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Home of Aaron Steelman



LOOKING GOOD — Snyder High School band members Melissa Jerome and Aaron Lindsey show off new uniforms. Both are seniors and have been in the band for four years. Jerome is also senior representative for the band. The band will perform at Snyder's first game against Frenship on Aug. 29 in Wolfforth. The uniforms cost a total of $32,748, but a $10,000 anonymous donation cut the cost to the district. (SDN Staff Photo)

Afternoon storm more wind, sand than rain

A mid-afternoon thunderstorm — moving into Scurry County from the southwest — brought sand, wind, hail and needed moisture.

As much as six-tenths was recorded at Hermleigh while the city water plant on 37th Street gauged .31 of an inch. A half inch also was reported at Fluvanna.

It was welcome rainfall for thirsty lawns, but was spotty for cotton crops in need of moisture that have been enduring searing August heat.

It had almost been 60 days since Snyder had enjoyed any appreciable rainfall. On June 25, the city water plant recorded 1.35 inches.

Since that time, however the most rain recorded was .13 on Aug. 19, one-tenth on July 13, .02 on Aug. 14 and .01 on June 26.

Friday's brief rainfall brought the year's total to 9.82 inches, 5.26 inches below the 15.08 recorded at the same time last year.

Other rainfall totals from the Friday weather encounter was a quarter-inch at Ira and Dunn. Just northwest of Dunn, .15 of an inch was recorded.

Just west of Snyder reported four-tenths of an inch while there was no moisture north and east of the city limits. Polar and Dermott had only a trace while Loyd Mountain and Camp Springs reported only wind and sand. At the west end of Lake Thomas, the rainfall total was two-tenths.

Friday's storm, which hit Snyder about 2:30 was preceded with winds and sand. The rain was accompanied with hail that was reported the size of a quarter in southwest Snyder.

The hail stripped trees and flowers of some vegetation and homeowners were raking up the debris Friday afternoon and early Saturday.

Dispatchers received a report of a tree being blown down at Trailertopia on the Lamesa highway. There was no other damage at that location.

On the Colorado City highway, more than a dozen utility poles were snapped during a second windstorm that blew in about 6:30 p.m. Randy Ward with Oncor reported 16 poles snapped. Power lines also were reported down in the Cedar Creek area near Western Texas College. Power outage was brief, but crews were working Saturday morning to replace the fallen poles.

Big Country Electric Cooperative reported minor power outages, but lost no lines during the storm.

Football season starts Friday
See Special Section Inside

Early voting begins Thursday on constitutional amendments

AUSTIN (AP) — Early voting begins Thursday in the Sept. 13's Texas constitutional amendment election. Twenty-two propositions are on the ballot.

Early voting will be held weekdays between the hours 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the third floor of the Scurry County courthouse. The early voting period ends Sept. 9.

The amendments represent a variety of measures — from giving local communities the authority to freeze property taxes for disabled and seniors to letting the legislature draft laws to regulate wineries.

Since 1876, Texans have approved 410 amendments to the constitution.

Most of the debate in the upcoming election concerns Proposition 12, which asks voters to give the Legislature the authority to determine limitations on pain and emotional suffering damages in civil lawsuits against doctors and health-care providers.

A list of all 22 amendments can be seen on page 5B

Supporters believe that once voters give the nod to capping pain and suffering damages, liability insurance rates for doctors will decline.

Regardless of whether Proposition 12 passes, its enabling legislation, House Bill 4, will be enacted, which caps pain and suffering awards in medical malpractice lawsuits at $250,000 for doctors and a maximum of $750,000 for hospitals. But a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of caps on pain and suffering could stall its implementation. That's why a constitutional amendment is necessary, supporters of the proposition say.

Although Proposition 12 is getting the most attention, 21 other questions will be posed to voters.

Proposition 11 asks voters to give the Legislature power to enact laws governing wineries. Giving lawmakers this authority is necessary because as the Texas wine industry has grown, 21 wineries have located in dry counties and can't legally sell wine at the vineyard.

Wineries that sell wine in dry counties are doing so illegally and could have winery permits revoked, as the Texas Alcohol Bureau has threatened to do, Franks said.

If the constitutional amendment is approved, wineries in dry counties will legally be allowed to sell their products.

The Texas Municipal League is concerned about a few propositions that could adversely impact local taxes.

Proposition 13 allows cities and counties to freeze property taxes for senior citizens and disabled Texans. The constitutional amendment also allows 5 percent of registered voters to petition for an election on the issue. If property rates are frozen, the legislation cannot be repealed.

Officials in AARP, an organization which represents people who are 50 years of age, said the proposition might be well-received.

On its face it seems very popular with older home owners, but it could severely impact the local tax base.

Two trials may occur this week

A jury panel of 140 citizens has been called for duty in 132nd District Court at 8:30 a.m. Monday.

It is possible that two jury panels will be selected for trials during the week, each with the same defendant.

Steven Brian Beck, 33, is charged with possession of anhydrous ammonia with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, methampetamine. The alleged offense occurred March 8.

Beck of 9563 FM 1609 in Scurry County also is charged with manufacture of a controlled substance, methampetamine.

District Attorney Dana Cooley will prosecute the case and defense attorney is Timothy D. Yeats of Big Spring.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong will preside.

Season pass for home games go on sale to public Monday

Snyder Tigers football season tickets go on sale to the general public Monday.

Season tickets that were not renewed by Friday's deadline will be available for purchase by the general public all week. Cost of the five home-game ticket package is $20. Adult tickets are $5 at the gate. Tickets will be on sale at the administration building on 37th Street.

Mary Burton, who handles ticket sales at the administration building, said season ticket sales were off compared to prior years and that many good seats will be available to the public.

The season opener is Sept. 5 against Wylie followed by a Sept. 19 tilt against Midland Greenwood. The last non-conference game is against Levelland on Oct. 3. This game also will be homecoming.

The two district home games are against Merkel on Oct. 17 and Denver City on Nov. 7.



FILL THE BOOT – Snyder volunteer firemen James Garvin and Armando Moncibais empty a boot filled with money collected for the Muscular Dystrophy Association during Saturday's charity campaign. Looking on in the background is Garvin's wife, Trina. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A four-word recipe for happiness: Make yourself more useful."

According to the medical folks, doughnuts can be weapons of mass destruction.

And there is a dough war going on.

In fighting the battle, sometimes the best way to win is to pick a hole in your opponent's strategy. And in the case of doughnuts, the more holes the better.

Krispy Kreme, the doughnut firm that began in the South and made a bunch of heads-up folks rich and the rest of us fat, has it's occupational eye set on the Northeast — the territory of Dunkin' Donuts.

The Boston Globe recently reported that Krispy Kreme was set to open its first location in Medford, Mass., only 22 miles from the Dunkin' Donuts headquarters in Randolph, Mass.

According to the newspaper covering the invasion, the bigwigs of each organization had some not-so-sugary remarks for the competition.

Ken Kimmel, vice president of Dunkin' Donuts Concepts, tried a Krispy Kreme doughnut and observed, "That wouldn't be my preference."

Firing back, Scott Livengood, chief executive officer of Krispy Kreme, noted that his company uses the preferred spelling of the word "doughnut" and Dunkin' Donut does not.

The CEO added, "To me, it's symbolic of the quality and process. We don't take shortcuts."

The clear winner of the doughnut wars will be the company who can maintain the taste while creating a fat-free one.

We've had those Krispy Kreme coming off the assembly line and when they're fresh and hot — they are hard to beat.

KKs that have to be transported for fundraising activity — to us — taste just like any other doughnut.

Snyder accountant James Brown, a self-proclaimed doughnut connoisseur, offers this advice: "Pop 'em in the microwave for 11 seconds."

"No, eight seconds," says pharmacist Eddie Peterson.

The doughnut war rages on.

Doughnuts remind us of the old story about the grouchy guy who every morning ordered a coffee and doughnut — and then complained about the service.

One day, the guy asked the waitress why his doughnut was flat.

"You said step on it."

ASK US

Q-Will the proposed 50.50 cent county tax rate be subject to a roll back?

A-No, like the public schools, the county has the ability to tax above the rollback rate for debt service, but not for operations.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Urbano Hernandez...

...has lived in Snyder for five years. He is a correctional officer at the Price Daniel Unit and a deliveryman for Furniture Warehouse. Wife Mary Hernandez is a housekeeper at Days Inn Hotel. They have seven children, Javier, 3 months; Eric, 4; Alex, 9; Crystal, 10; Mary Christine, 13; Joe David, 1; and Urbano, Jr., 16. He enjoys football games.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

When the work is done, there's time enough for blowin' your own horn.

–Sam Rayburn

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ritz Theatre production

The Heartbeat of Dance, an original production created and choreographed by Allie Brewster, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5, seniors and students are $4 for the matinee.

Church of God auction

To raise funds, the Church of God has set an auction for 6 p.m. Saturday at the Towle Park Pavilion. Items will include bicycles, television, refrigerator, crafts, etc. Food concession with soft drinks and hotdogs will be available.

FFA watermelon feed, volleyball tourney

The annual watermelon feed and volleyball tournament will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday in Towle Park. All FFA members, parents and booster club are invited.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "What Jesus Means to Me," followed by "Some Maxiums for Christian Living."

Scurry Cancer Unit to meet

The board of directors of the Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Desperado Classroom, 1708 27th St. (just south of First Baptist Church Main Sanctuary.)

Genealogical Society to meet

The Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the library. The program will be tales of pets encountered by the members in childhood.

SHS choir booster

SHS choir boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the choir room to discuss the fiesta stack-up dinner.

Adult basic education

GED and ESL classes at Western Texas College will resume Tuesday. Classes are 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach the classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322 for more information.

Hospice caregivers dinner

Odyssey Healthcare Hospice will host and "Italian" caregivers appreciation dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church.

MAWC game day, luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will host the fourth Wednesday luncheon and game day beginning at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $8.50. Games of choice will be played following the luncheon. Reservations are necessary by Tuesday afternoon by calling 573-3427.

Orientation for CNA classes

Mandatory orientation for certified nurses' aide classes at Snyder Oaks is set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Oaks. Classes will begin next saturday and classes will be held on Saturdays and Sundays will be from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Books can be purchased at the WTC Book Store. For more information, call Maggie Barnes at 863-2426.

Central K-3rd parent orientation

Central Elementary Parent Orientation Night for K-3rd grade parents will be from 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Childcare will be provided for all students and smaller siblings.

Parenting with love, logic

Central Elementary will host the first of six free Thursday afternoon seminars at 1 p.m. Thursday. Parents are invited to hear Brenda Bird, teacher and professional speaker, present a discussion of discipline, "Parenting with Love and Logic. Free childcare is available.

Hermleigh FFA hamburger fry

Hermleigh FFA will have a meet and greet hamburger fry at 6 p.m. Thursday in the ag shop.

Taste of Snyder

The Taste of Snyder, the annual fundraiser for the Scurry County Museum, will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $12.50 for adults, $5 for children 5 to 12. Those under five eat free.

SHS football program ads

The deadline for placing ads in the Tigers football program is Friday. For more information, or for an ad, call Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Safe Child registration

Students in the Safe Child After School Program must be registered at Humble Smith. Safe Child is offered at the five elementary campus from 2:30-5:45 p.m. for students in kindergarten through the sixth grade. For more information, call Rhonda Ward at 574-6080.

SHS student council Tiger T-shirts

The SHS student council has Tiger T-shirts, youth and adult sizes, day planners, book socks and lanyards for sale. Contact Christy Smith at the high school at 573-6301.

Gifted, talented advisory committee

There will be a meeting of the gifted and talented parent-community advisory committee from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4, in the SJHS auditorium. Call 574-6078 for more information.

Drivers license office

Due to vacation, the drivers license office will close at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 9, and will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 17.

Lord's Acre fish fry

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre fish fry is at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, in Wesley Hall. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3 for children under 10. Tickets are on sale now and take-outs will be available.

SCA demonstration

The Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA) will hold a demonstration in Snyder on Saturday, Sept. 13. SCA is a non-profit group striving to recreate the Middle Ages with historical accuracy. Call 574-8019 for more information.

Gov. Perry pardons 35 people convicted in 1999 drug busts

TULIA (AP) — Thirty-five people who were convicted in the 1999 Tulia drug busts have been pardoned by Gov. Rick Perry, who says he was influenced by questions about the testimony of the lone undercover agent who made the arrests and was later charged with perjury.

"I believe my decision to grant pardons in these cases is both appropriate and just," Perry said in a statement Friday.

The case divided this small town and prompted accusations of racism.

An attorney with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, which marshaled law firms in New York and Washington to represent the defendants for free, said Perry did the right thing.

"This is just really incredible news. This is what we saw the facts showed," said the lawyer, Vanita Gupta.

The governor said he was influenced by questions about the testimony of Tom Coleman, the only undercover agent involved in the busts. In June, Perry signed a bill allowing the release of the 12 Tulia defendants who were still in prison.

"It feels good to finally be completely free," said Freddie Brookins Jr., who had been sentenced to 20 years in prison based on Coleman's word. He was released in June.

His father called Friday's pardons "fantastic."

"We've been waiting for this for four years," Freddie Brookins Sr. said.

Coleman had worked alone and used no audio or video surveillance to substantiate drug buys he said he made from 46 people from Tulia, a town of about 5,100 residents 60 miles north of Lubbock.

Of the 46 people arrested in July 1999, 39 were black, which led civil rights groups to question if the busts were racially motivated.

A judge this spring ruled that Coleman was "simply not a credible witness" and recommended the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturn the convictions of the 38 people prosecuted and order new trials. Coleman was indicted for perjury in April and faces a preliminary hearing next month.

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, asked by Perry to review the cases, unanimously recommended the pardons last month.

Of those convicted but not pardoned, one is on deferred probation and two were not eligible to seek pardons because of convictions on other charges.

Also Friday, two women who were indicted but never prosecuted after the drug busts filed a federal lawsuit against law enforcement officials saying they violated the women's civil rights and directed racial bias against Tulia's black population.

Zuri Bossett and Tonya White said they were not in Tulia at the time Coleman claimed he bought drugs from them. Their lawsuit against Coleman, Swisher County, Sheriff Larry Stewart, prosecutor Terry McEachern and officials with a narcotics task force that worked with Coleman did not specify damages.

Coleman's attorney did not immediately return calls for comment. Stewart declined to comment. McEachern said he hadn't seen the lawsuit and couldn't comment. Officials at the task force were unavailable.

11 PDU retirees are honored at luncheon

By Leslie Schmidt
SDN Staff Writer

Eleven employees of the Price Daniel Unit were feted a retirement luncheon Wednesday in the prison visitation area. Retirees present to take a ribbing and hear words of thanks and farewell were Jan Baker, distribution center inventory coordinator; Joe Cheyne, offender grievances investigator; Jose Gaona, Linda Hardy and Don McArthur, correctional officers; Martha Gist, Windham school secretary; Mike Herrington, Windham vocational supervisor; and Mary Williams, Windham school teacher.

Retirees honored, but not present were William Brzezinski, food service manager; Lester Graham, farm crops ag specialist; and Roberta Jukes, Windham academic instructor.

Warden Wilhelmenia Howard expressed appreciation for each employee and added, "I've watched you all grow as individuals and employees. You have set good examples for new personnel."

Discipline Captain Brent Babb said, "You guys stuck it out and adjusted when you had to."

Hardy, who has been with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice since 1992, has found her job enjoyable. "It's a good opportunity for women," she said.

Staff and offenders alike expressed fondness for Williams who is ending a 40-year teaching career with her retirement. She went to work for Windham after teaching for 30 years in Snyder schools. "I love this place and the students," she said. "It's important for us to be a good influence on the prisoners."

"I never looked back from the day I started," said Herrington. "My motto for the guys was "no where else in Texas can you get an education at 5 a.m.," and they picked up on that."

McArthur recalled one day when he spotted a twister plucking up telephone poles as it came towards the prison. "I looked straight up and the tornado was in the sky above my head. Believe me, they do rotate." He had the reception crowd laughing with his stories.

"We're losing a lot of knowledge with these employees retiring," said Howard. "They will be missed."

Today's chuckle

Hawaii gets own limited edition Spam

AUSTIN, Minn. (AP) — It's a lunch meat luau: Spam goes Hawaiian.



Hawaiians, who eat more Spam per person than any other group in the United States, now have a Spam product of their very own.

Austin-based Hormel Foods, which makes the canned lunch meat, has created a special limited edition can available only in the Aloha State.

The Spam Hawaii Collector's Edition will be available in limited quantities later this month in Hawaiian grocery stores. The can features hula dolls in grass skirts and a recipe for Spam musubi, which consists of a strip of fried Spam wrapped on the outside of a rice ball held in place by dried seaweed.

"Spam has been part of the Hawaiian culture for decades," said Nick Meyer, senior product manager for Hormel Foods. "The brand is beloved on the islands, so we are pleased to offer this special collector's edition can to Hawaiian customers."

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Ashlye Amox

Ashlye Amox in Who's Who

Ashlye Amox, a senior at Snyder High School and varsity cheerleader, has received *Who's Who Among High School Students* recognition for the second consecutive year.

She is the daughter of Harlan and Darlene Amox and the granddaughter of the late Raymond and Stella Pylant.



Amber Dryden

Amber Dryden receives degree

Amber Ann Dryden recently graduated from Angelo State University with a bachelor of arts in psychology.

She was named to the Dean's List, is a member of the National Social Science Honor Societies Pi Gamma Mu and Psi Chi, and will begin working on a master's degree in counseling from ASU this fall.

Dryden plans to pursue the field of geriatric counseling.

She is the daughter of Randy and Joan Dryden of Snyder and Kristi and Bob Morrison of Graham. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Ellie Dryden of Snyder, the late Malcolm Buckalew, Trish and Lee Franklin of Graham and Norman and Nelda Morrison of Breckenridge.

She is the great granddaughter of Doris Stone and E.L. Buckalew of Graham; and Hobart Caraway of Breckenridge.

Planning campaign

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) — Barbados tourism officials are planning a promotional campaign featuring former "Cosby" kid Malcolm-Jamal Warner.

The Barbados Tourism Authority plans to begin airing a series of ads by Warner and his girlfriend, actress Karen Malina White, on Black Entertainment Television.

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LOTTO TEXAS LOTTERY RESULTS

Friday's Lottery Numbers

Texas Two Step

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 11-24-28-31. Bonus ball 21. Estimated jackpot: $200,000

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-18-22-29-31.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: $54,520.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston.

Matching four of five: 171. Prize: $143.

Matching three of five: 5,172. Prize: $11.

Matching two of five: 52,127. Prize: $2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

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Melanie Gibson

Melanie Gibson graduates with master's degree

Melanie Gibson, the daughter of John and Denise Gibson of Snyder, graduated Aug. 9 from the University of North Texas with a master's degree in library science.

Gibson, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School, received her bachelor's degree from Texas Woman's University in 2001 and is employed as a librarian at Exxon-Mobil's corporate headquarters in Irving.



Brodie Pierce

Pierce becomes Marine reservist

Brodie Pierce, a 2002 graduate of Snyder High School, recently completed U.S. Marine boot camp at MCDR in San Diego, Calif.

Pierce also attended Western Texas College.

He will be stationed at the Marine Reserve Unit in Waco this fall, along with being a student at Tarleton State University.

Pierce is the son of Dannie and Shann Pierce and the grandson of Ford and Doris Spikes, all of Snyder.

Three earn degrees from Angelo State

SAN ANGELO — Sean Lee Duncan, Mark Allen Miles and Shana Janeen Robbins graduated last Saturday from Angelo State University.

Duncan received a bachelor of science; Miles, a master of education; and Robbins, a bachelor of science degree.

Finola Hughes will host fashion show

NEW YORK (AP) — Finola Hughes will host the Style Network's coverage of New York Fashion Week, which will be held Sept. 12-19 at Bryant Park in midtown Manhattan.

She will be joined by Lloyd Boston; Brini Maxwell, host of Style's upcoming "The Brini Maxwell Show"; and "Behind the Velvet Ropes" host Lauren Ezersky, the cable network announced Wednesday. Style is the official broadcast TV network of Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week.

"I'm thrilled to be joining the Style team," the actress said in a statement. "The network has given me the unique opportunity to enter the lifestyle genre, one of my passions, as part of Style's Fashion Week team."

Hughes (Anna Devane on ABC's "All My Children") recently designed and launched her own jewelry line with Sol Rafael.

Three tents will be set up in Bryant Park for press and retail buyers to view the spring 2004 collections by Kenneth Cole, Carolina Herrera, Oscar de la Renta, Michael Kors, Vivienne Tam, Anna Sui and other designers.

No adequate plan in place for gas breaks

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Gov. Janet Napolitano says she's satisfied a closed pipeline's operator is doing all it can to get gasoline flowing to Phoenix again but fears the company won't be ready if another pipeline break occurs.

Officials of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners of Houston have not given her a satisfactory answer about what backup plans are in place, Napolitano said Friday. The pipeline that broke was installed in 1955, she said.

"This pipeline was installed in 1955, and while Kinder Morgan has now the permission from the federal government to install a new, larger pipeline, that project won't be done until the end of 2005 or early 2006," she said.

The pipeline, which supplies a third of Phoenix's gas, burst July 30 in Tucson and was reopened Aug. 1, but safety concerns prompted the company to shut it Aug. 8, causing a break in the supply chain.

Many gas stations in Phoenix have been without fuel, and those that remained open have seen long lines and escalating prices. The situation has eased in recent days with more supplies coming in.

Kinder Morgan has federal approval to build a larger pipeline, but it won't be finished until 2005 at the earliest, Napolitano said.

Asked to respond to the governor's comments, Kinder Morgan spokesman Larry Pierce would only say that the company "is also working and looking at other options" for fuel distribution. He would not, however, be specific. "I am not going to speculate," he said.

Stocker cattle meeting slated

A gathering of stocker cattle producers is set for Wednesday at the Fluvanna Community Center.

Registration will be from 8:45 a.m. to 9 a.m. Refreshments will be available.

Introductions will follow at 9 a.m.

Kent Mills of Ezell-Key Grain and Michael Burton, feed representative with Ezell-Key Grain. will speak about factors affecting feed costs from 9-9:30 a.m.

From 9:30 –10 a.m. Dr. Calvin Trostle, Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist, will speak about small grain varieties for forage — dryland.

From 10:20-11 a.m. the topic will be stocker cattle health including mass doss receiving — does it pay? Also effectiveness of vaccines — does weight, maturity of animal or weather have an impact?

Dr. Ted McCollum, Texas Cooperative extension beef cattle specialist, will discuss modified live VS killed vaccines.

There will be a horse identification program (HIP) from 11:05 to 11:45 a.m.

