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Home of Valentina Molina

WE DID IT! — When Central Elementary surpassed its goal of collecting more than $1,200 for the United Way, principal Pam Hart made good on her promise to become a clown. Hart's bicycle riding alter ego visited Central students last Friday. Students checking out her big shoes are Ryanna Martinez and Dalton Toland. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Officials quiet about sniper

BALTIMORE (AP) — Investigators now say very little about the Washington-area sniper, and when they do it is unclear to some whether they're talking to the public or trying to manipulate a serial killer.

Criminal experts said Wednesday that every televised word may actually be crafted to deceive a shooter who enjoys the attention he is getting from killing nine and wounding two in neighborhoods surrounding the nation's capital.

"I think now you can't tell the difference between information and disinformation," said Charles Patrick Ewing, a forensic psychologist at the State University of New York at Buffalo. "Today they're talking about how they don't have enough description to compile a composite sketch.

"I mean, why say anything at all about that?"

On Tuesday, FBI analyst Linda Franklin was identified as the hunter's newest victim, shot with a single round to the head in a Home Depot parking structure Monday night. Emboldened investigators, who got the most detailed witness statements yet, said they were confident the descriptions would help catch the killer.

Barely 24 hours later, Montgomery County Police Capt. Nancy Demme said the descriptions weren't enough to put a face on the killer. "I know that's not what the public wants to hear," Demme said.

It may be what the shooter wants, and authorities could be happy to provide it, Ewing said. "They may have more than they're letting on and they're trying to lay low until they can move in."

It is a marked difference from how local officials acted when the killing started more than two weeks ago.

On Oct. 7, one day after Montgomery County Executive Douglas Duncan declared schools safe havens, a 13-year-old boy was shot as he walked toward class. The boy survived, but was in critical condition for nine days until today, when he was upgraded to serious. A tarot card found near the shooting scene said "Dear Policeman, I am God."

Later, Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening and Washington Mayor Anthony Williams called the sniper a "coward" on national television, prompting Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose to step up to the microphone and publicly criticize the state's top elected official.

"The governor's training is not in the law enforcement field," Moose said. "I am convinced that the governor will never do that again."

All of which may have led to the tightlipped demeanor adopted by investigators in the past week.

Before the tarot card was reported, Moose said "You should understand that I hope to God that some day we'll know why all of this occurred." Some thought he was clandestinely appealing to the person who signed it.

" Moose became the person on television who is talking to the press, and the hope may be that the killer will establish some relationship with him," said Dr. Reid Meloy, a psychologist who worked with investigators on the Night Stalker's murder spree.

Republicans to open campaign office on Friday

The Scurry County Republican Party will open its campaign headquarters at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the former David Holt Insurance offices on the southeast corner of the square.

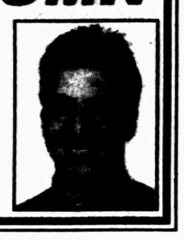
Drew Bullard, county Republican chairman, said the public is invited to the opening and to visit the headquarters anytime.

Campaign material for the Republican candidates is available at the headquarters.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Brisendine



Everybody's talking about this guy.

Everybody – regular folks across the country, TV reporters, political candidates, and even our President.

All are weighing in and giving their two cents on a maniac with a gun, who, from a relatively small area more than 1,500 miles from where we sit, is terrorizing an entire nation.

We're growing tired of hundreds of different experts offering hundreds of different analogies — all of which, thus far, have been wrong.

We're beginning to think any joker who ever served in the military or law enforcement must be qualified to be a Fox News or CNN "expert analyst."

When it comes down to it, the talking heads on the news networks don't know any more about what's going on out there than the rest of us.

We have confidence that this guy will be caught. We just hope it's soon, before he claims more victims.

Another aspect of these happenings we find repulsive is the way some politicians are attempting to use the tragedy to their gain by preying on the fear of their constituents.

We saw a clip from a political ad in that region blaming an incumbent for the sniper's killings because the office holder voted against some gun law.

That's hitting below the belt and doesn't deserve the time it got on the tube.

And now liberal gun-law activists also are using backdoor politics and taking this opportunity to scream about the need for more restrictions on all firearms and demanding the U.S. instate ballistic fingerprinting, a technology we're not sold on.

Proponents say every gun leaves a unique mark on the bullets it fires. If a national registry were established to include a record of the gun's fingerprint and its owner, we could track shooters like this one.

That would be nice, but the unfortunate truth is that it just doesn't work — for several reasons.

The fingerprint can be changed as easily as simply scraping a nail file or a paperclip at the end of the barrel. That makes the effort pretty useless already.

Think about it — if a suspected killer changed his gun's fingerprint before or after the crime, any lawyer worth his salt could get his client off in court if the bullet's markings weren't exact.

Add to this that even if the law were put into effect today, there are already more than 200 million guns in America. None of these firearms would be included in the registry.

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that this cost-prohibitive program would not work.

We're not opposed to all gun laws, just those that are blatantly irrelevant.

Even so, we doubt a gun law of any sort would stop a madman like this fellow from going about his harmful ways.

Guys like this don't pay attention to laws.

One of the TV experts said, "until this guy is caught, he's in heaven."

We don't know about that, but we're pretty sure once he's caught, that's not where he'll end up.

Yemen: Tanker blast terror attack

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — Finally acknowledging what French and U.S. officials have been saying for days, Yemen said that an Oct. 6 blast on a French oil tanker was caused by an explosives-laden boat that rammed the vessel near a Yemeni port.

An announcement Wednesday by Interior Minister Rashad al-Eleimi carried by Yemen's official news agency also said that an unspecified number of "suspects" had been arrested in the attack and that police had located the house where the explosives were prepared.

Arriving in Yemen today, U.S. General Tommy Franks told reporters the attack on the Limburg underlined the importance of a joint U.S.-Yemeni program to create a coast guard for the Arab nation. Yemen, he said, was to take delivery of several patrol boats by early next summer. Western officials say the first shipment will comprise nine boats.

Given Yemen's porous coastline on the Red and Arabian seas, Franks said, "the value of a coast guard becomes apparent."

Franks, who leads the U.S. military campaign in Afghanistan and is expected to run a possible U.S. war against Iraq, flew into Yemen from Jordan. He was meeting Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh later today and said they would discuss how to "move forward our military-to-military relationship."

The scenario described by al-Eleimi Wednesday recalled the Oct. 12, 2000, attack on the USS Cole, which was rammed by a small, explosives-laden boat.

Hank Thompson here tonight

The second edition of the Snyder Country Opry is tonight at Worsham Auditorium on the campus of Snyder High School.

Hank Thompson

The program gets underway at 7 o'clock and will feature County Music Association hall of fame member Hank Thompson.

County Music Association of Texas hall of fame member Curtis Potter will also perform, as will nine-year-old Gordon Rodriguez, the Blue Grass gospel group "Buffalo Gap" and the country band "Texas Proud."

Advance tickets available at the chamber of commerce office through 5 p.m. today are $8, while tickets at the door are $10.

AUXILIARY DISTRICT MEETING — Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is hosting the District 6 A&B today at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Visiting prior to the business meeting (from left) were Marge Rode of Victoria, president; Bernice Wolfe of Abilene, president elect; Carolyn Cox second vice president of CMH Auxiliary; and Harold Yearwood, CMH Auxiliary president. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

ASK US

Q—Are tickets available in Snyder for Friday's district football game in Merkel?

A—Advance tickets will be on sale until 2 p.m. Friday at the school administration building. Adult tickets are $4, and student tickets are $3.

Viki Moyers...

