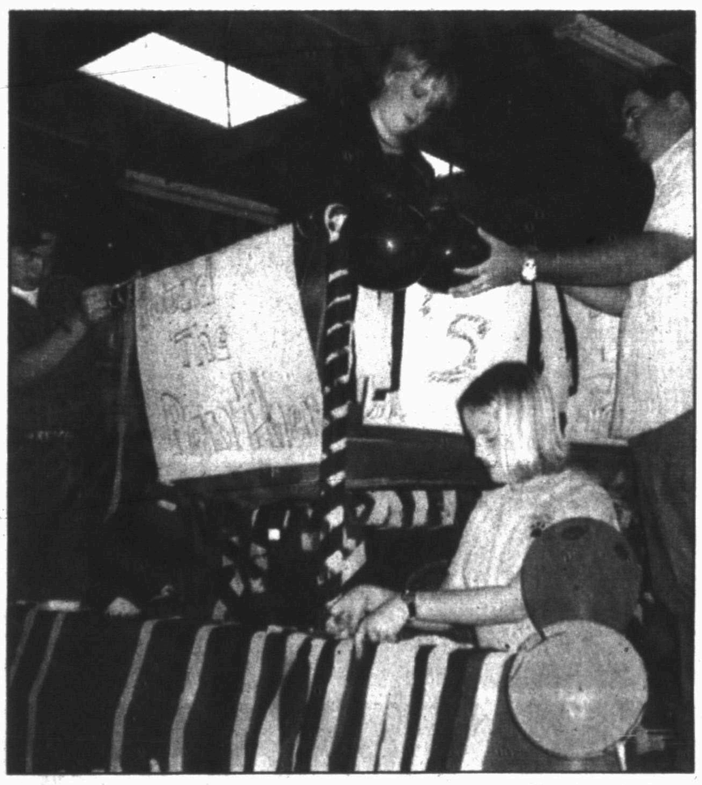
The state sued Farmers in August, accusing it of charging customers too much and engaging in deceptive trade practices.

A week later, the insurance department issued a cease-and-desist order against Farmers, telling the company to stop what it called unfair pricing practices. The state also said it would seek about $150 million in restitution for Farmers customers.

State officials offered to settle the cease-and-desist order this week if Farmers agreed to change the way it prices policies and pay restitution. The insurance department said it would waive proposed penalties that could have totaled billions of dollars.

But Farmers, which has denied any wrongdoing, said the conditions ordered by the state Department of Insurance would not allow the company to generate the money it needs to survive.

"We have made every attempt to continue offering homeowners insurance to the people of Texas and we take this action with deep regret," said John Hageman, Texas State executive director for Farmers.



HOMECOMING PARADE — Daniel Burton, Jessica Rylant, Heather Iglehart and Cory Cochran put the finishing touches on the TSA float for the SHS homecoming parade and pep rally at 4:30 p.m. today. The homecoming queen will be revealed at halftime Friday during the game against Fort Stockton. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## THE SDN COLUMN

**MY TURN**

by Brian Brisendine

We seem to have a talent for attracting lousy customer service wherever we go these days.

A shopping trip in Lubbock on any given Saturday is enough to make us question the future of the human race.

We hear so many grunts and groans from sales people we're often tempted to walk out without the item we've inquired about.

We'd probably carry through with the walkout if we thought it would change any attitudes, but we're pretty sure the only party left lacking would be us.

We won't mention names, but there's a certain electronics store in Lubbock that has a knack for causing blood pressures to rise.

Often it seems like the only employee is the single bubblegum chewing teenager at the checkout counter who's busy calling for a price check while 17 people wait in line.

Miracle cures have been found in less time than we've spent wandering aisles looking for someone who resembles a clerk in this joint.

There have been several occasions when we've lost our cool and let one of the sass-laden helpers know what we thought of their service.

This is usually when we get pinched in the side by our thoroughly-embarrassed wife who correctly points out that complaining to the care-free attendants rarely does any good except to solicit more rolled eyes and "whatever" shrugs.

If you've never shopped for a computer at a large electronics store, you're really missing out.

The last time we shopped for the fanciest new desktop machine, we had a few questions before we agreed to fork over the money.

Apparently our questions weren't as interesting as the conversation we seemed to have interrupted between two workers who begrudgingly postponed their recap of the latest Star Wars installment.

Then the techno-nerds start in with their advanced computer lingo, a course we must have skipped while obtaining our college degree.

We didn't know a 17-year-old kid with crooked glasses and disheveled hair could make us feel like an idiot so quickly.

We asked him to slow down and speak English and received another sharp pinch from the missus — this isn't fun anymore.

All we wanted was a dang computer, so we finally decided on one of the sleek new models and asked the little fellow if he and his buddy would load it into our basket.

Without moving an inch or even uncrossing his arms, the computer-whiz craned his neck towards shelves in all directions, then told us that the machine we chose wasn't in stock.

In frustration, we just pointed at the nearest computer and asked if that one was in the store. He said it was so we took it before he could change his mind.

We're still trying to figure the dumb thing out.

Another habit of ours is to stomp out of the store with our newly-but-not-easily-purchased item and vow never to return — or at least not until the next time we're in Lubbock.

That'll show 'em!

## ASK US

**Q—Is it true that the Lions Club no longer gives a percentage of profit from the July 4th carnival to help pay for the fireworks?**

**A—The club's board votes each year how to contribute a percentage of funds raised from the carnival. This year, the donation was made to the Texas Lions' Camp.**

## FORECAST - ALMANAC

**Snyder Temps:** High Wednesday, 82 degrees; low, 54; 7 a.m. Thursday, 54; no precipitation; total for 2002, 16.30 inches.

**Area Forecast:** Tonight, clear; low around 60; SE winds 5-10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy; high near 90. Friday night, partly cloudy; low 60-65.

Mary Quintano
Partly Cloudy

**Sunset:** 7:35 p.m.
**Sunrise:** 7:35 a.m.
**Of 268 days in 2002, the sun has shone 262 days in Snyder.**

## TODAY'S THOUGHT

**I learned much more from defeat than I ever learned from winning.**
**—Grantland Rice**

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# Dear Abby

**By Abigail Van Buren**

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm writing regarding the letter from the college freshman who signed herself "Looking for Fulfillment." She's the young woman who wants a specific man's child for "genetic reasons" without "trying to tie him down or ask for child support."

It never ceases to amaze me how self-centered and arrogant people can be. She stalks a guy for his sperm and tells him he can stay away and let her raise the baby. No thought is given to how the child will feel after he or she is born and wants to know where Daddy is.

My dad took off when I was 5. I still wonder where he is. That girl needs to visit Oz and find a brain and a heart. — **MISS T. IN PLANO, TEXAS**

**DEAR MISS T.:** I agree that a child should have the right to know both parents. Children have a better chance to grow into stronger and more confident adults when both parents give them love, attention and guidance. **Read on:**

**DEAR ABBY:** That young woman needs help — and I hope the man she had in mind recognizes it before it's too late. He should run for his life.

A woman I considered to be a very close friend for six years asked me to father her baby to fill a void in her life. She promised she would ask nothing from me in return. I was flattered. My ego was stoked by the idea she wanted my "special seed" because I'm such a great guy. So I did it.

She became pregnant, had the baby and moved away. I felt guilty and ashamed because I knew I had done the wrong thing. In the meantime, I met a terrific woman. We married and had a couple of kids. Five years into my marriage, this woman shows up with legal papers and a paternity test, requesting back child support since birth, health insurance, future child support, a college savings plan, and reimbursement for other past expenses related to the child. She told me she was "sorry" she had to do this to me, but she realized that raising a child on her own was a million times more difficult than she thought it was going to be.

My life is a complicated mess now. We are financially ruined. All the plans and dreams for my current family are gone — everything has changed. I will do the right thing for the child's sake and be a father to him. But innocent lives have been changed forever because of my naivete and her "romantic" delusional thinking. — **A FOOL IN OAKLAND, CALIF.**

**DEAR SIR:** Your experience proves how expensive "free love" can be. How much better it would have been if the woman who asked you to father her child had instead chosen to examine why she felt unfulfilled before rushing into motherhood.

