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No vote on unified system

County court advised not to place topic on ballot

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

If Scurry County citizens want to vote on a consolidated road and bridge system this fall, a petition will have to be presented to the commissioner's court.

Conflicting legal opinions on whether a vote by the court is adequate to put the question to voters have arisen, said County Judge Ricky Fritz.

Fritz said attorneys in the Secretary of State's office have voiced two different opinions, prompting him to contact the state's Attorney General's office.

Fritz said attorneys in that office told him that the matter had never been ruled on but added, "If there are conflicting opinions, it would be best not to leave it on the ballot."

The judge summed up the discussion this morning on the optional road and bridge system by stating, "Since we don't have a petition from citizens to place it on the ballot, it's a dead issue."

The court has discussed the pros and cons of such a system since it voted on July 19 to place the question on the November ballot. Fritz had touted it as a money saving plan for the county. Commissioners had agreed that citizens should be made aware of every aspect of the system, formally known as the optional Road and Bridge System.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey has been the most outspoken against the plan, saying he doubted it could save the county money in the long run.

Trevey has stated several times that he would be for the plan, "If someone could show me how it would save money."

Commissioner Roy Idom said he too, would be for the system if it could save money.

"It is unfortunate that it happened this way," said Fritz in summing up the discussion. "I really would have liked to have the plan put before voters."

In other matters this morning, the court voted to reactivate the Industrial Revenue Bond Authority, contingent upon there being no cost to the county.

The Development Corporation of Snyder had asked the county to consider using the authority to aid in industrial development.

Also, the court approved the appointment of Belinda Merritt as the alternate election judge for early voting at the courthouse, approved a contract with the Child Welfare Board and approved a resolution in support of State Sen. Tom Haywood's plan to return a portion of lottery proceeds to local governments.

No action was taken on a request by the Parks and Wildlife Department for the county to consider rules for the regulation of restricted wild animals in the county.

The court also approved a budget amendment in the amount of $16,322 for the juvenile probation office due to the increase in the number of juveniles being detained in facilities. A line-item transfer was also approved in that office as $879 was moved from office supplies and lease rental to travel and residential facilities.

A line-item transfer in the amount of $300 was approved for the airport as the money was transferred from sales tax to tire and tubes and $417.57 was approved to be transferred in the mental health office from office equipment to other equipment.

Fritz presided this morning. All commissioners were in attendance, to include Trevey, Idom, C.D. Gray Jr, and Jerry Gannaway.

Season tickets said going fast

Season tickets for the 1996 Snyder High School varsity football home games went on sale to the general public this morning and were being grabbed up quickly.

There was a long line for tickets at 9 o'clock at the SISD Administration Building. At noon, there were still a few scattered seats unspoken for in Sections 9-12.

Remaining tickets can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at a cost of $20 for the five home-game package.

Tickets other than season tickets will be $5 each.

Student tickets will be $2 in advance and $5 at the gate. Student tickets for all home games will be on sale at each school campus and the administration building the week prior to the game.

Home games this season include the opener against Andrews on Sept. 6. Others are Sept. 20 against Abilene Wylie, Oct. 11 against Lamesa, Oct. 25 against Lubbock Estacado and the regular season closer, Nov. 8 against Levelland.

Away games are Sept. 13 at Sweetwater, Sept. 27 at Big Spring, Oct. 4 at San Angelo Lake View, Oct. 18 at Frenship and Nov. 1 at Plainview.

GETTING AQUAINTED — Victoria Martinez, third grader at Central Elementary, and her classmates took a tour of the school to begin the new year. The first stop was to get acquainted with the computer with the help of teacher Betty Thompson, standing left, and Kathryn Higgins, CAI aide. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

First-day enrollment drops by 94

First-day enrollment within the Snyder Independent School District fell by 94 students, comparing today with opening day of the 1995-96 school year.

District officials reported enrollment at 3,151 students today. There were 3,247 students enrolled on the first day last year.

Enrollment by grade showed 106 in Pre-K, 208 in kindergarten, 217 in first, 222 in second, 221 in third, 214 in fourth, 237 in fifth, 258 in sixth, 28 in early childhood, six in elementary self-contained special ed.

Other grades are 237 in seventh, 266 in eighth, 265 in ninth, 258 in tenth, 205 in eleventh, and 203 in twelfth.

School also began today at Hermleigh ISD. School officials there said an enrollment report would not be available until this afternoon.

First-day enrollment for Ira ISD, which began classes last Thursday, was 180, down three students from last year.

There were nine students enrolled in kindergarten, 10 in first grade, 13 in second, 10 in third, 11 in fourth, 16 in fifth, 19 in sixth, 14 in seventh, 17 in eighth, 18 in ninth, 16 in tenth, 17 in eleventh and 10 in the twelfth.

Mayor requests dual certification

PUC approval would put TU Electric in competition with Midwest Co-op

The Public Utility Commission has been requested to allow the City of Snyder to become a dual-certified area for electrical service.

In a letter dated late last month, Mayor David Holt asked that Midwest Electric Cooperative be allowed to compete in Snyder with TU Electric. With a few exceptions, such as Towle Park, the city is singly-certified and served only by TU. However, many area residents and businesses are served by Midwest Electric.

"In the economic times we are living in, anything we can do to save money is an avenue that needs to be explored," said Holt, in explaining why the request was made.

"Some people think we have a chance to save money with dual certification. Of course, with dual certification there are tradeoffs. It's not all just about saving money on rates. The tradeoffs are more lines running through town, things like that. My belief is that as an elected official, it's my position to see that the citizens get the best value for the dollar that they can."

Darryl Thomas, manager for TU Electric in Snyder, said the Public Utility Regulatory Act in 1975 certified designated areas in the state to electric utilities.

"Multiple certification, as the Public Utility Commission has ruled in other proceedings, results in wasteful duplication of facilities and higher electric rates," said Thomas.

He added that "TU Electric's excellent service reliability and competitive rates should lead the PUC to continue to honor the certification boundaries."

In past cases, PUC has declined dual certification requests unless they were based on unreasonable rates or poor service.

However, in a meeting earlier this year involving Lamb County Electric Cooperative and Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), the PUC suggested that SPS apply to be dual-certified in an area currently singly certified to the co-op.

"I think that's what triggered this whole thing," said Vesta Orr, general manager of Midwest Electric. "It opened the opportunity for citizens of the City of Snyder or any other city to make that request."

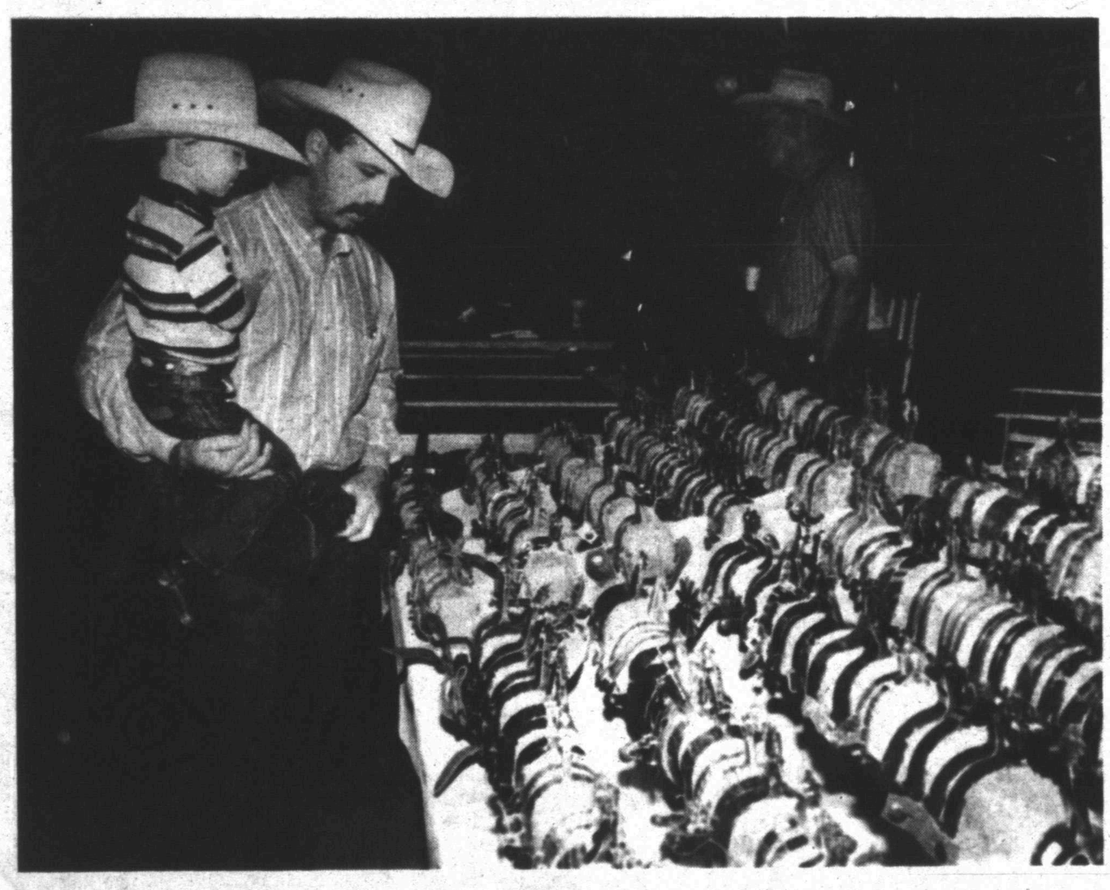
Orr said dual certification would give the citizens of Snyder a choice, which will become even more important in the future.

Midwest did not file the request, said Orr, but is not opposed to it.

"This is not trying to throw cold water on TU. They do a good job, I don't deny that. We buy electricity from them. But if the citizens of Snyder want to be able to receive service from us, we'd like to serve them," said Orr. "It's not trying to pull the wool over TU's eyes."

Holt said the request is not a reflection on TU's service.

"I have no problem with the service. TU has been a good citizen. So has Midwest."



SPURRED ON - Trey Wilson and son, J.P., get a good look at one of the many displays that were at the Canyon Gun, Knife and Coin Show held at Scurry Coliseum over the weekend. Joe Cheyne, president of the club, reported that the show had its usual good attendance. (SDN Staff Photo)

Beef cattle workshop slated here Thursday

A multi-county beef cattle workshop will be held Thursday at Towle Park Barn, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The program will focus around beef cattle management during drought conditions and will offer two continuing education units for persons with private applicator licenses.

Speakers will include:

—Dr. Ted McCollum, beef cattle specialists from Amarillo, on cow herd health and nutritional management for fall and winter;

—Stan Bevers, extension economist from Vernon, on cattle outlook, marketing alternatives and risk management;

—Bill Pinchak of Vernon on monitoring cattle nutrition to improve your feeding program and reduce feed costs;

—and Kent Mills of Ezell-Key Grain on feed price outlook.

The workshop is sponsored by the Scurry County Extension Program and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service ag committees of Dawson, Lynn, Garza, Scurry, Mitchell and Borden counties. The program will conclude at noon.

Parenting seminar planned Saturday

A parent training session, "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent," will be held Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

The session, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is sponsored by the Oil Patch Foster Parent Association, Inc. Those attending are asked to bring a lunch.

There is no charge for the program, which will be provided through the post-adoption contract with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services and presented by Jim Palmer.

Palmer is experienced in the area of working with children with special needs.

All parents are invited. For more information, call 573-4942 or 573-3772.

ASK US

Q—Who do you call to book one of the community centers?

A—Call the county judge's office at 573-8576 for the name and number of a booking representative for a particular community center. For Towle Park Barn booking information, call the county auditor at 573-7121.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 93 degrees; low, 67; high Sunday, 93; low, 68; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 71; no precipitation; total for 1996, 6.69 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low around 70. SE wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High, mid 90s. S wind 5-15 mph.

Bryan Clifton
Sunny

Sunset: 8:22 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:12 a.m.
Of 231 days in 1996, the sun has shone 227 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

He covets greedily all day long, But the righteous gives and does not spare.