Topics will be benefits of freeze or fire branding and tattoo featuring speakers Alan Thompson of Midland, TSCRA field inspector, and Joe Roberts TSCRA field inspector from Nolan.

A CEU paperwork and wrap-up session follows at 11:45 a.m. before lunch.

Refreshments and meal are sponsored by Ezell-Key Grain and Robert Lehrer, president of First Ag Credit in Snyder.

Farm tour is set Thursday

A farm tour for Borden and Scurry Counties is slated Thursday.

Registration is set for 8:45-9:15 a.m. and coffee and donuts will be available.

Introductions follow at 9:20 a.m.

Topics will include:

From 9:30-10:30 a.m. Foliar Salt Cedar applications featuring J. F. Cadenhead, Extension range and brush control specialist as the speaker, and Max S. Jones will discuss horse production.

Delta and Pineland variety demonstrations will be from 10:30-11 a.m. Speakers will be: Donnie Roberts & Eric Best Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist, harvest aid products.

From 11-11:15 a.m. Stephen Biles, Extension agent will provide IPM updates.

That will be followed from 11:15-11:30 a.m. with infrared photograph of fields, GPS positioning, featuring Dr. Harold Kaufman, Extension plant pathologist as the speaker.

Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist, will present a sorghum variety demonstration from 11:30-noon.

The following producers helped make the tour possible:

Stansell Farms, Max S. Jones, Delta and Pineland (sponsor meal) Don.e.Roberts@Deltaand-Pine.com

For more information on the 2003 Borden & Scurry Farm Tour contact: Dennis Poole, County Extension Agent — Agriculture

Borden County (806) 756-4336 or Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent — Agriculture

Scurry County (325) 573-5423.





MUSIC SUPPLIES – Kyla Lara looks on as her mother, Karla Lara, discusses band supplies and instruments with Karen Pollard, owner of Jents House of Music in Lubbock. Jents employee Carl Newsome sets up a sales table in the background. (SDN Staff Photo)

Four children killed in suspicious row house fire

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — Police are investigating whether a man set a row house fire that killed his ex-girlfriend's four children.

The children's mother escaped Friday's fire along with the man she is dating, and the couple found her ex-boyfriend outside.

The three fought and Francisco David, 34, was being held for disorderly conduct. He was released from prison two weeks ago and had been trying to reconcile with the children's mother, Cheryl Birster, authorities said.

Also Friday, police executed a search warrant seeking evidence that he recently had handled flammable materials.

"We're looking at him to be possibly involved in the fire," Lancaster city police Sgt. William Gleason said.

The victims ranged in age from 4 to 10. A pathologist said the children died of smoke inhalation and ruled the deaths homicides.

The pre-dawn fire gutted the two-story brick home.

Birster, 34, and Kevin Haythe, 30, whom she had been dating for several weeks, told police they were inside the home when they smelled something burning.

They told police they jumped from a second-story window to escape heavy smoke and ran to the front of the house but couldn't get back inside.

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Judge will not block new book

NEW YORK (AP) — Calling it an easy case, a judge rejected Fox News Channel's bid to block liberal humorist Al Franken's new book, whose cover mocks the Fox slogan "fair and balanced."

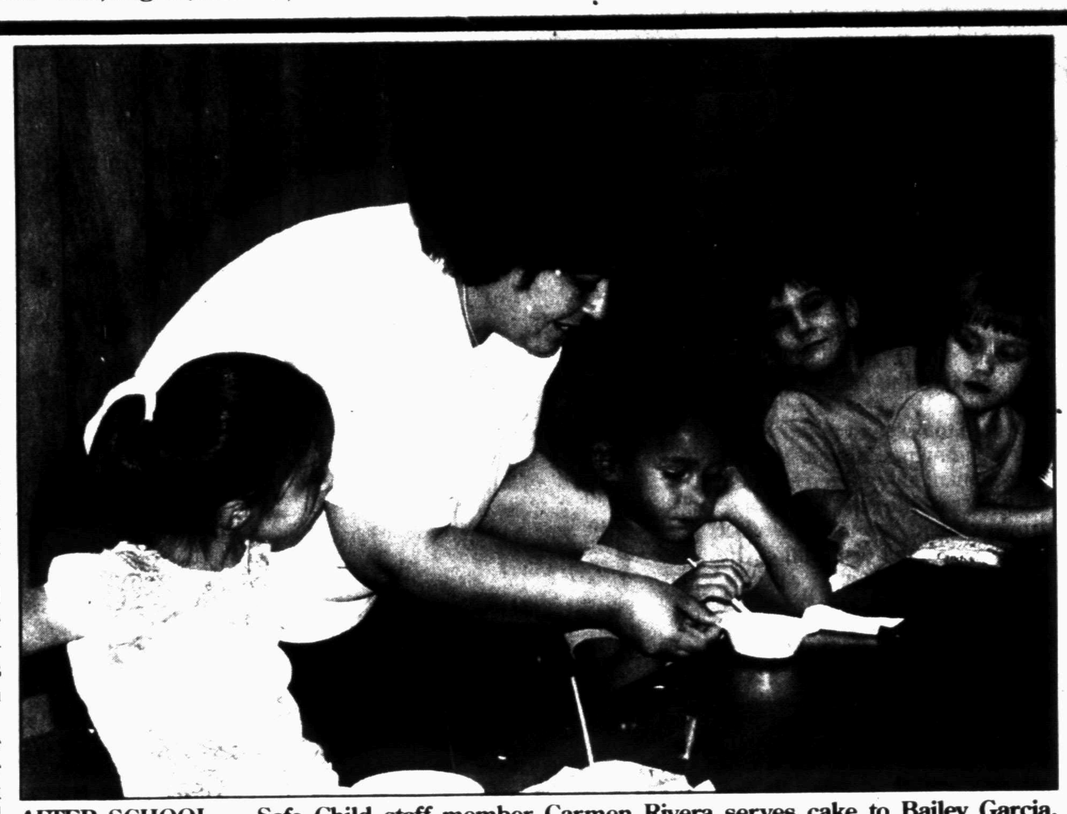
U.S. District Judge Denny Chin said the book, "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right," is a parody protected by the First Amendment.

"There are hard cases and there are easy cases," the judge said Friday in a Manhattan courtroom. "This is an easy case. This case is wholly without merit, both factually and legally."

The network had argued the book's cover, which features the word "Lies" over images of Fox prime-time host Bill O'Reilly and conservative pundit Ann Coulter, could trick some consumers into believing the book was associated with Fox.

Franken called the ruling a victory for the First Amendment and satirists everywhere — "even bad satirists."

He also said he was grateful for the publicity: publisher Penguin Group added 50,000 copies to the original run of 270,000 after Fox filed suit, and rolled out the book Thursday instead of its planned September release date.



AFTER SCHOOL — Safe Child staff member Carmen Rivera serves cake to Bailey Garcia, Raven Ballard, Victoria Snedeker and Trent Cottrell at West Elementary. The after school program is available at all five Snyder elementary schools. (SDN Staff Photo)

Whatever happened to...

Doyle Browning, a 1977 graduate of Snyder High School and son of Vernon and Sandra Browning, now teaches and coaches in Seymour.

While at SHS Doyle played football, basketball, ran track and played teenage baseball.

He attended Western Texas College and Sam Houston State University and then worked for a time. He returned to school and graduated from Tarleton State University in 1989. Three months later he married Shawn Burnes.



Doyle Browning 1977



Doyle Browning 2003

He taught and coached in Rising Star for three years before moving to Seymour. He has taught biology, earth science and life science and social studies and was named teacher of the year at Rising Star and was nominated for that award at Seymour.

He has taken girls track participants to state 11 out of 13 years he has coached, one of which has graduated and is working toward the Olympic tryouts.

Doyle and Shawn have four girls, Courtney, 13; Whitney, 11; Lindsey, 9; and Haley, 7.

(Readers are invited to submit information and pictures for this feature. Bring by Snyder Daily News or mail to Box 949 in Snyder, 795550.)

CPS caseworker fired for not reporting abuse tip

HOUSTON (AP) — A state Child Protective Services caseworker has been fired for not reporting a tip about a 2-year-old girl who was sexually assaulted and beaten to death two months later.

"She feels absolutely devastated," CPS spokeswoman Estella Olguin said of the Austin-based caseworker. "We all come to work for the right reasons to help children. This affects all the people that work here."

The caseworker's name was not released. She was a three-year agency employee.

The toddler, Linda Gloria Padilla, was taken off life support last week. Police say her father confessed to beating and sexually assaulting her.

The child suffered a fractured skull, pelvis, ribs and leg and had bruises all over her body, the Houston Chronicle reported. Frank Padilla took his daughter to a Nassau Bay hospital on Aug. 8, saying she had fallen off a sink. He later said he had beaten the child because she had wet her pants, police said.

Padilla remains in the Galveston County Jail in lieu of $1.5 million bond.

Date Books

Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003

Today is the 235th day of 2003 and the 64th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1617, in London, the first one-way streets were established.

On this day in 1926, silent film star Rudolph Valentino died at the age of 31.

On this day in 1944, Romania was liberated from Nazi occupation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gene Kelly (1912-1996), actor; Barbara Eden (Barbara Jean Huffman) (1934-), actress, is 69; Keith Moon (1946-1978), musician; River Phoenix (1970-1993), actor; Jay Mohr (1970-), actor, is 33; Kobe Bryant (1978-), basketball player, is 25.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1989, the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Montreal Expos 1-0 in a 22 inning game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you don't believe in yourself, nobody else will." — Kobe Bryant

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 20) and new moon (Aug. 27).

Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003

Today is the 236th day of 2003 and the 65th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 79 A.D. in Italy, Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum and killing thousands.

On this day in 1814, British forces captured and burned Washington, D.C., destroying the White House and a number of federal buildings.

On this day in 1821, the Treaty of Cordoba was signed, granting Mexico independence from Spain.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jorge Luis Borges (1899-1986), author; Paulo Coelho (1947-), author, is 56; Oscar Hijuelos (1951-), author, is 52; Stephen Fry (1957-), actor, is 46; Cal Ripken, Jr. (1960-), athlete, is 43; Dave Chappelle (1973-), comedian, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, the San Francisco Giants defeated the New York Giants 6-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nothing is built on stone; all is built on sand, but we must build as if the sand were stone." — Jorge Luis Borges

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 20) and new moon (Aug. 27).

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Exxon Valdez case back to Alaska court

DALLAS (AP) — A federal appeals court has again ordered a court in Alaska to reconsider a multibillion-dollar punitive damages award against Exxon Mobil Corp. for the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Exxon Mobil, the world's largest publicly traded oil company, said Friday it should pay no more than $25 million in damages — a fraction of the original $5 billion award.

A jury in Alaska approved a $5 billion award to punish the Irving, Texas-based company for spilling 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound in 1989.

In 2001, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said the award to fishermen and other Alaskan natives was excessive and sent it back to U.S. District Judge Russel Holland in Anchorage. Holland reduced the award to $4 billion last year.

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Financial Focus

Which Business Retirement Plan is Right for You?

If you run a small business, you've got no shortage of concerns: cash flow, marketing, the ebb and flow of the economy — you name it. In fact, you have so many issues to ponder, you might find it hard to take the time to choose a retirement plan for your business. And yet, it's worth the effort — because the right plan can offer the opportunity to make your life a lot easier in the days when you don't have so much to think about.

Fortunately, there's never been a better time for small-business owners to choose a good, cost-efficient retirement plan. In recent years, new tax laws have made it easier for you to pick a plan that can help you save for retirement and, if necessary, attract and retain quality employees.

The most common types of retirement plans offer tax-deferred growth of earnings, the ability to make tax-deductible contributions and a variety of investment options. Beyond sharing these traits, though, small-business retirement accounts differ in contribution limits and other factors. Let's look at a few of these plans:

Plans for self-employed (no employees)

•**Owner-only 401(k)** — When you establish an "owner-only 401(k)," you can put in up to 25 percent of your compensation in a profit-sharing plan, plus $12,000 (in 2003) as 401(k) contributions. If you're 50 or older, you can even put in an extra $2,000 to your 401(k). (You can't contribute more than $40,000 per year if you're under age 50 or $42,000 annually if your 50 or older.) Furthermore, both the 401(k) and 50-and-over "catch-up" limits will be increasing over the next several years, so you'll be able to put away even more money for retirement. Plus, you can transfer most retirement plan assets — such as profit sharing and money-purchase plans — into your owner-only 401(k).

•**SEP - IRA** — For 2003, you can put in the lesser of $40,000 or 25 percent of your compensation to your SEP-IRA. Eligible compensation is capped at $200,000. You can set up a SEP IRA for your business with a minimum of paperwork. And you won't have to file any annual reports on the plan, such as the Form 5500, either.

Plans for business owners with employees

•**SIMPLE IRA** — As you can deduce from its name, a SIMPLE IRA is easy to set up and inexpensive to administer. In 2003, employees can contribute up to $8,000 to their SIMPLE IRA. Your business is generally required to match your employees' contributions up to three percent of their salary, unless you decide to put in two percent of each eligible employee's compensation. If you choose the matching option, you can reduce the match to between one and three percent in two of every five years.

•**Safe Harbor 401(k)** — By following some specific guidelines, you can set up a Safe Harbor 401(k) - a plan that offers the same features of a traditional 401(k), but without the burdensome non-discrimination testing required to identify excessive contributions by highly compensated employees. (Employees' contribution limits are the same as those described in the "owner-only" 401(k).) The key benefit of the Safe Harbor 401(k) is that you, the business owner, can contribute up to the annual dollar amount (in 2003 that's $12,000, or $14,000 if 50 or older) regardless of how much your employees contribute.

Any of these plans can help you meet your long-term goals of saving for your retirement outside the value of your business. But to fully diversify your holdings and build even more resources, you will also need to save and invest outside your retirement plan. So, meet with your investment representative and tax advisor to choose a plan that's right for you - but don't stop there. When it comes to funding your retirement, it's hard to save "too much."

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SNYDER SOLDIER — Pfc. Cesar Mujica of Snyder is stationed with the U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division, 1st Battalion 8th Regiment Infantry in Samarra, Iraq. Mujica spends his down time playing the guitar at his unit's base. He graduated from Borden County High School in 1999 and is the son of Zenaida Mujicia of Snyder and Pascuil Espinoza. (AP Photo)

Two sought in California case

WEST COVINA, Calif. (AP) — Two young men shown in a surveillance videotape released by the FBI are the prime suspects in a $2.5 million vandalism and arson spree that targeted sports utility vehicles parked at car dealerships and on city streets, officials said.

Slogans such as "Fat, Lazy Americans" and "I (heart) pollution" were painted on vehicles during the early Friday attacks concentrated in Los Angeles' eastern suburbs in the San Gabriel Valley.

The radical Earth Liberation Front stated in an unsigned e-mail Friday that the incidents were "ELF actions" but added it had not been in contact with those responsible.

The underground group has taken responsibility for vandalizing sport utility vehicles at dealerships in Santa Cruz, Erie, Pa., Seattle and Eugene, Ore., and earlier this month claimed responsibility for burning a San Diego area apartment building that was under construction.

At a news conference Friday night, officials with the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said they were investigating ELF's connection but hadn't ruled out others might be involved.

The surveillance video showed two white men, possibly in their late teens, darting from car to car, spray-painting graffiti on vehicles at a car dealership.

About 20 vehicles, mostly Hummers, were torched about 5 a.m. at the Clippinger Chevrolet in West Covina and other vehicles were badly damaged, said Rick Genovese, West Covina's assistant fire chief.

SUVs at a Mercedes-Benz dealership in Arcadia and Ford and Mitsubishi dealerships in Duarte also were vandalized. Tenhe surveillance videotape was from the Ford dealership in Duarte.

Several SUVs parked on residential streets in Monrovia were tagged with "ELF" and other slogans, said Sgt. Tom Wright.

There were no other fires at dealerships, but one SUV in Monrovia was set ablaze in front of someone's home, Wright said. The car was also sprayed with graffiti.

The ELF has claimed responsibility for a slew of arson attacks against commercial entities that members say threaten or damage the environment.

Four Snyderites get scholarships

Four recent graduates of Snyder High School have been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation. They are Will Davis, Jacinda Judah, Tyler Kerr and Lilli Valdez.

Davis received a UIL State Speech and Debate Judges Preference Award in the amount of $1,000, payable $500 each semester of the first year.

This year the speech and debate judges awarded one scholarship to a student who has participated in a UIL Academic State Meet contest in speech or debate, compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement, and will major in speech communications.

Judah received a Louise P. and Joe B. Cook Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $3,700, payable $1,000 the first year and $900 each of the next three years.

This year the Cook Memorial awarded six grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Kerr received a TILF Diamond Anniversary Scholarship in the amount of $500, payable $250 each semester of the first year. This year the TILF Diamond Anniversary Scholarship was awarded to 10 students who participated in the UIL Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

The Diamond Anniversary Fund also awarded nine other scholarships designated as appreciation, honorary and memorial.

Valdez received a Harold Lawrence Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $1,000, payable $500 each semester of the first year.

This year the Lawrence Memorial is awarding 10 grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Davis competed in persuasive speaking and Lincoln-Douglas Debate at the 2003 UIL Academic State Meet. He was student body president and Forensics Club president, and was involved in the National Honor Society and Student Council.

Davis, the son of Wayne and Janet Davis of Snyder, plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in speech communication.

Judah competed in accounting at the state meet where she was a member of the second place team. She also participated in UIL literary criticism, prose interpretation, choir, and solo and ensemble competitions throughout her high school career. She was involved in National Honor Society, Web design team, SWAT team and FFA.

Judah, the daughter of Jim and Deborah Judah of Snyder, plans to attend Lubbock Christian University and major in business and computer information systems (CIS).

Kerr was a member of the first place accounting team at the 2001 and 2002 UIL state meets, and placed in the same event at the 2003 state meet. He also participated in UIL mathematics, computer science, football and track. He was involved in National Honor Society and French Club.

Kerr, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Kerr, plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in mechanical engineering.

Valdez competed in accounting at the 2003 state meet. She also participated in UIL science, computer science and ready writing throughout her high school career. She was involved in National Honor Society and Sports Medicine Club, and was salutatorian of her graduating class.

Valdez, the daughter of Reuben and Toni Valdez, plans to attend Baylor University but her major is undecided.

Feds take high profile in probe of three sniper-style slayings

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Federal agencies are taking a high profile in the investigation of three fatal, sniper-style shootings in the Charleston area, though officials insist that city and county authorities remain in charge.

Federal officials broke their silence Friday emphasizing that the task force was a team despite Charleston officials' questions of Kanawha County Sheriff David Tucker's investigation into two of the shootings.

The FBI, Secret Service, U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Postal Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms joined state and local officials to form a task force.

"People are putting in long, long days to try to resolve this. We don't want to detract from that with speculation," ATF agent Patrick Berarducci said. "Our purpose is to help solve these murders and hopefully prevent any others. We are trying to have a more coordinated message."

Tucker's department has said the Aug. 14 shooting deaths of Jeanie Patton, 31, and Okey Meadows Jr., 26, both of Campbells Creek, could be drug related. Charleston Mayor Danny Jones has disputed that theory.

Drugs have not been linked to the Aug. 10 shooting death of Gary Carrier Jr., 44, of South Charleston.

Federal authorities Friday declined to comment on possible drug ties.

"We're not going to put any more weight on one area than another," Berarducci said.

Some federal task force members investigated last year's sniper shootings in the Washington, D.C., area and the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

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SPORTS



HUDDLE UP — Hermleigh High School head football coach Don Jones offers some encouragement to his players after Keenon Garcia (20) ran for a long touchdown in the Cardinals' scrimmage with Spur Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Addition of private schools to UIL still a divisive issue

DALLAS (AP) — As the UIL prepares to kick off its last all-public-school season of high school football, the debate continues over the most divisive subject regarding the addition of private schools.

Recruiting.

Houston Strake Jesuit and Dallas Jesuit insist they don't. Many of their upcoming rivals are sure they do.

"It may not be where we can verify or prove it. But it will happen," said Buster Leaf, athletic director of Lewisville schools, which will have four teams in Jesuit's district. "It is an uneven playing field. They've got advantages that we don't have."

"That is the farthest thing from the truth," Strake coach Ron Counter said. "We are not going to let anybody in school just for athletic purposes. It's just not going to happen."

"They don't have to fear us," adds Jesuit coach Bob Wunderlick. "Just wait and see and I think we will prove ourselves. We will compete and people will see that we are not that much different."

UIL rules strictly prohibit recruiting. However, league officials admit most recruiting violations are difficult to prove, "unless you have concrete evidence like a letter from the school saying 'come to our school,'" spokeswoman Kim Rogers said.

"A lot of times recruiting violations aren't really punished because they are just allegations. They have to be proven," she said.

If an accusation is made, it is reviewed by a district executive committee. The panel can assess penalties ranging from a reprimand to forfeiture of games and the revocation of any district honors.

Cases also can be forwarded to the state executive committee, which can issue harsher penalties such as suspension from the UIL for up to three years.

Wunderlick emphasized that parents choose his boys-only school for its strong academic programs and a belief in the Jesuit education — not for athletics.

"The kids that play football at Jesuit aren't here for football," he said. "They're here for a whole lot more. These parents pay $9,000 a year. We are preparing kids for college."

UIL director Bill Farney insists the UIL will monitor the new members just as it does the rest of the schools in the league.

"Obviously, they've got some kind of checks and balances in the state," said Ronnie Bell, Alief schools athletic director. "Hopefully that would prevent a blatant occurrence of recruitment."

Strake, also an all-boys school, has an enrollment of about 825 students. Jesuit has nearly 1,000.

The two have played as independents since 2000 when the Texas Christian Interscholastic League disbanded. The size of both schools prohibited them from joining Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools.

Their only other option was trying to get into the UIL.

"We are so big, area private schools didn't want to play us," Wunderlick said. "It was crazy to pass by 40 UIL schools just to go play a team in Houston."

Texas had been one of three states that keep public and private schools in separate leagues. The UIL resisted, then amended its bylaws in January once it appeared the league would lose a lawsuit brought by the Jesuit schools. Maryland and Virginia are the only remaining holdouts.

"It came to the point that it was a hard, hard situation for the UIL to keep them excluded," said Eddie Joseph, executive vice president and director of the Texas High School Coaches Association and a 1950 Jesuit graduate.

The new UIL rules say a school cannot be eligible for membership in TAPPS or any other league. Strake and Jesuit are the only schools meeting those qualifications.

Toms, Riley share lead at NEC as Woods collapses

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — David Toms remembers the first time he saw Firestone, the green grass so perfectly manicured he was afraid to take a divot.

When he stepped to the first tee Friday afternoon, he saw trouble.