"Looking for Fulfillment" said she wanted that particular man's baby for "genetic reasons." (His looks? Athletic ability? His brains?) It reminds me of a story I heard long ago concerning George Bernard Shaw. One night while he was at a dinner party, a somewhat tipsy actress who was famous for her beauty turned to him and said, "You know, we should have a child together. With my looks and your brains, it would have all the advantages in the world."

Shaw thought about it for a moment. "But dear lady," he replied, "what fate would await it if it inherited your brains and my looks?"

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**WORTH REMEMBERING:** The best thing about telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said. (Submitted by Carl Young, Union City, N.J.)

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# Small skull found in North Carolina

STONEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Authorities searching for a 9-year-old girl who disappeared the night her parents were killed are investigating a small human skull found near a rural pond 30 miles from her Virginia home.

Authorities found bone fragments and a full head of hair on the wooded property Wednesday and began draining the pond. They returned today to search for more evidence.

"There were small fragments of jaw, teeth and other bones strewn all over the place," said Rockingham County Sheriff Sam Page. He described the remains as those belonging to a "small person."

Authorities said this morning that the site had not yet been declared a crime scene and that no link had been established between the skull and 9-year-old Jennifer Short.

Jennifer disappeared from her home in Bassett, Va., Aug. 15, the morning her parents, Michael Short, 50, and Mary Hall Short, 36, were found shot to death in their ranch house along busy U.S. 220, about 35 miles south of Roanoke, Va.

Henry County, Va., authorities believe Jennifer was kidnapped by her parents' killers.

Virginia investigators today were comparing the bones and hair found Wednesday to items taken from Jennifer's home.

"It may not be likely (that the remains are Jennifer's) given the state of decomposition and the time since she disappeared," Henry County, Va., Sheriff's Capt. Kimmy Nester told the Martinsville Bulletin in Virginia. "But we don't know for certain."

The skull was discovered Wednesday afternoon by area resident Eddie Albert, whose dogs turned up what appeared to be a brown wig, Albert's daughter, Lisa Albert, said. He realized the hair was attached to a skull when he picked it up and turned it around, she said.

At the site where the skull was found, investigators marked teeth and bone fragments with small red flags, and about 20 detectives, fire and rescue workers drained a pond Wednesday night.

Page said one of his deputies searched a Civil War-era cemetery nearby but found no evidence that any of the graves had been disturbed.

The property is just off a rural lane in a wooded area.

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RESULTS

**Wednesday's Lottery Numbers**
**Lotto Texas**

**AUSTIN — One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.**

**The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.**

**The ticket was sold in: Granbury.**

**The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 6-11-16-23-42-50.**

**Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $4 million.**

**Pick 3**
**(Day) 5-5-8**
**(Night) 7-3-4**
**Cash Five**
**24-25-26-29-33**

## Date Book

**Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002**

Today is the 269th day of 2002 and the fifth day of fall.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day 1945, Lt. Col. Peter Dewey was killed in Vietnam, becoming the first of over 54,000 Americans to be killed there.

On this day in 1957, "West Side Story" made its Broadway debut.

On this day in 1960, John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon held the first televised debate between presidential candidates.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** "Johnny Appleseed" Chapman (1774-1845), conservationist; T.S. Eliot (1888-1965), poet; Martin Heidegger (1889-1976), philosopher; George Gershwin (1898-1937), composer; Olivia Newton-John (1948-), singer, is 54.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1983, Bob Forsch pitched a no-hitter for the St. Louis Cardinals, contributing to a victory against the Montreal Expos.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "Cochinchina is burning, the French and British are finished here, and we (the United States) ought to clear out of Southeast Asia." — Lt. Col. Peter Dewey

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

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**BELGIUM VISITOR — Benoit Luc Masset, a student at Sainte Marie University, came to study marketing through the acquaintance of Amy Patterson, a Snyder High School graduate who teaches French in the Lubbock ISD. Amy was an exchange student to Belgium. Benoit is staying with Robert and Maria Patterson. He is shown with Donna Fowler, chamber of commerce executive director, left, and assistant director Sandra Salinas. Benoit will be in Snyder until Oct. 14. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)**

## Wrong advice given to consumer

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Alice Morrison was looking for a better way to seal her pickles. What she heard made her want to seal her ears.

The 71-year-old Sunday school teacher was unhappy with the canning lids on her sweet pickle jars. So she reached for her box of Kerr mason lids and called the consumer help number printed on the side.

Instead of advice for her lids, she was greeted by a recorded, raspy voice that she was about to hear "sexy introductions from callers" and that for $1.99 a minute she could "join the fun."

"I assure you, I wasn't looking for any hotline," Morrison said.

It isn't the first time people seeking information about canning have discovered themselves hooked up to a phone sex line.

Officials with the company that makes the lids have fielded plenty of confused and sometimes angry calls from across the country, said Judy Harrold, manager of consumer affairs for Alltrista Consumer Products Co.

Harrold said that about a year and a half ago, Alltrista decided to consolidate two canning companies, Ball and Kerr, under one helpline. Kerr's old 800 number was returned to the phone company, she said, and the phone company assigned it to a phone sex company.

"We attempted all we could to get that number back," Harrold said. "But once it was released, there was nothing we could do."

Kerr's new packaging is printed with the consolidated 800 number. Morrison wasn't sure she would try the other number.

# Bridge

**By Phillip Alder**

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Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

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| 2 NT | Pass | 3 NT | All pass |

Opening lead: ♠ K

**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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# Births

Maxine Martinez and Pablo Sustaita of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Nayeli Annabel Martinez Sustaita, at 3:44 a.m. on Sept. 24 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandmother and grandfather are Odelina Martinez and Trevor Williams, both of Snyder.

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Because I have confidence in the power of truth and of the spirit, I believe in the future of mankind.

**—Albert Schweitzer**

# Community Calendar

**THURSDAY**

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

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

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

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

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

**FRIDAY**

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

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

**SUNDAY**

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

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Life happens at the level of events not of words, Trust movement.

**—Alfred Adler**

*I told you we have a pretty strange relationship. But today you're one year prettier, and I'm just strange.*

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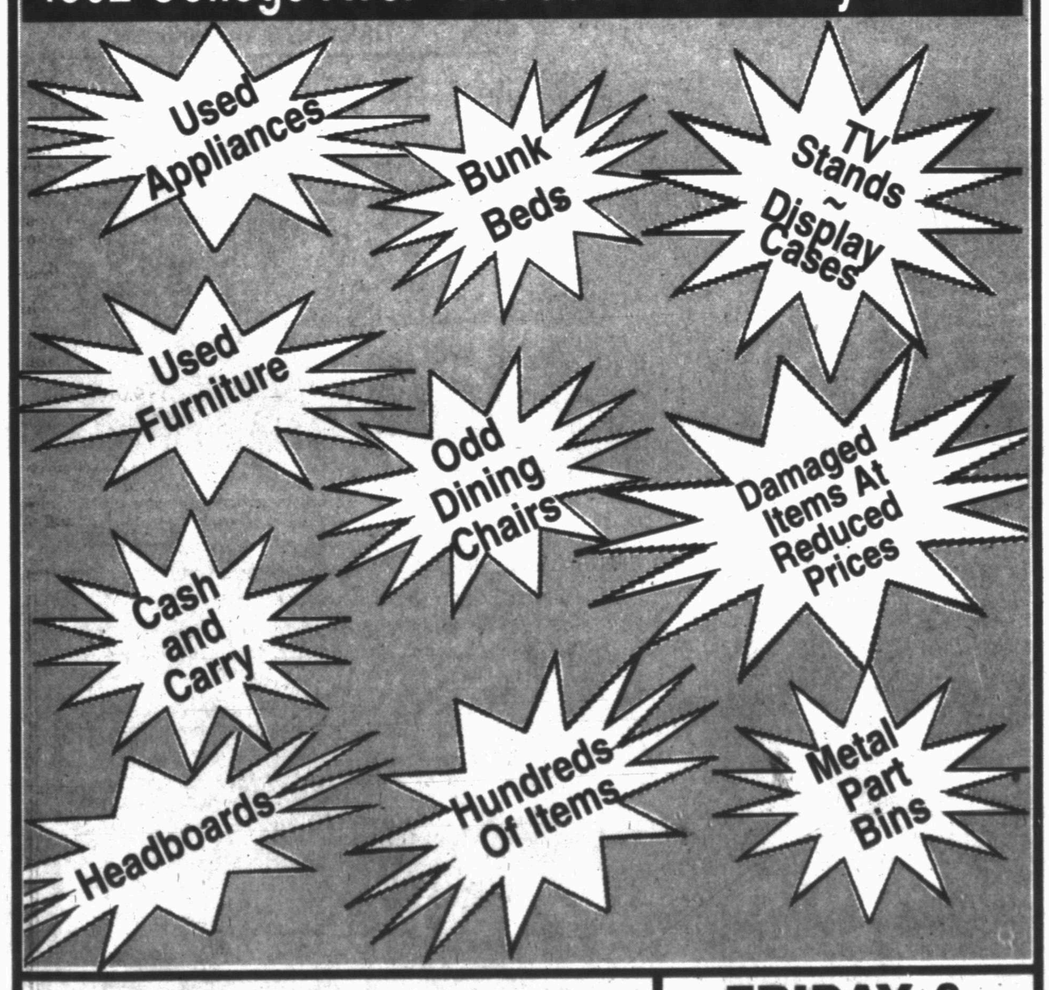