Proverbs 21:26

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Mother says Stone movie influenced her son

LINDALE (AP) — Linda Prescott thinks back to Feb. 18, when her 15-year-old son tried to kill her with a knife, then killed himself with a gunshot to the head.

"He was a sensitive child and never gave me a bad time," she said.

The night of horror occurred six months ago in this East Texas town near Tyler.

According to investigators, Jesse Prescott was drug-impaired and influenced by a girlfriend and the movie "Natural Born Killers" when he attempted to kill his mother and threatened to kill his sister, authorities said.

But the teen-ager abandoned the plan after his mother would not die, investigators said. Instead, he dropped the knife he used to stab his mother, went into his room with her .38-caliber handgun and fatally shot himself.

In the months before his death, Jesse Prescott surrounded himself with new, radical friends, dressed in nothing but black clothing and used drugs, said his mother, 42.

Ms. Prescott, a divorced nurse, said she partially blames herself for her son's behavior and her inability to keep him from negative influences. In the months before her son's death, she was ill and unable to take him places, she said.

She said she had felt guilty, so she often allowed her son to go to friends' houses without keeping a close enough check on him.

Although she forbade her son from renting Oliver Stone's 1994 film, he obtained a copy from his friends and watched it frequently, Ms. Prescott said.

In the movie, a couple played by Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis travel throughout the U.S. in a state of drug-induced psychedelia and slaughtered people at random, including the girl's parents.

"He watched it that day," Ms. Prescott said.

Just before he pulled the knife on her, Ms. Prescott recalled, her son cried because she was sick and told her he loved her.

Ms. Prescott recalled bleeding on her living room couch after her son repeatedly stabbed her and begged her, "I want you to die. Don't you see that bright light? Walk to grandma and everything will be all right."

Prescott was referring to his maternal grandmother, who had died previously.

Ms. Prescott said that when it became clear that she would not die, she saw her son talking on the telephone in the dining room to his friend.

"They were on the phone together the whole time," Ms. Prescott said. "I could see him and hear him. He was saying, 'You're telling me that if I take the gun and place it to her eyeball, that will end it? It will kill her?'"

Ms. Prescott said that her children knew she kept a gun above her bed. She said her son retrieved the gun just as his sister, Angela, drove up to the house on her 20th birthday.

Ms. Prescott said her son told her he was out of cigarettes and would ask his sister if she would give him one, after he wished her happy birthday. Ms. Prescott said her son then told her he planned to "blow (Angela's) brains out."

She said she told her son how much she loved him, and promised she would die if he did not kill his sister.

Smoking's negative side on billboards

BEAUMONT (AP) — Billboards bearing bogus cigarette brands — such as "Phlegm Balls" and "Breath Rotters" — are going up in 17 Texas cities.

The Texas Department of Health and Texas Cancer Council have launched a multimedia advertising campaign, "Tell It Like It Is," to fight an increase in young smokers.

The campaign will include radio and TV spots as well. But the billboards are the focus of the attack, which seeks to show young smokers the negatives of tobacco use.

"We plan to meet the tobacco industry on its own turf — the advertising outlets," said Sharon Kohout, director of the state's Office of Smoking and Health.

"The tobacco companies spend more than $6 billion yearly to promote the leading preventable cause of death in this country. ... It's time that we told the general public the real story about tobacco," Ms. Kohout said.

Several billboards already have been posted. All should be up by the end of the year, officials say.

About 50,000 posters with a design similar to the billboards' will be distributed to Texas schools, work sites, health care offices and community organizations.

At least one Texas city will not get the billboards.

When the advertising firm managing the campaign tried to place the billboards in Beaumont, it was refused.

"They (Lamar Advertising of Beaumont Inc.) sent us a letter saying it was not in their best interest to post them," said Sylvia Galvan of KWGC Advertising & Design in Dallas.

George Crawford, Lamar Advertising's vice president and general manager, told the Beaumont Enterprise that his agency felt the ads were distasteful.

Crawford said the company has self-imposed restrictions on tobacco advertising: The agency will not post any tobacco advertising within 500 feet of schools, churches or playgrounds.

"We make a point not to direct those ads where children congregate," he said.

Crawford said that if the agency had erected the anti-smoking billboards, it would have felt obliged to give equal time to the tobacco companies.

"We aren't in the tobacco business, but they are customers of ours," Crawford said.

Tom Lauria, spokesman for the industry-supported Tobacco Institute, questioned whether such "in-your-face" ads as the state's will portray cigarettes as more of a "forbidden fruit" and tempt youths to try it.

"I'm questioning the logic behind their tactics. Kids are likely to see that and snicker and go on to smoke," he said.

Lauria said he also viewed the billboards' message as offensive.

"Those ads, of course, are going to offend everyone who sees them because they are vulgar," Lauria said.

But health officials believe the message, however grim, needs to be heard, especially by youths.

"We need more such messages to change the social climate which makes smoking look acceptable to kids," said Dr. David R. Smith, Texas health commissioner.

Each day, more than 3,000 young people begin to smoke, accounting for more than 1 million new smokers each year, officials say.

For more information about the "Tell It Like It Is" campaign, or for copies of posters or other campaign material, call the TDH Office of Smoking and Health at (800) 345-8647.

For many illegal immigrants, death sometimes awaits them

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The long, desolate trek up U.S. 77 in Kenedy County, just north of the Texas-Mexico border, has proven fatal for almost a dozen illegal immigrants this year.

The border brush country also has become a battlefield where U.S. Border Patrol agents play a dangerous game of what they call "cat and mouse" with coyotes, as smugglers of illegal immigrants are called.

The arid ranch land is where immigrants and their escorts sometimes walk 20 miles around federal checkpoints to avoid detection and detention.

"This is what we go through here, all the time," Kenedy County Sheriff Rafael Cuellar told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "They're dying all over."

Agents say U.S. 77 carries the bulk of the traffic detected by the Border Patrol's McAllen Sector, the country's third-busiest sector for illegal immigration.

The highway cuts through the hearts of Kenedy, Kleberg, Nueces, San Patricio and Refugio counties.

One woman's body was found June 4 in open country six miles north of the Border Patrol checkpoint at Sarita, the Kenedy County seat. She died of dehydration while trying to immigrate illegally to the United States, walking through land devastated by one of the worst droughts in years.

A woman in her 60s, identified only as Paula, traveled from her home in Jalisco, Mexico, to the Kenedy County sheriff's office to identify her daughter's body.

She is one of at least 11 illegal immigrants to die in Kenedy County alone this year, a figure higher than anything officials have seen before.

Eight victims had wandered into the arid brushland on either side of U.S. 77 and died of dehydration and exposure.

"We had one die 10 feet from this fence," Cuellar said, pointing at a fence five feet from U.S. 77. "He crawled within 10 or 15 feet of the road — we could tell by following the tracks he made — and he was vomiting."

Agents at the sector, with two months left in fiscal 1996, already have apprehended more illegal immigrants — 174,013 — than in 1994-95, when 171,551 were picked up.

Fatal crash, saddens Dyess and rest of the community

ABILENE (AP) — Shari Fulton knew something was wrong when she arrived at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6873 and found the U.S. flag flying at half-staff.

Down the road at Dyess Air Force Base, somber officials were notifying relatives that there were no survivors aboard a C-130 that slammed into the side of a Wyoming mountain.

Eight crew members from Dyess and one Secret Service employee were killed in the crash, officials said. The Hercules cargo ship carrying gear for President Clinton crashed and exploded in flames in rugged terrain late Saturday night shortly after taking off from the Jackson Hole Airport.

"I feel real bad for the families," said Mrs. Fulton, 33, who is married to a C-130 mechanic at Dyess. "That's one thing my husband told me: When you're in the Air Force, you've got to understand that things like this can happen. You just hope it doesn't happen to one of your own or somebody that you know."

Grief reached throughout the base's host city in the wake of the news.

"It's a real blow to the whole community because the city of Abilene and Dyess ... have such a close, family-type feeling," Mayor Gary McCaleb said.

There was no sign of survivors amid the wreckage, said Roberta D'Amico, a spokeswoman for the National Park Service.

The airplane had landed in Jackson to pick up a vehicle used by Clinton's support staff only about an hour before it took off for the flight to New York City, where Clinton celebrated his 50th birthday Sunday.

It's "not uncommon" for Dyess planes to handle White House support duty, said Capt. Nomi Russi, a Dyess spokeswoman.

About 5,000 uniformed personnel are stationed in the 7th Wing of the Air Combat Command at Dyess.

"It's a tight, close-knit community ... People know each other. They support each other," Ms. Russi said.

"Obviously, you can appreciate the traumatic time it is for a lot of people on base. ... It's an amazing experience to fly, to fight and to deploy with people. And then they're gone the next minute."

Staff Sgt. Michael J. Smith Jr., a load master on the cargo plane, was among those killed. He loved playing football in high school but loved flying even more and joined the Air Force six months after graduating in 1987.

"He loved to fly just like I did," said Smith's stepfather, David Priddy, from his residence in Tecumseh, Okla.

As a retired Army soldier who served in the Airborne, Rangers, and Special Forces, Priddy knew that his 27-year-old stepson would face periodic danger throughout his military career.

Frostbitten pathologist recovering from storm

DALLAS (AP) — Months after a pathologist's near-death experience on Mount Everest, he continues to recover slowly from frostbite and windburn suffered on the world's highest peak.

Dr. Beck Weathers, who has undergone multiple surgeries since his May rescue, has lost his right hand and the fingers of his left hand, along with some facial tissue.

But he hasn't lost his sense of humor since the blizzard in which eight climbers and seasoned guides died — a record one-day loss on Everest.

"You can certainly say it was blind luck. The lottery comes around and somebody's got to win it, and I'm the one," said Weathers, 49. "That seems like not a very ennobling idea: to just be the winner of the lotto lying on the mountain."

On the afternoon of May 10, Weathers was among about 150 climbers leading up to Everest's 29,028-foot summit when a ferocious storm blew in, cutting them off from the nearest base camp.

Fellow climbers who found Weathers, snow-covered and crusted with ice, assumed they were too late. Thinking Weathers could not be revived, he was left behind.

"You don't come any closer to dying than I did," said Weathers. "I think it's very difficult to understand just how horrendous and terrifying it can be. You're up that high; you're that cold. You haven't eaten in days because your body won't allow it; you're out of oxygen and confused.

"When the wind hits that hard, the tents collapse and feel like they're ripping off the ground," he said. "It's pitch black. You're still freezing in spite of the fact that you have all of your clothes on and you're in your sleeping bag."

The golf tee was patented by George F. Grant of Boston in 1899.

Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

Chevron will drill the No. 2123 Westbook north unit in the Westbrook field, six miles northwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 10, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Chevron will drill the No. 2125 Westbrook north field unit, six miles northwest of the townsite. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, drill site is in Section 10, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Chevron will drill the No. 2127 Westbrook north field unit, six miles northwest of Westbrook. Contracted for 3,200 feet, location is in Section 10, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Chevron will drill the No. 2408 Westbrook north field unit, six miles northwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, drill site is in Section 11, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Chevron will drill the No. 2419 Westbrook north field unit, six miles northwest of Westbrook. Also set for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 11, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Fina Oil and Chemical has completed the No. 908 Westbrook southeast unit in the Westbrook field, three miles northwest of the townsite. The well was finaled to produce 11 barrels of 26 gravity oil and 145 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,980-3,105 feet, and location is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Kerry Petroleum Co. Inc. has completed the No. 9 Connell in the Rocker A field, six miles southeast of Post. The well was finaled to produce 52 barrels of oil and 330 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,574-802 feet, and location is in Section 9, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Brothers Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 3102 PLK in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 8,100 feet, location is in Section 31, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Kent County

Sharp Image Energy will drill the No. 2-A North Salt Creek, an 8,500-foot wildcat located 20 miles northwest of Jayton. Location is in Section 1, Block 35, H&GN survey.