"I was like, 'How am I going to hit this fairway?' Because half of it was brown," Toms said. "That will tell you how normally lush and green it is — and how this year it's baked out."

Indeed, this is a different kind of NEC Invitational.

Toms and Chris Riley were tied for the lead going into the weekend after rounds of 66-67 left them at 7-under 133, one stroke ahead of Vijay Singh and Fred Funk.

The real shocker was Tiger Woods.

A winner the last three times the NEC Invitational was held at Firestone, Woods was poised to join the leaders until an uncharacteristic collapse — six shots out of the rough and one out of the sand on the final three holes.

The result was a 2-over 72, which left him in good shape heading into the weekend, but ruined his streak of 13 consecutive rounds at par or better on Firestone.

"It got tough out there," Woods said, and all he had to do was look around him.

Toms and Riley were the only players among the final dozen to tee off who broke par. They were the only players among the leaders to avoid bogey over the final four holes.

As the wind and rough sent Woods to a sloppy finish and his worst score in 22 rounds at Firestone, Riley and David Toms pulled away with pars.

"The first five or six holes ... I was hitting it good and making birdies and easy pars," said Toms, who also holed out a wedge from 127 yards on No. 6 for eagle. "We got to the back nine and the course started playing tougher. Par was a good score on any hole on the back nine, that's for sure."

No need to tell that to Woods. He matched his worst score at Firestone, a 72 in the second round of the 1997 World Series of Golf.

Woods was one stroke out of the lead when he came to "The Monster," the 667-yard 16th hole that played even longer into a brisk wind.

He drove into the right rough, then caught the face of a bunker, leaving Woods no choice but to blast out short of the pond. His fourth shot sailed over the green, and Woods had to make a 20-footer to escape with bogey.

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Tampa Bay	51	76	402	27½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	68	61	527	—
Kansas City	66	61	520	1
Minnesota	66	62	516	1½
Cleveland	56	73	434	12
Detroit	31	96	244	36

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	76	52	594	—
Oakland	73	55	570	3
Anaheim	62	67	481	14½
Texas	60	69	465	16½

Friday's Games

Cleveland 8, Tampa Bay 3
Anaheim 6, Detroit 5
Baltimore 4, N.Y. Yankees 3
Toronto 6, Oakland 3
Chicago White Sox 7, Texas 1
Kansas City 3, Minnesota 2
Boston 6, Seattle 4

Saturday's Games

Seattle (Garcia 11-12) at Boston (Burkett 9-7), 12:20 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 9-12) at Detroit (Robertson 0-0), 12:25 p.m.
Oakland (Halama 2-4) at Toronto (Walker 1-1), 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Lopez 5-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 14-6), 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Sabathia 11-7) at Tampa Bay (Bell 3-2), 5:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Lima 7-1) at Minnesota (Mays 8-7), 6:05 p.m.
Texas (Valdes 7-7) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 10-12), 6:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Oakland (Hudson 12-4) at Toronto (Escobar 9-7), 12:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Shields 3-4) at Detroit (Maroth 6-18), 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (DuBose 1-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Contreras 3-1), 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Westbrook 5-7) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 6-5), 12:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Appier 8-9) at Minnesota (Santana 7-3), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Thomson 11-10) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 9-9), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (R.Franklin 9-10) at Boston (Lowe 12-6), 7:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	82	46	641	—
Philadelphia	70	57	551	11½
Florida	69	59	539	13
Montreal	66	63	512	16½
New York	55	72	433	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	67	61	523	—
Chicago	66	61	520	½
St. Louis	66	62	516	1
Pittsburgh	58	68	460	8
Cincinnati	57	70	449	9½
Milwaukee	52	75	409	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	77	50	606	—
Los Angeles	67	60	528	10
Arizona	67	61	523	10½
Colorado	64	67	489	15
San Diego	50	79	388	28

Friday's Games

Cincinnati 4, Houston 3
Milwaukee 3, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 9, St. Louis 4
Atlanta 9, Colorado 3
Chicago Cubs 4, Arizona 1
San Diego 5, Montreal 3
Los Angeles 2, N.Y. Mets 1
San Francisco 6, Florida 4

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia (Telemaco 1-0) at St. Louis (Morris 8-6), 12:20 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Estes 7-9) at Arizona (Batista 7-7), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Beckett 6-6) at San Francisco (Hermanson 2-3), 3:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (P.Wilson 7-10) at Houston (Redding 8-11), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Fogg 7-7) at Milwaukee (Obermueller 0-4), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Hampton 11-5) at Colorado (Tsao 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 11-8) at San Diego (Eaton 7-9), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 12-7) at Los Angeles (Ashby 3-9), 9:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati (Bale 0-1) at Houston (Robertson 11-6), 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Meadows 2-1) at Milwaukee (Sheets 10-10), 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Millwood 12-8) at St. Louis (Tomko 9-8), 1:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Ru.Ortiz 17-5) at Colorado (Stark 2-1), 2:05 p.m.
Florida (Pavano 9-11) at San Francisco (Rueter 7-3), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Clement 10-11) at Arizona (Webb 8-6), 3:35 p.m.
Montreal (Tucker 0-1) at San Diego (Jarvis 4-5), 4 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Glavine 8-11) at Los Angeles (K.Brown 12-6), 7:10 p.m.

ChiSox pound four HR in win

CHICAGO (AP) — Jose Valentin hit two of Chicago's four homers in a 7-1 victory Friday night as the White Sox maintained their AL Central lead.

"It's nice to see this happen," Valentin said. "We had only five hits and four of them were home runs."

Chicago has won five straight to move a game ahead of Kansas City and 1½ games ahead of Minnesota. Kansas City kept pace Friday night with a 3-2 victory in Minnesota.

After Texas starter Juan Dominguez walked Carl Everett and Paul Konerko in the second inning, Valentin followed with his 20th homer of the season to put the White Sox ahead 3-0.

Frank Thomas and Everett also homered, Neal Cotts got his first major league win and newly acquired reliever Scott Sullivan made an impressive debut with two hitless innings.

Cotts (1-0) outpitched Dominguez, going five-plus innings and allowing five hits and a run with five walks.

"He's got a live arm, very deceptive — kind of reminds me of a young Sid Fernandez," Texas' Alex Rodriguez said.

NFL

Preseason Glance

Thursday's Game

Pittsburgh 15, Dallas 14

Friday's Games

New England 24, Philadelphia 12
Miami 30, Atlanta 21
Minnesota 21, Oakland 6
Arizona 27, Chicago 17

Saturday's Games

St. Louis at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at Washington, 7 p.m.
Jacksonville at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Monday's Game

Indianapolis at Denver, 7 p.m.

Wednesday's Game

Chicago at New England, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 28

Detroit at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Oakland at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Tennessee at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
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Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Houston at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Washington at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Minnesota, 7p.m.

Friday, Aug. 29

Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 9 p.m.

Reds upend Astros, lose Larkin

HOUSTON (AP) — Juan Castro hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly and Seth Etherton won his first major league game in three years as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Houston Astros 4-2 on Friday night.

The Reds' third victory over Houston in four games was tinged by the loss of shortstop Barry Larkin, who left the game with possible ligament damage in the ring finger of his left hand t

Seth Etherton went six innings, allowed five hits two earned runs and he struck out four and walked two.

Women's Golf Association

Women's Golf Association
Play Day Awards
June

Roughing It-Front Nine: Peggy Hardin, 6; Juanita Hester, 10; Hardin chip-in.

Queen of the Hill: A Flight — Anita Talbott, 79; B Flight — Kaye Cypert, 91; C Flight — Barbara Leatherwood, 101; Gross Winner — Talbott, 79; Net winner — Cypert, 65.

Kathy Bloom, eagle; Hardin and Hester, chip-in.

Odd & Even: Esther Guelker and Peggy Hardin, 37.5; Guelker and Barbara Leatherwood, chip-in.

Low Putters: A Flight — Anita Talbott; B Flight — Kaye Cypert and Kathy Bloom; C Flight — Barbara Leatherwood.

July

All Irons-Front Nine: Anita Talbott, 35.5; Peggy Hardin, 37.5.

Low Score-Even Holes: Becky Knipe, 30; Barbara Leatherwood, 32; Peggy Hardin, chip-in.

Queen of the Hill: A Flight — Peggy Hardin and Joan Hood, 68; B Flight — Kaye Cypert, 63; C Flight — Norma Thompson, 76; Gross Winner — Kaye Cypert; Net Winner — Cypert; Becky Knipe, chip-in.

Nassau Tournament: Front Nine — Barbara Leatherwood, 30; Back Nine — Leatherwood, 30; 18 Holes — Leatherwood, 60; Joan Hood, chip-in.

Blind Partners: Penny Perry and Jo Sterling, 136; Becky Knipe, chip-in.

Low Putters: A Flight — Joan Hood; B Flight — Becky Knipe and Jo Sterling; C Flight —Colleen Duke.

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SPORTS

Sideline Views
by Bobby Allen



Saturday morning marks the first day of the (official) football season, with powerhouse Kansas State kicking off the Big 12 season Saturday against California.

Football is on the minds of most, and we can once again focus our attention (and headlines) on what goes on between the white lines, instead of the courthouse steps.

No doubt that Kobe Bryant's rape trial will be the major story in the months ahead, and the continuing scandal at Baylor still leads many sports pages and TV shows.

We have been reticent to talk about the Baylor basketball situation, considering the gravity and horror of it all. We may be a cynical culture, especially when it concerns big-time college athletics, but the bizarre circumstances in Waco should give us pause.

We didn't think anything could be more disheartening than one teammate shooting another in the head.

That was until we found out about Dave Bliss, and his attempt to cover-up the sewer that was his program by besmirching the name of the murdered Patrick Dennehy.

In effect, Bliss killed Dennehy all over again by trying to paint him as a drug dealer and low-life through false statements he ordered his players to give investigators.

Like Bliss said on the infamous audiotape — recorded by a flabbergasted assistant — Dennehy couldn't defend himself against the charges, being dead and all, so what was the harm?

What a despicable creature.

What an unbelievable hypocrite.

Let's get one thing straight: Bliss didn't shoot his player, and he was not responsible for Dennehy's death (although Dennehy's father would disagree — he filed a wrongful death suit against the university Friday).

But he is accountable for his actions as the head of a basketball team and as a person charged with molding young men.

On the latter score, he failed miserably. Cheating, paying players, falsifying drug tests and the final indignity to Dennehy's reputation all add up to a coach and a program out of control, willing to break any rule and sacrifice any integrity for the almighty 'W.'

We don't know if what Bliss did was illegal in the eyes of a criminal court, but it is repugnant and deserves to be punished in some fashion, like never allowing him to coach basketball again.

The murder of Dennehy has shaken the world's largest Baptist university to its core, and the exodus of players and the resignations of coaches may be just the beginning of the saga.

Word is spreading that the Big 12 is hoping to drop Baylor from the conference, and faculty members are divided over a proposed no-confidence vote for president Robert Sloan. Athletic director Tom Stanton stepped down Tuesday.

It will be some time before Baylor can regain its reputation which, unfairly or not, is stained by the actions of its basketball program.

A young coach from Valaparaiso, 32-year-old Scott Drew, is the man charged with rebuilding Baylor's basketball program.

"I can't wait for the new image for Baylor to come," Drew said at his Friday press conference.

Neither can we, but it will be some time before we shake the old one.

Parity, unpredictablity rule in the NFL

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Since 1999, one sure development in the NFL has been a dramatic move from bottom to top and top to bottom. Last season, the Falcons and Browns were up, the Bears and Rams down.

In 2003, the trend might end, simply because there were few teams bad enough in 2002 to make a shocking upward move. Twenty-four of the 32 were 7-9 or better and the eight that weren't don't seem equipped to win now — not even Dallas or Detroit, where new coaches Bill Parcells and Steve Mariucci are proven winners.

Since the Pittsburgh Steelers' run of four titles in six years ended with a Super Bowl victory after the 1979 season, only three teams have won back-to-back titles: San Francisco in 1988-89; Dallas in 1992-93; and Denver in 1997-98, John Elway's last two seasons.

The primary reason? Salary-cap engendered parity that ensures that only teams with weak or meddling owners have no chance — Arizona, Cincinnati, and, more recently, Dallas and Washington.

In the past five years, nine different teams have made the Super Bowl. The Rams were the only repeaters, winning the title after the '99 season and losing in 2001 to New England. Despite a 7-9 season last year, they're one of the favorites again with two-time MVP Kurt Warner recovered from his injuries.

"I don't see any reason why we won't get right back to where we belong," coach Mike Martz says.

A lot depends on the injury gods and the bounces in a league that every year approaches the sort of parity late commissioner Pete Rozelle always dreamed of. Last season, a quarter of the 256 regular-season games were decided by three points or fewer, and there were a record 25 overtime games.

Even the teams that have little chance to win are worth watching.

Dallas, 5-11 the last three seasons, is back in the spotlight.

First the Cowboys hired the 62-year-old Parcells after owner Jerry Jones finally conceded his way wasn't working. Then they divested themselves of Emmitt Smith, who broke the NFL's career rushing record last season — he landed in Arizona and will return to Texas Stadium wearing red on Oct. 5, perhaps in a game featuring two winless teams.

Don't look for much from Dallas this season; Parcells hasn't made the playoffs in his first season with a new team. But he won two Super Bowls with the Giants, went to a Super Bowl with the Patriots and an AFC title game with the Jets.

"I'm not under any illusion about this team at all," Parcells said after a month of training camp. "We have a very difficult schedule, the hardest in the league. We've got some hard decisions to make ..."

Mariucci, fired by San Francisco despite four playoff appearances in six seasons there, takes over a Detroit team that was 5-27 in two years under Marty Mornhinweg. He has a young quarterback in Joey Harrington and young wide receiver in Charles Rogers but not much else.

"We'll get better, but it will take a while," Mariucci says.

The other new coaches are Marvin Lewis (for Dick LeBeau) in Cincinnati; Jack Del Rio (for Tom Coughlin) in Jacksonville; and Dennis Erickson in San Francisco. Only Erickson, who had a 31-33 record with Seattle from 1995-98 has a real chance to win now after he took over Mariucci's playoff team.

This also marks the final season for Art Modell after 42 years as owner of the Cleveland Browns/Baltimore Ravens. Modell, who bought the Browns in 1961 and moved them to Baltimore after the 1995 season, will turn the team over to Steve Bisciotti.



MAKE WAY — Hermleigh quarterback Jonathan McClure (7) moves in to provide a block for tailback Keenon Garcia (20) against Spur Friday. The Cardinals and Bulldogs scrimmaged in Hermleigh, as the Cardinals prepared for the season opener Friday against Spade at home. (SDN Staff Photo)

Moss, Vikes thump Raiders; Cards win

Vikings 21, Raiders 6

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Randy Moss caught two touchdown passes from Daunte Culpepper, and rookie Onterrio Smith rushed for a score in Minnesota's exhibition victory over Oakland.

Moss spent the first half locked in one-on-one coverage with Charles Woodson, the Raiders' star cornerback. Moss won the matchup several times — most noticeably on a 1-yard TD pass 24 seconds before halftime, when Moss shoved past Woodson and made a difficult catch above his head.

Moss finished with five catches for 36 yards, and Culpepper went 13-of-22 for 141 yards in a big game for the Vikings' first-team offense.

The Vikings (1-2) got their most encouraging performance of the preseason, including 228 total yards in the first half.

Sebastian Janikowski made a 20-yard field goal in the second quarter, and rookie Joe O'Donnell also kicked a 33-yard field goal for the Raiders (1-2).

Cardinals 27, Bears 17

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Josh McCown hit Bryant Johnson with a 25-yard pass, setting up Damien Anderson's 3-yard scoring run with 9:51 remaining, as the Cardinals defeated Chicago to stay unbeaten in exhibition play.

The Cardinals have won their first three exhibition games for the first time since 1995.

Emmitt Smith scored on a 4-yard run and Jeff Blake passed 12 yards to Freddie Jones for another touchdown.

The Cardinals sacked Kordell Stewart three times, intercepted him once and picked off Rex Grossman twice.

Parcells still undecided on QB

IRVING (AP) — Bill Parcells marked his 62nd birthday Friday, without getting his wish for a clear-cut decision on who will be the starting quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys.

Quincy Carter started the last two preseason games, and responded with two consistent performances. But the coach isn't ruling Chad Hutchinson, a nine-game starter last season who has played only about three quarters this preseason, as the starter.

"I want to take a good look at films before I decide anything. That's why I don't want to go into detail now," Parcells said after a 15-14 loss at Pittsburgh in which both quarterbacks led long touchdown drives Thursday night. "Everything is subject to change."

Parcells wasn't available Friday, a day spent reviewing the tapes and meeting with his coaches. Players had a day off before returning to practice Saturday at the team's Valley Ranch headquarters.

The original plan had been to determine the No. 1 quarterback before the game at Pittsburgh. Parcells then set his absolute deadline as the Tuesday before the Sept. 7 opener against Atlanta, but now expects to have a decision sooner.

Parcells said he would decide early next week, not wanting to stretch the saga out to Thursday night's preseason finale at home against Oakland.

"The quarterback situation will sort itself out," said Carter, the starter the first seven games last season before being replaced by Hutchinson. "I can't really tell you anything more because it's all out of my hands."

Hutchinson, a dropback passer who fits more into the style Parcells likes, appeared to be the front-runner early in camp and started the first preseason game. But the more mobile Carter has made the most of his opportunity since struggling in that first game.

The two have split snaps almost equally in practice sessions.

Carter completed 8-of-12 passes for 67 yards and a touchdown against the Steelers. On the TD drive, he converted a third down with a 12-yard run and hit 5-of-6 passes, the last an 8-yard score to Joey Galloway.

A week earlier, Carter hit 10-of-17 passes for 141 yards, including all six passes to six different receivers for 90 yards on a 96-yard touchdown drive in a 34-6 win over Houston. Hutchinson didn't even play in that game after being on the field for just four series in his preseason start.

Hutchinson was 8-of-16 for 86 yards against Pittsburgh.

No Venus, Serena at U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) — Each of the past four U.S. Opens ended with a Williams hoisting the women's championship trophy.

The past two ended with a Williams holding the runner-up prize, too.

Not only won't this year's last Grand Slam tournament have another all-Williams final, but neither is even entered at all.

Venus Williams joined younger sister Serena on the sideline for the U.S Open, pulling out Friday because of the stomach muscle injury that has hampered her since May.

Serena withdrew earlier this month after left knee surgery.

"What we've got now is a wide-open Open. There's some intrigue, there's an opportunity," said Arlen Kantarian, the U.S. Tennis Association's CEO for pro tennis. "Someone is going to leave the U.S. Open a bigger star than when they came."

That might be. What's certain is that the Open, which begins Monday, will be the first major without either Williams since the 1997 Australian Open.

And that means it also will be a test for a sport that has benefited from the sisters' on-court skills and off-court popularity.

When Justine Henin-Hardenne beat fellow Belgian Kim Clijsters in the French Open final in June, the TV ratings were 39 percent lower than for last year's Williams vs. Williams matchup there.

"It's a shame for the fans. Serena and Venus have been the ones dominating the Slams the last few years," 1998 Open champion Lindsay Davenport said. "It's always exciting, especially for the New York crowd, to have at least one of them there. Now both of them are gone."

Neither sister has played since July 5 at Wimbledon, where they squared off in the fifth all-Williams championship match in the past six Slams, all won by Serena.

That run includes last year's U.S. Open, and Serena's withdrawal combines with Pete Sampras' retirement to deprive the tournament of both defending singles champions for the first time since 1971.

Venus, 23, has been troubled by her abdominal injury since May, when she had to quit during the final of a clay-court tournament in Poland.

"I kept thinking I would be able to compete," she said Friday. "Unfortunately, it just wasn't meant to be. So, with regret, I have to pull out of this tournament and continue my recovery. I'm looking forward to playing again in the fall."

Sports Briefs

Football booster club

The football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the film room. Head coach Chad Rogers will discuss the scrimmage with Dumas, and everyone is invited to attend.

Tiger Moms meeting

The Tiger Moms will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Herron leads at Reno-Tahoe Open

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Tim Herron shot a 7-under 65 and his 10-under total gave him the lead in the rain-delayed second round of the Reno-Tahoe Open.

Herron, seeking his first win on the PGA Tour in four years, was one stroke ahead of Craig Barlow, who also had a second-round 65.

About half of the 132-player field was unable to complete the round before darkness stopped play.



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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: **James and Diane Fisk**; I have surveyed the property located at **1106 26th St.**, (Lot 3, Block 55, Wilmeth Addition of the City of Snyder). I declare the structure(s) to be unsafe as defined by Ordinance No. 324 and intend to order demolition of the structure(s) on or about September 8, 2003. If no objections are received by this date the demolition order will be issued.

Tom Valentine
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City of Snyder
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Taking Applications
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Employment

The Scurry County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office is accepting applications for temporary employment. Basic office skills and ability to work with public is required. Pick up applications at 5309 Big Spring Hwy. through COB August 28, 2003.
EEO Employer

The Snyder Independent School District is accepting applications for Substitute Teaching Positions.
Minimum Requirements:
21 years of age, 60 college hours. Applications may be secured by contacting the personnel office at 2901 37th Street, Snyder, TX or by calling Dr. Melissa Jones, Personnel Director, or Janet Davis, Personnel Secretary at 325-573-5401. Snyder ISD is an equal opportunity employer.

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JOB VACANCY
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

POSITION: Publications/Public Relations Specialist **SALARY:** College Scale **DUTIES:** Design and prepare for publication any catalogs, brochures, programs or other print materials pertaining to the college including a weekly page in the local newspaper. Produce documentation, press releases, public service announcements, and advertisements for college events. Perform market research to identify most effective methods of promotion. **EMPLOYMENT:** Full-time, 10-month position. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Associate degree or equivalent journalism, print publication production or advertising experience required. Knowledge of Adobe Pagemaker, Photoshop and Microsoft Word software preferred. Mastery of print techniques necessary to produce quality materials. Professional level writing and speech communication skills. Scurry County residency preferred upon employment. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Position is open till filled w/review of applications beginning on September 01, 2003. Applications are available in the Administration Building on campus or on the WTC website: www.wtc.edu **SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO:** Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Ave., Snyder, TX 79549-9502. **DATE OF EMPLOYMENT:** October 01, 2003.