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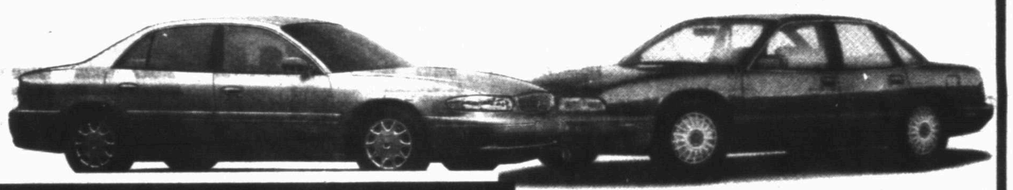

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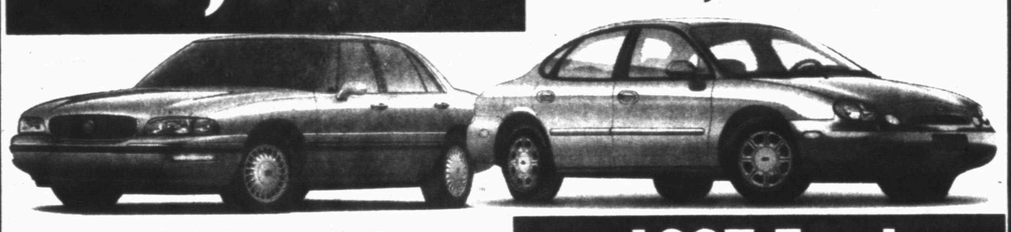

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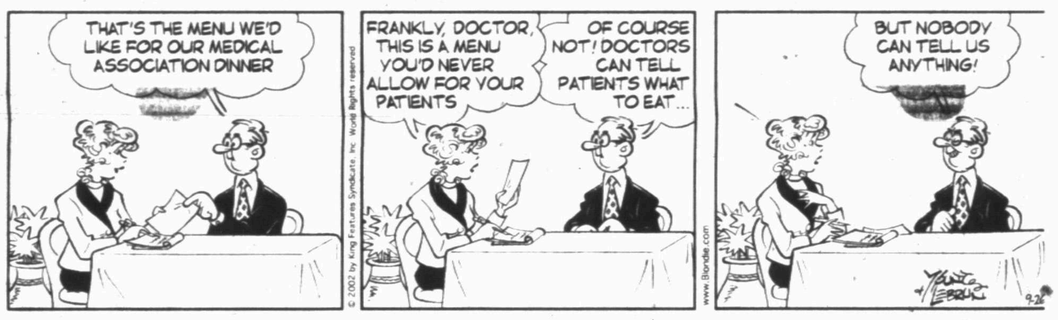


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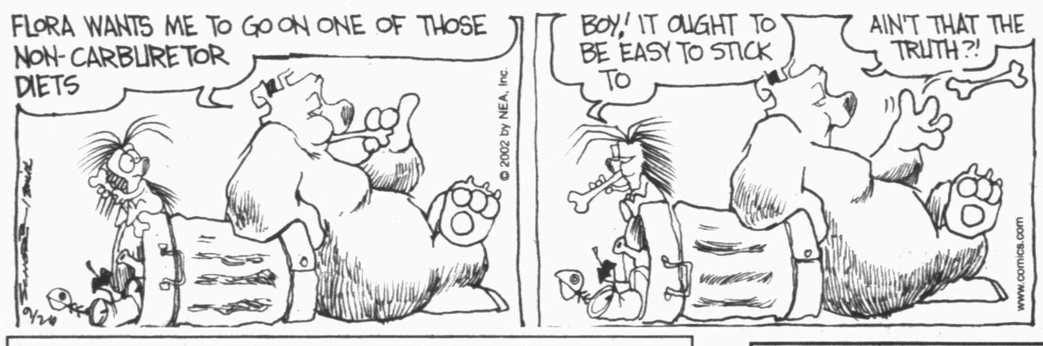


## NEA Crossword Puzzle

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1 Ring out
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10 Tropical fruits
12 Worldwide
13 Qualifying test
14 Canyon
15 At hand
16 Kind of deer
18 Dry, as wine
19 Dental filling
23 Rink surface
26 Feel grateful
27 Ricci of fashion
30 Halo
32 Shellfish
34 Carpenter's need
35 Dissertation
36 Name in elevators
37 Personal history
38 Egg layer
39 Kitchen tools
42 Summer cooler
45 Corporate abbr.
46 Tabbies
50 Play — (feign sleep)
53 Worry-free place
55 Starchy food
56 Rather heavy
57 Vestige
58 Bird's home

**DOWN**

1 Whittle down
2 New Age singer
3 Old Greek market
4 "Iron Man" — Gehrig
5 Crimson Tide st.
6 Autumn mo.
7 Osaka sashes
8 Swede's neighbor
9 AC supply
10 Atlas abbr.
11 Sipping aids
12 Diver — Louganis
17 Old-time comic — Olsen
20 Frothy dessert
21 Stop the ship
22 5,280 feet
23 Country hotel
24 Luigi's farewell
25 Give light
28 Ogden — of verse
29 Jacques' girlfriend
31 Radar object
33 9-digit ID
35 Busy (2 wds.)
37 Deli order
40 "Blondie" kid
41 Make a run
42 Client mtg.
43 Entrance
44 This, to Jose
47 High-rise units, briefly
48 Slant
49 Respond
51 Cul-de- —
52 All-purpose vehicle
54 2,000 pounds

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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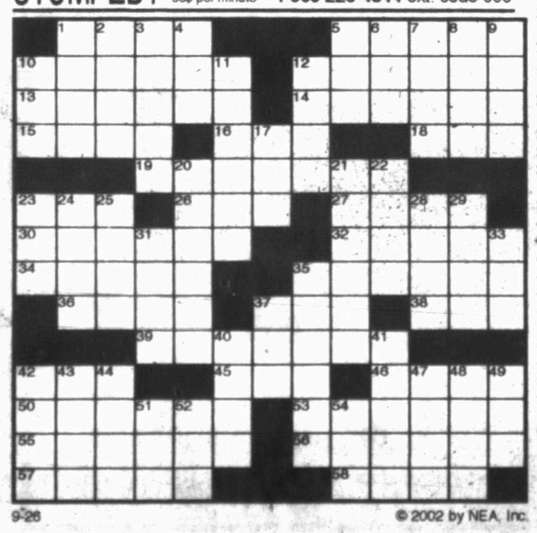