...has lived in Snyder for only three months. Her husband, Jim, is employed with the Lone Star ESS located at Winston Field and they have a 15-year-old daughter, Samantha. Viki is a customer service representative for American State Bank.

She enjoys hobbies such as walking and watching football games.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If you marry for money only, you will suffer — in comfort.

—Dr. Murray Banks

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Library's literary evening

Scurry County Library's literary evening of story telling and western poetry will be held at 7 this evening at the library.

Jr. Girl Scouts afghan

The Snyder Jr. Girl Scouts are in need of 8½ x 9 inch crocheted squares to finish an afghan. If you have any squares that you would like to donate, take them to the crafts department at Wal-Mart through Friday.

Mini cheerleading camp

Hermleigh high cheerleaders will host a mini cheerleading camp from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the school gym. Lunch will be provided. Cost is $20 per child and $15 for another child in the same family. Mini cheerleaders will perform Oct. 25, at Hermleigh's homecoming. Call Joyce Lionberger at 863-2755 or the school at 863-2452.

UIL marching contest

Snyder High School's marching band will participate in the UIL marching contest Saturday in Plainview. There will be a sendoff for the band at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the band hall. The band will compete at 11:30 a.m.

Heart Walk

The American Heart Association annual Heart Walk in memory of Dr. W.B. McSpadden will be held Saturday starting at 9 a.m. at American State Bank. Sponsors and walkers are needed. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-2913 for more information.

Ennis Creek reunion

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

Hobbs ISD homecoming

Hobbs ISD homecoming is Saturday. Registration is from 9-10 a.m., following by a business program from 10 a.m. until noon, and the luncheon will be from noon until 2 p.m. Meal is $10 per person. Reservations are appreciated for the luncheon and may be made by calling Pat Porter at 735-2322 (day), or 735-3337 (night).

SHS fall choir concert

Snyder High School fall choir concert is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Worsham Auditorium. There is no charge for admission.

Faith Revival Church program

Faith Revival Church will host Los Herederos Del Rey in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday at the church located at 3212 Ave. J.

Hobbs Baptist 80th anniversary

Hobbs Baptist Church will have it 80th anniversary Sunday. Ex-pastors will speak, there will be "dinner on the ground" and an "old-time" gospel sing is planned. All ex-members and other interested persons are invited. RSVP by Friday to Carla Guinn Bavousett at 573-8948 if you will be there for the meal.

SJHS fall concert

Snyder Junior High's fall choir concert is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. There is no charge for admission.

Pre-game choir show

The SHS choirs, the SJHS choirs and all sixth graders will perform a patriot song before the Snyder-Seminole game Oct. 25.

WTC Lions Club fundraiser

The new Western Texas College Lions Club is selling $5 chances on a new Gateway 500S computer with printer. The drawing will be held Oct. 26. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 230.

Hermleigh homecoming

Among the activities at Hermleigh's homecoming weekend Oct. 25-27 will be an enchilada dinner hosted by the senior class from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday at the school cafeteria.

Northside Baptist Church concert

Toney Brothers will be in concert at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at Northside Baptist Church. No admission will be charged but a love offering will be accepted.

WTC changes

The gym, pool and weight room at Western Texas College will close at 5 p.m. on Oct. 31 for the WTC United Way Fall Fest to be held on campus.

Woman of Influence

Area women are invited to attend a live simulcast broadcast of *Becoming a Woman of Influence* at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church. Registration Saturday begins at 7 a.m. Cost is $39 per person. Lunch is included and free childcare will be provided. The deadline to reserve space is Friday, Oct. 25. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Junior high yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Nov. 26 in room 110. Price is $16 with a deposit of $8 required when ordering. No extra copies will be available.

WTC adult basic education classes

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

WTC pool, gym hours

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

Andersen LLP receives five years' probation

HOUSTON (AP) — The rubble of once-proud Arthur Andersen LLP endured one last parting shot from the Justice Department.

The Chicago-based firm was sentenced Wednesday to five years of probation and fined $500,000 for its role in the collapse of scandal-plagued Enron Corp.

The firm was accused of destroying and doctoring records of its dealings with Enron and convicted of obstruction of justice in June.

The punishment was the maximum allowed under law. Prosecutors had asked for the harshest possible penalty to make an example of the firm.

"Andersen's conduct in obstructing the Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of Enron contributed to the historic shaking of the foundations of our markets," prosecutor Sam Buell told the judge.

U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon ordered Andersen, which essentially no longer performs any of its trademark accounting work, to pay the fine immediately before civil lawsuits and other costs eat up its remaining assets. Andersen was a $4 billion entity a year ago.

Defense attorney Rusty Hardin reiterated that thousands of Andersen workers either knew nothing of shredding or shredded according to a longstanding policy with no criminal intent. He accused the government of "drumming an entire company out of business for the actions of a few."

But Leslie Caldwell, head of the Justice Department's Enron Task Force, said the blame for Andersen's downfall rests squarely on its leaders. Fewer than 1,000 of 28,000 former workers remain.

"Andersen's management is responsible for Andersen's demise — not the government," she said.

Andersen was accused of shredding Enron-related documents last year to thwart a Securities and Exchange Commission accounting probe. The firm already was withering by the time it was convicted in June, closing offices across the country.

The guilty verdict rendered Andersen unable to audit public companies under SEC rules, and the firm has stopped doing so. Buell said probation will allow the court to monitor Andersen in case the firm tries to renew its public auditing business.

"We are pleased with the sentence handed down (Wednesday) in the Arthur Andersen case," Deputy U.S. Attorney General Larry D. Thompson said in Washington, D.C. "When a business organization breeds a culture of deceit and contempt for the law, the organization itself must be held accountable."

Former partner Bob Palmquist called the case a "sideshow" that forced thousands of workers who never touched the Enron account to scramble for other jobs. "Good work, guys," he said to prosecutors outside the courtroom. "Take it to your grave.

"Who committed the crime? No one can tell us," said Palmquist, a 26-year Andersen veteran who remains unemployed. "There are a lot of displaced people. The Justice Department should be ashamed of themselves."

Andersen's criminal trial was the first to emerge from last year's collapse of the giant energy trader.

According to jurors, the knockout blow for the firm came May 14. That's when David Duncan, the former auditor in charge of the Enron account, testified that in-house attorney Nancy Temple told him to remove a sentence and her name from a memo detailing Andersen's opinion of Enron's Oct. 16 earnings release, which was rife with bad news. Jurors zeroed in on Temple as the culprit.

Andersen fired Duncan in January shortly after he publicly acknowledged that Enron documents had been shredded. He later pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and is continuing to cooperate with the government. His sentencing is set for Jan. 3. No one else at Andersen has been charged.

Andersen's sentencing came exactly a year after the firm battled with Enron executives over how to report the company's third-quarter earnings in an Oct. 16, 2001, news release. Enron shares tumbled after the company disclosed a $618 million loss and eliminated $1.2 billion of shareholder equity from its books.

Enron filed for bankruptcy six weeks later.

Today's chuckle

Barbie doll becomes Bond girl

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — James Bond's latest plaything is small, blond and totally plastic.

The Barbie doll will be featured as a Bond girl in a 007 gift set, along with her friend Ken as the debonaire spy. Mattel Inc. is releasing the $75 set to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first 007 thriller.

Barbie has taken on many roles, from astronaut to veterinarian, but this doll likes her martinis shaken, not stirred.

"The James Bond 007 Ken doll and Barbie doll gift set pays tribute to the many memorable James Bond films and their famous characters over the past 40 years," Mattel marketing vice president Jamie Cygielman said.

Ken is dressed in 007's trademark tuxedo and carries a briefcase while Barbie is wearing a golden lace gown and red shawl with a cell phone strapped to her thigh.