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JOB VACANCY
WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE
SNYDER, TEXAS 79549

POSITION: TRIO (Upward Bound) Grant Academic Advisor **SALARY:** Contingent upon qualifications. **DUTIES:** Meet with participants on a regular basis to provide academic advisement, assessment, information and assistance related to successful school completion and post-secondary entry and career advisement needs. Maintain accurate, up-to-date student records and database relevant to the project. Work closely with target school teachers to develop curriculum for participants. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's degree in Education Counseling, Social Sciences, or related field preferred. Experience working in higher education and with a TRIO grant program preferred. Strong computer skills. Knowledge of career workshops, educational assessment tests, tutoring and issues affecting academic potential of low-income and first-generation higher-education students. Career development, financial aid, and/or academic advising skills preferred. Applicants should have excellent people and organizational skills and be self-motivated with high energy. Bilingual preferred. Scurry County residency is preferred upon employment. **POSITION:** Full-time, 11-Month position. **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Position is open till filled. Review of applications will begin on September 01, 2003. **SEND APPLICATION/RESUME TO:** Human Resources, Western Texas College, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, TX 79549-9502. Applications may be picked up in the WTC Payroll/HR office or downloaded from www.wtc.edu **DATE OF EMPLOYMENT:** October 01, 2003.

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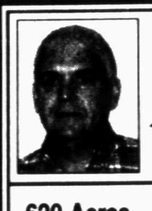
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Much-feared attack fizzles

NEW YORK (AP) — Security experts managed to avert a threatened Internet attack, while FBI agents subpoenaed an Arizona company for clues to the origins of a fast-spreading computer virus that slowed e-mail systems worldwide this week.

The virus, the "F" variant of "Sobig," contained instructions to launch an attack Friday afternoon, but experts were able to identify and block most of the key computers needed as accomplices.

Sobig was programmed to try again Sunday, "but I think it's really mitigated," said Chris Rouland, vice president for research and development at Internet Security Systems Inc. "All the network operators are aware they need to block these (Internet addresses) now."

Meanwhile, Easynews.com, a Phoenix provider of newsgroup services, said it had complied with a subpoena for information on an account used to distribute the virus. Easynews said the account appeared to have been created with a stolen credit card.

FBI spokesman Paul Bresson refused to comment, saying only that the agency was investigating.

Senior Center News

New retirees and newcomers to our area are encouraged to join us at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center at 2603 Avenue M. In just the last few months we have had several senior citizens move to our area to be nearer their children. If you are new to our area, we encourage you to visit us and discover what a wonderful facility we have.

The center is a non-profit organization supported by the college, city, county, federal nutrition program, local businesses and individuals. We offer services to seniors and an opportunity for seniors to serve others. We offer many activities and nutritious noon meals Monday – Friday. Our building is open 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Transportation is offered Monday – Friday during the morning hours. The daily route picks up seniors at their homes by 9 a.m. and returns them home after the noon meal. Transportation is also used for errands such as grocery shopping, therapy, and doctor appointments. Call the day before any special needs are required. We do not have a chair lift.

We have a stationery bike, a treadmill, paperback books, jigsaw puzzles, daily word search puzzles, pool tables, and a snooker table. The Sunshine Choir will begin their new season after Labor Day and seniors are always welcome to join them. Swimnastics will also be starting with the new semester at Western Texas College.

MONDAY
Party bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the morning. Join us and stay for the noon meal. The AARP will meet at noon in the conference room. Anyone interested in helping with AARP organization is invited to attend this meeting.

TUESDAY
The eighty-eight room is always available for games, but we do schedule eighty-eight for Tuesday and Friday mornings at 10 a.m. A volunteer band, the Aubrey Wilson Country Band, will entertain in the dining room 11-12. Senior citizens are invited to join the Golden K Kiwanis every Tuesday at noon in the conference room.

WEDNESDAY
All senior citizens are invited to enjoy our poolroom Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Ladies are encouraged to join us at 9 a.m. every Wednesday. We are having a great time with Skip-Bo, so join us at 10 a.m. in the bridge room. And, stay after lunch to play pinochle also in the bridge room from 1-3 p.m..

THURSDAY
A volunteer coordinates the fabric painting class and newcomers are welcome. The ladies meet from 9-11:30 a.m. The items they make are used for our fundraiser in May. If you would like to learn this craft, please join them.

FRIDAY
Volunteers now check blood pressure readings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the quilting area. Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and eighty-eight at 10 a.m.

Senior Menu

MONDAY
Chicken spaghetti
Green beans
Harvard beets
Tossed salad
Peanut butter cookie

Tuesday
Braised ham
Au gratin potatoes
Chopped broccoli
Apple/celery salad
Spice cake w/cream cheese frosting

Wednesday
Chopped barbecue on a bun
Potato salad
Baked beans
Pickles/peppers/onion
Fruited gelatin chiffon

Thursday
Steak fingers
Mashed potatoes w/gravy
Spinach
Three bean salad
Peach cobbler

Friday
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Parslied potatoes
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Cabbage slaw
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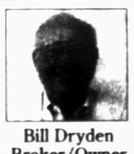
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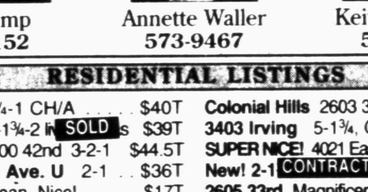
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The family of Lucy Crowder

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Coalition troops will help 'hunter' teams

WASHINGTON (AP) — The arrival of more coalition troops in Iraq will free American military teams to look for Saddam Hussein's loyalists and Islamic extremists, President Bush said Friday.

Bush predicted more countries would join the nearly 30 who have provided more than 22,000 troops in Iraq. Those foreign troops, Bush said, would help "guard the infrastructure."

"That'll help free up our hunter teams," Bush told reporters during a visit to Seattle.

The president said "al-Qaida-type fighters" had entered Iraq to attack the U.S.-led coalition.

"They want to fight us there because they can't stand the thought of a free society in the Middle East," Bush said. "They hate freedom. They hate the thought of a democracy emerging. And, therefore, they want to violently prevent that from happening."

U.S. officials say the violent foreigners entering Iraq are coming from Saudi Arabia, Syria and Iran. Some coming from Saudi Arabia appear to be fleeing the kingdom's crackdown on militants there.

Foreign fighters in Iraq are estimated to number in the high hundreds or low thousands. Some are believed to have al-Qaida sympathies, but it is unknown how many have direct ties to Osama bin Laden's organization.

An al-Qaida leader recently called for Muslims to travel to Iraq and attack the U.S.-led occupation.

Coalition authorities are concerned these foreign fighters are hooking up with remnants of Ansar al-Islam, the Kurdish group from northern Iraq that had ties to al-Qaida. The group, which had no proven ties to Saddam's regime, was bombed heavily during the war, but its members may be serving as guides and fixers for the foreign fighters.

Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, said Thursday that Ansar had apparently regrouped and established itself in Baghdad.

Officials have said they don't know to what degree, if any, the foreigners are working with guerillas who previously served in Saddam's regime.

National Guard set to help fight fires

SISTERS, Ore. (AP) — National Guard troops were ready to help firefighters Saturday in their battle against wildfires burning in a national forest and threatening a tiny mountain community.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski declared a state of emergency Friday allowing the troops to help firefighters.

In Wyoming, firefighters battled a wildfire in the Shoshone National Forest that exploded to 14,500 acres Friday from only 20 acres a few days earlier.

The fires in Oregon's Deschutes National Forest stood at a combined 24,290 acres; scattered buildings have been destroyed and about 1,500 campers and summer residents have been forced to leave.

"This is not going to be a quick suppression effort," Incident Commander Bob Anderson told about 200 people at an emergency shelter at Sisters Elementary School. "There is too much real estate and too much fuel."

The fire destroyed some remote buildings in the Round Lake area and along the road to the Hoodoo Ski Area but had not reached the mountain community of Camp Sherman or nearby Black Butte Ranch, a resort community that lost a few homes to a fire last summer.

"What I saw yesterday was a terrible situation," said Sisters District Ranger Bill Anthony. "The only thing that could be worse is somebody getting killed."

The causes of the fires were uncertain because the ongoing fire was preventing investigators from reaching the ignition site.

In Washington, crews were fighting a 5,000-acre wildfire in the eastern part of the state about a half-mile from the Canadian border. Canadian firefighters were protecting 61 homes threatened by the blaze. None of the homes was in immediate danger of burning, authorities said.

In Montana, tension was high Friday morning as officials prepared for what one official called an "ugly" forecast: more dry lightning and wind storms.

Three dozen large fires continue to burn there, and firefighting crews were stretched thin. The Defense Department said it was bringing in 560 soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, to help battle the blazes, which have burned more than 400,000 acres in the state.

The last cold front that moved through the state earlier this week brought wind that quadrupled fires in size and forced the evacuation of hundreds more families. Crews were just beginning to make headway building containment lines Thursday when they learned that Friday would bring another red-flag warning.

"It seems like every time we get a break and we start getting ahead, something else happens," fire information officer Jim Lane said Friday.

NE Ohio became black hole in hours before largest blackout

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Ohio region where the nation's worst blackout started became a black hole ahead of the outage, sucking electricity from two power companies' generators and threatening to burn transmission lines, the utilities say.

As a result, power lines that were operating above emergency levels disconnected from the system and power plants automatically shut down in eight states and in Ontario, Canada — protecting equipment from permanent damage, but also rapidly spreading darkness across state and national borders.

American and Canadian Investigators are examining the cascade of events to determine what triggered the Aug. 14 crash. The most prominent theory faults the failure of a power plant and lines owned by FirstEnergy Corp. in Ohio, including one transmission line that sagged into a tree. Some 50 million people lost power.

Pat Wood, chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, on Friday was presented with details of that Ohio-based theory during a conference call with industry analysts, but he said it's too early to form any conclusions.

Wood said that in the end the root problem of the widespread outages that began in Ohio may have been something as simple as an untrimmed tree. "That's not a really deep policy debate," Wood said, adding that problems are deeper than untrimmed trees.

In the wake of the blackout, Wood said the intricate interconnectivity of the nation's power grid — which makes one region vulnerable to another's problems — makes it imperative to have a market designed in a way so that communication between utilities and system operators flows more smoothly than it did a week ago.

Cambridge Energy Research Associates, a private energy consulting firm based in Cambridge, Mass., presented Wood with its outage theory during a telephone conference call that included energy officials, industry representatives and journalists.

According to the chronology provided by Cambridge:

— The outage of a power plant operated by FirstEnergy in Ohio led to the failure of a single transmission line shortly after 3 p.m. on Aug. 14.

Stance on 10 Commandments gets chief justice suspended

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alabama's chief justice has been suspended for refusing to obey a federal court order to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the rotunda of the state judicial building.

Roy Moore was automatically suspended with pay Friday when the nine-member Judicial Inquiry Commission referred an ethics complaint against him to the Court of the Judiciary, which holds trial-like proceedings and can discipline and remove judges.

Moore had no immediate comment. His spokesman, Tom Parker, said Moore's attorneys would respond to the complaint Monday. A Moore spokesman said Friday that the justice intends to formally appeal the order to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ruby Crowe, an assistant clerk working with the court, said Moore will have 30 days to respond.

Moore met with the commission earlier Friday as about 100 of his supporters, several blocks away at the federal courthouse, ripped and burned a copy of U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson's order for the monument's removal.

Moore said he told the commission that he upheld his oath of office by acknowledging God. Moore has said Thompson has no authority to tell the state's chief justice to remove the monument.

Although Moore's supporters have said they will try to prevent court officials from moving the monument, Moore's attorneys offered assurances that their client will not interfere with the removal during a conference call Friday with Thompson, two plaintiffs' attorneys who also took part in the call said.

Attorney General Bill Pryor said the public corruption and white collar crime unit in his office will handle the prosecution of Moore, who cannot perform any judicial duties while disqualified. Pryor said senior Associate Justice Gorman Houston will perform the chief justice's duties.

"I'm not happy we have to deal with these matters, but it is part of our duties and we will continue to do so," Pryor said.

Thompson ruled last year that the monument, installed by Moore in a highly visible public spot in the Alabama Judicial Building, violates the Constitution's ban on government promotion of a religious doctrine.

Thompson had ordered the monument removed by Wednesday — the same day the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Moore's appeal for an emergency stay.

The state Supreme Court's eight associate justices, meanwhile, overruled Moore and ordered the monument out of the rotunda.

Joe Conn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which sued to remove the monument, said Moore brought the suspension on himself.

Four arrested in Snyder

Arrests

Dustin David Witcher, 21, of 1489 North Ave. Q was arrested at 1:04 p.m. Friday on the old Lubbock highway on a felony warrant for possession of dangerous drugs.

At 3:15 a.m. Saturday, Johnny Vasquez, Jr., 20, of 4700 Ave. R, was arrested in the 1300 block of 26th Street for felony burglary of a residence with intent to assault.

At 10:33 p.m. Friday, a 33-year-old man was arrested in the 900 block of 25th Street for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 1:03 a.m. Saturday, a 34-year-old man was taken into custody for assault, family violence.

Theft

Friday at 8:56 a.m., Kerry McCarter of 3726 Sunset reported that his son's bicycle had been stolen. A report for Class B theft was filed.

Burglary

At 12:20 a.m. Friday, Lorenzo Rodriguez Jr. of 1412 30th reported that a computer had been stolen from his residence. A report for burglary of a residence was filed.

Child endangerment

At 1:21 a.m. Saturday, officers were requested at Western Crest Apartments where a two-year-old was reported to be at the pool by himself. Upon arrival, police found that there was also a baby poolside. Child Protective Services was contacted and a report for abandoning or endangering a child was submitted.

Gas drive off

Friday at 5:10 p.m., an employee at the Hermleigh Allsup's reported a gas drive off worth $30.93.

Jack-knifed trucks

At 5:07 p.m. Friday, a truck was reported jack-knifed four miles west of Snyder on U.S. 84. A Lubbock wrecker was contacted.

Friday at 6:44 p.m. another truck was reported jack-knifed in front of Rip Griffin's on U.S. 180. The truck was removed from the road.

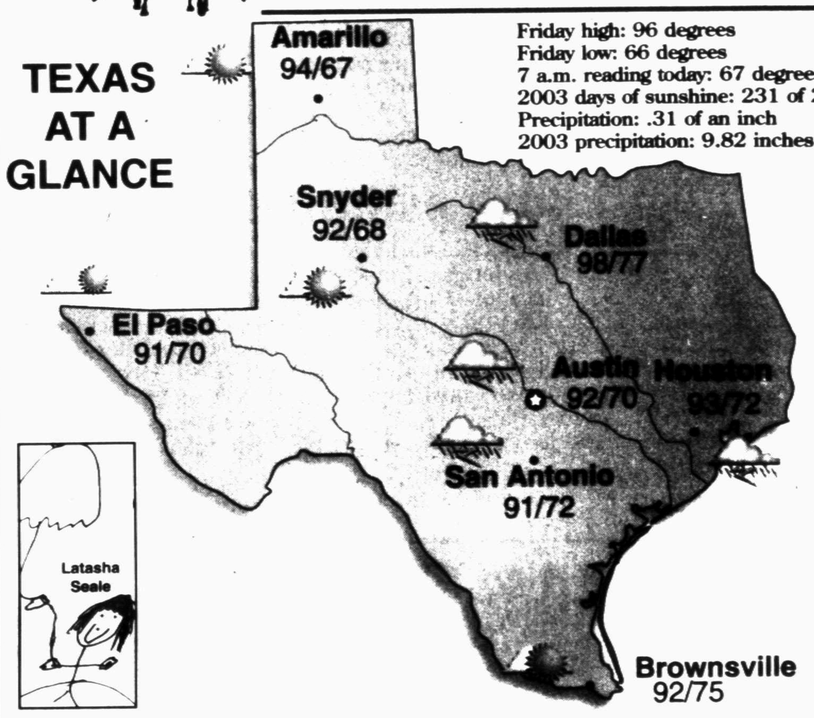
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Local 3-Day Forecast

Sun 8/24	Mon 8/25	Tue 8/26
92/68	91/68	88/66
Mostly sunny skies. High 92F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	Mostly cloudy with scattered thunderstorms.
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Friday high: 96 degrees
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2003 days of sunshine: 231 of 234
Precipitation: .31 of an inch
2003 precipitation: 9.82 inches

Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	95	71	mst sunny	El Paso	91	70	pt sunny	Midland	92	71	mst sunny
Amarillo	94	67	mst sunny	Fort Stockton	90	69	mst sunny	Raymondville	94	73	mst sunny
Austin	92	70	t-storm	Gainesville	97	72	t-storm	Rosenberg	91	72	t-storm
Beaumont	93	72	t-storm	Greenville	96	71	t-storm	San Antonio	91	72	t-storm
Brownsville	92	75	mst sunny	Houston	93	72	t-storm	San Marcos	93	71	t-storm
Brownwood	97	70	mst sunny	Kingsville	93	72	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	96	70	t-storm
Corpus Christi	91	74	pt sunny	Livingston	95	70	t-storm	Sweetwater	93	69	mst sunny
Corsicana	95	72	t-storm	Longview	93	70	t-storm	Tyler	95	73	t-storm
Dallas	98	77	t-storm	Lubbock	92	69	mst sunny	Weatherford	97	71	t-storm
Del Rio	93	75	rain	Lufkin	95	71	t-storm	Wichita Falls	100	73	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	67	mst sunny	Houston	93	72	t-storm	Phoenix	103	82	pt sunny
Boston	75	58	sunny	Los Angeles	82	65	pt sunny	San Francisco	77	60	windy
Chicago	87	67	mst sunny	Miami	88	77	t-storm	Seattle	71	53	pt sunny
Dallas	98	77	t-storm	Minneapolis	87	68	rain	St. Louis	92	72	sunny
Denver	84	60	t-storm	New York	80	62	mst sunny	Washington, DC	82	65	mst sunny

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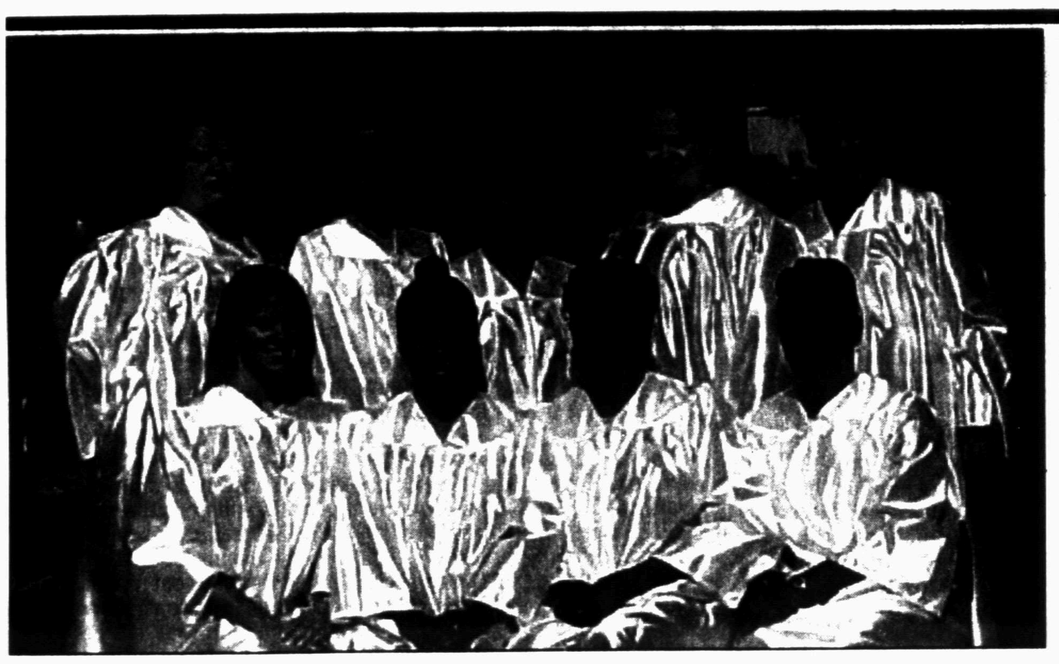
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LVN GRADUATES — Nine Western Texas College nursing students participated in graduation ceremonies Thursday at the First United Methodist Church. Graduation marks the completion of a 12-month cycle of instruction. The nine graduating students are now eligible to take their state board examinations to become licensed vocational nurses. Graduates pictured front row from left are Trina Chandler of Hermleigh, Sherrie Edwards of Colorado City, Tosha Wilbert of Big Spring, and Tida Collins of Lamesa. Back row from left are DeAnn Fahntrapp of Snyder, Sonia Garrett of Colorado City, Melisa Lopez of Lamesa, Mandi Hunt of Sagerton and Bill Guynes of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



PINNING CEREMONY — Pinning ceremonies honored students who have completed the first six months of their LVN studies. Students pinned during the ceremony front row from left are Ashley Hill of Colorado City, Amanda McBee of Snyder, Jessica Chaney of Colorado City, and Tiffany Anderson of Snyder. Back row from left are Stacey Mosier of Lueders, Vanessa Long of Jayton, Daniel Hernendez of Snyder, Stephanie Baker of Big Spring and Linda Shuman of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

WTC holds nursing graduation

Eighteen Western Texas College nursing students participated in graduation and pinning ceremonies Thursday at the First United Methodist Church.

Pinning ceremonies honored students who have completed half of the program.

The program began with a processional. Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education, offered the invocation and John Gibson, dean of vocational instruction, welcomed the graduates and guests.

Following a song performed by Carmen Timora, WTC President Dr. Greg Williams addressed the graduates.

The presentation of certificates and pins was conducted by nursing instructors, Diane Beard and Carol Watkins, assisted by vocational secretary, Donna Robinson.

The benediction was offered by Mike Thornton and was followed by a recessional and a reception for the graduates and their guests.

Colorado Legislature examines pledge law

DENVER (AP) — A federal judge delayed a hearing on a new state law requiring teachers and students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance until after the Legislature convenes in January, giving lawmakers time to fix a law that he has ruled unconstitutional.

Also Friday, U.S. District Court Judge Lewis Babcock continued the temporary restraining order he issued Aug. 15, but said it applies only to the four school districts with students or teachers who challenged the law.

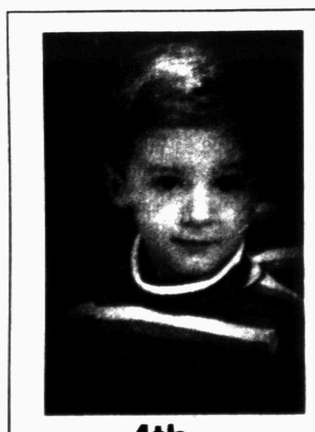
Attorney Alan Chen, who represents the nine students and teachers who sued, said it could be May before the case goes to court. Meanwhile, students and teachers in the state's 174 other school districts will have to comply with the law.

"From our perspective, our clients would like final relief in this case as soon as possible so there will be some clarity about the law," Chen told the judge.