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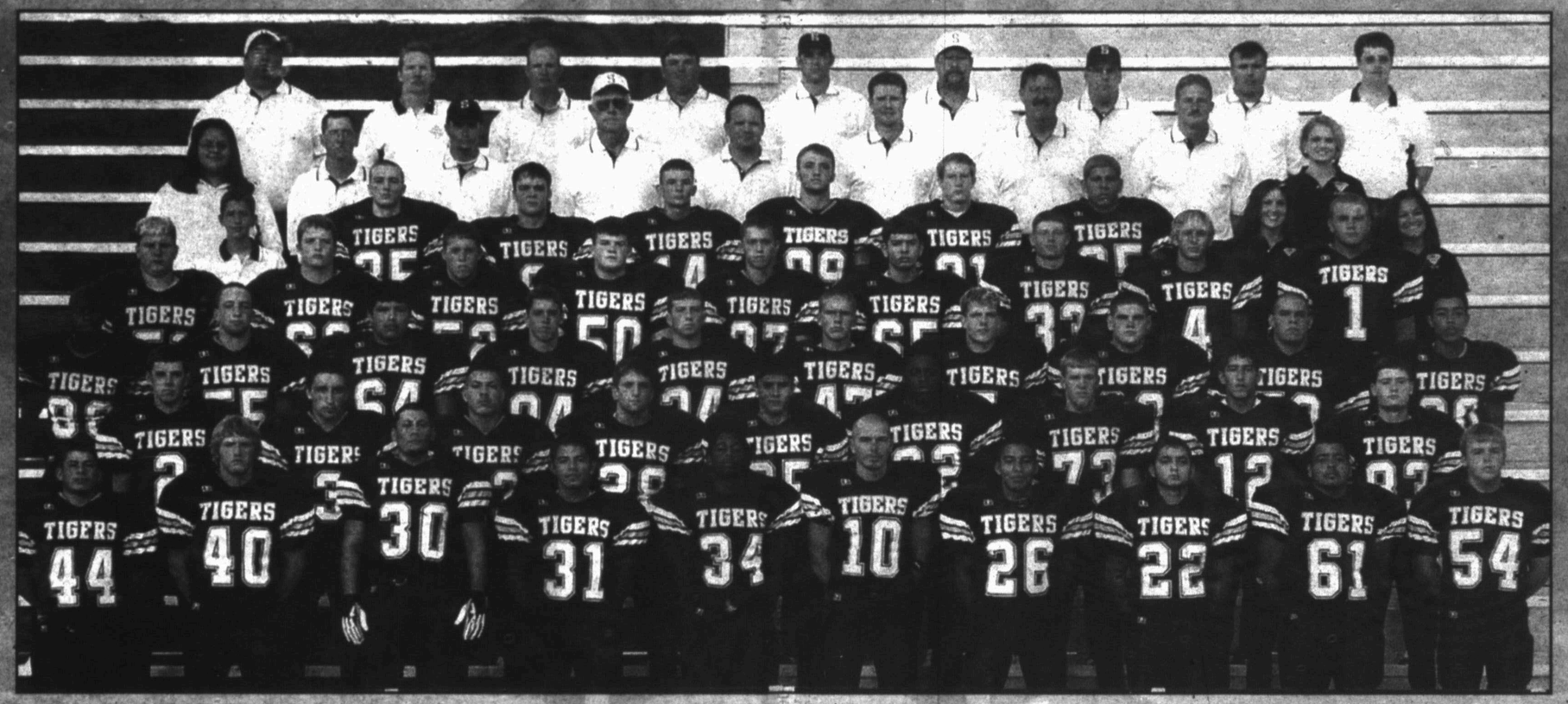

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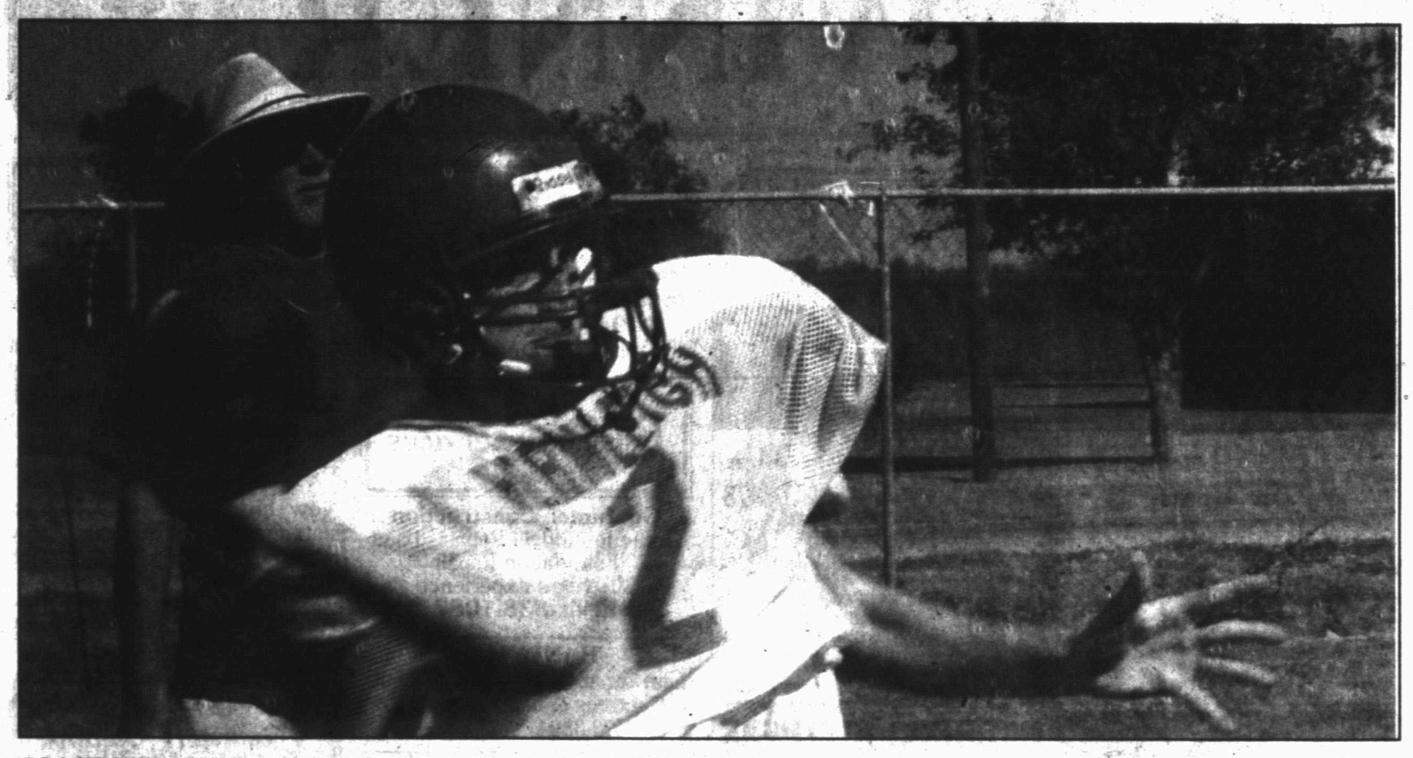

COACH-EYE VIEW — Hermleigh quarterback Terrel Culp practices the timing of pass patterns with his receivers during Wednesday's practice under the watchful eye of head coach Don Jones. The Cardinals are seeking their first victory of the season when they travel to Loop tomorrow night. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Cardinals seeking fast start at Loop

Hermleigh Cardinals Head Coach Don Jones hopes an opening score on the first possession Friday will get his team into the win column for the first time this season.

"We need to get off to a fast start," he said. "If we do that, I like our chances."

A quick start would go a long way toward boosting the confidence of the Cardinals, who are winless so far this season.

Hermleigh has been racked by injuries to its young team this season, including losing starting quarterback Jonathan McClure for the season with a dislocated hip.

The Cardinals used an open date last week to get healthy and work on areas that they can exploit versus a Loop team that has struggled a bit this season.

The Hermleigh squad will face off against Loop at 7:30 Friday night, and Jones said his team has been improving each week.