The 20th James Bond film, "Die Another Day," is scheduled for release Nov. 22. It stars Pierce Brosnan and Halle Berry.

Date Book

Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002

Today is the 290th day of 2002 and the 26th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1777, the American Revolution's Battle of Saratoga came to an end with the Patriots victorious over the British.

On this day in 1973, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) increased oil prices and cut back production for all nations that supported Israel during the Yom Kippur War.

On this day in 1989, an earthquake of magnitude 7.1 struck San Francisco, Calif.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Nathanael West (1903-1940), novelist; Arthur Miller (1915-), dramatist, is 87; Rita Hayworth (1918-1987), actress; Montgomery Clift (1920-1966), actor; Margot Kidder (1948-), actress, is 54; George Wendt (1948-), actor, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, the Pittsburgh Pirates defeated the Baltimore Orioles 4-1, winning the World Series in game seven.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A good newspaper, I suppose, is a nation talking to itself." — Arthur Miller

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Oct. 13) and full moon (Oct. 21).

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Mayberry sheriff didn't carry gun

MOUNT AIRY, N.C. (AP) — As sheriff of Mayberry, Andy Taylor never carried a gun because he wanted people to listen to him out of respect, not fear.

The TV character's real-life alter ego saw an outpouring of that respect and more, as Andy Griffith made his first official visit home in 45 years.

"This is the biggest day of my life," the 76-year-old actor — easily Mount Airy's most famous son — told hundreds of fans and dignitaries who turned out in foul weather Wednesday to see a stretch of highway named in his honor.

Griffith made Mount Airy famous as the model for Mayberry in the long-running series, "The Andy Griffith Show," in which he starred as Sheriff Andy Taylor.

But his last public appearance in his hometown was June 1, 1957, when a parade downtown celebrated the success of his movie, "No Time For Sergeants."

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PT4446B 1995 Chevy Cavalier $3,500
TB5266A 1995 Buick LaSabre $6,000
A5542A 1996 Olds Cierra $3,000
A3161A 1995 Cadillac DeVille $5,000
A0907A 1996 Ford Contour $4,500
C5127C 1994 Buick Century $4,000
2-1994 Mercury Cougars Ea. $4,000

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Wednesday's Lottery Numbers Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 9-17-19-22-27-34.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $7 million.

Pick 3
(Day) 5-8-5
(Night) 6-8-3
Cash Five
5-17-26-27-31

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CLASS OF '42 REUNION — The Snyder High School Class of 1942 held a reunion on Sept. 21 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Members of the class 60 years ago include, from left, top row, Mazell Allen Fenton, Verna Lou Maule Everett, Bernie Berry Wilson, J.C. Eades of Odessa, Ross Blanchard, Harold Haney of New Iberia, La., Noreen Evans Ball, Dorothy Murphree Rosson; middle row, William Leftwich, Virginia Preuitt Clark, Kathrine Lynch Kidd, Cleo Eades Keller, Jimmy Burt, Faydean Norred Hart; front row, Ray Martin of Lufkin, Leonard Keller and Don Sealy. (Contributed Photo)

Easy gardening starts with weed control

NEW MARKET, Va. (AP) — Andre Viette is part nurseryman, part scientist, part educator and pitchman — definitely a person with little free time on his hands. That might explain why he's been working the lecture circuit lately, talking about low-maintenance gardening.

He gives his advice dirt cheap, and it begins with weed control.

"Start clean and stay clean," Viette says. "I may squirt a little Roundup on weedy patches but after a couple of years putting down mulch, I can generally get free of weed-killers."

Viette punctuates his presentations by demonstrating how he spends just 12 hours a week caring for his six-acre display garden.

"A garden without weeds is a garden that doesn't take a lot of time," he says.

Viette teaches horticulture at a nearby community college, anchors a weekly syndicated question-and-answer garden show aired in eight Eastern states and gives more than 50 lectures and workshops per year.

That, along with managing his flowers, of course.

People in the tens of thousands annually visit his 300-acre farm and nursery near Fishersville, Va., in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley. It's easily his best educational tool.

Together with his wife, Claire, and son, Mark, Viette specializes in raising and hybridizing perennials (he's known for his work developing daylilies) on 210 of those acres. He grows more than 3,000 varieties of perennials in his fields and display garden.

Hardy perennials comprise one theme of his easy gardening pitch. They don't have to be planted every year — you can keep a heritage strain going; they offer a progression of colors through the growing season and selected varieties can thrive in sun or shade.

"You always read that it's better to go with native plants, but they don't necessarily do any better than the exotics," Viette says. "Eighty percent of all our plants, including peonies, hostas and such, are from other lands.

"I think gardeners would be better off being horticulturally correct rather than politically correct. Just choose the right plants for the right place."

Viette has his own ideas about watering.

"Deep watering gives you deep roots," he says. "Automatic watering systems are death on gardens. They water too frequently and too shallowly.

"Water at most once a week — the equivalent of one- to two-inches of rain — but do it gently so there's no runoff. Be prepared, though, to spend eight, 10- or 14 hours watering."

Other easy gardening suggestions:

Cut your grass no lower than 3 inches high. "Taller grass screens lawn problems. Taller grass also stops seedlings from crab grasses and keeps dandelions from germinating."

Use the right tools. "We've converted to Swiss swing hoes around the nursery," Viette says. "Nothing against U.S. designs, but the cutting blade on the Swiss hoe is just more efficient and faster. You simply swing it back and forth as you walk."

Reduce the need for staking by planting your flowers farther apart. That helps improve air circulation and light penetration and reduces the risk of disease and mildew. "This also saves you money since you don't have to buy as many plants," he says.

Select only premium plants, which may cost you a little more at first. But their outstanding genetic traits will make them longer lasting. Some peonies have lived more than 100 years, Viette says.

Be consistent and persistent. "It's easier to prevent weeds than pull them. A little maintenance time each day can cut down on your total time tending the garden."

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Sarandon to be honored at film festival

NEW YORK (AP) — Susan Sarandon will return to New Jersey to be honored at the Cape May NJ Film Festival.

The actress will receive the first-ever New Jersey Governor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Jersey Arts on Nov. 15, at the festival's opening night dinner.

The second annual festival, which focuses on New Jersey films and filmmakers, runs through Nov. 17 in Cape May.

Among the films that will screen are the recent "Igby Goes Down," "Moonlight Mile" and "The Banger Sisters," all of which co-star Sarandon.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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North
♠ K 5 4 2
♥ A 9 2
♦ 10 3
♣ Q 9 6 3

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

East
♠ Q 9 8 6
♥ 5
♦ Q 8 6 4 2
♣ A K 8

South
♠ A 7 3
♥ J 10 7 6 4 3
♦ A K 7
♣ 2

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

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Try to spot that extra chance

By Phillip Alder

Today's deal features one of my favorite facets of play: Declarer spots a faint extra chance that materializes, when a mundane approach fails.

How would you (South) try to land four hearts? West leads the spade jack.

South's jump to game was super-aggressive. Surely he should have made a game-try, which North would have accepted.

Sitting South was Jorge Castanheira, who was en route to victory in the Portuguese Open Teams Championship with partner Sofia Pessoa and teammates Juliano Barbosa and Rui Pinto.

When the dummy came down, declarer saw one loser in each black suit. And since he could ruff his diamond loser in the dummy, apparently success would require having only one trump loser. After ruffing the diamond seven in the dummy, should declarer cash the heart ace (wins when East has a singleton honor), or return to hand and play a low heart to dummy's nine (wins when East has a low singleton)? As these two possibilities are equally likely, it seemed to be a guess.