Attorneys for Gov. Bill Owens and Education Commissioner Bill Moloney argued for giving the Legislature time to act.

If the Legislature changes the law, the case would have to be amended, Babcock said.

The pledge has been part of the morning routine in many Colorado schools but was not required until the law took effect Aug. 6. It was challenged less than a week later by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of Denver-area teachers and students, who said it violated their rights to free speech.



Happy 4th Birthday
Jordan Reid Hood

Man wants to represent himself

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — Terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui is worried that he could be stripped of his authority to represent himself in the only U.S. case to arise from the Sept. 11 attacks.

U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema wrote in an order Friday that Moussaoui perceived her past warnings about his rhetoric "as a threat to his ... status" as his own lawyer.

Brinkema also said Moussaoui interpreted a non-public prosecution filing Aug. 4 "as a suggestion by the United States that the court revoke" his self-representation.

Standby lawyers appointed by the court to help Moussaoui initially had the same interpretation of the government's letter, the judge said. The lawyers were later assured by prosecutors that the government is not trying to strip Moussaoui of his right to represent himself, said a legal source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

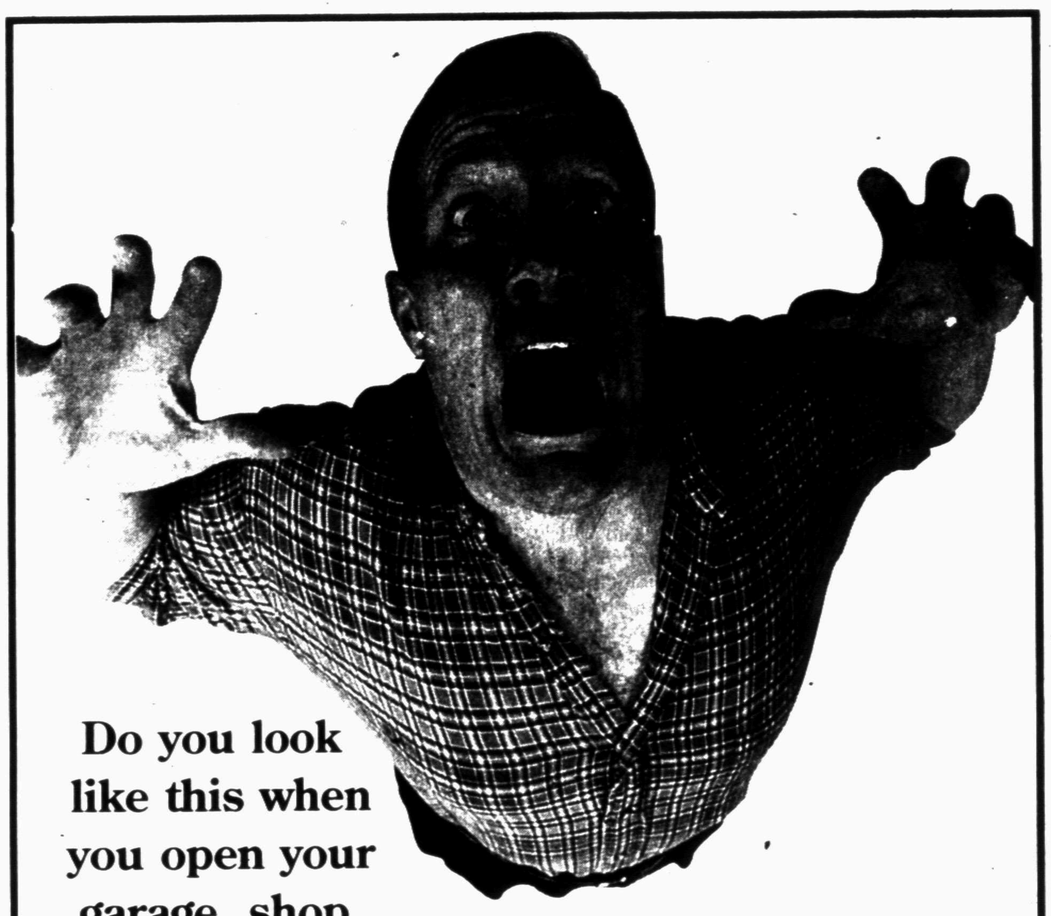
At the very least, if Moussaoui's concern prompts him to stop insults against the judge, prosecutors and lawyers, he could inject a dose of professionalism in the case.

If, on the other hand, the al-Qaida loyalist's defense is turned over to the standby lawyers who have remained in the case on the judge's orders, the change could be dramatic. In that scenario, prosecutors would go against an experienced defense team instead of Moussaoui.

Moussaoui became so alarmed at one point recently that he offered to withdraw motions if Brinkema would "promptly" notify him each time his language was objectionable, the records show. The judge refused.

At another point, he also offered to stop filing motions unless invited to do so by the court, the records show.

Moussaoui, a French citizen, is accused of conspiring with the Sept. 11 hijackers and others to commit terrorism against the United States. He has denied any role in the terror attacks, while the government said he was planning to pilot a fifth airplane to crash into the White House.



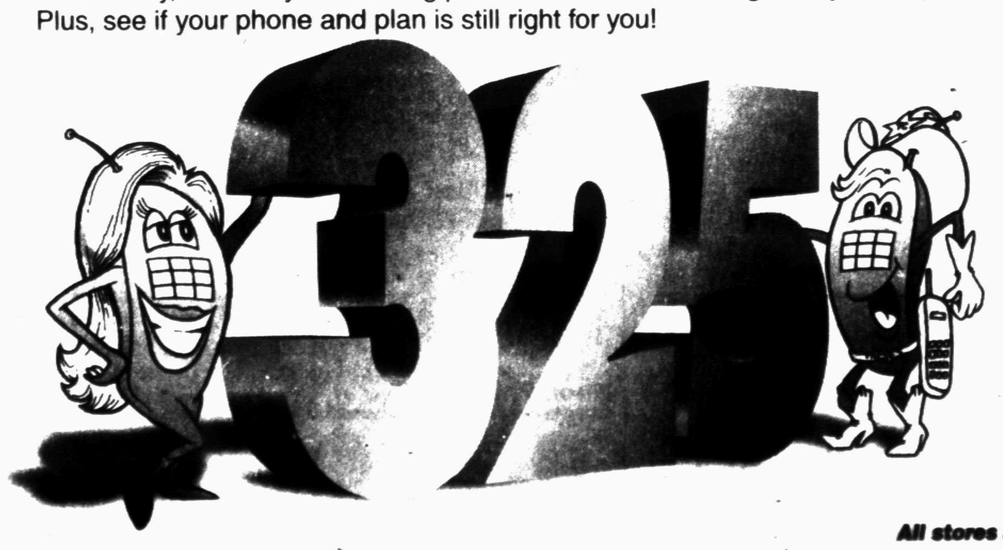
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'Taste' auction will feature Barbie dolls, other things

Fans of Mattel's collectible Barbie dolls may want to circle Thursday on their calendar. That evening two limited edition dolls will be auctioned during the seventh annual Taste of Scurry County.

The annual fundraiser benefits Scurry County Museum and gets underway at 6:30 p.m. at the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church.



HAT CONTEST — An anonymous person will judge the hat contest.

Tickets are $12.50 for adults; $5 for children aged 5-12; and free for children under five.

The 2001 Charleston Barbie, designed by Bob Mackie, is from the Celebration of Dance series. Barbie, made out of porcelain, resembles a 1920s era flapper.

The second doll, the 1999 Tango Barbie, was also designed by Mackie. Tango was Mackie's first porcelain Barbie and the first in the dance category.

Both dolls will feature beading and elegant costumes.

For more information go to Barbie Collectibles.com.

Other items to be auctioned will include Western hats from Hackfeld; a one night stay at the Broadway Manor Bed/Breakfast in Lubbock; a Christmas tea for 20 hosted by Millie Sentell at her Lake Alan Henry ranch home; and an XM satellite radio from Nix Auto.



HATS FOR SALE — Straw hats will also be sold during the seventh annual fundraiser.

Other items include original artwork by Paul Hudgins, a watercolor by Shane Christensen and a pencil portrait of the buyer's choice by Ben Sum.

Grady Morris of Colorado City will serve as the auctioneer.

In keeping with the fundraiser's theme, Hats Off To the Scurry County Museum, a hat contest is also planned. The judge will be anonymous and those attending the event are encouraged to wear their most outrageous hats. Hats can be the oldest, ugliest, wildest, craziest, etc. Kathy Nelson is coordinating the contest.

Prizes will be given in four categories.

Hats donated by the drama department at Western Texas College will be on display and straw hats will be for sale.

Jerry Baird and Kerry Clay will prepare the meats and breads, salads and deserts will be provided by "good cooks in the county."

DeCoty Coffee Company will supply the tea and coffee.

New murals painted for East primary wing

When East Elementary primary students started back to school Monday, they were greeted by a host of friendly faces, including Leo the Late Bloomer and the Cat in the Hat.

Other characters are from the *Magic School Bus, Frog and Toad, Clifford the Dog,* the *Very Hungry Caterpillar, Arthur, The Little Critter* and *Where The Wild Things Are.*

These characters are from books the kindergarten and first grade students will read throughout the school year.

Shane Blackwell of Houston, a sophomore at Western Texas College, painted the 10 murals in about six weeks. Working as often as he could, Blackwell began before the 2002-2003 school year ended and recently completed the project.

Teachers provided the designs and Blackwell painted each picture using acrylics.

He is no stranger to murals as he, Ben Sum, WTC art instructor, and other art students at the college painted murals for East Elementary's Accelerated Reader program for the 2002-2003 school year.

East Parent Club sponsored both mural projects and Lee Presswood, principal, said they wanted the primary students to benefit this time.

As students read their books throughout the school year, the storybook character murals will add to their excitement, Presswood added.

Blackwell has painted since the eighth grade and his goal is to become a professional artist.



Magic School Bus



Very Hungry Caterillar



Where The Wild Things Are — Shane Blackwell, right, and East principal Lee Presswood are pictured with the mural for Where The Wild Things Are.



Cat In The Hat



The Little Critter



Leo The Late Bloomer

Stories and photos by Shirley A. Gorman



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Martha Ann Woman's Club is valuable asset to community

The Snyder community is fortunate to have the beautiful Martha Ann Woman's Club for its use.

The clubhouse, located at 1600 Martha Ann Blvd., was made available for religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes and also to give assistance to historical, medical and other qualified institutions doing charitable and research work.

It was made possible by the late Mr. and Mrs. D.M. Cogdell Sr., and was originally set up for 20 women's clubs. There are now six clubs meeting at MAWC which includes the Lions Club and the Rotary Club.

After much dreaming, discussion and planning, Mrs. Cogdell met with the women of Snyder in 1952 to announce that she and her husband would donate the land and money toward the building of a clubhouse. They later said they would pay for the building if the clubwomen would pay for professional decorating and furnishings.

The clubwomen immediately began working to finance the furnishings. Initiating the project in 1953 was the Cosmorama Study Club. Members organized a Rodeo Queen contest that netted $7,000. The following year, other clubs joined in the project that reaped a $17,000 profit. In 1956 the contest brought in $3,000 more.

At the dedication for the clubhouse, only $4,750 was needed for full payment of the decorating and furnishings.

The facility was named in memory of the Cogdell's daughter, Martha Ann, who died at the age of 13.

Serving on the first board of directors were Mmes. C.V. Thompson Jr., president; Jack Bowden, vice president; E.A. Brooks, corresponding secretary; Jack Gore, recording secretary; and J.R. Hicks, treasurer.

Present officers include Margaret Dillaha, president; Jan Harrell, vice president; Wanda Falls, recording secretary; Anne von Roeder, corresponding secretary; and Francine Noah, treasurer, and Barbara McGee, assistant.

Due to economic conditions, a few changes have been made to the original by-laws — one being opening up the use of the woman's club to men's clubs.

Any club whose purpose coincides with those of Martha Ann Woman's Club, Inc., are eligible for membership after meeting certain requirements.

There are five classes of memberships:

Individual: who is a member through a participating club and dues are $35.

Annual: after acceptance of application to the membership committee, dues are $45.

Life: After a gift of $250, the donor is considered a life member and is entitled to all privileges of annual membership without dues. The person's name will be entered on the Life Membership roll.

Founder: When a woman has made a gift of $1,000 she is considered for Founder Membership and is entitled to all privileges of annual membership without dues and is an honorary member of the board of directors and her name will be entered on the Founder Membership roll.

Honorary: Membership may be granted by the directors to any person who has made unusual or outstanding contribution to benefit the club. Honorary members include Roy Baze, Frank Miller and E.D. Walton for passed and present help to the club.

The club is now a non-smoking facility.

An annual membership meeting is held in May of each year where annual reports of officers and committees are given and the board of directors is installed.

Sandra Brace is caterer and can answer questions of available meals and the prices for special occasions, parties or banquets.

Any person or club desiring to become a member may call any of the local officers of the MAWC at 573-3427.

A fund-raising garage sale is set for Oct. 25 at the Towle Park Barn. Other events in the planning stages are a Sunday luncheon on Sept. 14, a style show and luncheon on Oct. 18 and a fall tour of home on Nov. 2.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-23-03
♠ 9 5
♥ J 2
♦ A K 8 5
♣ K 7 6 5 4

West
♠ K 8 7 4 3
♥ 5 4
♦ 9 7 3
♣ Q 9 2

East
♠ A 10 6
♥ A 10 9 8 6 3
♦ J 4
♣ J 8

South
♠ Q J 2
♥ K Q 7
♦ Q 10 6 2
♣ A 10 3

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: North-South

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

Opening lead: ??

Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003

Around the world for a second time

By Phillip Alder

The second Worldwide Bridge Contest, held Saturday, June 7, featured 5,905 pairs competing in 38 countries. The winning pair was Beverly Perry and Kent Mignocchi, playing at the Honors Club in New York City. Their score was 73.24 percent. Second, with 73.16 percent, were Joseph Godefrin and Arnold Malasky, playing at the Winners Circle Duplicate Bridge Club in Sarasota, Fla.

This deal featured an important defensive point. First, look only at the West hand. You pass as dealer. Your left-hand opponent opens one diamond, which is limited to 15 high-card points and might include a longer club suit. Your partner overcalls one heart. And your right-hand opponent jumps straight to three no-trump. What would you lead?

Since my partner and I were using a strong-club system, it was safer for me (North) to open than it would be for pairs using Standard. A two-club rebid would have guaranteed five in our methods. But when partner jumped to three no-trump, I passed, of course.

Sitting West, I would have led a heart, after which South would have won nine or 10 tricks. However, our opponent found the killing spade lead. East won with the ace and returned the 10, the higher of two remaining cards. Now, though, West fell from grace: She won with the king and led a third round. My partner drove out the heart ace for nine tricks. Plus 600 was worth 3,257.8 matchpoints out of 5,044.

If West had ducked the second round of spades, keeping communication with her partner, we would have gone one down and received only 464.9 matchpoints.

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Kerley, Burton repeat vows

Laurie Michelle Kerley and Jerry Robert Burton were married at 5 p.m., June 28 in Calvary Baptist Church in Snyder. Steve Highfield, associate pastor of the church, officiated the double-ring vows.

The bride's parents are Mark and Cecile Cheatham of Austin and Mike and Andrea Kerley of Abilene. The groom's parents are Bobby and Rosemary Burton of Snyder.

They pledged their vows in a setting lighted by a double heart arch candelabrum and two candelabras on each side. They were encased with white tulle and white roses. Large bouquets of mixed greens, purple larkspur, white bridal roses, white Montana lilies, lavender stock, light blue Dutch iris and blue delphiniums, accented with millionstar gypsophelia, graced the romantic setting.

Mikayla Terrell, sister of the bride of Abilene, and Ashton Burton, niece of the groom of Snyder, were candlelighters.

Cole McLeod of Snyder played wedding music. Vocalist David Pruitt, cousin of the bride of Dallas, sang "Hold On to Me" and "There Is Love," was sung during the lighting of the unity candle. Also Stephanie Pruitt, another cousin of the bride of Dallas, sang "Love Remains."

Mike Kerley, father of the bride, presented her in marriage as she was attired in a white, Italian satin halter gown designed by Forever Yours. The bodice featured Alencon lace that adjoined a basque waist and continued along the bottom of the A-line skirt and chapel train.

The dress back had satin-covered buttons and small box bows surrounded by the same beaded lace down the train. A silver headpiece topped the fingertip veil.

The bride carried, for something old, a pearl encrusted Bible, that had been carried by her maternal grandmother, her mother, an aunt and cousin. Something new was her dress and a diamond heart necklace, a gift from her mother. Something borrowed was a pair of silver diamond earrings that were borrowed from the bride's cousin, Kathy Watt of Dallas. Something blue was a garter made by Peggy English, grandmother of Leslie English, a honorary bridesmaid.

The bridal bouquet was a nosegay of white bridal roses, Montana lilies, lavender and plum stocks, purple lizanthus, bella donna delphinium, light blue Dutch iris and tinted light blue Gerber daisies. The bouquet was accented with million star gypsophelia in a bed of mixed greens.

Maid of honor Katie Kerley, sister of the bride of Austin, and bridesmaids Cassie Burton, sister of the groom from Lubbock; Tamra Anderson of Lubbock, Kaitlyn Terrell, sister of the bride from Abilene, all wore cornflower blue, floor-length satin dresses designed by Mori Lee. They carried bouquets of flowers matching the bride's bouquet and tied with silver satin ribbons.



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Robert Burton
(Contributed Photo)

Leslie English, Nikki Kerby, Lindsy Flannery and Debbie Foster were also honorary bridesmaids. Each carried a single white rose tied with cornflower blue ribbon.

Flower girls were Jessica Carroll, cousin of the groom from Snyder and Allison Highfield, also of Snyder. Ring bearers were Lucas Pruitt and Noah Pruitt, cousins of the bride of Abilene.

Best man was Zeb Alexander of Lubbock; Troy Burton, Ray Burton, brothers of the groom of Snyder, and Ty Burton, nephew of the groom of Snyder, were groomsmen. They wore black tuxedos with silver vests.

April Boyd, cousin of the bride from Snyder, registered guests at a table covered with a white cloth and a white lace overlay. On it was placed a portrait of the couple, the bridal bouquet and an ivory cross, an engagement gift from Mike and Andrea Kerley.

The reception was held at the church. The bride's table, covered with a white cloth, held the fountain punch bowl and two stemmed toasting goblets. The heart-shaped, four separated layered wedding cake was made by Patsy Hart. The cake, with a double-heart topper. was the centerpiece. Blue heart-shaped mints were made by Bobbie Anderson. Serving were cousins of the bride, Samantha Campbell of Fairview and Carlye Boyd of Snyder, and Joni Terrell, aunt of the bride from Austin.

The groom's table held a cheesecake with a fishing motif made by Rosemary Burton, his mother. Fishing poles surrounded miniature piers and a minnow bucket was beside a bowl of live goldfish. Serving were Angie Burton, sister-in-law of the groom and Sherry Carroll, cousin of the groom both of Snyder.

The first night of their honeymoon trip was spent in Lubbock at Broadway Manor and then the couple flew to Cancun to stay at the El Dorado Royale.

They reside in Lubbock where the bride teaches kindergarten and first grade in Petersburg. She is a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech with a bachelor of science detree in early childhood.

The groom, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School, is an electrician in Lubbock.

Duplicate Bridge Scores

Monte West directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Aug. 15

A Group

1. Dorothy Rosson, Durelle Gorman.
2. Dorothy King, Artie Harris.
3. Carol Williams, Bette Byrd.
4. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit.

B Group

1. Dorothy Rosson, Durelle Gorman.
2. Dorothy King, Artie Harris.
3. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit.
4. Margaret Dillaha, Tizzy Hall.
5. Gracie Craig, J.O. Morrison.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

1. Patsy Williams, Jane Hinton.
2. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
3. Margaret Presswood, Dorthy Rosson tied with Linda West and Monte West.

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Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

—Henry Ford

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

The Scurry County Library has a two-week checkout period for books, paperbacks, magazines, audiotapes and vertical file materials. There are several sets of encyclopedias, from which individual volumes may be checked out for two-weeks, for home use. The non-fiction material is split up by the degree of information included in the book.

There are sections for children in K-3 grades, 4-6 grades, 7-12 grades and adult. There should be material available, on any child's level, for a report.

We also have some non-fiction videos, which must be checked out by someone who is at least 18 years old.

BOOK FEATURE

Great Inventions: Geniuses and Gizmos: Innovation in Our Time, by the editors of TIME.

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NEW NON-FICTION

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NEW FICTION

Lady of the River, by Dianna Crawford.

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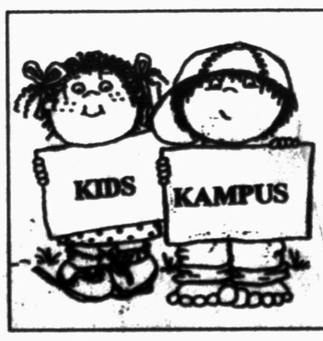
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Jimmie and Pat Cornett
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Cornetts will celebrate 50th anniversary with reception

A golden wedding anniversary reception for Jimmie and Pat Cornett will be hosted by their children and grandchildre on Saturday, Aug. 30.

The event will be held om 4 to 6 p.m. in the Baptist Student Building at Western Texas College.

They ask that the memory of your presence be their only gift. t

Living in Snyder all their married life, both were employed locally in 1950.

Jimmie retired from Homco Fishing Tool Co. and Pat from Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Jimmie and the former Pat Lloyd were married Sept. 4, 1953 at his parents' home near Willis.

Eight days later Jimmie left to serve 1½ years in the U.S. Army in Korea and Japan.

The couple's children are Doodle and Susan Cornett of Mansfield and Donna and Fred Liner of El Paso. Their grandchildren are Amanda Wall, Tamara Liner, Allison Ball, Jim Cornett and Leslie McCorm.

Jimmie and Pat Cornett are longtime members of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and are active in Church Builders, Baptist Camp Builders and builders at the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary in Cochran, Alberta, Canada.