Howard County

Sharp Image Energy has completed the No. 1 Barr in the Vincent field, 17 miles northeast of Big Spring. The well was finaled to produce 22 barrels of 46 gravity oil and seven barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,598-780 feet, and location is in Section 7, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Costillo Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 1-45 Clyde in the Talbot field, eight miles north of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 9,000 feet, location is in Section 45, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Costilla Petroleum will drill the No. 1-36 Sam Drucker in the Talbot field, 11 miles northeast of Big Spring. Contracted for 8,000 feet, location is in Section 36, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Marathon Oil Co. will drill the No. 1-R Scott in the Howard-Glasscock field, nine miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 3,800 feet, location is in Section 87, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Nolan County

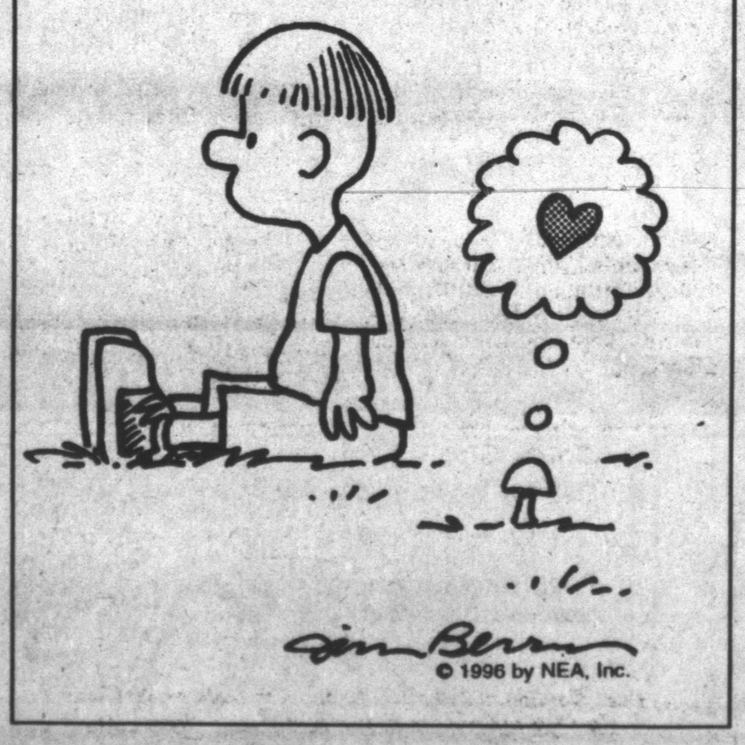
Clear Fork Inc. has completed the No. 2 McLeod, eight miles south of Maryneal. The well was finaled to produce 45 barrels of 42 gravity oil and 15 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,102-182 feet, and location is in Section 17, Block 14, H&TC survey.

Lytle Creek Operating Inc. will drill the No. 2 Pearl Lewis in the Sabre Tooth field, 11 miles south of Sweetwater. Planned for a depth of 6,400 feet, drill site is in Section 54, Block X, T&P survey.

Sinclair Oil Corp. will drill the No. 1 Nita, a 6,300-foot wildcat located 12 miles south of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 72, Block X, T&P survey.

Amerac Energy Corp. has completed the No. 7 C.M. Whiteaker in the Blackwell north field, three miles north of Blackwell. The well was finaled to produce 70 barrels of 51.5 gravity oil and 84 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,470-584 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 2, T&P survey.

Berry's World



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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Scurry County Museum's summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday are by appointment only.

Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Stargazers TFCEC, 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Ladies' Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 8 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

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Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

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Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

08-19-96

North
♠ K 2
♥ 6 3
♦ 7 2
♣ Q J 9 8 6 5 4

West
♠ 7 6 3
♥ 10 7 5 4
♦ J 10 9 8 6 3
♣ ---

East
♠ Q J 9 8 5
♥ K Q 2
♦ A Q
♣ K 10 3

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		3♣	3♠
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 3

Don't be greedy

By Phillip Alder

There are times when it is all right to play for an overtrick, and times when it isn't. How would you plan the play in today's three-no-trump contract? West leads a spade in answer to his partner's overcall.

East had a problem over North's three-club opening bid. Three no-trump would be a popular choice, but he opted to show his five-card major. Doubling works well, but South went for the game bonus, hoping his partner had seven clubs to the king-queen and out.

When the dummy came down, South saw overtricks in his future. After winning the first trick with dummy's king, declarer ran the club queen. There was good news (the finesse won) and bad news (West discarded a diamond). The bad news outweighed the good as dummy's club suit was now dead and South had no route to nine tricks.

As the only danger is a 3-0 club break, South should win the first trick in hand and continue with the ace and another club. Although East will duck this trick and win the third club, dummy's suit is established while the spade king still remains as an entry. South will win at least nine tricks: two spades, one heart and six clubs.

True, if this were a deal from a pair event, where every trick counts, there would be a case for winning the first trick in the dummy and taking the club finesse. This is wrong only against a 3-0 club split, which has a 22 percent probability. And if East has king-doubleton of clubs, which he will some 26 percent of the time, you will rake in at least one overtrick. This makes it an acceptable gamble.

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Automated weather plan still under fire

LUBBOCK (AP) — Federal auditors have criticized it, air traffic controllers have condemned it and even the Federal Aviation Administration admits its Automated Surface Observing System has some flaws.

"It doesn't work," said Ben Phelps, spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

Nevertheless, the FAA continues to install the remote weather monitoring stations at airports nationwide.

The air controllers union is upset that its members now are expected to double as weather observers.

"I'll tell you point blank: I think it's a gigantic waste of money and I'm concerned someday someone might get hurt," Phelps said.

Under pressure from the Clinton administration to streamline, the FAA and the National Weather Service are moving at a fever pitch to install the $100,000 units as replacements for costly weather observers. More than 900 units should be in place by 1999.

"The basic elements that a pilot needs for takeoff and landing are there," said ASOS Program Manager Vicki Nadolski. "They might have been used to getting something more than that, and of course they don't want to lose that."

ASOS measures wind speed and direction, temperature, humidity, visibility, cloud height and precipitation. FAA officials say the system currently cannot accurately identify thunderstorms, freezing precipitation, lightning and virga — rain that evaporates before reaching the ground.

A computer processes the data and radios it to pilots, using an electronic voice. It also wires the readings to the nearest air traffic control station.

An April 1995 audit by the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, revealed that the system had been notorious for underestimating potentially hazardous weather.

"ASOS is performing neither as intended or expected," the GAO concluded. "While many specified requirements are being met ... the system does not provide certain information that human observers do and users say is important to aviation safety, weather-related decision making and climatological analysis."

Floyd Gilliland, a weather observer in the Texas Panhandle's southeastern corner until the FAA revoked his contract last month, said he has noticed several problems with the Childress ASOS recently. Among them were total shutdowns when lightning struck nearby and a report of snowfall on a balmy June day.

Ms. Nadolski says human error often is to blame for such abnormal readings.

A search of NASA's Aviation Safety Reporting System, initiated by The Associated Press, indicates problems have continued. Aviation professionals have reported anonymously to NASA more than 150 complaints about ASOS and related systems, many of them since the critical GAO audit.

Among the remarks:

—A Denver controller in June said ASOS reported quarter-mile visibility for two hours when visibility actually was better than a mile.

—A pilot flying into Richmond, Va., in December wrote that ASOS was "worse than useless" after it misread the altitude of cloud cover, forcing him to miss an approach.

The ASOS Operations and Monitoring Center in Silver Spring, Md., had a kinder assessment of the system's performance in an April 1996 report.

"ASOS itself performs very well; some of the sensors have been problematic but those are being improved," wrote Richard K. Thigpen of the National Weather Service.

Lightning and thunderstorm detection sensors soon will be a part of the ASOS network, FAA spokeswoman and air traffic controller Ragena Aarnio added.

The controllers' union, NATCA, has called for the abandonment of ASOS and cites an incident in Houston 2½ months ago to illustrate its reasoning.

Houstonians tuned to television and radio stations on June 2 were more aware of a violent thunderstorm in the area than were controllers at Houston Intercontinental Airport, who said they were receiving stable weather reports from ASOS.

"Everyone else in town had the information, but air traffic controllers and airlines did not," said Rich Phillips, NATCA's Southwest Region vice president. "When the storm hit, pilots began to complain they couldn't land in significant storms and diverted to other airports."

ASOS' has a mixed reputation in the general aviation community, which usually flies into non-towered airfields without the benefit of any on-site weather monitoring.

"It's tough to badmouth the system when the pilots are getting something extremely valuable at so many more locations," said Drew Steketee, spokesman for the Frederick, Md.-based Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

When asked if pilots are gaining more quantity of weather information than quality, Steketee added: "That would be a fair assessment."

An airport's size or traffic load is not the only determinant of what level of service it will receive. For instance, Lubbock will have more human observation than Austin, Texas, which is much larger.

The whole question will be largely moot for vigilant pilots, Ms. Aarnio said.

"There is information available to pilots from other sources," said Ms. Aarnio. "Part of a pilot's responsibility is to be aware."

Public fire departments responded to more than 2 million fires in the United States in 1994.

Costner tops weekend box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Tin Cup," the new Kevin Costner comedy about playing golf, made it to the top of the weekend's box office with estimated earnings of $10.1 million.

"Jack," starring Robin Williams as a 10-year-old, was second with $8.5 million, followed by "A Time to Kill" with $8 million. The new Robert DeNiro-Wesley Snipes film "The Fan," opened in fourth place with $6.2 million.

"Alaska," in eighth place, and "House Arrest" and "Bordello of Blood," tying for 10th place, all made weak debuts.

Figures were based on Sunday estimates by studio and industry sources. Official weekend earnings will be released Monday.

The top 10 films:

1. "Tin Cup," $10.1 million.
2. "Jack," $8.5 million.
3. "A Time to Kill," $8 million.
4. "The Fan," $6.2 million.
5. "Independence Day," $5.6 million.
6. "John Carpenter's Escape from L.A.," $4.2 million.
7. "Matilda," $3.1 million.
8. "Alaska," $3 million.
9. "Phenomenon," $2.6 million.
10. (tie) "Bordello of Blood," "House Arrest," and "Emma," $2.5 million.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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No Harm in Warm Welcome For Old Summer Sweetheart

DEAR READERS: I'll be on vacation between Aug. 18 and Aug. 31. Don't panic — I've selected some of my favorite letters from past years to fill the gap. I hope you enjoy them.

DEAR ABBY: Brian (not his real name) and I met when we were 15 and 14. We were "sweet" on each other throughout the summer, but went our separate ways later in the fall. We kept in touch for a while, but eventually we lost all contact. That was 12 years ago. I am 26 now, graduated from college, married and "Mama" to two young sons.

In our community newspaper, I read that Brian and his wife have moved into our neighborhood. Considering that we live in a large city, New Orleans, I was quite astonished that someone I knew years ago would end up in our neighborhood.

My first impulse was to get in touch with Brian and rejoice at renewing an old friendship; then I wondered if it would be too forward and possibly be looked upon as improper by his wife. I'd like to be hospitable, but don't want my actions to be misinterpreted. What would you do?

DIANA

DEAR DIANA: Since you now live in the same neighborhood, give it a little more time — you may run into each other. If you don't, I see no harm in writing a note to him and his wife welcoming them to the neighborhood and inviting them to call you and your husband.

After all, you were only "sweet" on each other for one summer when you were a couple of kids.

DEAR ABBY: While our 39-year-old daughter is no raving beauty, she is better looking than most of the girls whose pictures you see in bridal veils in the Sunday papers. She is very intelligent and has lots of dates, and I know she has turned down several good marriage proposals.

When I ask her what she is waiting for, she says, "Don't rush me, Mom."

Is there any way I can get her to hurry up and think seriously of marrying and settling down? I am 55 years old and would like to see a few grandchildren before I leave this earth.

IMPATIENT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR IMPATIENT: Many moms who have rushed their daughters into marriage see more of their grandchildren than they expected to — they're raising them because the marriage didn't work out. If you're eager to see things hatch, raise chickens.

DEAR ABBY: I am a responsible 22-year-old woman living with my parents. I am going away for a month's vacation, and my problem is my parents and my guinea pigs. My parents have told me that the minute I am out the door they are getting rid of my guinea pigs.