At the other table, after taking his diamond ruff, the declarer boringly cashed dummy's heart ace: one down.

Castanheira, after winning with the spade ace, ducked a club. Winning the spade return in the dummy, declarer trumped a club in hand, took his top diamonds, ruffed the diamond seven in the dummy, and trumped another club. Wonderful! Suddenly dummy's club queen was high. Crossing to the heart ace, Castanheira discarded his spade loser on the club queen. He lost two hearts and one club — as he would have done if East had held king-queen-third of hearts.

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SHS band launches fundraiser

Snyder High School band students are selling $1 chances to win a trip for two to the Texas Tech-University of Texas football game at 2 p.m. on Nov. 16 at Lubbock. Also included is a one-night stay at the Ashmore Inn and a $25 gift certificate to Logan's Roadhouse.

The drawing will be held at Snyder Tigers' last home game on Nov. 1. Tickets may be purchased from any SHS band student.

BABY SHOWER — A baby shower was held Oct. 5 in Grand Prairie for Ginny Fenton Clinkinbeard, who is expecting twin daughters around the middle of December. From left are Lucille Clinkinbeard of Snyder, paternal grandmother; the honoree; and Pamela Fenton of Snyder, maternal grandmother. (Contributed Photo)

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12 Some trunks
14 Friends, to Juan
15 Warm color
16 Quiet
18 Sock tip
19 Univ. marchers
21 Geologic divisions
23 Earth, in combos
24 Muser's mumble
26 Snout
29 Woodworking tool
30 Pamplona cry
32 Vatican head
34 Tournament passes
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38 Mild cheese
40 IRA investments
42 Good pilot
43 Rock's – Jagger
45 Mongrels
47 Apple seed
50 Makes it snappy
52 Bring forth
54 Take in oxygen
58 Praline nuts
59 Man's accessory
60 Imitated a canary
61 Wheat and corn

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1 Caviar, actually
2 Purpose
3 – Lanka
4 Two cubed
5 Lazybones
6 Dead Sea feeder
7 Boise's st.
8 Loose threads
9 Engineering toy
11 Mountain curve
12 South African settler
13 Match a wager
17 Tall conifers
19 Tint again
20 Seeped
22 Bribe
23 Chatter
25 Do yard work
27 Clean energy
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31 Cease
33 First lady?
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39 Bogging down
41 Having fine views
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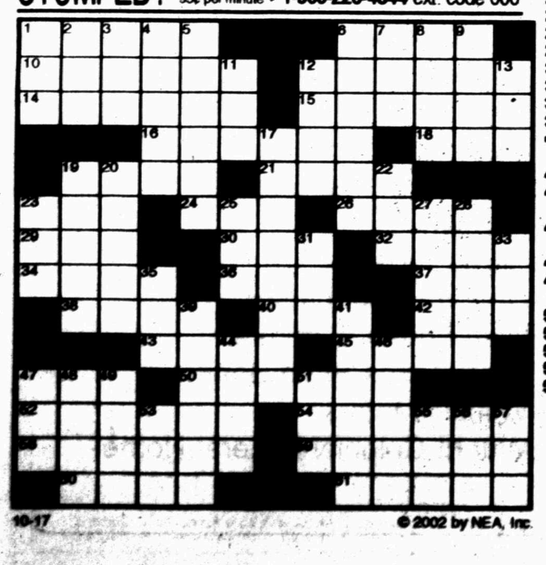

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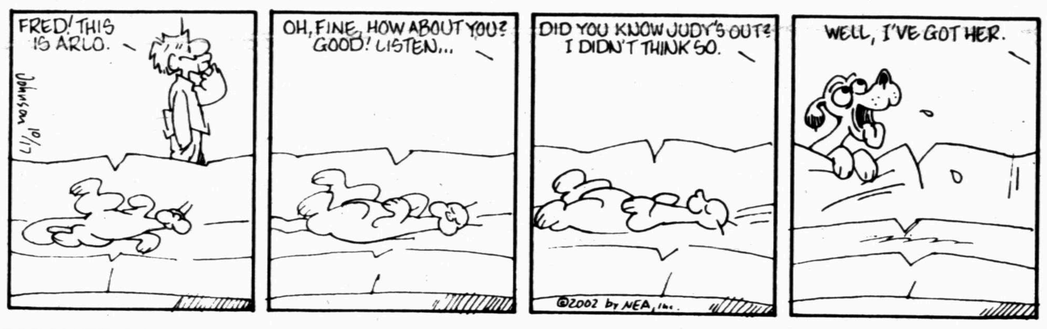

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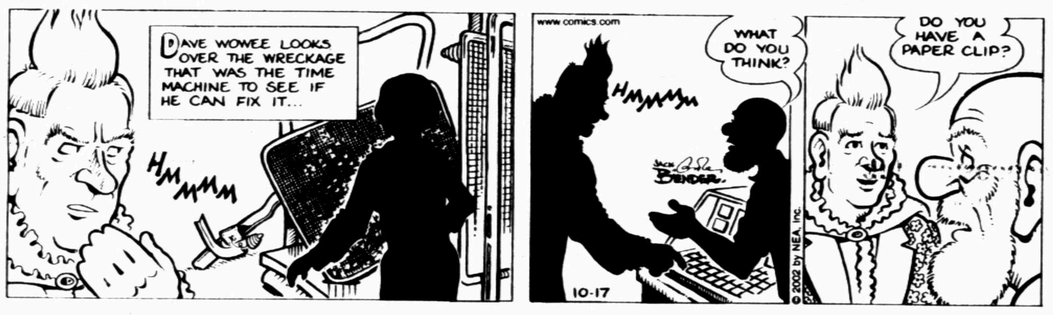

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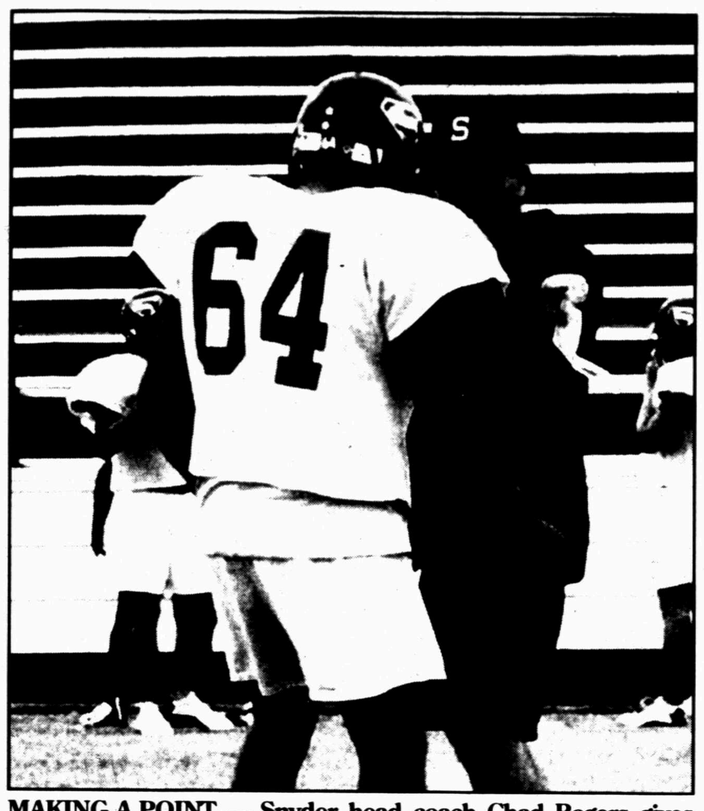

MAKING A POINT — Snyder head coach Chad Rogers gives instruction to junior Isidor Gutierrez during practice. The Tigers are gearing up for a district showdown with Merkel Friday night. (SDN Staff Photo)

For district showdown at Merkel...