Despite the injuries and the losses, the enthusiasm and determination of the team is evident in its practices, as the players are focused and having fun.

"We are getting better," he said. "I'm seeing some good things as get we get deeper into the season."

# Bulldogs keeping focus this week on New Home

After last week's stunning and convincing win over seventh-ranked Borden County, the Ira Bulldogs have focused on avoiding a letdown when they travel to New Home tomorrow night.

"It's easy to relax after a good win," Head Coach Toby Goodwin said. "We need to stay high speed."

Ira's demolition of Borden County began with its defense, which limited the Coyotes to 202 total yards and only one score.

"Our defense played about as well as a defense can play," he said. "And we've had another good week of practice."

Goodwin said New Home presents a challenge to Ira, as both had identical 11-1 records last season, and both are 2-1 this season.

New Home is coming off an emotional, come-from-behind 30-22 victory over Patton Springs last week, and Goodwin said his team needs to keep the same attitude in the game that they have had in practice all week in order to keep the momentum from the last two games.

"The mood has been good all week," he said. "The guys have been serious and focused, and we have had some good conditioning work this week."

He said the team needs to keep in mind what can happen when complacency sets in and players have mental lapses during games.

"We saw what can happen against Whitharral when the guys don't execute," he said.

Goodwin said the team had high expectations heading into the season, and those expectations have been highlighted by the win over Borden County.

"We set high goals this year, and the kids have been doing a good job," he said. "A big win over a rival like Borden County gives us a tremendous boost, and shows us what we can look forward to if we keep playing with that same intensity."

Kickoff is set for 7:30. In other area six-man action, Hermleigh travels to Loop and Borden County travels to Wellman-Union. Both games are set for 7:30 Friday.

## Texas stalls Angels' playoff celebration

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Angels' 4-3 loss to Texas Wednesday night was their fourth straight defeat, all when they would have clinched their first postseason berth since 1986 with a win.

Despite losing seven of nine games, Anaheim's magic number was one with four games left in the regular season. The Angels play Thursday at Texas before three games at home this weekend against Seattle.

"We're going to go to the playoffs," pitcher Troy Percival said..

## Jones' confidence in Carter waning

IRVING (AP) — The one thing Quincy Carter has been able to count on since joining the Dallas Cowboys has been the unconditional support of team owner Jerry Jones. Despite evidence that may be changing, Carter insisted Wednesday he's as confident as ever.

"I'm doing everything I can to help this team win," Carter said. "I can't control anything else. Quincy Carter is my biggest competitor. That's it."

Jones considered Carter the heir to Troy Aikman the day he drafted him, then sped up his succession plan by making the rookie an opening day starter last season. Injuries limited him to a half season, so this week Carter is preparing for only his 12th career start, against St. Louis on Sunday.

His record is 4-7. This season, he's 1-2, having completed 48-of-89 passes (54 percent) for 572 yards with two interceptions and two touchdowns. His quarterback rating in 13th in the NFC.

Jones questioned Carter's progress on Tuesday, saying he wasn't sure "if Quincy will evolve into the kind of player and productive player that some of the mobile quarterbacks we see are." Regarding Carter's development, Jones said he was "in the middle" between pleased and disappointed.

Although Jones added that doubts about Carter led to the signing of Chad Hutchinson, he also said there was no question Carter would remain the starter.

Hutchinson, who spent the last four seasons playing pro baseball, has yet to take a snap, even in a lopsided loss Sunday to Philadelphia.

"I don't think we can outright say what is going to happen in the future," coach Dave Campo said. "I feel good (Carter) is making progress. We are going with Quincy."

Carter certainly isn't the only thing wrong with the Cowboys' offense. The line hasn't taken to a new blocking scheme, with injuries further slowing them. That's led to fewer holes for running back Emmitt Smith and less protection for Carter.

"I don't think we've been able to put together the complete package to balance, support Quincy," Smith said. "It's not necessarily all Quincy's fault."

Offensive coordinator Bruce Coslet also said there are too many factors to blame one person. He noted that the line has yet to be together, not even in training camp.

"The thing that's wrong with us is we need to stay patient, on an even keel and get guys healthy," Coslet said. "Quincy will be better, Emmitt will be better and we'll score more. It's just something we have to work through. I wish we were better, but wishing doesn't help."

Carter has known from the start that he has one of the most high-profile jobs in pro sports. All he's asking for is patience while he grows into the job.

## MLB Standings

**National League**
**At A Glance**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Atlanta | 98 | 58 | .628 | — |
| Montreal | 79 | 79 | .500 | 20 |
| Philadelphia | 79 | 79 | .500 | 20 |
| Florida | 77 | 81 | .487 | 22 |
| New York | 74 | 83 | .471 | 24½ |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-St. Louis | 94 | 64 | .595 | — |
| Houston | 84 | 75 | .528 | 10½ |
| Cincinnati | 77 | 81 | .487 | 17 |
| Pittsburgh | 71 | 87 | .449 | 23 |
| Chicago | 65 | 93 | .411 | 29 |
| Milwaukee | 55 | 103 | .348 | 39 |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Arizona | 94 | 64 | .595 | — |
| San Francisco | 92 | 66 | .582 | 2 |
| Los Angeles | 89 | 69 | .563 | 5 |
| Colorado | 73 | 85 | .462 | 21 |
| San Diego | 65 | 93 | .411 | 29 |

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**Wednesday's Games**

St. Louis 6, Arizona 1
Florida 10, Montreal 2
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 8, Chicago Cubs 2
Houston 7, Milwaukee 5
Los Angeles 3, Colorado 2
San Francisco 6, San Diego 0

**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.
San Diego (Tomko 10-10) at Los Angeles (Nomo 16-6), 10:10 p.m.

**Friday's Games**

Pittsburgh (K.Wells 12-14) at Chicago Cubs (Mahomes 1-0), 3:20 p.m.
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Philadelphia (Wolf 11-8) at Florida (Burnett 12-9), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 10-16) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 11-5), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 8-10) at Arizona (Batista 7-9), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 6-7) at Los Angeles (Daal 11-9), 10:10 p.m.
Houston (Miller 15-3) at San Francisco (Schmidt 12-8), 10:35 p.m.

**American League**
**At A Glance**

**East Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-New York | 100 | 58 | .633 | — |
| Boston | 91 | 67 | .576 | 9 |
| Toronto | 74 | 84 | .468 | 26 |
| Baltimore | 67 | 91 | .424 | 33 |
| Tampa Bay | 54 | 104 | .342 | 46 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| y-Minnesota | 91 | 66 | .580 | — |
| Chicago | 80 | 78 | .506 | 11½ |
| Cleveland | 70 | 88 | .443 | 21½ |
| Kansas City | 61 | 97 | .386 | 30½ |
| Detroit | 55 | 102 | .350 | 36 |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| x-Oakland | 99 | 59 | .627 | — |
| Anaheim | 96 | 62 | .608 | 3 |
| Seattle | 92 | 66 | .582 | 7 |
| Texas | 72 | 86 | .456 | 27 |

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

**Wednesday's Games**

Toronto 3, Baltimore 2
N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 3
Texas 4, Anaheim 3
Minnesota 7, Cleveland 5, 12 innings
Chicago White Sox 7, Boston 2
Detroit 7, Kansas City 6, 12 innings
Seattle 3, Oakland 2

**Thursday's Games**

Boston (Hancock 0-0) 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.

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Detroit (Van Hekken 1-2) at Toronto (Walker 9-5), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 6-11) at Boston (Burkett 12-8), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (D.Wells 18-7) at Baltimore (Ponson 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Obermueller 0-1) at Cleveland (Sabathia 12-11), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 18-7) at Texas (Park 9-7), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Rauch 2-1) at Minnesota (Mays 4-8), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 16-10) at Anaheim (Washburn 18-6), 10:05 p.m.