I've told them that they won't have to do one thing because I've already made arrangements with a girlfriend to come by every day to feed them and clean their cages.

Abby, they still insist that the guinea pigs are going as soon as I leave. I have explained that the guinea pigs are my pets and not their property to do with as they please. Also, I said that I think I am old enough to take care of my affairs, but it is obvious that they have no respect for me or my wishes.

If they get rid of my guinea pigs while I'm gone, I will never forgive them. Tell me what you think should be done, and who is right.

NO RESPECT

DEAR NO RESPECT: "Miss Piggy's Guide to Life" might be helpful here. I think you're right, but it's your parents' home and their wishes will prevail. If you want to be absolutely certain that you don't lose your pets, ask your girlfriend if she will look after them at her place. If that's not possible, find some other temporary home for your guinea pigs.

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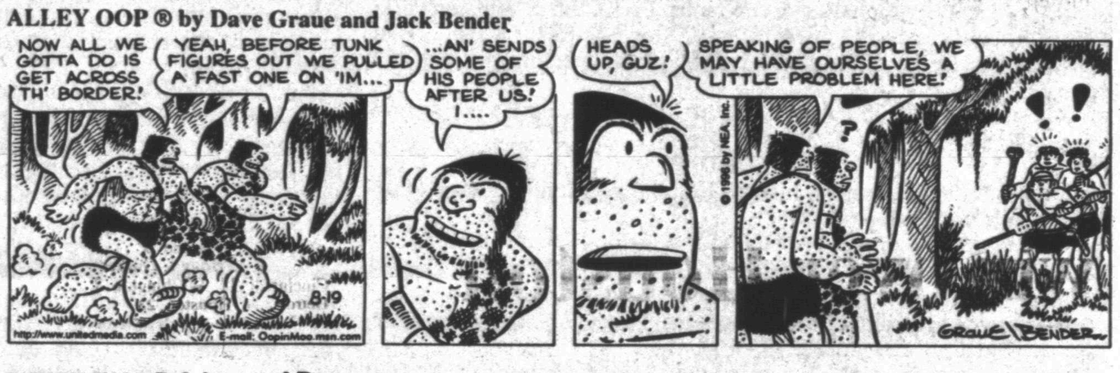

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ACROSS

1 City in Hawaii
5 Epic hero
12 Wanderer
13 Most orderly
14 Custom
15 Actress Funicello
16 Mendicant
18 I like — (campaign words)
19 Actress Sandra —
20 Lodge
22 Entertainer McEntire
26 Art — (1930s style)
28 Colorado park
29 Speed meas.
32 At no time
34 Beret
35 Debtor's note
36 Musical chord
37 British Navy abbr.
38 — — plume
40 Grouchy person
42 Robert — —
43 Fair grade
44 Electrified particle
47 Mal de —
49 Actor Keir —
52 Fall apart
56 Actor Lee Van —
57 Make whole again
58 Tennis player Ivan —
59 Balted
60 Court figure (abbr.)

DOWN

1 Washed down
2 Likeness
3 Fell behind
4 Concert halls
5 Actress Merkel
6 Former Soviet leader
7 Strong pull
8 Guides
9 Fixed
10 Superlative suffix
11 Sault — Marie
12 Lump
17 Kitchen gadget
21 Inexperienced one
23 Make designs on metal
24 Long piece of timber
25 Snakes
27 Grafted, in heraldry
28 Goddess of the earth
29 Dig (ore)
30 Game played with cues
31 Actor Cronyn
33 Having flaps for hearing
39 Emphatic request
41 Army home
43 Greek island
45 Fragrant
46 Hard up
48 Wicked
50 W. Coast coll.
51 CIO partner
52 Large vase
53 Born
54 Repent
55 Was ahead

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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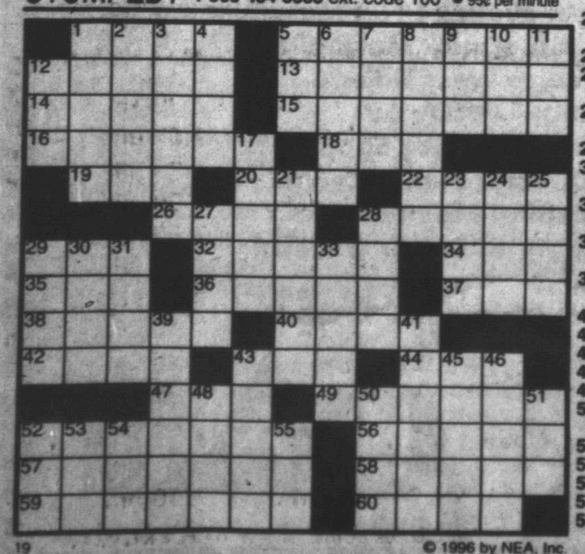

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"YOU WENT TO THE ZOO AND THEY LET YOU COME BACK OUT?"

SPORTS

Out 2-4 weeks...

Smith has sprained left knee ligament

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith, the newest member of the Dallas Cowboys' lengthy injured list, still has a shot at playing in the season opener Sept. 2 at Chicago.

Smith, seeing his first action of the preseason Saturday night, injured his left knee when his teammate, 340-pound tackle Erik Williams, fell on it in the second quarter of an exhibition game against Denver, which the Cowboys lost 20-3. Smith stayed down for almost five minutes before he walked unassisted to the sidelines.

Smith got lucky. He'll just miss 2-4 weeks with a first-degree sprained medial collateral ligament of his left knee and a sprained ankle.

Another player went down against Denver. Offensive tackle George Hegamin also suffered a medial collateral knee sprain, and it wasn't certain when he would return to the lineup. Tackle Mark Tuinei is also out with a knee ligament sprain.

"This is the best possible news," trainer Jim Maurer said on Sunday after Smith, who recently signed a $48 million contract, underwent an MRI. "His rehabilitation should take from 2-4 weeks. Our goal is for him to be in Chicago. It's not an unrealistic goal."

Maurer also said Smith's ankle was slightly swollen and bruised.

"Emmitt felt a lot better after he learned the results of the MRI," Maurer said. "There was just a mild stretching of the ligament. We have him on around-the-clock treatment."

Smith suffered a sprained right knee ligament last year, but didn't miss any games because of it.

"Emmitt has had a lot of different injuries, but he's always healed fast and had favorable outcomes," Maurer said. "You have to be patient with this injury."

Coach Barry Switzer said: "This is really good news. He has a chance to play in the opener. We hope he can. We've really got some problems with our offense."

Switzer said second-year player Sherman Williams will substitute for Smith in the team's final preseason game against Houston on Saturday in Orlando.

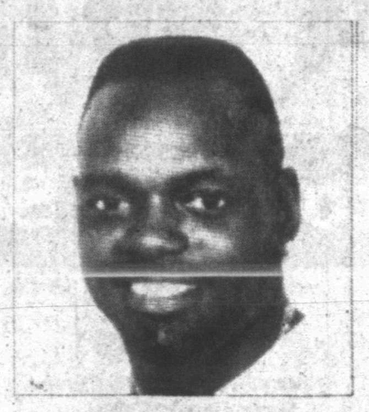
"Sherman will do a good job," Switzer said. "We can't move Herschel Walker to tailback because he will be playing fullback while Daryl Johnston plays tight end until Jay Novacek returns."

The Dallas offense without wide receiver Michael Irvin and Novacek has sputtered. The Cowboys have been outscored 83-16 in the last three preseason games, all of which they lost.

They beat Oakland 35-34 in the exhibition opener.

"Our offensive line hasn't been together either, and we're just not in synch," Switzer said. "I'm getting a little concerned."

The Cowboys trim their roster down to 60 players today.



Emmitt Smith

Cubs' rally for 10-8 win over Houston

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs' third-base combination of Dave Magadan and Leo Gomez is finally starting to work.

Gomez, pinch-hitting for Magadan, hit a three-run double to highlight Chicago's six-run sixth inning that rallied the Cubs to a 10-8 win over the Houston Astros on Sunday.

"I didn't want to strike out. I just wanted to make contact," said Gomez, who admitted he heard the cheers from the crowd of 37,210 when he came to the plate. "You don't want to do anything bad."

The Cubs didn't want to miss an opportunity to gain some ground on the Astros in the NL Central.

"St. Louis and Houston looked like they were going to run away with it," the Cubs' Mark Grace said. "Now we find ourselves back in it, playing good, solid baseball. Our goal is to take two out of three against Florida."

Magadan, Luis Gonzalez, Scott Servais and Jose Hernandez each had three hits for the Cubs, who reached .500 (61-61) for the ninth time this season. Chicago hadn't had a winning record since it was 16-15 on May 5.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	66	29
NewEngland	2	1	0	.667	75	41
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	62	60
Miami	1	1	0	.500	34	34
N.Y.Jets	1	2	0	.333	42	67
Central						
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	69	53
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	66	45
Houston	2	1	0	.667	70	59
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	56	57
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	65	51
West						
Denver	3	0	0	1.000	80	48
KansasCity	2	1	0	.667	104	46
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	56	51
SanDiego	2	2	0	.500	85	59
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	85	89

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	26	68
N.Y.Giants	1	2	0	.333	57	67
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	49	70
Washington	1	2	0	.333	49	69
Dallas	1	3	0	.250	51	117
Central						
GreenBay	3	0	0	1.000	65	39
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	90	71
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	35	55
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	57	82
TampaBay	1	2	0	.333	29	26
West						
St.Louis	2	1	0	.667	61	56
NewOrleans	2	2	0	.500	63	97
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	44	41
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	58	76
SanFrancisco	1	2	0	.333	43	71

Monday's Game
New England 31, Dallas 7
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Atlanta 27, Oakland 6
Friday's Games
Cincinnati 28, Washington 7
Detroit 34, Houston 23
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Pittsburgh 13, Tampa Bay 3
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Indianapolis 15, Seattle 13
New Orleans 31, Chicago 21
Denver 20, Dallas 3
New York Jets 13, New York Giants 6
St. Louis 34, Kansas City 30
San Diego 32, Arizona 10
Sunday's Games
New England 37, Philadelphia 10
Jacksonville 38, San Francisco 10
Monday's Game
Minnesota at Miami, 8 p.m.

Lady Tigers' volleyball season opens Tuesday

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

The Snyder High School volleyball team will be looking to repeat last year's performance and at the same time, take it a couple of steps forward.

Coach Patty Grimmett welcomes back six lettermen from the 1995 squad that made it to the regional semi-finals with a record of 24-7. The ladies won District 5-4A with a playoff victory over Lamesa to win the championship.

This year in a new district, the Lady Tigers hope to do the same, but will have more league matches. Gone is Sweetwater, but Plainview steps in to help form the new District 2-4A.

After several years without a volleyball program, Plainview has revived its team.

Frenship opens its inaugural season on the court to round out the district. The other teams are Levelland and Lubbock Estacado. According to SHS volleyball coach Patty Grimmett, look for Lamesa and Levelland to challenge Snyder for the 1996 district championship.

Returners for the Lady Tigers include seniors Darla Blackwell, Tiffany Garza, Shawn Purcell, Joanie Wemken, Raechele Wemken and junior Amanda Huff.

Garza, Purcell and Raechele Wemken saw extensive playing time a year ago and should be the anchor to the team.

Snyder opens the regular season Tuesday in San Angelo in a triangular meet with Lake View and Midland. Matches are scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

Over the weekend, Snyder was involved in scrimmages. Friday the team went to Denver City and practiced against the Lady Mustangs from Denver City and also Andrews. Saturday it was Odessa Permian, Midland Lee and Pecos in Pecos.

"We saw some good things as well as weak points in the scrimmages," said Grimmett. "Right now I am searching for a starting six. I moved people around to different spots just to see what would happen. It will take a little time for them to come around and for things to start clicking."

"Overall we did a great job and played together well," Grimmett said. "The JV and freshman also looked good in the scrimmages."

Local fans will get their first chance to see the Lady Tigers at home Saturday when Bronte visits the SHS gym. The JV will begin the action at noon with the varsity to follow around 1:30 p.m.

District 2-4A action will begin Sept. 24 when Lamesa comes to town.