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk and breakfast is served with juice, assorted dry cereal and toast w/jelly.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Waffles w/Syrup
Tuesday
Ham & Cheese Wrap
Hot Oatmeal w/Spiced Fruit
Wednesday
Sausage in a Biscuit
Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa
Thursday
Pancakes w/Sausage
Ham, Egg & Cheese in a Biscuit
Friday
Blueberry Muffin Squares
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup

LUNCH
Elementary Schools
Monday
Barbecue Rib on a Bun or
Chicken Cheese Quesadilla
Spicy Pinto Beans
Wedges Topped w/Cheese
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Country Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Seasoned Mixed Vegetables
Celery Sticks w/Peanut Butter
Garden Fresh Grapes
Wednesday
Nacho Grande or
Chef Salad w/Crackers
Campfire Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
Thursday
Ham & Cheese Sandwich or
Chicken BLT on a Bun
Corn Chips
Pickle Spears
Fresh Watermelon
Friday
Meatball Sub Sandwich or
Chicken Quesadilla
Buffalo French Fries
Cucumber Wheels w/Dip
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Junior High and High School
Monday
Beef Enchiladas
Crispy Beef Tacos
Pepperoni Pizza
Refried Beans
Broccoli Wedges Topped w/Cheese
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Ham, Turkey & Cheese Sub
Chopped Barbecue on a Bun
Pepperoni Pizza
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle Cup
Celery Sticks w/Peanut Butter
Fresh Red Grapes
Wednesday
Bean & Cheese Burrito
Hot Turkey Sandwich w/Gravy
Pepperoni Pizza
Campfire Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Corn Bread
Thursday
Chicken BLT on a Bun
Ham & Swiss Wrap
Pepperoni Pizza
Tater Tots
Seasoned Stewed Tomatoes
Peanut Butter Cookie
Friday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger
Chicken Strips w/Gravy
Pepperoni Pizza
Buffalo French Fries
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle Cup
Chocolate Fluff Pudding

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk and breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Blueberry Muffins
Tuesday
Pancake Pup
Wednesday
Sausage
Toast
Thursday
Breakfast Burrito
Friday
Donuts

LUNCH
Monday
Corn Dogs
Macaroni Cheese
Pickle Slices
Pineapple Slice
Tuesday
Taco
Lettuce/Tomato
Refried Beans
Sopapilla
Wednesday
Barbecue on a Bun
Pickles/Onion
Baked Beans
Yogurt
Thursday
Chili Dog/Cheese
Pickle Relish
Fritos
Orange Slice
Friday
Hamburger
Burger Salad
Potato Wedge
Blonde Brownies

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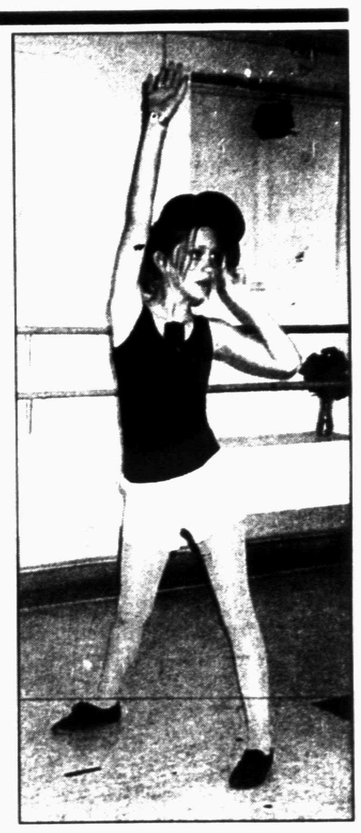
All meals are served with choice of milk and breakfast is served with juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Pancakes
Sausage
Tuesday
Sausage in a Blanket
Wednesday
Breakfast Pizza
Thursday
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage & Biscuits
Friday
Waffles
Bacon

LUNCH
Monday
Chicken Fried Steak/Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Bread
Cookies
Tuesday
Chili Cheese Burritos/Corn Dogs
Potato Wedges
Salad
Pears
Wednesday
Hamburger
Macaroni/Chopped Barbecue on a Bun
Sliced Potatoes
Peas
Bread
Apple Crisp
Thursday
Patty Melts/Grilled Cheese
Ranch Style Beans
French Fries
Friday
Chicken Patty on a Bun/Hamburgers
Lettuce & Tomato
Chips
Apples

Only those who have the patience to do simple things perfectly will acquire the skill to do difficult things easily.

—Johann Friedrich von Schiller



DANCE DIRECTOR — Allie Brewster, 11-year dance student, has choreographed *The Heartbeat of Dance*, to be performed by 11 dancers at The Ritz. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. Saturday performance are $5. There is a Sunday matinee at 2:30 and charges for students and senior citizens will be $4. Nancy Harris is narrator and Justin Cox is in charge of lighting. (Contributed Photo)

Lost pants and cash

BRADSHAW, W.Va. (AP) — Bascom Horn lost his pants — and $7,600 — as he slept.

Someone slipped into the 86-year-old man's house through an unlocked door Wednesday and stole his pants and the cash he had stashed in a pocket.

"I took my britches off and put them on the chair when I went to bed last night," Horn said. "They was there last night at 10 p.m., but when I woke up at 7 a.m., my britches were gone. I had $7,600 in there. They took my pocketbook and my operator's license too."

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Public Records

Marriage License

Jose Maria Barrera III and Brandie Nichole Herrley, both of Snyder.

David Sanchez of Lubbock and Clarisa Sauceda of Hermleigh.

Filed in District Court

James H. Coventry, dba Coventry Plumbing, vs. Ruth Kerry, individually and dba Kerry's Pit and Grill, suit on account.

West Texas State Bank vs. Daniel B. Fish, M.D., suit on note.

Scurry County vs. PMB Energy Inc., etal, deliquent tax suit.

Southern Electric Inc. vs. Graham Kerry, individually and dba Kerry's Pit and Grill, release of judgment lien.

Deed Records

Donnie H. and Dirk R. Dunn to Walter and Judy Cudd, 8.0 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Fairy LaVonne Eicke to Johnny Joe Eicke, 130.879 acres in Section 84, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Fairy LaVonne Eicke to Johnny Joe Eicke, all of Sections 145 and 150 in Block 2, H&TC survey; the northwest one-quarter of Sections 138 and 139 and 96 acres out of Section 139; all of Sections 156-158, 213-220, 241-243 and the south one-half of Sections 244 and 244, all in Block 2, H&TC survey.

Robert Curnutte, individually and as independent executor of the estate of May E.H. Curnutte, to Orlando Castela, Lot 12 in Blocks 49 and 50 of the A.J. McDowell's Subdivision of the Cody Heights Addition.

Christina E. Estobar to Antonio and Lupe Martinez, Block 21 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Barbara Holladay Hamer to Macky W. Holladay, the southwest one-quarter of section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Dorothy Davis to Tommy E. Davis, Lots 7 to 9 in Block 3 of the Evanscrest Addition.

Elton B. Beck to Jimmy Beck, the south one-half of Section 393, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kwik Industries Inc. to Alvarez Tube and Lube, an 0.670-acre tract in Section 154, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Bill D. and Linda D. Davidson to Carl W. and Deborah L. Smith, Lots 6 and 7 in Block 1 of the Bassridge Addition, Section 2.

Bill J. Murray to Troy D. Botts, Lots 1-16 in Block 5 of the Green Hills Addition.

Carl W. and Deborah L. Smith to Michael W. and Dana M. Bailey, an 0.757-acre tract in Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Max Shawn and Merri Kayla Moreland to Brent and Meredith Schneider, Lots 11 and 12 in Block 2 of the Wall Addition.

Kris Franklin and Ornal K. Fletcher III, individually and as executors of the estate of O.K. Fletcher, to Larry Joe Thompson, the east one-half of Lot 3 in Block 31 of the Blankenship Addition.

Boys and Girls Club of Scurry County Inc. to Complete Services Inc., Lots 2 and 3 in Block 33 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Boys and Girls Club of Scurry County Inc. to Jack McGlaun, the east 130 feet of Lot 7 in Block 20 of the Chambers Addition.

Nina Hunter to Roy Hunter, the south one-half of Lots 4-6 in Block 63 of the Winston subdivision of Blocks 48-49 and 63-64 of the Scarborough Addition.

Mary Pamela Winn, independent executrix of the estate of Lola Faye Boyd, to Jeffrey D. Barclay, Lot 1 in Block C of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Raymond and Adelia Alarcon to Randall and Brenda Alarcon, Lot 23 in Bock 8 of the 1st Replat of the Parkway Addition, Section 2.

Shane Terry to Anthony and Amanda Steelman, Lot 4 in Block 4 of the Highlands Addition.

Date of early human site in Pennsylvania is still debated

AVELLA, Pa. (AP) — Evidence that humans inhabited western Pennsylvania some 16,000 years ago — thousands of years earlier than most scholars believe — is still dividing archaeologists, 30 years after blade tools and materials to make beads were found in a rock shelter.

Archaeologist J.M. Adovasio and his crew began to unearth the artifacts in the summer of 1973 at the Meadowcroft Rockshelter, about 25 miles southwest of Pittsburgh. Those findings challenged for the first time a belief cemented in the 1950s that humans had crossed the Bering Strait and first settled near Clovis, N.M., about 12,000 years ago.

Adovasio says skepticism over his findings has slowly dissipated over the last three decades, because of extensive study, dozens of radiocarbon tests and the discovery of other sites in North and South America.

"I believe that the site is truly pre-Clovis, but there are some questionable dates and questionable findings," said Robson Bonnichsen, the director of the Center for the Study of the First Americans and professor of anthropology at Texas A&M University.

Adovasio, who was then a new archaeologist at the University of Pittsburgh, was looking for a suitable site for a field school in 1972 when he heard about a rock shelter near a farm in Washington County. He is now the director of the anthropology/archaeology department at Mercyhurst College in Erie.

Even today, the cavern seems like the perfect place to camp for a week. It sits near a tributary of the Ohio River and permanent springs. The interior is dry, well-ventilated and suitable for up to eight people, and hunting and foraging would be easy nearby.

Adovasio's crew uncovered more than 20,000 artifacts, including a fire pit used thousands of years ago and pits that could have been used for storage or refuse.

Radiocarbon dating showed that humans were unquestionably at the site between 14,000 and 15,000 years ago and possibly as early as 16,000 years ago, according to Adovasio's findings.

But some scholars believe the samples could have been contaminated with coal that dissolved into groundwater.

"I'm just asking for a few more independent tests and (he's) refused," said C. Vance Haynes Jr., a professor at the University of Arizona.

Adovasio and his defenders point out that four independent radiocarbon labs and researchers at Boston University have found no evidence of coal contamination.

"There's not much more to test," said Mark McConaughy, who worked on Adovasio's field crew in 1973 and is now a field archaeologist with the state Bureau of Historic Preservation. "They're just being stubborn and, basically, there are certain doubters who will never change their mind."

Scurry County Anti-drug Connection

The best things in life are drug free

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

Twelve Steps to Insanity

Humor has a way of hitting home like no other form of communication can. Editorial cartoons are a prime example — a few witty strokes of the drawing pen and the cartoonist can convey a powerful message in an often light-hearted manner.

In our recent bout of insanity brought about by our recent move in the unpacking of what seems like millions of boxes we ran across this tidbit of humor entitled "The 12 Steps to Total Insanity" and thought we would share the laugh with you.

While humorous, especially to those involved in a 12-Step program, the revised list hold a certain amount of truth as to the mentality of some who resist the recovery basics presented in such program as Alcoholics Anonymous.

There is more than one recovering alcoholic out there that will tell you that they believe everyone should work some kind of program. This is because those in recovery understand that the 12 steps are more about changing your way of life — and learning to accept life on its own terms — than simply about stopping the drinking, drugging, gambling or overeating.

The 12 Steps to Insanity

We admitted we were powerless over nothing. We could manage our lives perfectly and we could manage those of anyone else that would allow it.

Came to Believe that there was no power greater than ourselves, and the rest of the world was insane.

Made a decision to have our loved ones and friends turn their will and their lives over to our care.

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of everyone we knew.

Admitted to the whole world at large the exact nature of their wrongs.

Were entirely ready to make others straighten up and do right.

Demand others to either "shape up or ship out."

Made a list of anyone who had ever harmed us and became willing to go to any lengths to get even with them all.

Got direct revenge on such people whenever possible except when to do so would cost us our own lives, or at the very least, a jail sentence.

Continued to take inventory of others, and when they were wrong promptly and repeatedly told them about it.

Sought through nagging to improve our relations with others as we couldn't understand them at all, asking only that they knuckle under and do things our way.

Having had a complete physical emotional and spiritual breakdown as a result of these steps, we tried to blame it on others and to get sympathy and pity in all our affairs.

For more information on how you and/or your business or organization can be involved in promoting a drug-free community, contact the Scurry County Anti-Drug Connection at the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 574-1931 or 573-1411.

Inmate claims he is murder suspect

TYLER (AP) — A man serving a 95-year sentence for attempted murder says he agreed to provide a DNA sample for authorities investigating the murder of five people at a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant 20 years ago in Kilgore, but he maintains he had no connection to the deaths.

Gregory Eugene Muse, 39, agreed about two weeks ago to give Rusk County authorities a saliva sample for DNA testing.

"I have not been charged with anything, but I'm scared because of this saliva test. I haven't had a good minute's sleep since giving it," Muse said Friday. "I want people to know I'm talking about this because I didn't do it, and I want to ease my mother's pain. These are some serious allegations."

Muse's comments came from a prison visitation room at the Beto I Unit. Convicted 17 years ago, he is eligible for parole in about three years.

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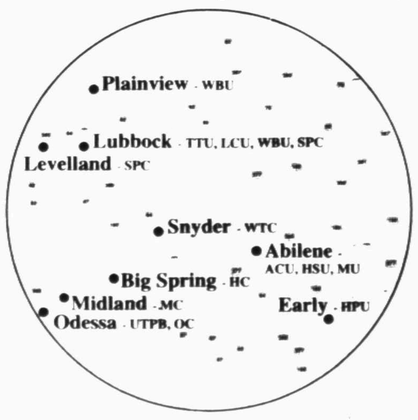
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22 constitutional admenments on Texas ballot

Following is a list of propositions that will appear on the Sept. 13 ballot and explanations from the Texas Secretary of State's office:

Prop. 1 — Would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

Prop. 2 — Would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

Prop. 3 — Would authorize the Legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

Prop. 4 — Would authorize the Legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the Legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson counties.

Prop. 5 — Would authorize the Legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

Prop. 6 — Would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

Prop. 7 — Would reduce the number of people who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

Prop. 8 — Would authorize the Legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, while Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

Prop. 9 — Would redefine the composition of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

Prop. 10 — Would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

Prop. 11 — Would authorize the Legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

Prop. 12 — Would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit pain and suffering damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after Jan. 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

Prop. 13 — Would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

Prop. 14 — Would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years.

Prop. 15 — Would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

Prop. 16 — Would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

Prop. 17 — Would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

Prop. 18 — Would authorize the Legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

Prop. 19 — Would repeal the Legislature's authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective Sept. 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

Prop. 20 — Would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed $250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

Prop. 21 — Would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

Prop. 22 — Would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

Murder indictment of men raises questions of politics

MIAMI (AP) — Some Cuban-Americans questioned the timing of the murder indictment of a Cuban general and two pilots in the shooting down of two civilian planes in 1996, saying the charges smacked of political maneuvering by the Bush administration.

But U.S. Attorney Marcos Jimenez denied Thursday's indictment was politically motivated.

The indictment was filed seven years after four men were killed when their planes were shot down over the Florida straits by a Cuban MiG.

"That's not what we do. It's based solely on justice," Jimenez said.

He refused to say whether Washington played any role in the decision, saying he authorized presenting the case to a Miami grand jury.

"These charges should have come a long time ago," said Jose Preval Lafita, a Cuban journalist who came to Miami in the 1960s. "It's apparently time for President Bush to start his campaign."

A group of 13 Florida state legislators wrote Bush recently to say his steadfast support in the Cuban-American community could be in danger in the 2004 presidential election.

The men — Gen. Ruben Martinez Puente and the MiG-29 crew, brothers Lorenzo Perez Perez and Francisco Perez Perez — are accused of attacking the unarmed planes operated by the Miami-based Brothers to the Rescue.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Aug. 24, 2003

Interesting conditions could prevail in the year ahead where your popularity is concerned. Situations that were previously unrewarding could now turn around and place you in the center of the activities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You'll be far happier spending the day with long-time friends than socializing with an unfamiliar group. If you have to go to a gathering today where you know few people, take along a pal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — It isn't likely that success in your endeavors will be denied you today, so long as you are strongly motivated. The secret is to establish an objective you'd really like to achieve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A forthright discussion to clear the air with an associate can work out to your favor today. If you lay out all the facts and don't pull any punches, you can make beneficial things happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Should bravado be required today, use it, but do not do so in a rash manner. Being bold can work wonders so long as you're not foolhardy in the way you go about it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Being positive and jovial can turn out to be a great asset for you today. It can help neutralize a serious involvement and encourage participants to treat one another more amicably.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Although this may not be a workday for you, lay out some plans that would further your ambitions where your career is concerned. Even if the changes aren't monumental, they can be significant.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Consult with your mate or companion before making any social plans today. This person could have some suggestions that will turn out to be far more interesting and fun than anything you think of.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Stick close to home today because activities that are family-oriented will turn out to be the most fun for you. Being a member of the clan gives you feelings of security and importance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Being on the go can satisfy your restless spirit today. Plan your day so that you can have some intermittent socializing in conjunction with making a lot of short errand stops.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You can be a pretty shrewd shopper today, but if you can't get out of the house for one reason or another, check the shopping channels on television or browse the mail-order catalogues for good bargains.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A shortage of planned activities could invite boredom today. So, if your calendar is bare, find a companion to chum around with who shares similar interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Although this could be a profitable day for you, it isn't likely that benefits will come to you through your own efforts. Someone else will generate the flow and take you along for the ride.

Virgo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph year-ahead predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

Monday, Aug. 25, 2003

It's quite possible that you will meet someone and develop a relationship that could prove to be of considerable worth in the year ahead. It won't happen by magic — you'll cultivate the friendship in ways that can produce benefits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Disappointment can be expected today if you think that everything will fall into your lap without expending any energy. You must be prepared to work for what you hope to gain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Your camouflaging basic facts when conversing with friends today will be easily detected. They'll see right through your cover-up and resent your thinking that they are too dumb to figure things out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Self-doubts can be your biggest enemy today in achieving success in the business world. If you don't believe in yourself or your abilities, why should anyone else believe in you?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Don't put all your eggs in one basket today. If you get caught off guard and experience confusion, you'll have nothing left to fall back on. Alternate plans should be a necessity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — The only way something profitable can develop for you today from a joint venture is to be very astute in the way you handle the people involved. If they detect a bit of caginess, they'll renege.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If someone you dislike appears to be getting more attention than you think she or he deserves at a social gathering today, don't make yourself look bad by reacting in a jealous manner.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — This is not one of those days when you can't divide your time between work and pleasure. It has to be all work and no play if you have any hopes of accomplishing your goals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Overhearing a conversation in which pals are gossiping about a friend who's not around should be cause for concern. Those who talk about one person talk about you as well when you're not there.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — A single twig can be easily snapped, but a bundle of twigs tied together is nearly impossible to break. Stand together as a family unit today if one member is being attacked by an outsider.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — What you say to others today must be backed up with sincerity or else you could be labeled disingenuous and deceitful. When people can't trust you, they cease to be friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Proceed cautiously in all your financial dealings today — your thinking could be a little fuzzy for the next couple of days. When it doubt, check things out and ask a lot of questions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you have to deal with someone today whom you know to be envious of you, don't tell this person more about yourself than you need to.

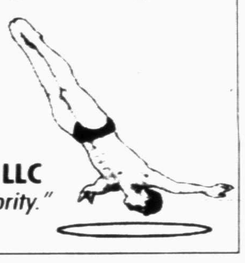
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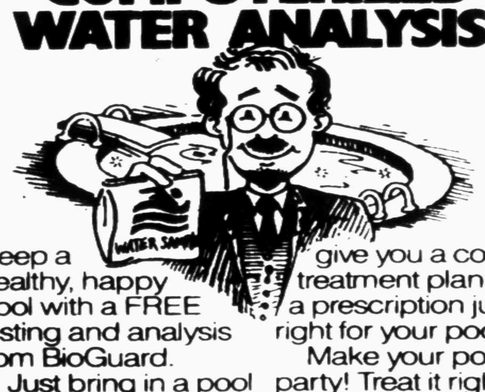
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Letters to the editor

Hospital is asset

Dear Editor:

Cogdell Hospital is one of Scurry County's greatest assets. We have lived in Scurry County for 50 years and have certainly come to realize this more with each year. We know first hand the care that is available at Cogdell and the importance of keeping it operating. Some questions I have for our county judge and commissioners are:

Do you realize the value of our hospital? Why does it appear you are not cooperative with the hospital board? Did you not appoint the hospital board? Why does it appear you have an inter-power structure going on within your board? Why does it appear you are arrogant and not interested in listening to the hospital representatives?

How can your members, who are unsuccessful in business, have the answers for the hospital financial problems? Why are you so willing for the hospital to make cuts and it doesn't appear that you are making cuts at the courthouse and in your precincts?

When it comes to life and death, the courthouse won't be too helpful. Our daughter has informed us doctors are leaving Big Spring due to circumstances similar to ours. We are concerned this could happen in Snyder.

Due to our medical status we would have to leave Snyder if this ever happens.

I urge all citizens to contact their commissioner and county judge to tell them we expect them to support our hospital. We expect cooperation and expect them to do what is necessary to see that funds are available to keep Cogdell Hospital the outstanding health provider it has been for many years.

Could it be that we need to think about a recall election?

Jean Black

Keep VA medical

Dear Editor:

I am begging for your support in retaining the Veterans Administration Medical Center that is located here in Big Spring at its current location.

As you are already aware, within a hundred mile radius of Big Spring there are literally thousands, possibly even hundreds of thousands of veterans from WWII and all other conflicts, as well as non-conflicts in protecting our free country.

West of Midland-Odessa, the number of veterans declines due to the sparse number of the population in that area, while to the East, North and South, the number increases dramatically.

Our economy is now on the increase, and the fight with Iraq has put a strain on the money available for Congress to spend. The cost of relocating the current Medical Center elsewhere would be in the hundreds of millions of dollars, which this same already-paid-for-facility would become vacant and useless.

Please consider standing with us here in Big Spring and West Texas in retaining the location of the Veterans Administration Medical Center are its current location both for its central location as well as monetary reasons.

Roy Simmons
1110 Jeffery Road
Big Spring, 79720
432-267-3013

Tribute to Roy Carter

Dear Editor:

I had the honor of meeting Roy Carter about two years ago when we moved in next door. He was outside piddling in the garage and came over and introduced himself.

We talked for awhile and as he was leaving, he said, "Well, I'll let you know how the meeting goes." I looked at him funny and said, "What meeting?" He said, "The one where we decide to let you in or not."

That's Mr. Carter…

My children adored him and my son who is usually so shy around people, would hear Mr. Carter either outside or leaving in his truck and would run out and yell, "Hi! Mr. Carter!" He always stopped whatever he was doing to speak to my children. He was never too busy for them. He would bring baby turtles over to show them and was always bringing them some toy he had found.