Snyder keeping intensity

After an emotional, come-from-behind win, one would think the Snyder Tigers football team would have difficulty coming down to get back to work for this week's game.

Not so for this squad, according to head coach Chad Rogers.

"These kids practiced hard when we were 0-3," he said. "So the intensity is certainly there after a big win."

The Tigers have had a solid week of practice gearing up for the surprising 5-1 Merkel Badgers, who destroyed Seminole 31-14 in their district opener.

The game is the Texas State Network's west region game of the week.

"We are just going to keep doing what we've been doing," Rogers said. "We are playing with a lot of confidence right now."

The Badgers will ride all-Big Country and all-district tailback Drew Caraway, who runs a 4.6 40-yard dash and has good hands out of the backfield.

Merkel is a more balanced offense than Sweetwater, and quarterback Chris Cobb shows good pocket presence. He will look to his favorite receiver Aaron Walla in passing situations.

"They have good speed and they break tackles," said defensive coordinator Buster Mabrey, who said the defense has maintained the same level of intensity at practice as the opening week of the season.

Defensively, the Badgers boast all-Big Country twin defensive linemen Brandon and Justin Head, as well as all-state honorable mention Jeremy Mullins. Mullins is a two-way starter, as is Caraway, who will anchor the secondary at free safety.

"They are as good a defense as we've faced," Rogers said. "And we have faced some good ones."

The Tigers will be without free safety Colby Driggers for at least the rest of the regular season after he suffered a broken leg in the Sweetwater game. Tyler Kerr will replace Driggers on defense.

"Tyler is a super intelligent player," Rogers said. "He doesn't make the same mistake twice."

Rogers said the special teams will play a role in the outcome of this game, and he feels confident in the squad's ability to impact field position and the score.

"The kicking game is really clicking," he said. Isaac Ramon had two touchbacks last week in the win over Sweetwater, and his leg helped the Tigers keep good field position throughout the Levelland contest.

The winner of this game will be in the driver's seat in 3-3A, and will control their own fate for the rest of the regular season.

"This is a big game," Rogers said. "Every game from here on out is a big one."

Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Correction

The Snyder High School girls tennis player pictured in Wednesday's paper was Kara Brumley, not Stephanie Williams.

Big 12 quarterbacks running wild

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Defending a strong running game used to be pretty basic: Stack a group of guys near the line of scrimmage and zero in on the tailback.

No more. Running quarterbacks have changed those schemes and Big 12 defensive coordinators know that as well as anyone because the league is filled with nimble, fleet-footed players taking the center snap.

"If you look right now in professional football and college football, you're seeing more mobile quarterbacks this year than we've ever seen in the game of football," Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said Monday.

And what an advantage for a team that has such a player.

"I've often heard it said it's like having another running back in the backfield," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "If your guy can throw it well, it gives you more than a running back."

A look at this week's games in the Big 12 shows the challenges the defenses will face from versatile quarterbacks.

No. 2 Oklahoma, coming off a big win over Texas, has to slow down Iowa State's Seneca Wallace, whose breathtaking 12-yard touchdown run against Texas Tech last Saturday night — he covered an estimated 135 yards on the play — has become a staple on highlight shows.

"He didn't even look like he was winded when he came to sidelines," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said.

Texas A&M must deal with Kansas' Bill Whittemore, who rushed for 121 yards against Colorado last week. Texas Tech is scheming to stop Missouri's Brad Smith, who was unstoppable against Oklahoma two weeks ago (391 total yards).

Texas must contain Kansas State's Ell Roberson. Ditto for Oklahoma State against Nebraska's Jammal Lord. Whittemore, Smith, Lord and Roberson are so involved in the running game that they lead their teams in rushing.

Oklahoma State coach Les Miles said the traditional defensive sets against the run, putting seven players "in the box" near the line of scrimmage, doesn't work if an offense has a quarterback who can run.

"If you're in a traditional offense handing the ball to a back, they have one more defender than you have an opportunity to block," Miles said. "But when the quarterback is suddenly a ball carrier and they put seven guys in the box, you put a back on the seventh guy and then you match up.

"It gives defenses fits in the fact that if you want to overload the box, you don't necessarily have that option."

Slocum said a mobile quarterback can prevent drives from stalling.

"It's like giving you another set of downs," he said.

Dallas hopes Carolina win is a spark for successful season

IRVING (AP) — Dramatic, exciting and stunning, what the Dallas Cowboys did this past Sunday against the Carolina Panthers is awaiting another adjective.

Keep winning and it becomes "pivotal."

Start losing and "meaningless" would have to be attached.

Nothing can take away the thrill of Quincy Carter's two touchdown passes in the final 3:55 against one of the NFL's top-ranked defenses while playing behind a patchwork line. Yet the importance of the rally will be determined by what happens the rest of this season.

If Carter starts building steam, then the game gets looked upon as his coming of age. A launching pad.

But if the Cowboys keep following wins with losses, then you'd have to file the comeback as a one-hit wonder. Put it behind quirky memories like Kevin Sweeney's replacement-player stardom in 1987 and Steve Walsh leading Dallas to its lone victory in 1989.

While it may be unfair to try attaching so much significance, it's worth looking back at what happened the last time the Cowboys wowed fans like that.

It was the season opener in 1999, in Washington. Dallas trailed 35-14, then got three fourth-quarter touchdowns, one from Emmitt Smith, then two by Michael Irvin. In overtime, Troy Aikman hit Raghib Ismail on a long pass and the Cowboys went home happy.

They followed that win with another. And another. For a team coming off an embarrasing playoff loss the previous season, the 3-0 start offered promise.

Alas, Irvin was hurt the next week in Philadelphia and the team hasn't been the same since. Dallas didn't win consecutive games again until last season. The Cowboys still haven't gotten to three straight — or even three out of four.

Maybe now, though. Maybe this will be the spark. The schedule somewhat favors it. Dallas (3-3) next faces Arizona (3-2) on the road, then is at home against Seattle (1-4) and on the road against Detroit (1-4).

Then again, odds are that it won't be that simple.

Dallas is more likely to keep playing games that are decided in the final minutes, with anxious fans thinking each one is either the breakthrough victory or the loss that starts another downfall.

In 38 games under coach Dave Campo, 21 games have been decided by seven points or less.

OK, so it's only the eighth time in that stretch that Dallas has won by such a small margin, but it just proves that the Cowboys are in step with the rest of the NFL.

Mailman says he may retire

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone has "pretty much" decided to retire after this season but refused to say today when he officially will announce a decision.

Malone, the NBA's second-leading career scorer, is entering his 18th season with the Utah Jazz. He will earn $19.25 million in the final year of his contract.

He is a 14-time All-Star, was twice the league's MVP, and played on two U.S. Olympic teams.

Jazz owner Larry Miller has said he doesn't plan to extend the 39-year-old Malone's contract or give him a raise before the end of the season. The team could clear millions in salary-cap space by allowing Malone's contract to expire after the season.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball booster club

The SHS volleyball booster club meets at the high school gym Monday at 7.

Girls basketball booster club

The Snyder girls basketball booster club will meet Tuesday in the high school gym immediately following the varisty volleyball game. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Hermleigh football game cancelled

Hermleigh has cancelled Friday's varsity football game against Highland, and no make-up date is scheduled. The Cardinals have suffered injuries to the extent that they only have four players available.

Tennis booster club fundraiser

The tennis booster club will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts Monday morning in front of Wal-Mart from 7 to 11 for $6 a dozen.