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

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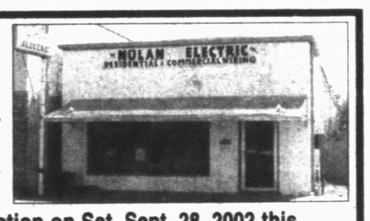


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# Multiple doses of Ecstasy damage key parts of brain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking Ecstasy several times a night, a common practice among users of the illegal drug, may damage key neurons in the brain and hasten onset of Parkinson's disease, according to a study in monkeys.

Some experts, however, dispute the relevance of the findings.

A Stanford University researcher injected squirrel monkeys and baboons with three shots of Ecstasy, also known as MDMA, three hours apart, mimicking dosages "often used by MDMA users at all-night dance parties." He said the drug caused enduring damage to dopamine-producing neurons in the brains of the animals.

The damage "was still evident two to six weeks later," said Dr. George A. Ricaurte, the lead author of a study appearing this week in the journal Science.

Ricaurte said the damage to the dopamine neurons raises a "clinical concern" about the possibility that use of Ecstasy by youthful partygoers may lead to the early onset of Parkinson's disease, a brain disorder triggered by the permanent loss of dopamine-producing nerve cells.

"We already know from the literature that brain dopamine declines with age," he said. "A young individual who sustains injury to these dopamine cells and depletes their reserve may be at greater risk of Parkinsonism."

A psychiatrist on the New York University School of Medicine faculty said Ricaurte's government-funded research has helped to "demonize" Ecstasy, which she believes could help treat some mental conditions when used with medical supervision.

Dr. Julia A. Holland, an NYU associate professor, said earlier studies on humans have failed to show that Ecstasy causes permanent damage to dopamine neurons.

"It is a big leap to extrapolate what he is seeing in these primates and what you expect to see in Parkinson's syndrome," Holland said in a telephone interview.

Dr. Alan I. Leshner, former head of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, however, said the Ricaurte study shows "that even an occasional use of Ecstasy can lead to significant damage to brain systems."

In the study, the total dosage was six milligrams for every 2.2 pounds of the animals' weight. One of five monkeys and one of five baboons used in the study died shortly after receiving the shots.

The brains of the surviving animals were examined microscopically and chemically after two to eight weeks. Ricaurte said there was clear evidence that the dopamine-producing neurons in their brains had been "pruned" by the drug.

"The reason we see a depletion of dopamine at three to six weeks is because the nerve endings where the dopamine is processed have been destroyed," said Ricaurte. "All of the markers of dopamine that we could measure were noticeably reduced.

"There hasn't been a single animal that escaped the dopamine (cell) lesions," he said.

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**By Peter Gott, M.D.**

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Second, physical therapy: Professionals trained in this occupation can often work miracles. I cannot predict what techniques the therapists will use in your case, but I suspect there will be an emphasis on strengthening and range-of-motion exercises.

Finally, I'd hold off on surgery until your discomfort reaches unbearable limits. An operation should be your last resort.

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**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I recently helped my 35 year-old niece move from one house to another. Her very healthy 15 year-old son did more talking than working. My niece says that when boys get this age, their raging hormones cause them not to want to work. Is this true?

**DEAR READER:** Mid-adolescence is a disruptive time for many children, both boys and girls. It marks a period of change, often drastic change, when these young people try desperately to discover who they are and what life holds for them. This instability is often expressed in ways that oppose adult expectations. Kids in their teens occasionally seem like aliens from outer space. In part, this is how they want to be viewed. They are experimenting with ways to grasp power from adults, at the same time maintaining some security in the midst of their angst and psychological upheaval.

Children at this age need structure, reasonable parental expectations and limits to be set. Also, they need love, guidance and acceptance — altogether, a formidable task for parents and the kids themselves.

Your niece's son will probably survive his teen years unscathed. His hormones undoubtedly aggravate the situation, but that's simply part of growing up. As a father to three men who navigated adolescence (reasonably) successfully, I can testify that the experience was sometimes painful and always challenging.

I kept my perspective by remembering the old saying: Insanity is hereditary; parents get it from their children.

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| SwstAirl | 13.70 | 13.14 | 13.67 | + .40 |
| SprintFON | 9.37 | 9.00 | 9.03 | —.34 |
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| Unocal | 31.71 | 31.10 | 31.50 | + .44 |
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| WalMart | 53.05 | 52.08 | 53.03 | + .99 |
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| WstnGasRs | 32.01 | 31.10 | 32.00 | + 1.04 |
| WinnDixie | 14.17 | 13.51 | 14.06 | + .73 |
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| YumBrands s | 29.43 | 28.65 | 29.06 | + .83 |

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# Cogdell benefits from WBU marketing plan

PLAINVIEW — A student organization at Wayland Baptist University is a little richer, thanks to a class project in the division of business.

The Wayland chapter of Students in Free Enterprise received a $2,000 donation from Cogdell Memorial Hospital as a show of appreciation for a joint class project that resulted in a marketing plan for the hospital. And while the check was appreciated, the experience students gained from the project was far more valuable.

The project began with a call from Charles Hurst, Price Daniel health unit administrator and the father of Wayland student C.J. Hurst.

When Hurst asked about the possibility of students conducting a marketing project for the hospital, business professors Dr. Claude Lusk and Dr. Bobby Hall were called. Both were slated to teach marketing classes in the spring semester, so the pair decided to join forces and help Cogdell while giving their students hands-on experience.

"As with most businesses, their desire was to be more of a facility of choice for that area, and they needed a marketing plan," explained Lusk, adding that they combined his market promotions class and Hall's principles of marketing class, then divided the 30 students into four blended teams.

"Hurst came down and made a presentation about the hospital: who they were, what they did and some basic data about their patients and employees."

From there, the students decided to focus on the internal marketing needs of the hospital and formulated an employee survey. The team then traveled to Snyder to administer the survey.

"We crunched those numbers and that info was the backbone for what we chose to do for a marketing plan," Lusk said, adding that the plan even changed a bit midstream, reflecting a very real part of marketing work. Initially, the teams were each coming up with facets of the plan, but students felt the image and internal marketing plans were the most important and the other two were worked in as extras.

In the end, students gathered all their ideas into a major presentation, and Cogdell administrators visited Plainview to hear the final results.

Afterward, the team got a standing ovation.

Lusk said the experience was valuable for Wayland students because it provided real-world application to classroom lectures, especially in the area of survey research.

Business student Jason Thompson agreed. "A lot of what you learn is theory, so it really helps to put your hands on it and know what works and what doesn't work," Thompson said. "Being a real company, the experience just can't be duplicated. The whole process — from research to planning and presenting — was very beneficial."

Through the semester, students were also able to hear from marketing professionals at other hospitals who could give insight to their efforts in the same areas, giving them even more exposure to the real world.

"It was a great experience for our students, and we got great reviews from them," said Hall. "This gives our students a leg up in the job market because they have experience they can use for potential employers."

Hall and Lusk said Cogdell administrators were excited about the students' ideas. The project also opened the doors for a continued relationship.

Hurst said he is proud of the opportunity the project gave students to get hands-on training. "One of the things that reached the students is the work that it takes to get statistically viable results to use. What we found is that this was the educational experience the students were looking for," he said.

"That's what I felt the best about, that we helped improve the educational offering by taking it off the page and putting it into the real world."

# Parolee executed for drug deal slaying

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A Dallas man with at least four other felony convictions was executed Wednesday evening for a robbery-slaying in Beaumont during a drug deal while he was on parole.

Calvin Eugene King, 48, was the 28th Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this year and the second in as many days.

In a brief final statement, King muttered, "I want to say God forgives as I forgive and God is the greatest. Thank you."

As the drugs began flowing into his arms, he gurgled and then gasped twice. He was pronounced dead 11 minutes later, at 6:20 p.m. CDT.

A Jefferson County jury deliberated only 30 minutes before deciding King was guilty and deliberated just an hour before voting he should go to death row for the fatal stabbing of Billy Wayne Ezell, 21, more than eight years ago.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused Wednesday to review King's case. Two justices, John Paul Stevens and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, favored granting a reprieve.

Relatives described Ezell, from Silsbee, about 20 miles north of Beaumont, 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 his estranged wife," said Ramon Rodriguez, the Jefferson County assistant district attorney .