That's Mr. Carter…

One day he invited us over to see an ole' horse carriage that he had. We went over and he was telling us all about the history of it. He told my daughter to jump up in it, but she wouldn't get up there without me. So, Mr. Carter told me to get in there too. Then he looked at us and asked if we wanted to go for a ride. I told him he was crazy. You have to understand, he didn't hook it up to a horse or even his pickup. My daughter and I were sitting in this wooden carriage with Mr. Carter himself strapped to the front, pulling us down Crockett Ave.

He told my daughter that she was probably the only one her age to ever have ridden in that kind of carriage and she was lucky. Well she was lucky, not because of the carriage ride, but because she had the honor, privilege and blessing of knowing Mr. Carter. I sure am glad they decided to let us in the neighborhood.

Barbara Leatherwood

Good job

Dear Editor:

We, the victim of both theft and burglary of saddles, tools and other item during the month of June, would like to express our sincere appreciation to Scurry County Sheriff's Department, Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Lubbock Police Department.

The combined efforts of Deputy Kevin Roemisch, assigned to the case by Scurry County Sheriff's Department, Dean Bohannon of the Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Gary Watts, detective with the Lubbock Police Department, resulted in the apprehension of the perpetrators and recovery of the stolen items within the week.

The promptness, careful attention to details and their keen knowledge of law enforcement resulted in the case being solved quickly and in such a satisfactory manner.

A special thanks goes to all those who were involved in this case.

As citizens of Scurry County, we are truly privileged in this small community to have such professional and conscientious law enforcement personnel under the guidance of Sheriff Darren Jackson.

Respectfully yours,
Will & Jean Senn
Bennie Marricle,
Katrina Burney
Bil West

Poor Rix's Almanac

by Rix Quinn

Dear Poor Rix: I've heard many references to "The Dog Days of August," but normally, when I see a dog, it's just laying around. Don't they celebrate their month, or are they just not party animals? – Mike Koewler, Reading, OH.

Mike, your two-part question on dogs hounded me. Finally, after barking up several wrong trees, we sniffed out an answer.

Long, long ago (before "reality" television), ancient astronomers named a star "Sirius." They called it the Dog Star because it was part of the constellation Canis Major (the greater dog).

Sirius usually rose during July, and burned brightest during steamy late August days, when everyone sweats more than an ice cube on a radiator.

Since Sirius is the brightest star one sees with the naked eye (or even the eye wearing clothes), folks assumed TWO glaring suns made things twice as hot. So "dog days" referred to the most miserable summer hours.

Do canines celebrate during this period? Poor Rix asked his own dog, Poor Mollie. "What a great idea," Mollie replied. "I would like to celebrate. What does the word celebrate mean?"

Actually, Poor Rix lied. Mollie cannot speak English, but clearly understands the words food, eat, outside, walk, and – her favorite – "male mongrel next door."

But when it comes to party animals, few mammals can match the deer.

These guys show up with lots of bucks, bring their own horns, and stage some wild stag parties.

Yes, you can give me a home where the buffalo roam. But don't let the deer and antelope play there.

Poor Rix offers bad answers to good questions. To ask a question, e-mail him at rixquinn@charter.net, or write him in care of this newspaper.

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Number of Executive Sessions held by public entities in 2003.

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City of Snyder	4
Cogdell Hospital	1
WTC	1
Scurry County	0





The Village Idiot

by Jim Mullen

A sign of the times

Let's see, you're from out of town, going 65 mph down the highway heading west and you want to catch another highway going north. What do you think the exit sign should say in 3-foot-tall letters?

A) North

B) Exit 42

C) Gov. Tiddwilly Memorial Highway

D) Pinewood Mall

As long as you didn't pick A, you are correct. It's part of the new theory in highway sign design — signs for people who already know where they are going.

That seems impractical to me. If you know where you are going, what do you need a sign for? Shouldn't signs be for people like me, out-of-towners who don't know where they are going? I had plenty of time to think about it as I traveled west for 20 more miles.

Of course, some signs tell you more than you need to know. On the outskirts of one little down-on-it's-heels town in our county there is a ramshackle country store with a large sun-faded sign over the porch that proclaims "Worms, Bait, Computers." We figure the worms are just loss-leaders to pull in the computer customers.

When we lived in the city, Sue and I used to go to a seafood restaurant that had the picture of a crab on one restroom door, a picture of a lobster on the other. We used to have great fun watching people get up from their tables to head for the restrooms, only to be stumped by the signs. Sometimes they'd just shrug their shoulders and cautiously push on one or the other, but often they'd slink back to their tables, confused and distressed.

Sometimes we'd hear raised voices or a snippet of heated conversation back at their table. "Of course the lobster is the men's room. Lobsters are bigger than crabs." "So, you think women are crabs?" Many a nice anniversary dinner went down the tubes after that. The truth was, it didn't matter. The restrooms were only big enough for one person. You'd lock the door and it was Your Room. The restaurant people knew that and without any deep motive simply decorated them with a nautical theme. It never occurred to them it would cause any problems.

A few years ago there was a craze for signs on cars that said "Baby on Board." I always wondered what the proud parents were trying to tell me? That if it wasn't for the baby on board, as long as it was just the two of them, it would be just dandy if someone was to ram them from behind with great speed and force them into a bridge abutment? "Oh, that's OK, we're adults."

Airports go out of their way to come up with confusing signs. Where else in the world would you see a sign directing you to "Ground Transportation?" Doesn't that just roll off the lips?

"Honey, I'm taking the ground transportation to the store. Do you want me to pick you up something while I'm there?"

Our last trip, we took a free courtesy bus from the terminal to our car in the long-term parking. We had to stand on the bus, where we were wedged in like folding money in a wallet and all I can see in front of me is a sign that says C-O-U-R-T-E-S-Y written vertically. It says C — Courtesy is not a word, it's our No. 1 job, O — Our passengers deserve the very best, U — Use the Courtesy bus every time you travel, R — Respect is not just a slogan, it's our policy , E — I didn't get past E because our Courtesy bus driver was screaming at a woman trying to get on the Courtesy bus. He wouldn't open the door for her; he kept yelling "Catch the next one, catch the next one," through the closed door. It was raining. She had a small child in one arm and was dragging a big piece of luggage behind her. She ran out in the street for a few yards chasing the bus before she gave up.

The problem seemed to be that that sign was in the back of the bus where the passengers could read it instead of in the front of the bus where the driver could have read it.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Baylor scandal

How many intensely competitive coaches at topflight collegiate programs or first-tier wannabes shook their heads over the weekend as the world of Dave Bliss collapsed? How many vowed to themselves, "I'd never stoop so low"? How many lamented, "There but for the grace of God go I"?

Revelations in the Star-Telegram that the former Baylor University basketball coach urged two of his players to falsely portray slain teammate Patrick Dennehy as a drug dealer — to protect the coach's role in violating NCAA rules — added nightmarish scandal to what already was a tragedy.

What appeared at first to be dishonesty and disregard for restrictions on player payments and illegal drug use devolved into downright venality. There was no explaining away the conversation captured on tape by Assistant Coach Abar Rouse.

How could any self-respecting adult, claiming to be a decent, ethical, rule-abiding coach, so abuse the memory of one player and the integrity of others? It's important to remember that Bliss, who resigned as Baylor head coach Aug. 8 after the university acknowledged major rules violations, is responsible for his own actions.

But can the latest developments in the increasingly convoluted Baylor fiasco not leave the public wondering about deeper, more insidious failings in big-time college athletics?

Is Bliss merely an overly ambitious coach whose willingness to skirt the bounds of decency and fair play finally caught up with him? Is he just a flawed individual pushed over the line by desperation?

Is he emblematic of the lengths to which many college coaches across the country will go to compete in the lucrative limelight? To what extent are universities themselves complicit as they push for glory and its accompanying gate receipts, national recognition and TV revenue?

Perhaps worse than the immediate impact on Baylor's reputation is the doubt that Bliss has thrown into the investigation of Dennehy's killing. Are statements that Bliss and others gave to authorities to be trusted? How much more is missing of the truth, and how difficult will it be to sort out?

Sadly, the problems in the Baylor program came to light only because a young man disappeared and was found dead. The deceitful nature of the head coach was revealed only because a young assistant risked his job and his coaching future to do the right thing. Those facts speak dismaying volumes about institutional safeguards.

Austin American-Statesman

Keeping best minority students

The University of Texas at Austin, which recently moved to reinstate affirmative action, also must change a mindset if it truly desires to recruit and graduate a critical mass of Texas' finest Hispanic and African American students.

A critical mass is important in Texas because Hispanics and African Americans accounted for nearly 44 percent of the state's population in the 2000 Census. Their underrepresentation at UT and at Texas A&M University — the state's premier universities — portends a crisis for Texas in business, government, research and industry. Texas has a strategic interest in providing its brightest and best students — be they black, brown or white — a high-quality college education. Their talents are needed to keep the state competitive and afloat.

Last week, the UT System regents properly moved to revive affirmative action admissions policies at campuses whose student bodies are not sufficiently diverse. Days later, acclaimed Rice University reinstated affirmative action admissions to begin in fall 2004. Oddly, Texas A&M, which certainly needs to improve diversity in its graduate and undergraduate programs, hasn't budged.

Texas — whose universities have been barred since 1996 from using affirmative action to admit, recruit and award scholarships — has seen a brain-drain of its brightest Hispanic and African American students to other states that embraced affirmative action. Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has leveled the playing field by upholding narrowly tailored affirmative action policies, Texas universities shouldn't hesitate to employ them.

Any affirmative action policy crafted by UT or other Texas universities shouldn't resemble the former UT Law School policy that got Texas into a legal jam in the first place. That policy essentially used a quota system by establishing separate admission pools — one for minorities and one for white students. Under the old system, UT seemed to view recruitment of minorities more as a politically correct gesture than an investment in the future.

That policy was the focus of the Hopwood lawsuit and 1996 court ruling by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that effectively banned affirmative action at Texas colleges and universities. But in June, the U.S. Supreme Court, ruling on the University of Michigan's affirmative action policies, upheld the right of universities to factor race or ethnicity into admissions policies to achieve a diverse student body. That overturned Hopwood.

The Dallas Morning News

Quality of Texas teachers

It's school time.

Doors open across Dallas today for students to start a new year. But not all students will walk into the classroom of a certified teacher.

Many will get an instructor who really knows, say, history and has the credentials to prove it. Some other students will not.

The Dallas Morning News recently presented a thorough survey of area schools, including the number of their certified teachers, the number of their instructors who are certified in the field they teach, and the number of teachers with two years or more of experience.

Unfortunately, the data broke down in old, tired ways.

More affluent, high-performing schools had more experienced, certified instructors. Less affluent, low-performing schools had fewer of them.

Legislators, universities, school districts and parents can't let this situation linger. But there is no simple solution. Instead, the answers must come from different directions and sources.

Here are a few:

PARENTS: If your child's school has too few certified teachers, act like an angry consumer.

Write your state legislators and demand that the Legislature's interim committee on higher education look into the types of teachers that our state's education schools are producing.

Better yet, call the University of Texas, Texas A&M and the University of North Texas. Those three schools produce a significant number of teachers. See what they are doing to train qualified teachers.

You would think school superintendents would be all over this. After all, they get blamed when poor teachers come their way.

EDUCATION SCHOOLS: We urge our state's education schools to follow a University of Texas experiment.

The National Center for Educational Accountability has started a novel program to track how well education graduates from UT's nine campuses perform in the classroom.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman surffering from anxiety causes others to suffer too

DEAR ABBY: My husband's sister, "Claudia," has been one of my closest friends since we became sisters-in-law seven years ago. I have been there for her over the years, including watching her children, helping her recover from a painful divorce, and allowing her to vent about everyday problems.

For the majority of those years, Claudia was on medication for anxiety. However, a few months ago, she stopped cold turkey. She and I had no problems while she was on the meds, but now that she's off, Claudia has said and done many hurtful things to me and other family members and friends.

Claudia doesn't seem to realize that she is a different person when she's off her medication. Her mother, her best friend and I have all told her separately how cruel and insensitive her comments are, and that she needs to be upfront with her doctor about what's going on. She refuses, and her behavior is escalating.

How can I get across to my sister-in-law that she is unbearable without the medication? — **TIRED OF BEING HURT IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR TIRED: Since each of you has spoken to her separately without making an impression, the three of you should confront her as a group and tell her how much she has changed and how hurtful her behavior has become. If she is still not receptive to informing her doctor that she has a problem, limit your time with her.

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DEAR ABBY: I visit my son, daughter-in-law and baby granddaughter a couple of times a year and stay for four or five days each visit. They live 2,000 miles away.

My daughter-in-law's parents live around the corner from them and often "drop by" and visit all day. I like them and would enjoy having dinner with them once. However, the rest of the time, I'd like some privacy to visit one-on-one. My daughter-in-law thinks both our families should completely blend and bond.

My son says I shouldn't expect his in-laws to change their usual lifestyle just because I'm visiting. He thinks my attitude is selfish. I don't think I'm asking too much. How do you think I should handle this? — **SAD GRANDMA IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR SAD GRANDMA: I personally don't agree that your wanting some "alone time" with your son, daughter-in-law and grandchild is selfish. After all, her parents have ready access and use it frequently.

That said, since both your son and daughter-in-law are in accord on this, you have little choice in the matter. So accept the package deal gracefully.

P.S. I also think it is insensitive of the in-laws not to realize that you should have some private time to visit.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 12 years old and live with my dad. Twenty-two years ago my mom placed my brother, "Jim," for adoption. I found out about my brother two years ago. Mother gave me his address. I would like to meet him, but I am afraid he won't like me. He has a wife and kids who are my niece and nephew.

Please, Abby, should I write Jim or should I not? — **CONFUSED AND SCARED IN ALBUQUERQUE**

DEAR CONFUSED AND SCARED: I see no reason why you shouldn't write your brother and let him know that you would like to meet him and his family. Yes, reaching out can be scary, but you have more to gain by doing so than you have to lose. The majority of reunions are happy ones. Think positive.

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DEAR ABBY: My 16-year-old son came home from his job working at the concession stand at a movie theater and said that a woman customer had told him he would never achieve success in life. When I asked why someone would say such a horrible thing, he replied, "She asked me for an extra empty popcorn bag, and I told her I wasn't allowed to give them out."

Don't you think that nasty woman should have taken it up with management instead of saying such a cruel thing to a kid who was just doing his job? My son happens to be hearing-impaired and also has epilepsy. He has won gift certificates for the past three consecutive months for making the most sales of all the concession workers.

My son ALREADY is a success — in spite of her vicious mouth. What's wrong with people like this? — **PROUD OF MY KID IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR PROUD: Immaturity and cowardice. The woman was out of line to take her frustration out on your son. She didn't call the manager because she didn't have the nerve.

This world would be a better world if people only stopped and thought twice before spewing poison out on others. It takes so little effort to give someone a boost instead of a knock. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I want to address my comments to a wonderful young man who tossed a football with my dad just before Father's Day in Girsh Park in Goleta, Calif.:

My dad is 75. He played football in college, but has not played for many, many years. When he saw you and your pal tossing the football in the park, I watched him look on with envy. I asked him if he wanted to play, and he said yes. When I asked you if you'd toss the ball with him, you kindly agreed. You spent some time playing catch with him even though he can't throw the ball like he used to — and he can't catch like he used to, either. You even assured him YOUR throwing was bad when he flubbed a catch.

Your tossing the ball with my dad meant the world to him. Not only did he talk about it all through dinner that night, but even now he talks about how he threw the ball again.

We were in the park that day for my daughter's birthday. My parents had driven up from Los Angeles to be with us as we needed to be together as a family.

What you didn't know was that Dad had been diagnosed with cancer the week before. The doctors hope to shrink the tumor before operating. Dad has now started chemotherapy and radiation and will undergo extensive surgery in a few weeks.

My mom and I are so grateful to you for stopping your own activity to spend some time with a 75-year-old man who needed it. May you always be blessed with the same kindness you showed my dad. — **GRATEFUL DAUGHTER IN SANTA BARBARA**

DEAR GRATEFUL DAUGHTER: Your letter says it all. We rarely know the circumstances of the people we meet in life. My thoughts and prayers are with your father.

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to send a message to the blond woman driving the black Lexus with MA plates 86V***: "Hang up your cell phone, put down the bagel, place both hands on the steering wheel and pay attention to the road. My life and the lives of other commuters depend on it!" — **MOTORCYCLIST IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR MOTORCYCLIST: Your message applies to many thousands of drivers — female and male. A distracted driver is as much of a menace as one who is under the influence or overtired.

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Paws to Recognize honors 7 service dogs in the world

WASHINGTON (AP) — Heroes comes in all shapes and sizes — and breeds, too.

Popeye the bassett hound's sad face brings laughter to children and adults at hospitals and schools in Puerto Rico. Arthos, a solid-looking Beauceron search-and-rescue dog from Germany, helped save the life of a suicidal 12-year-old girl by leading police to the distressed child.

They joined five other dogs from around the world at a tribute ceremony Thursday organized by "Paws to Recognize," a program that celebrates service dogs. Solid bronze medals were placed around their necks.

The pooches also pressed their paw prints in cement for a Hollywood-style "Canine Heroes Walk of Fame."

The four-legged heroes stood at the side of their handlers, who offered comforting words and pats when the canines bowed to the dog days of Washington's August heat and plopped their fur-covered bodies to the ground.

The canines' heroic efforts were applauded by Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection at the Homeland Security Department, which has 1,200 detector dogs.

"They are invaluable," he said.

Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Bonner said bureau dogs used to detect drugs and explosives were also trained to search for chemical weapons, such as sarin gas.

The award for top dog in the United States went to a yellow Labrador retriever named Crazy Joe, an 80-pound narcotic detector for Customs and Border Protection who was adopted from an animal shelter. He's assigned to John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York.

In his six-year career, Crazy Joe has uncovered more than $10 million worth of cocaine, heroin and other narcotics. His handler, Cindy Grob, said his biggest seizure was 60 pounds of cocaine stashed in a suitcase.

The initial reward, Grob said, for a job well done is the rolled-up towel. "We really go crazy, jumping around, and hooting and hollering, playing tug of war — he loves it."

For a really big bust, she said, Crazy Joe is treated to "a nice big steak."

In an Internet vote of Americans for the program, he beat out five other finalists — including a black lab named Jake, who was part of team from Utah that searched for victims in the World Trade Center rubble.

California driver rescued after being trapped three days in van

LA CANADA FLINTRIDGE, Calif. (AP) — A driver stranded for about three days after his van plunged 500 feet off a mountain highway was rescued early Thursday by firefighters responding to a blaze he set to get attention.

The man, who asked that his name and extent of injuries be withheld, was dehydrated but in fair condition at a hospital on Thursday evening.

"He wants us to tell everybody that he's OK," said Connie Matthews, spokeswoman at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena.

The two-acre blaze in Angeles National Forest was reported shortly before 8 a.m. and Los Angeles County firefighters sent to battle it discovered the man trapped in the van, said Capt. Roland Sprewell.

The van was lying on its side in brush far below Angeles Crest Highway, which rises quickly from the Los Angeles suburb of La Canada Flintridge into the San Gabriel Mountains.

"This person has been here since Monday," Sprewell said. "It's very steep and treacherous terrain."

The victim was strapped into a stretcher and hoisted by a helicopter out of the canyon, and the brush fire was doused within an hour.

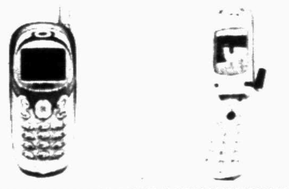
"I don't want to encourage people to start fires, but if you're trapped for four days you gotta do what you gotta do," said firefighter Jeff Ziegler, who helped rescue the man.

Mathews said the man was "a little sketchy" on the details of the ordeal but that "he was able to start a fire so that he could alert people that he was there."

Ziegler said the man suffered facial injuries and swelling that made communicating with him difficult.