Three-person scramble

There will be a three-person day-night scramble at the WTC golf course Oct. 26. Cost is $60 per team and $20 per person, and fee includes entry into the putting contest. The front nine scramble will begin at 5 p.m. and the back nine will start at 7:30. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more information.

Men's league basketball

Men's league basketball sign-ups are underway, with play to begin in the middle of this month. For more information or to sign up, call Bryan at 573-3916.

Ladies play day

The SCGA hosts a ladies play day every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Scurry County golf course. Format this week is guess your score.

Football booster club raffle

The SHS football booster club members are selling raffle tickets for a $10,000 CD. Cost is $25 per ticket with 1,000 tickets to be sold. Call Steve Rich at 573-4800 for more info.

Knicks forward done before season starts

NEW YORK (AP) — Antonio McDyess, the New York Knicks' power forward, will miss the season after having surgery on his broken kneecap.

Dr. Norman Scott, who performed the two-hour procedure at Beth Israel Hospital, said the injury would not end McDyess' career.

Collins a no-show at 'Huskers practice

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska running back Thunder Collins didn't report to practice for a third straight day, increasing speculation that he has quit the team.

Coach Frank Solich said he hasn't heard from Collins since Saturday's win over Missouri.

A-Rod voted player of the year

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez was selected player of the year in a vote by members of the players' association and John Smoltz received the Marvin Miller Man of the Year Award.

Jaramillo remains Rangers' hitting coach

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rudy Jaramillo will remain the Texas Rangers' hitting coach for new manager Buck Showalter.

While Showalter is still reviewing the rest of the staff, he confirmed that Jaramillo will remain. He has two years left on his contract.

Astors exercise optin on Ausmus

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros catcher Brad Ausmus has exercised his contract option for the 2003 season and will return next year, team officials announced Wednesday.

Ausmus, 33, hit .257 with six home runs and 50 RBIs in 2002. He has played four seasons with Houston during his 10-year major league career.

Scioscia, Baker announce Game 1 starters

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia and San Francisco manager Dusty Baker have announced only their Game 1 starters, preferring to wait on setting their full rotations. Washburn, 1-0 with a 2.84 ERA in three postseason starts for Anaheim, will face Jason Schmidt, 1-1 with a 3.46 ERA in two starts.

Complete city championship results

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Tommy Baker, 86-83—169; Pete Rios, 92-90—182.

Super Senior Division

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Football: Snyder junior high at Merkel, 5 p.m.
Football: Ira JV vs. Grady, 7 p.m.
Football: Ira junior high at Westbrook, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football: Snyder varsity at Merkel, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Westbrook at Ira, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Sands at Borden County, 7:30 p.m.
Tennis: Snyder at Wichita Falls tourney.

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Volleyball: Snyder varsity, JV and freshmen at Denver City, 1 p.m.

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Woman, Chinese ex-husband end standoff

ZHENGZHOU, China (AP) — An American woman checked out of a hotel in central China with her 5-year-old son today night, saying she had resolved a custody standoff with her Chinese ex-husband after they spent nine days sequestered in a suite conducting delicate negotiations.

The case had threatened to become a diplomatic dilemma less than a week before Chinese President Jiang Zemin travels to the United States.

Camille Colvin, 35, of New York City, left the Zhengzhou Sofitel in a taxi with her son, Griffin, her brother and three private security guards. It wasn't clear exactly what agreement was reached, and Colvin wouldn't give any details but said she would elaborate in Beijing on Friday.

"From our perspective, we have a resolution. We have done everything we have been asked to do," Colvin said as she checked out at the front desk, wearing jeans and a black sweatshirt. Her son seemed upbeat and stared at the news cameras as she spoke.

"We're down to the wire," she said.

Colvin's ex-husband, Guo Rui, took the boy during a visitation in the United States in July, maintaining that his son, a Chinese-born U.S. citizen, should be governed by Chinese law. After Colvin and Griffin left, he acknowledged taking the child but said it wasn't an abduction.

"I was entirely without any other options," he said, sitting in the hotel lobby. "I took the child to assert my normal right to see my son. ... I really love this child."

Though the boy had already left, Guo called the resolution "an initial agreement."

The two former spouses had been holed up in the seventh-floor hotel suite since early last week, said Colvin's friend, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Police in Zhengzhou, capital of Henan, China's most populous province, said earlier that an agreement had been reached.

"The problem has now been solved through the consultation between the couple," said an officer at police headquarters in Zhengzhou. He wouldn't give his name but said the U.S. Embassy had assisted in resolving the dilemma.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman in Beijing had no immediate comment. China's Foreign Ministry has been monitoring the matter and, on today, called it "an ordinary civil case which involves a family dispute."

"His parents married in China," spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said. "So according to China's laws, if they want to divorce, they should go through the relevant procedures in China. His mother has already filed for divorce, and both of them are negotiating with each other."

He said the standoff began Oct. 8 after Colvin traveled to Zhengzhou with her brother, went to Guo's family home, embraced the boy and had a confrontation with her ex-husband and his family, who demanded that Griffin stay with them.

The friend said the couple had left China two years ago, went to the United States and were divorced last year after a failed attempt at reconciliation. In July, he said, Guo picked up the boy for visitation and left the country.

Guo told a different story, saying Colvin violated a California divorce agreement that gave him visitation rights, then moved to New York and refused to let him see Griffin despite a court order.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said U.S. custody rulings aren't automatically binding in foreign countries, and he noted that China is not a party to an international convention that calls for the return of an abducted child to the custody parent.

Student to air own reality show

VALPARAISO, Ind. (AP) — A 19-year-old student who's interviewed Rosie O'Donnell, Jewel and other celebrities for a northwest Indiana cable show has signed a deal for his own reality series on E! Entertainment Television.

Michael Essany of Valparaiso University will do six episodes based on the weekly routine of his local talk show and how he persuades the likes of former President Ford and comedian Carrot Top to appear.

"There won't be any writers and it will be pretty limited in production staff from what I understand," Essany told The Times of Munster, Ind. "We're going to film six episodes, and I've got to prove myself with decent ratings that this is going to hold audience interest."

Essany and his parents, Ernest and Tina, met around their kitchen table with the show's producer and two other E! executives on Sunday. Taping is scheduled to begin later this month, and Essany expects the show to debut in January, following former Playboy playmate Anna Nicole Smith's reality series.

E! publicist Elizabeth Johnson said the program is still in the early stages of development.

Now in its sixth season, Essany's show is shot entirely in his parents' living room, and includes a monologue and skits along with interviews.

The political science major bills himself as a logical replacement for Jay Leno as host of NBC's "The Tonight Show," which he appeared on last April. Leno, in turn, is expected as a guest on Essany's show.

On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Can a vegetarian diet help arthritis?

Dear Dr. Blonz: My father-in-law has severe rheumatoid arthritis. He has tried many different treatments, but we recently heard that he might benefit from switching to a vegetarian diet. Has there been research on this form of treatment, and what is the rationale? We are desperate. — *C.S., Kankakee, Ill.*

Dear C.S.: Unfortunately, there are no definitive answers on how to handle rheumatoid arthritis.

Arthritis is a general term for inflammation of joints. (In Latin, *arthros* means "joint," and *itis* means "inflammation of".) There are many types of arthritis, but rheumatoid arthritis is among the most serious. It's an autoimmune disease in which the body's own immune system attacks the hands, feet, knees and other joints, typically damaging the joints and surrounding tissues in the process. The end result is pain, inflammation, swelling and various degrees of misery.