Rockets adding Charles Barkley to team today

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets are bidding to regain the NBA championship by trading for Charles Barkley, giving them another legitimate superstar to go with Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler.

The Rockets, who actively pursued Barkley during the three months since their season ended short of a third straight NBA championship, were expected to announce a blockbuster trade today in which they would get Barkley in exchange for four players.

The Rockets have apparently agreed to send to Phoenix four players who produced 36 percent of their offense in the past season.

Published and broadcast reports indicate that the Rockets will trade guard Sam Cassell and forwards Chucky Brown, Mark Bryant and Robert Horry, four of their top seven players from last season, to the Suns.

Their combined salaries were within 15 percent of Barkley's $4.6 million this season, meaning the trade works under NBA salary-cap rules.

NBA sources told The Houston Chronicle that the trade, subject to league approval and the players passing their physicals, came together quickly in the past few days.

The sources said the trade was finalized when the Rockets agreed to add Bryant to the group of players to be traded.

Neither coach Rudy Tomjanovich nor anyone else from the Rockets would speak about the trade until it is formally announced today. Barkley arrived in Houston on Sunday from Philadelphia.

"We're not going to deny it," Rockets spokesman Tim Frank told The Associated Press on Sunday. "But we really can't get into anything right now."

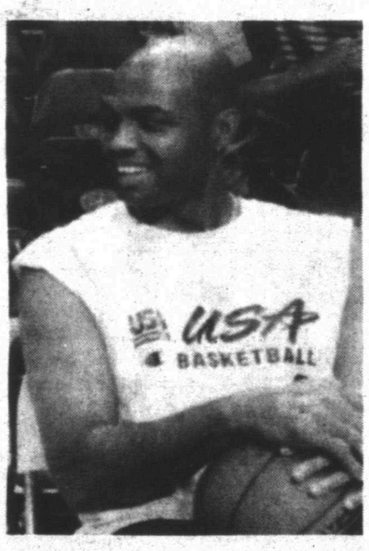
"I'm very excited," Barkley told Phoenix television station KSAZ earlier Sunday. "Obviously it's something I wanted to do. Houston was my first priority."

With Barkley, the Rockets will have three future Hall of Famers, joining Olajuwon and Drexler.

Sources said the Rockets hope to acquire a veteran point guard via trade, perhaps before the end of the month.

Barkley, 33, is a 10-time All-Star. He comes off a consistent season in which he averaged 23.2 points, 11.6 rebounds and 3.7 assists, numbers that are almost exactly what he has averaged during his 12-year NBA career.

With Barkley, Olajuwon and Drexler, the Rockets will have 37 years of NBA experience, four Olympic gold medals, three NBA championships and 30 All-Star appearances.



Charles Barkley

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	70	52	.574	—
Baltimore	65	58	.528	5½
Boston	60	64	.484	11
Toronto	55	69	.444	16
Detroit	42	81	.341	28½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	75	49	.605	—
Chicago	68	57	.544	7½
Minnesota	62	61	.504	12½
KansasCity	58	67	.464	17½
Milwaukee	58	67	.464	17½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	71	53	.573	—
Seattle	64	58	.525	6
Oakland	62	65	.488	10½
California	57	66	.463	13½

Saturday's Games
Cleveland 6, Detroit 3
Seattle 10, New York 3
Oakland 3, Baltimore 1
Boston 6, California 0
Chicago 6, Milwaukee 2
Minnesota 11, Toronto 1
Kansas City 4, Texas 1
Sunday's Games
Cleveland 11, Detroit 3
Toronto 6, Minnesota 2
Milwaukee 8, Chicago 7
Seattle 13, New York 12, 12 innings
Oakland 9, Baltimore 6
California 4, Boston 3
Texas 10, Kansas City 3
Monday's Games
California (Grimsley 5-7) at Boston (Suppan 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago (Baldwin 9-3) at Detroit (Olivares 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Pavlik 13-6) at Cleveland (McDowell 10-7), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Carmona 6-1) at New York (Pettitte 17-7), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (D'Amico 3-5) at Minnesota (F.Rodriguez 11-9), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Williams 1-1) at Kansas City (Linton 5-8), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League Standings

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	77	46	.626	—
Montreal	67	55	.549	9½
NewYork	58	67	.464	20
Florida	57	67	.460	20½
Philadelphia	50	75	.400	28
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
St.Louis	67	57	.540	—
Houston	66	58	.532	1
Cincinnati	62	59	.512	3½
Chicago	61	61	.500	5
Pittsburgh	52	71	.423	14½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	66	58	.532	—
SanDiego	67	59	.532	—
Colorado	62	62	.500	4
SanFrancisco	52	69	.430	12½

Saturday's Games
St. Louis 4, Florida 3
Chicago 12, Houston 3
Cincinnati 5, Colorado 3, 1st game
Cincinnati 9, Colorado 5, 2nd game
Atlanta 7, Pittsburgh 1
San Francisco 8, Philadelphia 4
New York 7, San Diego 3
Los Angeles 7, Montreal 6
Sunday's Games
Philadelphia 7, San Francisco 6
Cincinnati 9, Colorado 4
Atlanta 2, Pittsburgh 1, 14 innings
St. Louis 5, Florida 3
Chicago 10, Houston 8
San Diego 8, New York 0
Montreal 7, Los Angeles 3
Monday's Games
Colorado (Thompson 5-8) at Cincinnati (Portugal 8-8), 7:35 p.m.
Florida (Brown 11-10) at Chicago (Telemaco 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Peters 1-2) at Houston (Reynolds 15-6), 8:05 p.m.
Montreal (P.J.Martinez 10-7) at San Diego (Sanders 5-4), 10:05 p.m.
New York (Harnisch 8-8) at San Francisco (Estes 2-3), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Clark knocks in four runs as Rangers down Royals, 10-3

ARLINGTON (AP) — Missing from the Texas Rangers offense most of the season has been Will Clark, who thrice has spent time on the disabled list overcoming injuries.

Call off the search parties. Clark was found Sunday night, knocking across runs like the slugger of old.

Clark drove in four runs with a single, double and homer and Dean Palmer and Kevin Elster each hit two-run homers in the Texas Rangers' 10-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

"This was pretty exciting stuff," Clark said. "Maybe I won't be getting much grief anymore. It was one of those games where I got a few pitches to hit. The offense is fun but right now I think the guys in our clubhouse are taking more pride in defense."

Clark had his most hits since June 28 at Seattle and tied his season high with four RBI.

"We've got to battle through the dog days of August so we can be there when the fun starts in the playoff race in September," Clark said. "This season could end up being a lot of fun. We've got a good chance to win it all but we can't get ahead of ourselves."

The win kept Texas six games ahead of the second-place Seattle Mariners in the AL West.

Texas manager Johnny Oates said "I know Will is going to be there. The season still has a long way to go but it's good to see Will and Deano starting to hit."

Kansas City starter Kevin Appier (11-8) allowed six earned runs in 2 2-3 innings in his second-shortest outing of the season. He gave up six hits, including two homers, and walked three.

"Kevin doesn't have many outings like that," said Kansas City manager Bob Boone. "It was just one of those nights. All he had on the ball was his hand. His slider wasn't sliding and his fastball wasn't very fast. He didn't have much."

Appier said "Texas is a good hitting team and you can't make mistakes. I made some mistakes against them and paid. It was a combination of I was bad and they were good."

Texas scored four runs with two outs in the first inning. Rusty Greer and Juan Gonzalez singled and Clark doubled them home. Palmer, who was 3-for-19 lifetime against Appier, followed with a two-run homer to left.

In the second inning, Mark McLemore led off with a walk and scored on Elster's opposite field homer to right, his 20th of the season, a career-high.

Clark got his third RBI with a solo homer off Jeff Granger in the fifth, his eighth of the year. His fourth came on a single in the sixth inning off Jamie Bluma.

Gonzalez had two singles and also doubled in a run in the sixth off Bluma.

Texas starter Darren Oliver was chased in a three-run fifth inning. Kevin Young singled, Michael Tucker walked, and Les Norman was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

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9-24	Oakland	2:00 pm
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COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held Monday, August 26th, 1996 at 5:15 P.M., at the City Hall, 1925 24th Street Snyder, Texas to review and discuss the following items:

Zone Case 308, the request of Sterling A. Taylor to rezone lot 3, Block 10 of the Blankenship Addition to the City of Snyder from the present C-2 Commercial District to an R-2 Limited Multi-family Residential District.

After review by the Planning and Zoning Commission, these request will be forwarded to the City Council for their review at the earliest date available.

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River Walk earns landmark ranking

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio River Walk and its flood control system have been designated a national historic civil engineering landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Steve Ramsey, chief engineer at the San Antonio River Authority, submitted the nomination after researching the River Walk system for almost a year. The River Walk was the result of the dreams of architect Robert H.H. Hugman and engineers, he said.

8 taken into custody

Burglary and auto theft reports

Eight people were booked into Scurry County Jail over the weekend on charges ranging from minor in possession of alcohol to assault.

Peace officers also took information on a number of other complaints, including burglary and auto theft.

Following a report of a man assaulting his wife at 8:46 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 32-year-old male in the 2400 block of Gilmore for assault/family violence.

At 11:57 p.m. Saturday, three people were arrested in the 3500 block of College Avenue. Taken into custody were a 35-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, no driver's license and no liability insurance; a 34-year-old female for public intoxication; and a 19-year-old male for public intoxication.

Following a report of a possible intoxicated driver on U.S. Highway 84, deputies arrested a 40-year-old male near the Inadale Gin at 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

A woman notified officers at 7:30 p.m. Sunday that someone had passed out in front of a residence in the 3100 block of 37th Street. Officers responded and arrested a 20-year-old male for minor in possession of alcohol and public intoxication.

At 7:54 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 36-year-old male in the 1900 block of Avenue T for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and allowing an unrestrained child in a vehicle.

Following a report of a family disturbance at 11:23 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 34-year-old man in the 4400 block of Avenue U for assault/family violence.

In other activity over the weekend, an offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted at 8 a.m. Saturday in reference to someone taking a cellular telephone from a vehicle owned by Carol Miller while it was parked at the Tiger Mart.

An offense report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was submitted at 11:30 a.m. Sunday in reference to someone taking a vehicle belonging to Andrea Jones of 1300 26th St.

Mark Rodriquez requested to speak to an officer at the Spanish Inn at 12:24 p.m. Saturday in reference to someone stealing CDs from his vehicle. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

An officer was requested in the 2500 block of Avenue X at 3:33 p.m. Sunday in reference to someone taking mail from a mailbox.

Jerry Early requested to speak to an officer at 7:38 a.m. Sunday in reference to a telephone being stolen from a vehicle. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted at 12:15 p.m. Sunday in reference to someone breaking windows at the Circle Inn Grocery.

Pam Reston requested to speak to an officer at 3:32 p.m. Sunday in reference to someone prowling through a vehicle. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

An offense report for Class C assault was submitted at 5:21 p.m. Sunday in reference to a male juvenile being assaulted.

An officer was called to Lawrence IGA #400 at 9:36 p.m. Sunday in reference to a juvenile shoplifter. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted and the juvenile was released to the custody of her mother.