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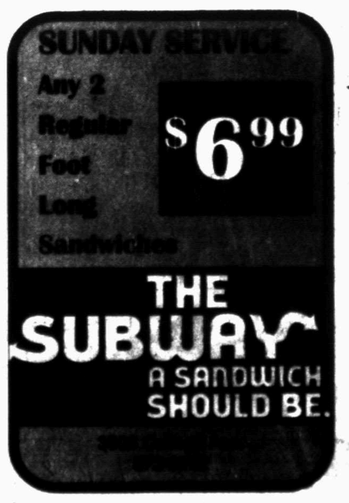
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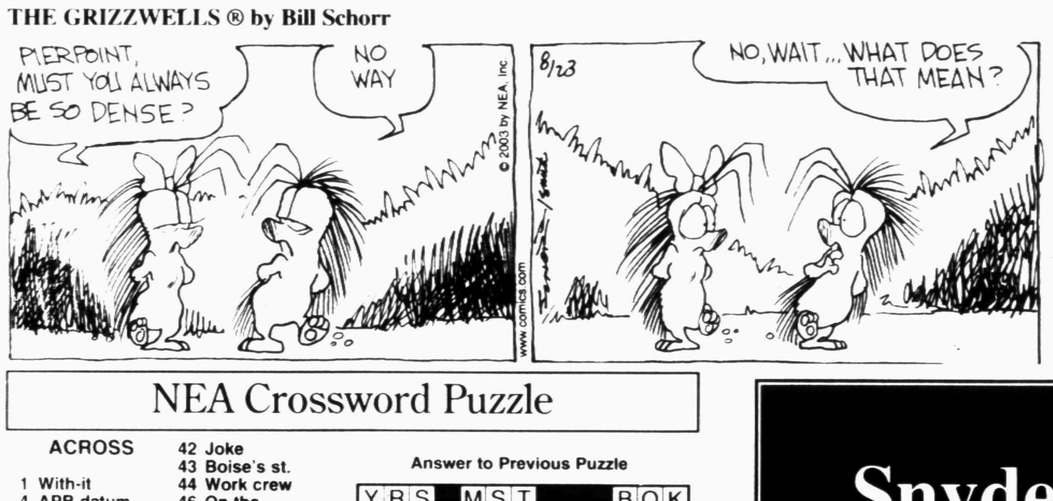
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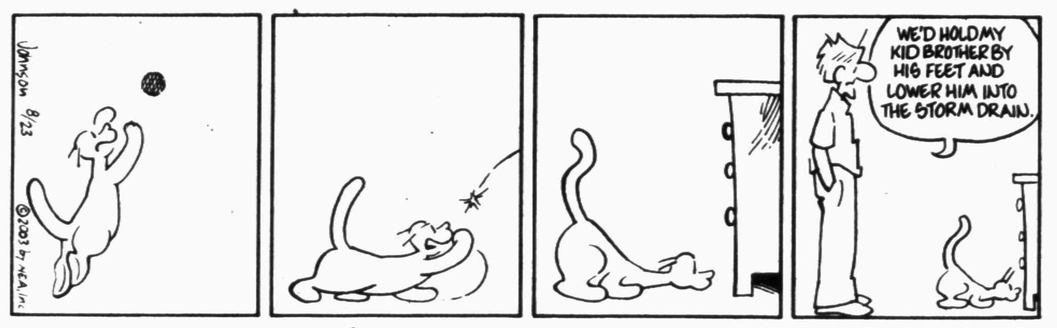
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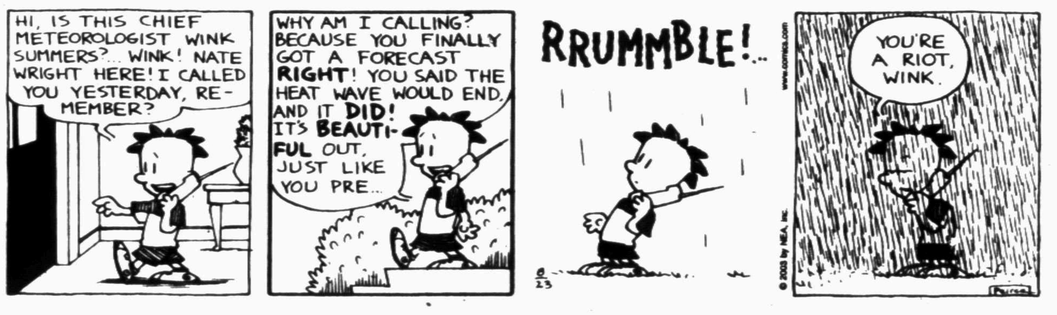
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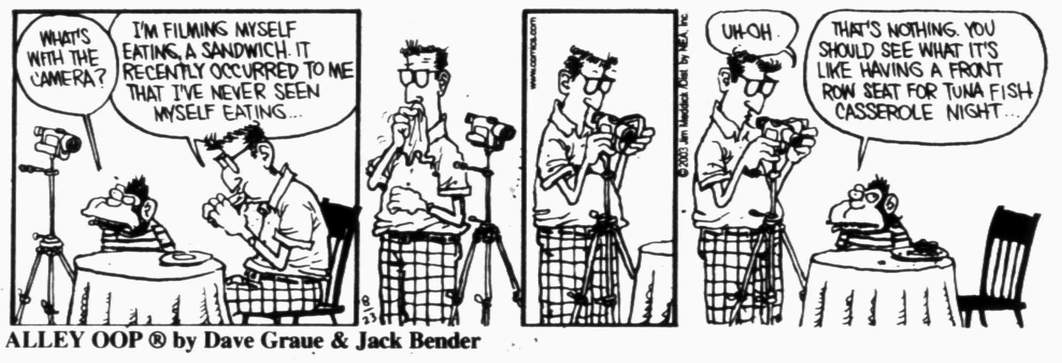
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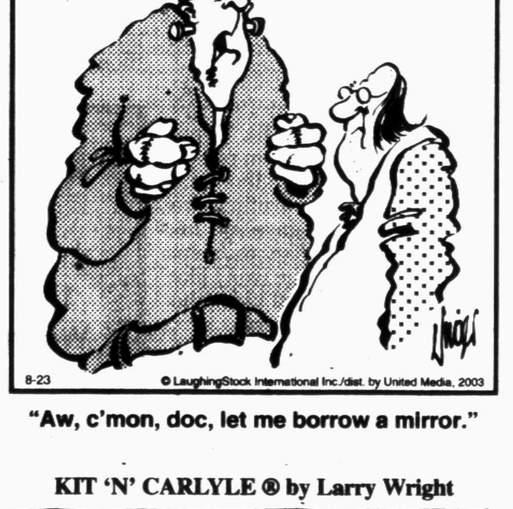
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"Aw, c'mon, doc, let me borrow a mirror."

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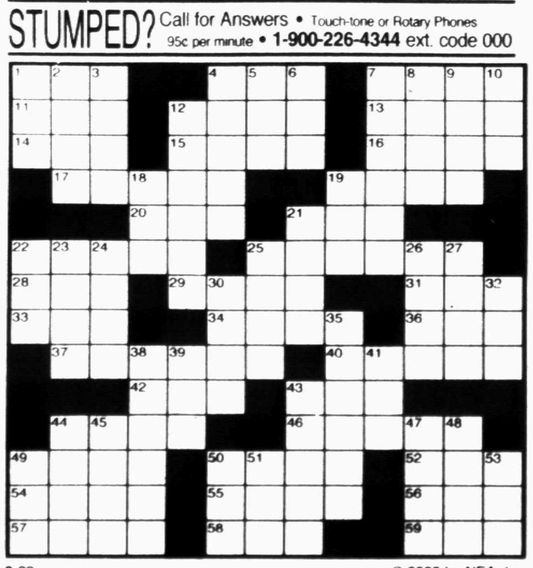
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DEET is a good repellant

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the most effective mosquito repellant? Will it also protect against ticks?

DEAR READER: N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide, commonly called DEET, is the most effective repellant against mosquitoes, chiggers, ticks, fleas, and biting flies, according to the Medical Letter (May 26, 2003).

The problem is that even 12-hour preparations may provide protection for substantial periods, but not for 24 hours. A long-acting DEET formulation (originally developed for the U.S. Army) has shown 95 percent protection for mosquito bites (and other insects) for up to 24 hours. No current repellant exceeds that advantage.

However, S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., is currently marketing a repellant (called picaridin) that appears to equal the beneficial effects of long-lasting DEET (called Extended Duration Topical Insect and Arthropod Repellent, or EDTIAR).

So, the current recommendation is to use DEET repellant, especially the EDTIAR formulation, on protective clothing. But, remember, DEET can damage synthetic fibers, plastics, eyeglass frames and watch crystals — and may cause serious complications (rash and so forth) in children.

Your best bet is to spray the repellant on your clothing, not on your skin.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and am eager to place myself into any intelligent research project.

DEAR READER: There is always ongoing research — by somebody, somewhere — into the nature of diseases and their treatments. Parkinson's disease, which causes tremors, impaired coordination and other neurological complications, is no exception. For example, you may have heard of fetal tissue transplants for severe forms of this disease.

However, I should remind you that traditional therapy, such as Sinemet, is a godsend to patients with this neurological disorder.

Therefore, don't even bother becoming involved with experimental therapy until you have exhausted the current, accepted methods. You — and other patients with your affliction — should be under the care of neurologists; ask your neurologist to guide you. Specifically, the specialist may be able to refer you to a teaching hospital in your community where researchers are probing the mysteries of Parkinson's disease. Or, he may simply suggest that you take a certain medication. In either case, get back to me with a follow-up.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is your opinion of Accupril for treating hypertension?

DEAR READER: Accupril (quinapril) is an ACE-inhibitor, one of a class of compounds that block angiotensin converting enzyme, the substance that causes hypertension. The medicine is effective and safe, although it is occasionally associated with headache, fatigue, cough, abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting.

It must be used cautiously with other anti-hypertensive medications and in patients with impaired kidney function. I should add that Accupril is one of several drugs used to treat high blood pressure; which medicine should be used is a decision best left to the doctor and the patient.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I had a gallon of fluid removed from my right chest cavity. A lung specialist said it contained cancer cells, but it's treatable! Can I avoid chemo and radiation? I'm 82 and don't want to go through this.

DEAR READER: As a general rule, cancer is treated with surgery, radiation and/or chemotherapy. Which method or combination treatment depends on many factors: the type of cancer, the aggressiveness of the malignancy, potential spread of the tumor, the patient's age and general state of health, and — very important — the person's preference about how to be treated (or not treated).

Without knowing your type of cancer and whether it has spread, I cannot comment on the best path for you to follow; that decision I'll leave to you and your oncologist, working as a team.

I will make a brief comment, however. Cancer cells in the fluid from your chest (malignant pleural effusion) is an extremely serious condition that, in most cases, is the result of a highly malignant lung cancer that has spread into the chest cavity — and, very likely, even beyond that. Therefore, while "treatable," it is probably not curable. In all likelihood, we're talking about prolonging your life for a few months at most. And what about the quality of that life?

Your age makes surgery very risky; chemotherapy may make you sick. Radiation may be your best bet. This is a topic that you should review with your oncologist.

When my mother was diagnosed with lung cancer several years ago, the doctors found that it had spread to her liver. They offered her a combination of radiation and chemotherapy. "How much time have I got without it?" she asked. "About 6 months." "How long if I take treatment?" "A year."

She chose therapy, in part because she wanted time with her infant grandson. Exactly a year after treatment, she died.

These situations and decisions are very difficult — and very personalized. For example, I've had many cancer patients who refused treatment, were kept comfortable and died quickly.

Please have a frank and in-depth consultation with a cancer specialist. At this point, you need information and support for any decision you have to make.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: After reading your recent column on the potential side effects, including muscle damage, of statin drugs, I stopped taking Lipitor. Moderately severe muscle pain (that I had been experiencing for two years) disappeared within a few days and did not return. Therefore, I assume that the drug was to blame. What causes this pain, what damage can result, and should I start on the Lipitor again?

DEAR READER: Although it is infrequently a problem, rhabdomyolysis is a recognized and dangerous side effect of statin cholesterol-lowering drugs, including Lipitor. This muscle damage may begin insidiously with tender arms, shoulders and legs. I've been told that the pain is more like an aching stiffness. What happens is that cells in the muscle fibers actually become inflamed and burst, releasing their contents into the circulation. One such substance is an enzyme called CPK (creatine phosphokinase). Muscle protein is released as well and this protein — in heavy enough concentration — can block kidney function, leading to renal failure. This is analogous to debris that can block a storm drain and cause flooding.

In the initial stages, the muscle damage and symptoms are relatively mild. However, with continued use of this drug, the damage accelerates and the discomfort increases. This is the reason TV ads caution Lipitor users to check with their doctors about any unexplained muscle pain or stiffness.

To diagnose this potentially dangerous complication, physicians can obtain a blood CPK level. But testing may not be necessary in situations, such as yours, where you have already stopped the drug and experienced relief. You should now check with your physician about how to proceed. I advise you not to take a statin drug again, but you have other options that your doctor will review.

In closing, I want to emphasize that muscle damage is a rare complication of statin therapy. But it does exist and must be considered in patients with unexplained muscle pain.

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

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Wet weather boosts number of mosquitoes carrying horse illness

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — In the cool hours of early morning or evening, the pastures at Charles and Sharon Locklear's farm are empty.

No horses graze contentedly in the twilight. They're shut in the barn, waiting for the hours when they'll be safest from tiny, deadly predators — mosquitos that carry eastern equine encephalomyelitis, or EEE.

The disease is ravaging herds in the Southeast, largely because the summertime swarms of mosquitos have swelled because of the very wet weather. The mosquitos bite infected birds and then in turn bite other animals.

The Locklears breed and sell race horses for a living. Last month, one of their mares died of the disease.

Now, the Locklears keep their remaining six horses in the barn from late afternoon until about 9 each morning, then spray them with bug repellent before turning them outside.

"We're scared we're going to lose another one," Sharon Locklear said.

Also called eastern equine encephalitis, the disease is 70 percent to 90 percent fatal in horses. It is rare but dangerous in humans. This year, a 78-year-old man in Georgia and an 8-year-old Alabama boy have died from EEE.

The virus attacks the central nervous system, where it causes swelling of the brain, said Dr. Jim Guy, professor of veterinary virology at N.C. State University.

Symptoms in humans include fever, muscle pain, headache, paralysis and coma. Infected animals display blindness, inability to swallow and staggering.

Those symptoms are similar to rabies, and that makes a definite diagnosis essential, said Dr. David Marshall, North Carolina's state veterinarian.

Marshall said there is no effective treatment for EEE, but vaccinations are reasonable at $10 each. The virus can even infect those that have been vaccinated if the animal hasn't had booster shots.

Charles Locklear said his mare had been vaccinated, but hadn't received a booster — something the couple has since added to their care regimen.

State agriculture officials say Robeson County, where the Locklears live, has the highest number of known EEE cases in North Carolina, which had 74 cases as of Wednesday.

Florida had the highest number of cases — 186 — followed by 120 in South Carolina. Georgia reported 51 cases. Cases also have been reported in Alabama and as far north as Maryland — the first there in seven years.

Last year, cases ranged from 25 in Florida to one in South Carolina. North Carolina had three; the state's prior record was 18 in 2000.

Alabama state veterinarian Dr. Tony Frazier said he expects numbers to go up as long as the rain keeps up. His state's cases dropped to zero or single digits during drought years.

"It almost mirrors the amount of rainfall that we have," Frazier said.

Florida hadn't counted any new cases this week as of Wednesday — a minor victory, said Lindsay Hodges, that state's health department spokeswoman.

That state has one of the nation's highest rates of concentration of horses per acre. Horse owner associations and health officials there are stressing vaccination.

"It's a big concern," said Mike Compton, editor of The Florida Horse, a monthly magazine published by the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association in Ocala. "It seems they're finding that most of the horses that have contracted it or are dying from it are horses that haven't been vaccinated.

"The large farmers have the largest bankroll and they get the best of everything. What you're seeing is the backyard type of horse."

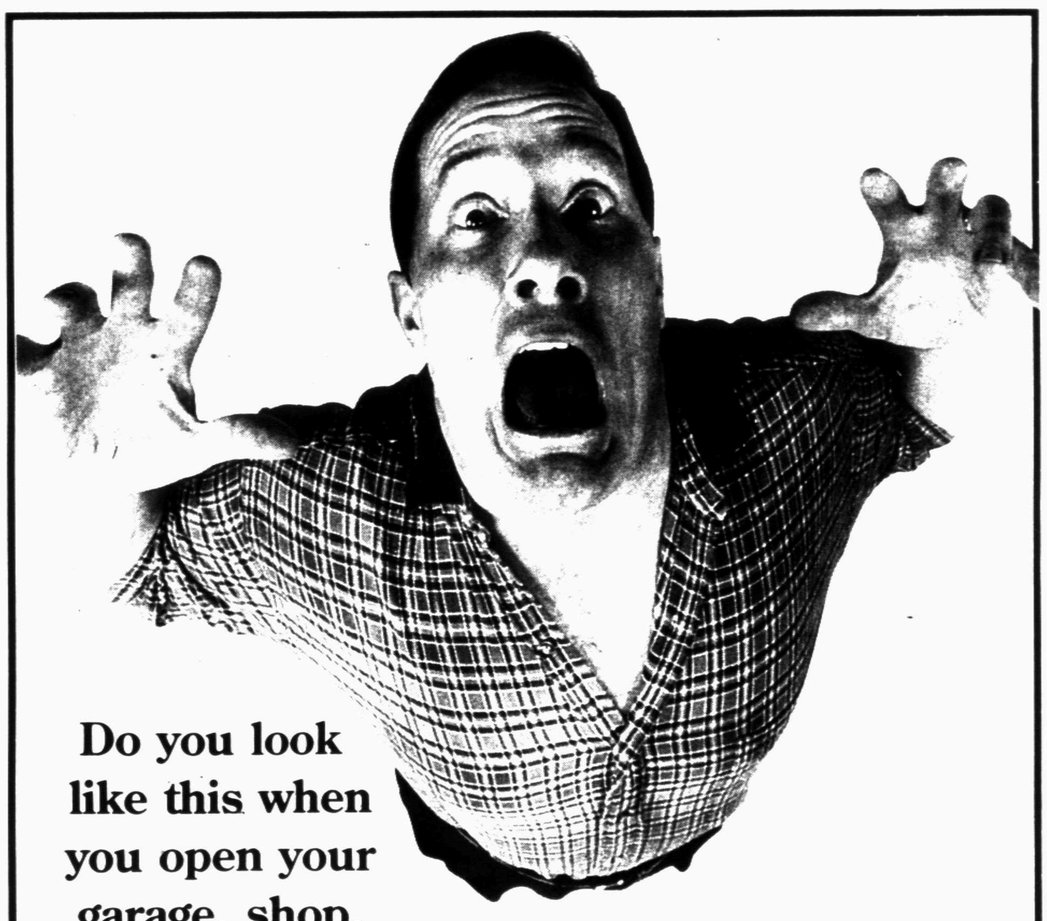
N.C. State's Guy said the number of horses known to have been infected are likely a fraction of those that actually have the disease.

In many cases, veterinarians say, smaller horse farms don't want to spend hundreds of dollars for a blood test to confirm EEE.

"This has been a more serious outbreak than anything in our history," said Dr. Venaye Reece, the equine program coordinator in the South Carolina state veterinarian's office. "Weather, mosquito hatch, bird migration. When it has the right conditions, this is what you get."

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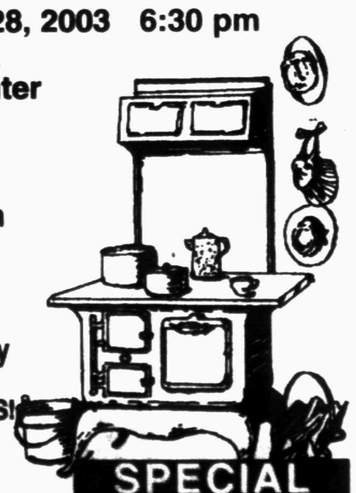


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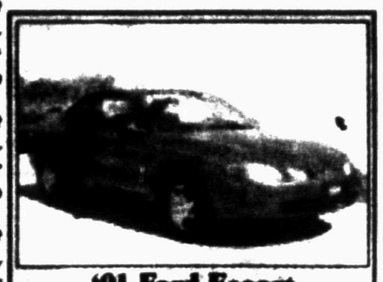
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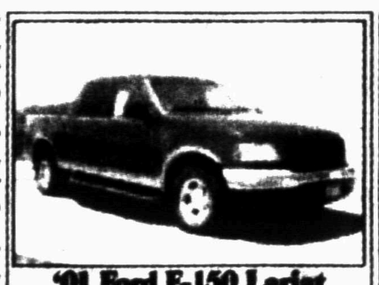
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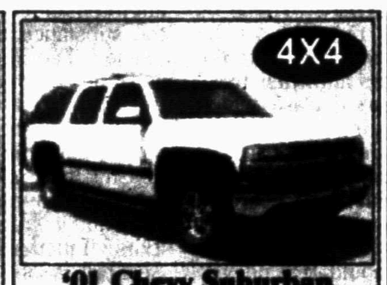
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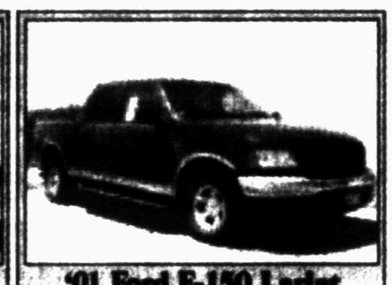
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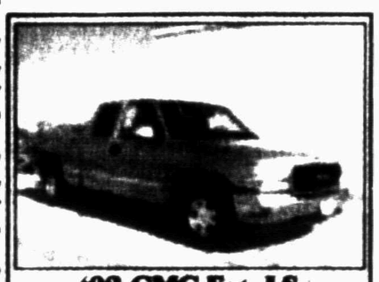
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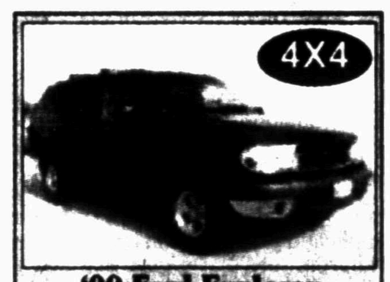
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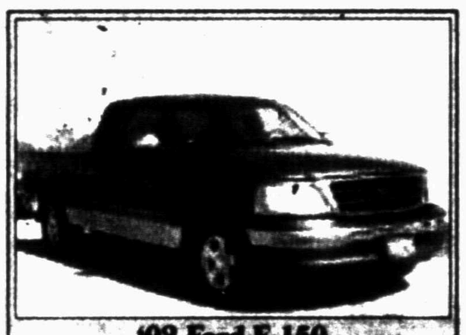


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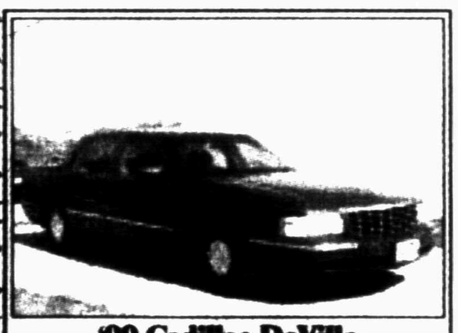


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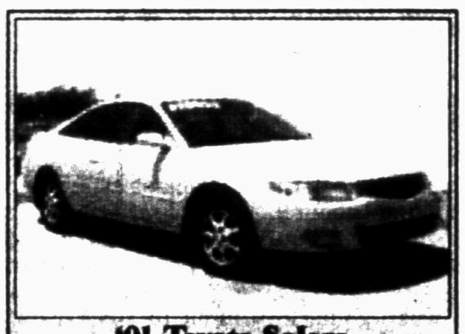
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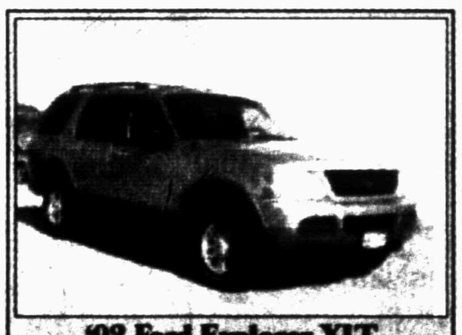
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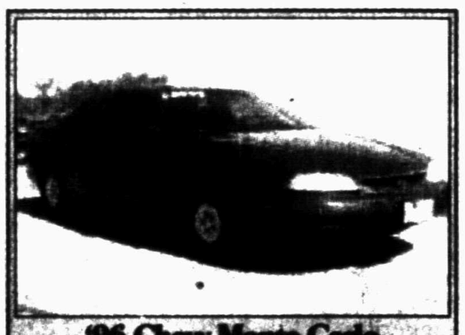
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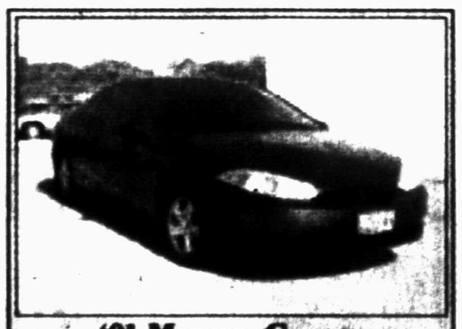
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