A vegetarian diet — often preceded by a fast — may also offer some hope for those with rheumatoid arthritis. One study in the September 1999 issue of the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that those on vegetarian diets experienced fewer arthritis symptoms than the volunteers whose diet contained meat and other animal products. The study began with a seven- to 10-day modified fast that included 190 to 300 calories per day from foods such as herbal teas, garlic, vegetable broth, decoctions of potatoes and parsley and the juices of carrots beets and celery. After the fast, new foods were introduced every second day, and, if symptoms developed, the food was omitted from the diet and reintroduced later. If symptoms reappeared, the food was excluded for the remainder of the 3-1/2-month-long study. The patients then went on to develop their own individually tailored lacto-vegetarian diet (a vegetarian diet with dairy foods permitted) during the next nine months. The scientists reported significant benefits when compared to the patients on the control diet.

A review article in the Scandinavian Journal of Rheumatology (January 2001) looked at many studies and clinical trials that examined the fasting/vegetarian diet regimen. Their conclusion was that this approach might be useful in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis.

There are a number of possible explanations for the observed benefits. First, it is known that vegetarian foods contain different fats than animal products. Most of the fat in our bodies is used as an energy source, but a small amount goes to form powerful hormone-like compounds that can affect how the body operates. The connection with arthritis is that some of these compounds encourage inflammation, while others can keep things calm.

Previous research has found that certain dietary oils, such as those found in borage seed oil, evening primrose oil and, to some degree, the omega-3 fatty acids found in fish oil and flax seed oil, can decrease the painful symptoms of arthritis. Animal products, by contrast, contain compounds that can promote inflammation. A direct effect from the fats we eat may contribute to the problem, but they do not appear to be the entire answer. In the AJCN study, for example, there was no significant difference in the fats found in the blood of those who responded favorably and those who responded unfavorably to the fasting/vegetarian diet regimen.

Another possible explanation for the effect of the vegetarian diet is connected with the greater intake of antioxidant-containing fruits and vegetables associated with this style of eating. Antioxidant nutrients in foods can prevent fats from reacting with oxygen in inappropriate ways that can lay the groundwork for major health problems. This errant "oxidation" is also believed to kick into high gear during the inflammatory process associated with rheumatoid arthritis.

One final rationale offered in the AJCN study relied on the fact that what we eat affects the type of flora (bacteria) indigenous to the human bowel. Shifting to the vegetarian diet made definite changes in the mix and concentration of organisms in the intestinal flora, and these changes were directly associated with disease activity. Unfortunately, there are no definitive answers, but the connection between intestinal flora and rheumatoid arthritis is a very active area of scientific research.

It is important to note that the fasting/vegetarian diet treatment might not be appropriate for everyone, and it is essential to work with a physician or rheumatologist (a physician who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of arthritis and other diseases of the joints, muscles and bones) to decide on the best course of treatment.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is a nutrition scientist and the author of "Power Nutrition" (Signet, 1998) and the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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Cinema plans double features

Double features are coming back.

This Friday and Saturday night, moviegoers will get two for the price of one at the Cinema in Snyder. *The Crocodile Hunter,* rated PG, and *Barbershop*, rated PG-13, will be shown together in one auditorium, with *The Crocodile Hunter* beginning at 7:15 p.m. and *Barbershop* following at 9:05 p.m.

Double features will depend on what movies are available. Ryan Smith, owner of Cinema I and II, said that even though *The Crocodile Hunter* was released during the summer this will be its first showing in Snyder.

Smith said he tries to pair movies that will appeal to all family members. Previous double features included *Spiderman* and *Men In Black II* and *Like Mike* and *Reign of Fire.*

The Crocodile Hunter can also be seen by itself during matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Barbershop will be shown at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

Red Dragon will also be shown beginning Friday. The theatre is closed Mondays and Tuesday night will be $3 admission.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	4.24	4.05	4.17	+ .28
AOL TimeWrn	12.82	12.35	12.45	+ .25
AT&T Corp	12.66	12.51	12.60	+ .35
Albertsons	25.74	25.35	25.46	+ .26
Alltel	44.84	43.80	44.75	+ 1.17
AmEl Pw	19.19	18.03	18.38	
AndarkPtr	47.68	46.78	47.65	+ 1.30
ATMOS Egy	21.31	21.02	21.03	+ .08
Aviall	10.25	9.90	10.13	+ .52
BP PLC	43.15	42.00	42.20	+ .90
BakerHughes	28.68	28.14	28.30	+ .40
Bank of Amer	68.70	66.85	68.25	+ 1.40
BellSouth	24.87	24.39	24.80	+ 1.10
BurlNoSFe	26.17	25.66	26.10	+ .70
Caterpillar	40.20	38.75	40.05	+ 1.64
CenterPoint	6.94	6.13	6.19	— .44
ChevronTex	75.20	74.43	74.63	+ 1.03
Citigroup	35.50	34.00	35.34	+ 1.49
CocaCola	47.85	45.10	45.50	—1.70
ColgatePal	56.33	55.03	55.45	+ .65
CmclMetals s	16.41	16.22	16.22	+ .07
ConocoPhill	49.30	48.57	48.91	+ .87
Cooper Inds	31.16	30.65	30.93	+ .84
DaimlrChry	36.50	35.98	36.18	+ 1.75
DeltaAirl	9.46	9.00	9.00	+ .50
Dillards Inc	18.10	17.04	17.08	— .63
DowChem	28.19	27.60	28.09	+ .89
DuPont	42.02	41.68	41.86	+ 1.24
EastmanChem	40.40	39.28	40.10	+ 1.44
EstKodak	34.19	32.61	32.76	+ 2.41
EDS Corp	15.13	13.60	13.80	+ .10
Entergy	39.25	37.87	37.99	— .01
ExxonMobil	36.49	35.75	36.14	+ .61
FstBksAm	40.41	40.41	40.41	+ .01
FootLocker	10.05	9.75	9.95	+ .40
GenDynam	81.00	76.76	77.36	—1.24
GenlElec	26.95	26.40	26.71	+ 1.11
GenMills	42.33	41.84	42.01	— .64
GenMotors	35.70	34.57	35.20	+ 1.06
GaPacific	13.39	11.92	12.04	—1.09
Goodrich	18.45	17.75	17.81	+ .06
Goodyear	8.81	8.46	8.76	+ .55
GtAtlPac	7.12	6.30	6.88	—.24
Halliburtn	15.04	14.66	14.76	+ .09
Hanson ADS	25.95	25.55	25.69	+ 1.16
HarteHanks s	20.38	19.90	20.20	+ .60
HomeDepot	30.40	29.30	29.68	+ 1.23
HoneywellIntl	22.60	21.73	21.99	+ .66
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PepsiCo	44.34	43.32	43.60	+ .05
Pharmacia	44.37	43.49	43.72	+ .62
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PilgrmPrd B	6.00	5.66	5.84	+ .29
Praxair	54.46	53.83	54.29	+ .90
ProctGamb	91.10	89.92	90.40	— .10
RadioShack	20.45	20.09	20.43	+ 1.05
RoyalDut	44.65	43.65	43.73	+ .49
SBC Comm	24.80	24.30	24.66	+ 1.41
SaraLee	22.80	22.51	22.61	+ .01
Scripps EW	76.85	76.00	76.52	+ 1.07
SearsRoeb	29.07	25.33	25.73	—8.22
SherwinW	25.85	25.33	25.82	+ 1.68
SouthernCo	28.67	28.01	28.19	+ .08
SwstAirl	14.20	13.75	14.03	+ .73
SprintFON	11.10	10.65	10.65	+ .25
SprintPCS	2.49	2.35	2.36	+ .06
Sunoco Inc	31.40	30.42	31.40	+ 1.21
TXU Corp	11.50	10.20	10.53	—.35
TempleInland	41.00	40.25	40.38	+ 1.53
TexInd	24.00	23.49	24.00	+ .87
TexasInst	17.50	15.91	16.98	+ .82
Textron	37.45	36.70	37.18	+ 1.03
TrinityInds	15.49	15.15	15.41	+ .48
TylerTech	4.30	4.15	4.26	+ .16
UnionPacif	60.40	59.65	60.38	+ 1.33
USSteel	12.65	12.40	12.52	+ .30
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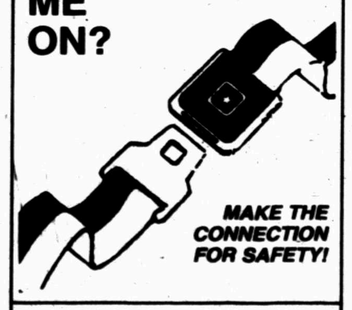
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Thirty-two SHS DECA students attend meeting

Snyder High School's DECA students participated in a District 8 and 9 Leadership Development Conference (LDC) recently held in Wichita Falls.