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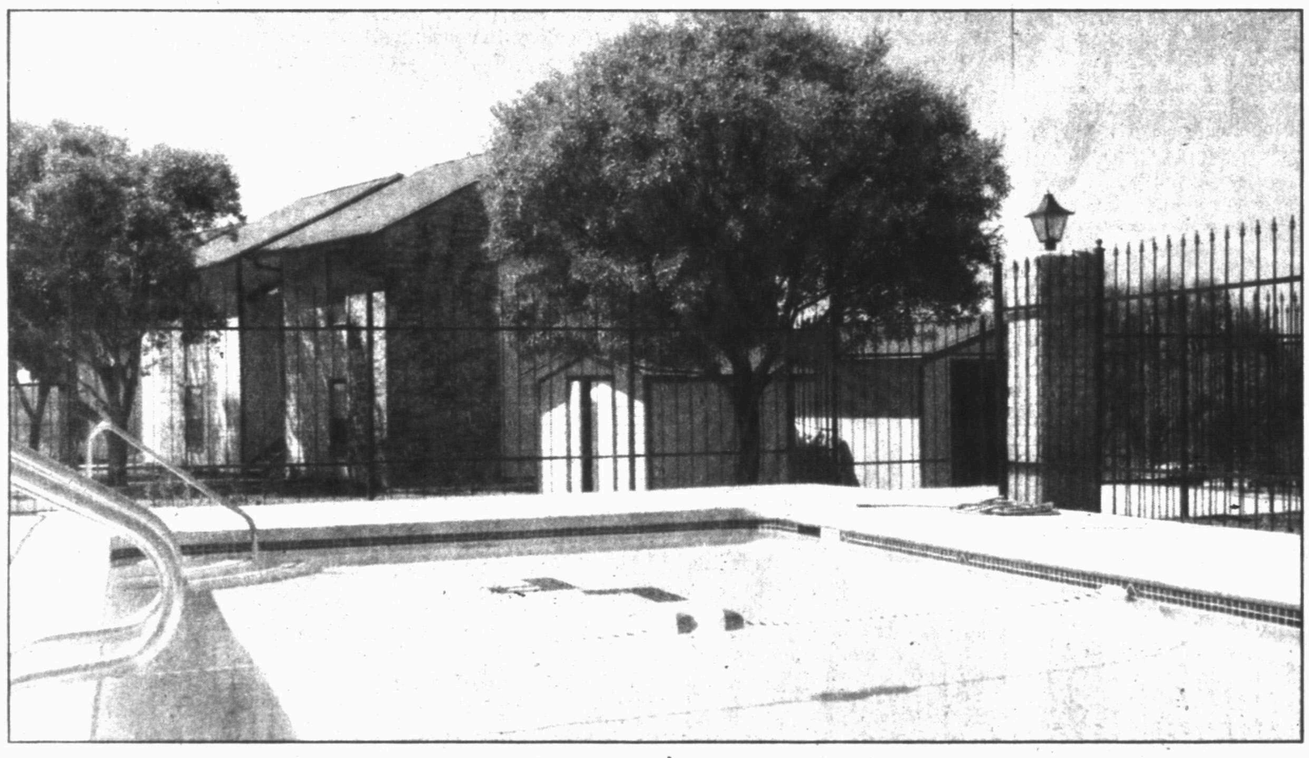

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## Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

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By changing tactics or procedures that have proven to be unproductive, solid achievements can be realized in the year ahead. The adjustments may be a bit difficult, but when all is said and done, they'll be worth it.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** — Be careful not to prejudge anyone today. When the smoke clears and you can see things clearly again, you may realize that your thinking was based on a faulty assumption. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** — Issues you're better equipped to take care of should not be delegated to another today. While handling things yourself, something new will occur to you that will prove very fortunate.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** — Just because your mate has an optimistic and happy outlook today, don't try to push something on to him/her that your spouse doesn't want. That rubber band knows how to snap back.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Should confusion prevail while on the job today, it may be due to some faulty information you've received. Go back and check the original blueprint, the answer lies there.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** — There won't be any trouble making or drawing money to you today. In fact, you might be quite lucky in your financial affairs. However, if not handled judiciously, you can lose what you gain.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** — Avoid siding or hanging out today with people who band together for the purpose of ganging up on others. When you see what they do, you won't want to be part of it.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Look for new sources of validation to better understand a present situation rather than basing your evaluation on past experiences. There is something new to discover that'll prove lucky.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — You can benefit greatly in your financial involvements today, provided you don't involve friends in your money affairs. Complications can erupt in this critical area.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — Staying power may be your most fortunate ally today, especially when dealing with a difficult objective. Don't flee from the kitchen just because things start heating up.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — Conditions aren't likely to be representative of early assessments or indicators today, so take your time in gathering all the facts at your disposal before beginning a new job.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You're quite bright and creative today, and should be able to come up with all kinds of new ideas on how to do things. But, if you stick your nose into another's affairs, you could inherit his/her problems.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Should someone on whom you were counting not come through for you today, don't collapse. There are people standing in the wings who'll offer to play that role and do a better job.

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## Today's chuckle

### 1955 letter returned to sender

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP) — A letter stamped "Return to Sender" has arrived back in Sioux City. It only took 47 years.

The letter, postmarked June 20, 1955, landed in Janet Nejedly's business mailbox last Friday.

The envelope is addressed to Mr. Gilbert Kelly of Omaha, Neb.

The return address lists no name, only the address — 2030 S. St. Aubin, Sioux City — the same address as Nejedly's business, Ray Stallons Hearing Aids.

"I thought, 'Oh my God, 1955, where has this been hiding?'" Janet asked.

Nejedly and her 10-year-old daughter, Kayla, are on a mission to find out.

The envelope has a purple 3-cent stamp of the Statue of Liberty with the words "In God We Trust."

The only other marking is a red stamp saying "Return to Sender" and a list of options for why the letter was returned. A mail deliverer marked the box "no such street number" as the reason for the letter's return.

The letter inside is signed "Jan," and addressed "Dear Gil," with a date the same as the postmark. Whether Jan and Gil were pen pals or relatives remains a mystery.

Nejedly checked with information, but there is no Gilbert Kelly listed in Omaha.


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# Isidore rains on Gulf Coast

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tropical Storm Isidore blew ashore early today with sustained winds just below hurricane strength and rain that for a time flooded New Orleans streets with water up to car windshields.

About 100,000 homes and businesses in southern Louisiana had lost power as the loosely organized storm worked its way inland with 65 mph wind. Tornado warnings and flood watches were posted from the central Louisiana coast to the Florida panhandle.

There were no immediate reports of injuries.

At 11 a.m. EDT, the storm's ill-defined center was near Baton Rouge and moving north-northeast at 14 mph. Isidore has fallen from hurricane strength, defined as sustained winds of at least 74 mph, since hitting Mexico over the weekend.

Several tornadoes spun out of the unstable weather and touched down in the Florida Panhandle. One, in Santa Rosa Beach, damaged more than a dozen houses on Wednesday. Other tornados were reported in Bay County and Jackson County, where at least four homes were damaged.

In Louisiana, a twister touched down in Lafourche Parish, near the point where Isidore made landfall. Flying debris damaged three police vehicles.

Forecasters said Isidore would likely cut a north-northeast path through Alabama and Mississippi on today, weakening as it continued inland. A tropical storm warning remained in effect today morning along the Gulf Coast from east of High Island, Texas, to St. Marks, Fla.

## AP correction

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — In a Wednesday story about a ruling declaring the federal death penalty law unconstitutional, The Associated Press erroneously reported that U.S. District Judge William Sessions cited two of the law's provisions as the reason for his decision. Sessions did not find unconstitutional the part of the law that gives grand juries a hand in death penalty decisions. He ruled the law was unconstitutional because the sentencing phase denies defendants the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses.

The AP also erroneously reported that the government is appealing a Supreme Court ruling on the death penalty. Supreme Court rulings cannot be appealed.