A woman notified DPS troopers at 9:47 p.m. Sunday that a man was standing nude in the middle of Highway 180 about three miles from the Fisher County line.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 3:58 a.m. this morning in reference to someone writing on a pickup belonging to Phillip Kincheloe while it was parked near Grimmett Brothers.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 8:44 p.m. Saturday in the 3500 block of Kola Avenue and at 10:35 p.m. in the 3000 block of 40th Street.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	83⅛	82⅞	83	— ⅜
AT&T Corp	54⅝	53¾	54¼	—1¼
AirTouch	28⅝	27⅞	28⅛	+ ⅜
Albertsons	41⅞	41⅜	41½	+ ⅛
Alldsignal	63⅛	62⅞	63	+ ⅛
Alltel	29	28½	28½	— ¼
AmStores	39⅝	39⅛	39⅝	+ ⅛
Ameritech	54⅜	54¼	54½	+ ⅛
Amoco		69⅝	69¼	69½
AndarkPtr	54⅛	53⅞	54⅛	— ⅛
ArmcoInc	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	— ⅛
AtlRichfld	117⅞	117⅞	117⅞	— ½
ATMOS Egy	22¼	22⅛	22¼	— ⅛
Aviall	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	31⅞	31½	31⅞	+ ⅜
BellAtl	59⅛	58⅞	58⅞	+ ⅛
BellSouth s		39	38⅞	38⅞
BethSteel	10	7-16	10¼	10¼
BritPet	118	117⅞	117⅞	+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe	83	82¼	82⅝	+ ⅜
Caterpillar	69⅞	69⅞	69⅞	— ⅛
CenSoWst	27⅛	27	27⅛	+ ⅛
Chevron	59⅝	59	59⅛	+ ½
Chrysler s	28⅞	28⅝	28½	+ ⅜
Coastal		41⅞	41⅞	41⅞
CocaColas	52⅛	51⅞	52⅛	+ ⅜
ColgatePalm	82⅛	82	82	— ⅜
ComclMetals		30⅝	30½	30½
CooperIn	40⅞	40⅞	40½	+ ⅜
CyprusAmax	20½	20¼	20⅜	— ¼
DallSemicn	18⅞	18⅜	18⅞	+ ⅜
DeltaAirl	69½	68⅞	69⅝	— ⅛
DigitalEq	37⅞	37⅛	37⅞	+ ⅛
Dillard		34⅜	34⅜	34⅜
DowChem	79⅞	78⅞	79⅛	+ ⅛
DresserInd	29⅞	29⅛	29⅛	+ ⅛
DuPont	82½	82⅛	82⅛	— ⅛
EastmanChem	52	51⅞	51⅞	+ ⅛
EstKodak	74⅜	74	74⅛	— ⅜
EDS Corp	53⅜	52⅞	52⅞	— ⅛
EljerInd	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	— ⅛
Enserch		20¼	20¼	20¼
Entergy	26¼	26	26	— ⅛
Exxon	83⅛	82⅞	82⅞	+ ⅛
Flowers s		18⅛	18⅛	18⅛
FordMotor	33⅜	33⅛	33⅛	— ⅛
GTE Cp	41⅞	41½	41⅝	+ ⅛
GenDynam	65⅞	65⅜	65⅝	+ ⅛
GenElec	85½	85	85½	+ ⅛
GenMills	56⅛	55⅞	55⅞	+ ⅛
GenMotors	51⅞	51⅛	51½	— ⅛
GaPacif	77⅛	77	77	— ⅛
GlobalMar	15⅛	14⅞	14⅞	+ ⅛
Goodrichs	37⅞	37⅞	37⅞	— ⅛
Goodyear s	46⅛	46⅛	46⅝	+ ⅜
GtAtlPac	27⅛	27	27	— ⅛
Haliburtn	54⅞	53⅞	54⅞	+ ⅛
Hanson ADS	12⅞	12⅞	12⅞	— ⅛
HarteHanks s		25⅛	25⅛	25⅛
HoustonInd s	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	+ ⅛
IBM	110⅛	109⅛	109⅞	— ⅛
IntlPaper	41½	41⅛	41⅛	+ ⅛
JohnsnJn s	52⅛	52	52⅛	+1⅛
K mart	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	— ⅛
Kroger	40⅛	40	40⅛	+ ⅛
Litton	45½	45⅛	45⅛	— ⅛
LockhdMart	87⅞	87⅛	87⅛	+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	37⅞	37½	37½	— ⅛
Lubys	24⅜	24⅛	24⅛	— ⅛
LucentTech n	38	37⅞	37⅞	+ ⅛
MayDeptStrs	45⅞	45⅞	45½	+ ½
Medtronics	54½	54⅛	54⅛	— ⅜
Mobil	114⅛	113	114⅛	+ ⅜
Monsanto s	31⅞	31½	31⅞	+ ⅛
Motorola		54⅛	53⅞	54
Nationsbk	92⅛	91⅞	92⅛	+ ⅛
Navistar		10⅛	9⅞	9⅞
NoramEngy		14⅛	14⅛	14⅛
Norwest	38	37⅞	37⅞	— ⅛
Nynex	45⅛	44⅞	45⅛	+ ⅛
OryxEngy	17⅞	17	17⅛	+ ⅛
PacTelesis	34⅛	34	34	— ⅛
PanEnergy		33⅞	33⅞	33⅞
Penney JC		53⅞	53½	53½
Pennzoil		53⅞	53½	53⅞
PepBoys		33⅛	33	33
PepsiCo s	31⅛	30⅞	30½	—1
PhelpDodge	59⅛	58⅞	59⅛	+ ⅛
PhilipPet	41	40⅞	40⅞	+ ⅛
Polaroid	43⅛	42⅞	43	— ⅛
Praxair	39⅞	39⅞	39⅞	+ ⅛
ProctGamble	91⅛	90⅞	90⅞	+ ⅛
PubSNwMx	19⅞	19⅞	19⅞	— ⅛
RoyalDutch	153⅛	152⅞	153	+ ⅛
SBC Comm		49⅞	49⅞	49⅞
SaraLee	31⅞	31⅞	31⅞	— ⅛
SearsRoeb	46⅛	45⅞	45⅞	— ⅛
SherwinW	45⅛	45⅛	45⅛	— ⅛
SmthBchADS	57	56⅛	56⅛	—1⅛
SouthernCo	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛	+ ⅛
SwstAirlines	23⅛	23⅛	23½	— ⅛
Sprint	39⅞	39⅞	39⅞	— ⅛
SterlingChm		12	12	12
SunCo	25⅞	25½	25⅞	— ⅛
Tandy	45⅞	45	45	— ⅛
TempleInl	51⅛	51⅛	51⅛	— ⅛
Tenneco	51⅞	51⅞	51⅞	+ ⅛
Texaco	88⅛	88	88⅛	+ ⅛
TexasInd	68	67⅞	67⅞	— ⅛
TexasInst	46⅞	46⅞	46⅞	— ⅛
TexUtil	42⅞	42⅛	42⅞	+ ⅛
Textron	84⅞	84⅛	84⅞	+ ⅜
Travelers s		46	45½	45⅞
TrinityInds	33⅛	32⅛	32⅛	— ⅛
TritonEngy	46⅜	46⅛	46⅜	+ ⅜
Tyler	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞	— ⅛
US WestCm s	30⅞	30½	30⅞	+ ⅛
USWstMda n	18	17⅞	17⅞	— ⅛
USX Delhi	12⅛	12	12⅛	— ⅛
USX-Marathn		20⅞	20⅞	20⅞
USX-USS		26⅞	26⅞	26⅞
UnCarbde		43⅛	42⅞	42⅞
UnPac	72⅞	72	72⅛	+ ⅛
UnitedTech	116½	116	116⅛	+ ⅛
Unocal	35⅛	34⅞	35	+ ⅛
WalMart	27⅞	27⅛	27⅞	— ⅛
WstnGasRs		14⅛	14	14
WestghEl	16	15⅞	15⅞	— ⅛
WinnDixie s		35⅞	35½	35⅞
Woolworth		21⅛	21	21
XeroxCp s	55⅛	54⅞	55	+ ⅛
ZenithE	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	— ⅛

10 years later, survivors remember massacre

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) — Postal clerk Vesta McNulty has worked every Aug. 20 for the past 10 years. She makes a point of it.

She was there on the summer morning in 1986 when a part-time mail carrier walked into Edmond's main post office and opened fire — killing 14 co-workers and wounding six others before shooting himself in the head.

Returning the day after Patrick Henry Sherrill's rampage may have been the most difficult of all. "If I hadn't come back then, I probably would never have come back," she says.

Many survivors make it a tradition to work on the anniversary of the siege, which until the Oklahoma City bombing was the deadliest one-day attack in state history.

Families of some victims plan to lay a wreath at the post office's memorial fountain on Tuesday. Other workers will pause for a moment, as they have in years past, to remember the friends they lost.

Ernie Bingham has also worked every Aug. 20 since the shooting. He had been sorting letters for less than an hour when Sherrill walked in that morning. The attack shattered his sense of security.

"What you think is a safe place isn't," said Bingham, who now manages the city's other post office.

Police handling of the case drew criticism and some lawsuits, which were later dismissed. Officers were reluctant to storm the building because they thought they had a hostage situation. When they went in about 1½ hours later, they found 15 bodies, including Sherrill.

Some blamed the U.S. Postal Service for promoting a working environment in which tension escalated with mail volume. Managers were also blamed for increasing pressure on workers.

Sherrill was upset that day about the most recent evaluation in his troubled career with the Postal Service.

In 1982, he had quit rather than be fired from his job as a clerk in the Oklahoma City office. His record went undetected when he was hired three years later in Edmond, where supervisors also tried to fire him for continual infractions.

"They were putting pressure on him to improve his performance, to be the best carrier he could be. Those are worthy goals, but the methods they used, belittling him, I just perceive it was mishandled," said former letter carrier Mike Bigler.

He said Sherrill made "normal mistakes," like taking too long for lunch. "I wasn't perfect when I started, either," he said.

Bigler, 46, was shot in the back that morning but was able to return to work the next day. The bullet pierced the flesh on his right shoulder blade and exited about eight inches to the left.

He now works for General Motors and runs a prison ministry with his wife.

Bigler says he missed his chance to help Sherrill before he snapped.

"Patrick asked me, 'Can I talk to you?' I said, 'Yeah, just a minute,' but by then he was already on his route. I didn't get there soon enough."

Survivors who remained at the Edmond Post Office have grown a little more secure as the Postal Service insisted on new safety regulations and union officials and management began new training for supervisors. Automation has assumed some of the work.

"We've tried to make it a friendly workplace," said Valerie Welsch, a spokeswoman for the district office in Dallas.

Sweeping reviews followed the massacre when a General Accounting Office investigation revealed 30,000 improperly locked or blocked exits in postal buildings across the country.

Several other postal shootings, including the 1991 killings of four supervisors in Royal Oak, Mich., and the shootings of four in Montclair, N.J., in 1995, kept the issue of safety at the forefront in the past decade.

Edmond Postmaster Ted Tyler said the Postal Service works to perform in-depth screening and background checks of potential employees and has a no tolerance policy for anyone who makes threats, outbursts or brings weapons to work.

"Self-control is now a condition for employment," Tyler said.

Emergency drills now are routine. Still, the postal employees know it would be impossible to stop another Patrick Henry Sherrill.

"I feel safer, but I think you have to go on," Ms. McNulty said. "Not that I'm not cautious, I just don't look over my shoulder every minute."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Weighing risks of prostate cancer

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column you mentioned the PSA as part of a thorough examination. For 25 years I dealt with Army urologists who had no confidence in this test at all. Perhaps this was because of a lack of equipment. Ultimately, a civilian urologist tested me and my PSA was high. Another one got a lower reading of 19 and declared me fit. If I can't believe the high reading, can I trust the lower one? No wonder so many men die of prostate cancer.

DEAR READER: The prostate specific antigen, a blood test for prostate cancer, is simply one of many methods used to detect malignancy in the prostate gland. It is ordinarily performed in conjunction with a rectal examination — and, if higher than normal, is customarily followed by prostatic ultrasound and biopsy.

Although there is no current medical consensus that the PSA should be part of EVERY routine exam, I believe that it is an important periodic component of health screening in men over 50 or 60. If normal, it needn't be repeated annually; every two or three years should suffice.

Perhaps the Army urologists downplayed the PSA test because early methods were not always reliable. Now, however, the test is quite accurate.

Problems arise in its interpretation. The normal value is 0-4. A reading between 5 and 20 could indicate malignancy — but also might reflect chronic prostatic infection. Levels above 20 are, in my experience, almost always caused by cancer.

In my opinion, your PSA value of 19 is distressing; you're right in the gray area. If I were you, I'd acknowledge both high readings and undergo prostatic ultrasound. If the test reveals suspicious tissue, a biopsy is in order.