# Elusive compromise raises concerns about security bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate impasse over worker rights in the proposed Homeland Security Department is raising concern about the bill's chances of passing Congress this year.

To be sure, President Bush continues to exhort lawmakers to move and Democrats who control the Senate keep setting up test votes to force action. But little progress has been made on the main dispute: Bush's demand for greater authority to hire, fire and deploy the agency's estimated 170,000 workers.

"I have the distinct impression that they (the GOP) don't want to finish the homeland security bill," said Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., the assistant majority leader.

Republicans contend that Democrats have been unwilling to compromise enough because of the influence of labor unions, especially those representing government workers, over the Democratic Party.

"They have not been willing to choose between their friends, the big labor bosses, and national security," said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.

Democrats say it's Bush administration intransigence on the department's work force that is causing the delay.

# Several 9-1-1 calls report vehicle accident in Snyder

***•Accident***

Snyder officers responded to 37th Street and Austin Ave. at 7 p.m. Wednesday after receiving several 9-1-1 calls reporting an accident.

Involved were a 1991 Chevrolet pickup driven by Richard Hester, 50, of 2712 Ave. U and a 1991 Harley Davidson Electra Glide driven by William "Dub" Buchanan, 60, of 3605 Houston Ave.

Buchanan was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital, where he was admitted for observation.

***•Arrests***

Deputies arrested a 49-year-old man Wednesday on a Nolan County warrant for motion to enforce child support.

A 21-year-old man was taken into custody at 7:30 p.m. by DPS troopers for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

An unknown caller reported a disturbance at the Fieldcrest Apartments at 1:30 a.m. today.

Officers responded and arrested a 17-year-old man for public intoxication and an 18-year-old man for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor.

***•Fire report***

Snyder firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at 606 24th Street at 11:32 a.m. Wednesday. The vehicle was a 1989 Ford pickup owned by Joaquin Alarcon Jr.

Fire Marshal Cy Posey said damage was confined to the engine compartment and cause of the fire was an electrical short in the alternator.

Seven firefighters responded with one fire truck.

***•Fight***

A woman reported several male juveniles fighting at Allsup's at noon Wednesday. Officers contacted one subject, but advised others involved in the altercation were gone upon their arrival.

***•Close patrols***

Snyder officers initiated a close patrol near West Elementary Wednesday morning because of reports of reckless drivers.

Two women requested an officer at a home on Ave. R Wednesday afternoon to report harassment and requested a close patrol.

A woman reported several juveniles hiding behind a dumpster near 14th Street and Ave. E Wednesday night and requested a close patrol of the area.

***•Noise disturbance***

A woman in the 3700 block of Ave. U reported a neighbor continuously playing loud music. Officers contacted the neighbor and the volume was lowered.

## ML assistant to plead guilty and testify

NEW YORK (AP) — An assistant at Merrill Lynch & Co. has agreed to plead guilty to a misdemeanor and testify against Martha Stewart in a federal investigation into sales of ImClone stock, The Wall Street Journal reported in today's editions.

Prosecutors had sought to charge the assistant, Douglas Faneuil, with a felony of making false statements to investigators but agreed to a misdemeanor in exchange for his cooperation, the newspaper said, citing people familiar with the discussions who it did not identify.

The charge is expected to be filed within days, the newspaper said.

Through his lawyer, Faneuil declined to comment, as did the U.S. attorney's office in New York. A spokeswoman for Stewart declined to comment.

# 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.

Diana Denson

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

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.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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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.

## Evelyn Whitson

**1948-2002**

LUBBOCK — Evelyn Kay Whitson, the stepmother of Dustin Whitson and Amanda Whitson of Snyder, died Wednesday, Sept. 25.

A memorial service for Mrs. Whitson, 54, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in Resthaven's Abby Chapel with Doug Hale officiating.

Born Aug. 28, 1948 in Lubbock, she attended Lubbock High School and married Dee Whitson on April 30, 1995 in Bridgeport.

A member of the Church of Christ, Mrs. Whitson worked in Farmers All Risk Crop Insurance office and was a bookkeeper and apartment manager.

Survivors include her husband, Dee Whitson of Lubbock; a son, Jerry Gage of Amarillo; two daughters, Suzan Hawkins of Granbury and Michelle Painter of Plainview; two other stepdaughters, Holly Fuller of Fort Worth and DeLana Whitson of Lubbock; a brother, Larry Nix of Granbury; her mother, Jean Banning of Granbury; and five grandchildren.

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### 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 are $5 each and will be available at the door or may 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.

### Youth car wash

Youth of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will hold a fundraiser car wash from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at United.

### 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 Wednesday. 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. 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 ex's' 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.

### Worship workshop

Generation Praise from Dallas will be in Snyder Oct. 11-12 to hold a worship workshop, including classes on tambourine, streamers, basics of worship, prophetic worship, and Hebrew and Greek words for praise and worship. It is sponsored by His Joy Ministries and Word is Life Church. Discounted registration before Oct. 4. Call 573-9799 for more information.

### District auxiliary meeting

Cogdell Hospital auxiliary will host the District 6A and 6B of the Texas Association of Hospital Auxiliaries convention Thursday, Oct. 17, at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

### Ennis Creek reunion

Ennis Creek reunion will be held Oct. 19 at the home of Chuck and Velma Lou Lear, 8558 N. Ennis Creek Road. For more information call 573-8335 or 573-9478.

### Call to poets

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

### Adult basic education classes

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

### 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.

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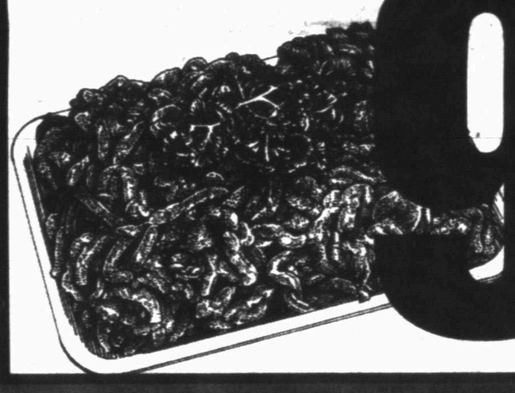

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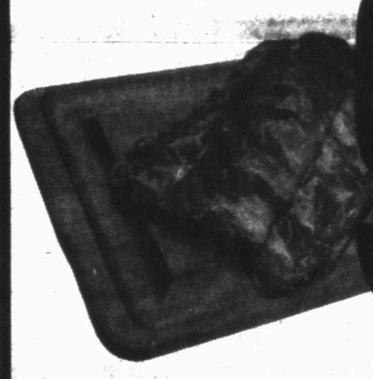

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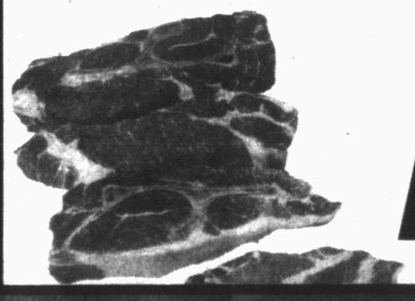

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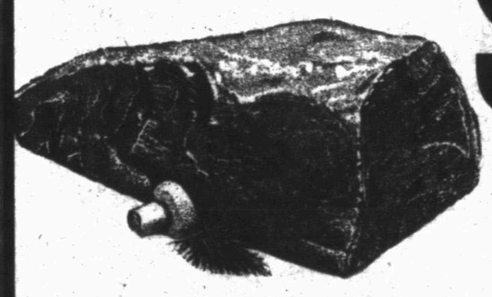

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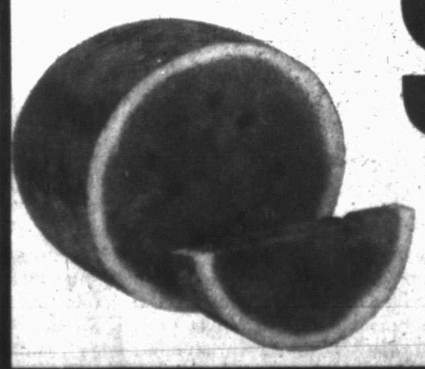

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