In this case, based on the PSA levels, it is the urologist's responsibility to prove that you DON'T have prostate cancer. Keep me posted on how your case unfolds.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "The Prostate Gland." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently heard there is a connection between SIDS and latex allergies, due to the latex in mattresses or in protective mattress pads. Have you heard of any research in this area and, if so, how can we go about protecting our babies?

DEAR READER: The cause of sudden infant death is unknown, but is believed to be due to problems in the sleep/respiratory centers of the brain. To my knowledge, an allergy to latex is not to blame.

Latex allergy is like any allergy — it causes rash and, on occasion, difficulty breathing. If you suspect a latex allergy in your children, they should be skin-tested by an allergist.

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By the time it was discovered that the day was too long in the old Julian calendar, 10 days had been lost; to correct this Oct. 4, 1582, was followed by Oct. 15, 1582.

The golf tee was patented by George F. Grant of Boston in 1899.

Lawyer begins previewing cases with Internet jurors

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The next time personal injury lawyer Roy J. Konray asks jurors to award a client thousands of dollars, he may base his pitch on responses pulled off the Internet.

Already, Konray is noticing all sorts of trends — from what jurors read to whether they side with the plaintiff or the defense — in responses to his "cyberjury" site on the World Wide Web.

While some lawyers question the worth of previewing cases on the Internet, Konray says it will help him better argue his cases and build a database showing potential jurors' preferences.

Lawyers have long presented complex cases to pretrial "focus groups" of paid volunteers, then interviewed them to glean hints of what might work in court.

The web site is "designed to complement or supplement them," said Konray, one of 20 lawyers at a personal injury firm in Rahway.

Paying 10 members of a focus group and experts to analyze responses can cost $1,500 to $25,000, Konray said. The cyberjury site cost $1,500 to set up, and Konray pays $75 a month to keep it on the web.

Konray says Internet surfers are on average, better educated and make more money than volunteers getting $10 an hour.

"The great thing about it is with larger numbers, even though you are dealing with a specific population, you get a better sense of the differences within that population," Konray said.

The big numbers — almost 1,000 respondents have rendered verdicts since the site went online in April — also teach Konray about juror tendencies.

For instance, pretrial questionnaires typically ask potential jurors what books and periodicals they read. Konray now can go into jury selection knowing whether readers of People magazine, for instance, are more or less likely to sympathize with a woman suing her psychiatrist over a sexual affair.

The woman suing her psychiatrist is one of three cases posted on Konray's web site.

"I thought both of them were nut cases," cyberjuror Jocelyn Lofstrom of Arlington, Va., said. "She didn't really deserve a settlement. She was an adult and entered into the affair."

Lofstrom, 27, added, that the psychiatrist "should be disbarred, or removed from practice."

The other cases involve a man who accuses his doctor of botching penis enlargement surgery, and a printing press field technician who is suing his employer for firing him after he told superiors he planned to undergo a sex change.

The cases were posted with the clients' permission, Konray said. "They're all very enthusiastic about the idea."

Other lawyers expressed reservations.

"I would tend to think that it is a mode of advertising, rather than a true mode of how to conduct a trial," said Newark lawyer Theodore D. Moskowitz, chairman of the state bar association's Committee on Professional Responsibility.

Some web pages openly serve as advertisements for law firms, allowing browsers to read attorneys' biographies and submit their problems, said Raymond M. Trombadore, chairman of the American Bar Association's Committee on Professional Discipline.

Date Book

Aug. 19, 1996

Today is the 232nd day of 1996 and the 61st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1929, the comedy program "Amos and Andy" debuted on NBC Radio.

On this day in 1934, Adolf Hitler was elected president of Germany.

On this day in 1991, Communist hardliners launched an ill-fated coup attempt against the government of Mikhail Gorbachev.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Bernard Baruch (1870-1965), financier-U.S. public official; Orville Wright (1871-1948), inventor; Ogden Nash (1902-1971), humorous poet; Malcolm Forbes (1919-1990), publisher; Gene Roddenberry (1921-1991), television producer; Willie Shoemaker (1931-), jockey, is 65; Jill St. John (1940-), actress, is 56; Bill Clinton (1946-), U.S. president, is 50; John Stamos (1963-), actor, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1917, managers John McGraw and Christy Mathewson were arrested when their teams violated New York City blue laws by playing baseball on Sunday.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Candy / Is dandy / But liquor / Is quicker." — Ogden Nash

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1991, Hurricane Bob, which eventually killed 16 people, made landfall at Newport, R.I.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Aug. 14) and first quarter (Aug. 21).

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- Uses for middle ear problems
- Condition problem skin
- Fight age and liver spots
- Gain soft, radiant skin
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- Relieve nighttime leg cramps
- Soothe sprained muscles
- Fight osteoporosis with calcium
- Help headaches fade away
- Corn and callus relief
- Aid to maintain health
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- Relieve insect bites
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- Use for coughs, colds
- Destroy bacteria in foods
- Heart and circulatory problems
- Fight high blood pressure

And the above is only a brief sample of the 308 uses for vinegar you'll learn about.

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White House receives wide range of support

WASHINGTON (AP) — From Navy cooks to top national security strategists, the White House gets a wide range of support from military men and women.

The weekend crash of an Air Force C-130 used to transport vehicles and communications gear for the vacationing White House calls attention to the breadth of the role played by the military on behalf of the commander in chief.

The number of military personnel detailed, full or part time, to support the workings of the White House and the business of the president is both highly visible and highly secret.

Spokesmen at the White House refer questions about military support to the Pentagon. And the Pentagon refers them right back to the White House.

While some of the jobs are highly classified and oriented to top-secret matters, some are low-level positions.

The jobs range from specialized communications officers who handle the president's most sensitive phone calls, to Navy cooks in the White House kitchens to foreign affairs experts assigned to the National Security Council.

"It's astronomical," the amount of support given a president by the military, an administration official said Sunday. "You can easily say it amounts to hundreds of people without batting an eye."

The most visible evidence is the familiar blue-and-white Boeing 747 jumbo jet known as Air Force One.

Actually, two 747s are available for the president's use, and they are part of the 89th Airlift Wing, based at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., just outside Washington. Other planes are kept there for the president's use, as well, including a medium-size airliner and a smaller executive jet.

The Air Force wing also has many other aircraft that provide transportation for other senior members of the administration, such as Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Defense Secretary William Perry, the senior military leadership and congressional delegations.

But should the White House need additional aircraft beyond Air Force One, he can call on the Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, which handles all the military's major transport requirements.

"The White House tells AMC the president needs this many aircraft and that many people, and AMC responds with what it can provide," said a military official, speaking on condition of anonymity. The request for the C-130 that crashed most probably followed that route, the official said.

The Marines are in charge of the shiny green-and-white helicopters that ferry the president and his top aides about on shorter trips. When the president is aboard one, it's known as Marine One.

The choppers, based at Quantico, Va., led to trouble for top White House administrator David Watkins in 1994. He was forced to resign and repay $13,129.66 to the government after he requisitioned one to fly him to a Maryland golf course.

Another large part of the president's military operation comes under the White House Communication Agency, which handles messages, phone calls and other communications.

"They handle continuity of government — who (the president) needs to contact in case of nuclear war, as well as the 'football' that carries the nuclear codes," said an administration official who requested anonymity.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1996

In the year ahead you might be more focused on your goals than you have been in the past. This wonderful new asset will be a big factor in helping you to reach an important objective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can accomplish great things today because you will have the ability to finish strong. It will be a good day to accept challenging assignments. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Outside interests might command a great deal of your time today. Fortunately, you will not mind this because you will look for constructive ways to keep busy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Assert yourself today in situations in which you have to protect your material interests. You can manage this properly without alienating others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not waste time wondering whether or not your ideas will work today. Put them into action. If you make a mistake, deal with it while you're on a roll.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might reap benefits today from a serendipitous situation. You will be invited to participate because you can offer something special.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, you will have more fun if you associate with physically active friends. You will not feel at ease if you shuffle along with pals who drag their feet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you managed a difficult assignment successfully, toot your own horn today. Management should know whom to credit for the victory.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Activities which stimulate you both mentally and physically will meet your specific needs today. These things will rejuvenate your outlook, attitude and energy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not be timid about defending your positions today. Just because your opponent has a big mouth, this doesn't make him or her an authority.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A friend with whom you'll converse today might give you an inspiring idea. File it away for future reference, because you might find a good use for it soon.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you exert extra effort in your career today, you will earn higher dividends. Do not hesitate to go the extra mile.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Attend to your priorities today, but also give yourself some leisure time. A recreational break will not be frivolous, it will be constructive.

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Bishops identified foundation problems earlier, report says

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A Catholic bishop accused in a state lawsuit of improperly managing a charitable foundation's money was targeted years earlier by other church officials, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times has reported.

Documents and interviews obtained by the Caller-Times found complaints that Bishop Rene H. Gracida mishandled and unfairly controlled the Kenedy Memorial Foundation.

Other bishops wanted a voice on the foundation board, along with what they believed to be their share of foundation money. They warned that the Texas attorney general could intervene if necessary, the newspaper reported Sunday.

Gracida, the foundation board president, and six other trustees were sued by Attorney General Dan Morales in May, accused of improperly steering most of the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation's grant money to the Corpus Christi diocese and other Catholic entities.

Morales contended that there is "an inherent conflict of interest between Gracida's role as president of the foundation and his role as bishop of the Diocese of Corpus Christi."

But Gracida, in response to Morales' suit, has said that his role as foundation president is lawful, court documents show.

Richard Hatch of Corpus Christi, former Kenedy Foundation counsel, said he complained to state authorities of what he believed were improper distributions from the foundation.

Hatch disclosed to the attorney general concerns that had been discussed among Texas bishops at least since 1990, the newspaper said.

A delegation of five Texas bishops brought their complaints to the foundation board in 1993. Four months later, Bishop John E. McCarthy of Austin said in a stern letter to board member Dan Meaney of Sandia that no action had been taken.

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Electrolux dealer proud to serve Snyder

Milton Mapes just celebrated his 75th birthday, but that hasn't slowed him down.

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AUTHORIZED DEALER — Milton Mapes, Snyder's authorized Electrolux dealer, also repairs and services all makes and models of vacuums as well as repairing small appliances. Pictured at left is Jesse Faulkenbery, who has been an employee of Mr. Mapes, at right, for three years. Jesse handles most of the vacuum overhauling and reconditioning. (SDN Staff Photo)

Model brags about belching

NEW YORK (AP) — Kathy Ireland knows just the trick for getting rid of people she doesn't want to talk to.

The swimsuit model and sometime actress lets out a loud, resounding belch.

"It's something I learned as a kid," Ireland, 33, said in People's Aug. 26 issue. "If someone's rude to you, it's a good instant comeback. It gets rid of them. If you want to be left alone, it comes in handy."

Ireland lets loose a big one in a current commercial for Baked Lay's potato chips, which also features super models Vendela and Naomi Campbell.

"I don't like to brag, but everyone in my family is quite good at it," she said.

Stewart wants to expand his universe

NEW YORK (AP) — Patrick Stewart isn't fed up with playing starship Enterprise Capt. Jean-Luc Picard — he just wants to expand his universe.

Stewart, who recently won raves on Broadway for his role in "The Tempest," says he sees more to life than his role in the science fiction series.

"I want to do important work," Stewart said in the Aug. 24 issue of TV Guide.

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Mishap causes Sea World cancelations

AURORA, Ohio (AP) — Sea World canceled ski shows at all four of its parks after a 1,500-pound speedboat careened into a lakeside grandstand, injuring 23 people who were expecting only to be splashed.

State investigators on Sunday blamed the accident on a mechanical failure. Spokesman Ken Alvey would not release any details today.

Videotape of Saturday's show showed the operator turning the steering wheel away from the crowd. The 18-foot boat failed to cooperate and instead hit a guard rail, became airborne and crashed five rows deep into the grandstand at Sea World of Ohio.

"It looked to me like someone lost control even though at first I thought it was a stunt," said Don Glassmire, 44, of Coudersport, Pa., one of 4,000 spectators watching the show on Geauga Lake.

The boat's driver passed drug and alcohol tests ordered by police after the accident, said Stephen D. LeResche, vice president of public communications for Sea World's parent, Anheuser-Busch Inc. of St. Louis.

Four people remained hospitalized today, one in critical condition. The others had been released after treatment for cuts and bruises.

Obituaries

Edna Stout

1901-1996

THROCKMORTON — Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the Graham First Baptist Church for Edna Stout, 95, who died Saturday, Aug. 17, in a Throckmorton hospital.

The Revs. Cliff Lester and Edgar Jones were to officiate, and burial was to follow in the Throckmorton Cemetery.

Mrs. Stout was the sister of Norma Wadzeck of Snyder.

Born in Young County, Mrs. Stout had lived in Graham for 20 years before moving to Throckmorton three years ago. A homemaker, she was a member of the Graham First Baptist Church.

She married Andrew W. Stout in 1918 in Throckmorton County, and he preceded her in death.

Survivors also include a daughter, Doris Self of Graham; a son, J.W. Stout of Graham; a brother, Thomas Sitton of Lubbock; 14 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

Edna Petty

1900-1996

ABILENE — Private graveside service is set in the Elmwood Cemetery for Edna Lorene Petty, 96, who died Saturday, Aug. 17, in Lubbock's Heritage Oaks Nursing Center.

She was the sister of Doris Bennett of Snyder.

Born in Greenville, she married Leonard Lee Petty in Gail in 1923. He died in 1975. She had also lived in Roswell before returning to Lubbock.

Mrs. Petty was a school teacher in Borden County before her marriage.

Survivors also include a daughter, Patsy Buzbee of Lubbock; a son, Dr. Preston Petty of Odessa; a brother, Delmo Pearce of Austin; two granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

Loretta Caraway

1922-1996

SAN ANGELO — Loretta Caraway, the sister of Blake Walker of Snyder, died Friday, Aug. 16, at her home in San Angelo. She was 74.

Service was set for 3:30 p.m. today in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Bill Butts, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, was to officiate, with burial to follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Born in Snyder, she had worked for the ABC School District in Los Angeles for 18 years. Mrs. Caraway was a member of the Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Franklin Caraway of San Angelo; a son, David Caraway of Crest Park, Calif.; two sisters, Maggie Lloyd of San Angelo and Iva Lee Hillis of Sweetwater; and one grandson.

Ethel Dunn

1904-1996

COLORADO CITY — Funeral service is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Kiker-Seale Chapel for Mrs. Ethel Dunn, 92.

Homer Anderson, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ in Snyder, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mrs. Dunn, a homemaker and a member of the Ira Church of Christ, died Sunday, Aug. 18, in a Colorado City nursing home.

Born on Jan. 30, 1904 in May, Tex., she had been a resident of Mitchell County since 1934. She married Lewis F. Dunn on Nov. 18, 1925 in May. He died in 1963.

Survivors include two daughters, Bettie Taylor of Big Spring and Mary Rhea of Colorado City; a son, Donnie Dunn of Colorado City; three sisters, Hattie Stewart of Brownwood, Ivy Allen of Rising Star and Amy Turner of Breckenridge; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be from 7 to 8 tonight at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fischer

1900-1996

BALLINGER — Mass was set for 10 a.m. today in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel for Isabella A. Fischer, 95, who died Friday, Aug. 16, in Canterbury Villa Nursing Home.

She was the mother of Frances Williams of Snyder.

Born in Olfen, she married Willie Fischer on Feb. 21, 1921 in Olfen. He died in 1967.

A homemaker, Mrs. Fischer was a member of the St. Mary Catholic Church in Ballinger and was also a member of the St. Mary's Altar Society and Christian Mothers of Olfen.

Survivors include two sons, Roy Fischer of Mereta and Willie Fischer of San Angelo; six other daughters, Agnes Parker and Lucille Rohmfeld, both of Ballinger, Magdalene Harris and Laurene Goetz, both of San Angelo, Venita Bagwell of Odessa and Willia May Briley of Irving; 38 grandchildren; 62 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Luther Breuer

1951-1996

DALHART — Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church for Luther W. Breuer, 44, a former resident of Snyder.

Dr. Steve McMeans, pastor of the Dalhart First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Breuer, a former county agent in Dallam County, died Friday, Aug. 16, in an automobile accident north of Channing.

Born in Wichita Falls, he married Pam Mimms on March 24, 1973 in Lubbock. He was a 1974 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural education. The family lived in Dalhart from 1982 to 1987, and returned to Dalhart from Snyder in 1992.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Breuer was a director of the Dallam County Farm Bureau, a 4H leader, was a member of the Dallam County Extension beef committee and was chairman of the Dallam County Extension building committee. He was also a member of the board of directors of the XIT Rodeo and Reunion.

Survivors include his wife, Pam Breuer of Dalhart; three daughters, Mandy Breuer, Angie Breuer and Ashley Breuer, all of Dalhart; his mother Doris Breuer of Burkburnett; two sisters, Jeannette Mooney of Fort Worth and Sandra Lam of Burkburnett; and a brother, David Breuer of Fort Worth.

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Military officials secure crash site

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Military investigators camped at 10,500 feet near the wreckage of a military cargo plane that smashed into a mountain while carrying gear for President Clinton. All nine people aboard were killed.

The 15 investigators received supplies by helicopter at the site in the Gros Ventre Wilderness area. No trails or roads lead into the location on Sheep Mountain, known locally as Sleeping Indian Mountain.

Officials of various federal agencies met this morning in town, and decided not to hold a briefing for the news media.

Only federal investigators were allowed inside a 2-mile-wide zone around the crash site. On Sunday, one newspaper photographer's film was briefly confiscated, and Teton County deputies searched vehicles on roads leading to the site.

The four-engine C-130, based at Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene, Texas, crashed about 10:45 p.m. Saturday, about one hour after it landed in Jackson to pick up a presidential vehicle used during Clinton's nine-day vacation in the area.

The airplane was to shuttle the presidential vehicle to New York City, where Clinton attended a gala Sunday for his his 50th birthday.

Teton County Search and Rescue crew members, on foot and horseback, spent more than three hours Saturday night and early Sunday getting to the site — located about 15 miles southeast of the Jackson Hole Airport along the northwestern edge of Wyoming.

They camped at the rugged wreckage site, where bodies still had not been removed. Eight Air Force crew members and a Secret Service employee were killed.

Witnesses said the plane took off to the south and had started heading east when it struck the 11,300-foot mountain and exploded in a fireball that could be seen for 20 miles.

"It was way too low," said Anne Skov, who watched the plane from her front window. "After I saw it, someone called and asked if we were all right and that there was a plane crash. I said, 'Oh, my God — I saw the plane.'"

A Clinton administration official said the pilot reported having mechanical problems and began to return to the airport at the time of the crash. But Air Force officials had released no information about a possible cause of the crash.

John Walstrom, a Jackson resident who saw the flames, said he visited a vantage point Sunday to get an idea of what he had been watching the night before.

"First it looked like lightning had struck the mountain," he said. "But when it kept burning and suddenly quit, I realized it wasn't a forest fire."

Meanwhile, Jackson businesses flew their flags at half-staff and church congregations devoted Sunday services to the nine victims.

5 injured in accidents

Five people were injured in four traffic accidents which occurred in a time period from Saturday through mid-morning today.

Fifty-three-year-old Dora Gutierrez of 112 14th Street was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital this morning for treatment of injuries after her vehicle was reportedly struck from behind.

The accident occurred shortly before 10 o'clock at Avenue E and the Santa Fe railroad tracks.

The woman was being treated for neck and back strain and possible emotional trauma because her vehicle was pushed toward the tracks as a train was passing by. An accident report was unavailable by presstime.

A 35-year-old Snyder woman is in stable condition at University Medical Center in Lubbock following a two-vehicle accident which took place at 5:26 p.m. Sunday in the 3200 block of Avenue E.

Involved were a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Larry Early of 204 33rd St. and a 1990 Mitsubishi driven by Lisa Melton of 508 32nd St. Melton was transferred by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where she was treated for a fractured leg and later transferred to UMC. A passenger in the Mitsubishi, 9-year-old Kasey Melton, was treated for minor injuries at Cogdell and released.

A two-vehicle accident was reported at 3:22 a.m. Sunday from the 2100 block of U.S. Highway 84. Involved were a 1983 Honda driven by Antonio Gallardo of Lubbock which was being pushed by a 1994 GMC van driven by John Vela of Lubbock.

Gallardo, 43, and Josie Gallardo, also 43, of Lubbock were transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital. Both were treated and released.

A minor accident was reported at 9:09 a.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of 25th Street. Involved were a 1987 Dodge driven by Roberto Flotte of Odessa and a parked, unoccupied 1992 Geo owned by Linda Strong of 3405 Ave. U.

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CENSUS: LTC, 39; Med 3, 12; Total: 51.

What's Up?

Mount Olive hosts services

Mount Olive Baptist Church, 3306 Ave. M, will hold revival services today through Saturday. Rev. F.E. Chenault of the Wood Street Baptist Church in Vernon will conduct the services, which begin at 7 p.m.

VFW & Ladies Auxiliary

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7:30 tonight at the post home.

Tiger Moms to meet

Tiger Moms will have a work night at 8 this evening at the Stars-R-Us Gym behind Landes Home Furnishings.

Key to the Kingdom series

Video tapes of the Key to the Kingdom series are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Stop the Miracles," will be shown at 7 this evening.

Football boosters

SHS football booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Edward D. Jones & Co. Anyone interested in being a part of the club is invited. Also, Taco John's will donate a portion of proceeds made Tuesday to the booster club. Club members are invited to participate.

Snyder High School choirs

Parents and students in all high school choirs are invited to a watermelon party in Towle Park at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The party will be held at the picnic tables nearest to the pond.

Choir boosters to meet

A meeting to discuss this year's agenda and to elect officers will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school choir room. All parents and guardians are urged to attend.

Laredo Supper coming

Fluvanna Volunteer Fire Department will hold its Laredo Supper and bake sale at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Fluvanna Community Center. Everyone is invited.

Band boosters fund-raiser

Snyder Band Boosters are having their annual fund-raiser. Band members are now painting Tiger paws. Funds go for scholarships and band instruments. Call Sheila Means at 573-1413 for more information.

Museum rummage sale

The third annual rummage sale at Scurry County Museum runs through Wednesday. The museum is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Season passes on sale now

Season passes for all Snyder public schools home volleyball and basketball games are on sale at the SISD business administration office. Passes are $30 for each sport, or $50 for a combined volleyball-basketball pass. The passes are good for all home games, from the varsity level through seventh grade. If purchased individually, adult tickets to home games are $2 each.

Pick 3

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

7-3-5

(seven, three, five)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — There were no winners in the $8 million Lotto Texas drawing Saturday.

That makes Wednesday's drawing worth an estimated $12 million.

There were 83 tickets sold matching five of six numbers. Those are worth $2,077 each.

Tickets matching four of six numbers, of which 5,150 were sold, are worth $120 each.

There were 107,759 tickets sold with three numerical matches, each worth $3.

The winning numbers drawn Saturday night were 7, 8, 25, 35, 39, 48.

Supervisor is wounded by gunfire in PO attack

PATERSON, N.J. (AP) — A postal worker got into an argument with his supervisor and shot him in the hand before being subdued by the injured man and other workers, authorities said.

Daniel Isku, 38, fired three shots Thursday from a handgun, hitting supervisor John Fitzgerald once in the hand, said Postal Inspector Tony Esposito. Fitzgerald, 34, was treated at a nearby hospital and released.

It was not immediately clear what the two men had argued about.

Isku, who had worked in the vehicle maintenance area of Paterson's main post office since 1987, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. He was jailed pending a bail hearing today.

In an unrelated case, postal worker Rodger Johnson, 44, was arrested Wednesday on weapons charges after state agents raided his apartment in New Egypt and confiscated 85 weapons, including 18 assault guns.

Johnson was arrested after a four-month investigation. But police first had to disarm several booby traps, including one made of two pepper spray devices in jars and another using a trip wire hooked up to a shotgun, said Sgt. Frank Mazziotta.