SHS had the largest delegation with 32 students. Approximately 200 students attended the conference from the surrounding area.

The day-long conference included group discussions and activities concerning the importance of teamwork, listening, and positive attitude for success in their future marketing.

Current DECA officers who attended include Trey Roland, president; Chrissy Hernandez, vice-president; Blanca Hernandez, secretary; Whitney Jones, historian; and Tazmean Moorehead, treasurer.

Other DECA students who attended include Lucy Amarillas, Sarah Boley, Elizabeth Campbell, Kristin Casas, Jordan Donelson, Caleb Durham, Abe Espinoza, Felicia Fuentes, Rosanna Gonzales, Hayley Grant, Daniel Gutierrez, Randy Herrera, Jessie Keller, Casey Kellner, Abby Levens, Duran Lopez, Ricardo Mardera, Jr. Veronica Maldonado, Daniel Medrano, Wes Murphy, David Noyola, Billy Pena, Anthony Perez, Magan Riley and Mattie Smith.

Lisa Williams, local DECA advisor, accompanied the group.

ATTEND DECA CONFERENCE — Thirty-two Snyder High School DECA students attended a District 8 and 9 Leadership Development Conference (LDC) in Wichita Falls. Pictured in front from left are Felicia Fuentes and Elizabeth Campbell; next row, David Noyola, Casey Kellner, Abby Levens, Daniel Gutierrez and Billy Pena. Others pictured in back are Lucy Amarillas, Sarah Boley, Kristin Casas, Jordan Donelson, Caleb Durham, Abe Espinoza, Rosanna Gonzales, Hayley Grant, Daniel Gutierrez, Randy Herrera, Jessie Keller, Duran Lopez, Ricardo Mardera Jr., Veronica Maldonado, Daniel Medrano, Wes Murphy, Billy Pena, Anthony Perez, Magan Riley and Mattie Smith. Not pictured is Lisa Williams, DECA advisor. (Contributed Photo)

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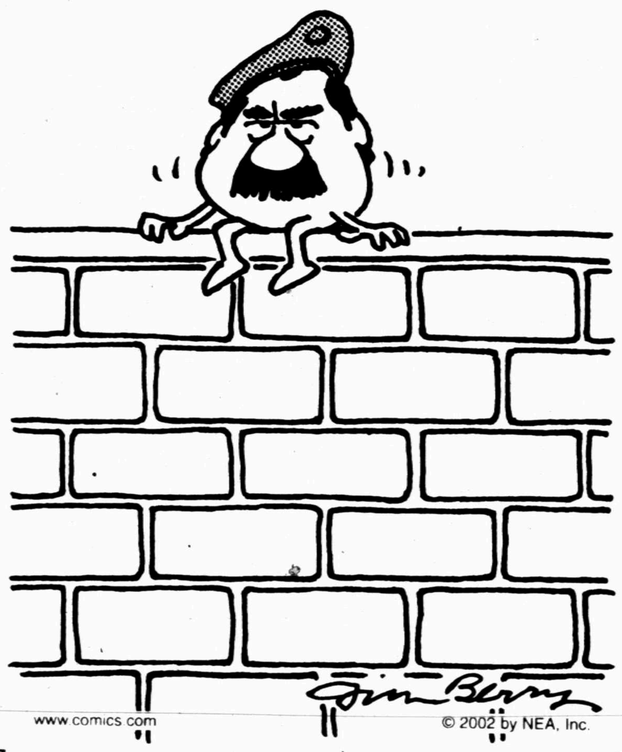

PRESENT-DAY HUMPTY

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Pastor is the ultimate source of damaging church gossip

DEAR ABBY: "Mystified in the Midwest" wrote that her pastor's wife has a big mouth and confides things about people who see her husband for counseling.

You advised that the wife be told that her gossip could end her husband's career — and that if it continues the pastor should be told.

Abby, you failed to address the person who bears the primary responsibility for the breach of confidentiality in pastoral counseling, the pastor. He should not discuss the contents of his counseling sessions with anyone in the congregation, including his wife.

He might, under some circumstances, appropriately discuss this content with a colleague for purposes of supervision or consultation. In such cases, however, he can take steps to protect the privacy of the counselee.

Instead of confronting the pastor's wife, "Mystified" should confront the person ultimately responsible for the leaks — the pastor! If his behavior does not change, the writer should discuss the matter with whomever bears responsibility for overseeing the pastor's ministry. — **THE REV. KATHERINE F. LONG, FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, GRAPEVINE, TEXAS**

DEAR REVEREND LONG: You're right. Doctors, psychotherapists, physicians, social workers, lawyers and members of the clergy all have a professional responsibility to protect their patients', clients' and parishioners' confidentiality. (The exception to this is if the person is suicidal or a danger to himself or others.)

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DEAR ABBY: Fifteen years ago, at our pastor's urging, we were to confess our sins during a church service to our designated prayer partner. My sin, I confessed, was that I was having "out-of-wedlock sex." (I was a 40-year-old divorcee at the time.)

My prayer partner quickly told her husband, who told the pastor, who told his wife. The latter two paid me a visit and I was put out of the church. The emotional trauma of this action was devastating.

"Mystified's" pastor had no right to disclose what he was told to his gossiping wife, just as my prayer partner had no right to blab my sin to her husband. The church I attended dissolved. — **STILL HURTING IN HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA.**

DEAR STILL HURTING: I don't blame you for feeling traumatized. Your confidence was violated, and then you were publicly shamed. I'm not surprised that the church eventually dissolved. By the time they were finished evicting "sinners," there was no one left to attend.

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DEAR ABBY: One quick question: What are the telltale signs of a cheating spouse? — **SUSPICIOUS TEXAN**

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: A few to ponder:

1. Secretiveness.
2. A sudden change in manner of dress and grooming.
3. Unexplained absences.
4. Less affectionate.
5. Unfamiliar charges on credit card bills.
6. Strange phone numbers on phone bill.
7. Hang-ups on your home phone.
8. More business trips than usual.

While one or two of these could be innocent, if there are four or more — look out! Readers, care to add any?

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Sidney Pink, father of feature length 3-D movies dies at 86

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sidney Pink, the film producer who is considered the father of the feature-length 3-D movie, has died. He was 86.

Pink, who is also known for giving Dustin Hoffman his first big break, died Saturday at his home in Pompano Beach, Fla., after a long illness.

He produced more than 50 films, including the groundbreaking 1952 three-dimensional feature "Bwana Devil."

"Bwana Devil," on which Pink served as associate producer with the movie's producer-writer-director Arch Oboler, was a surprise hit.

The story of British railway workers in Kenya falling prey to two man-eating lions, "Bwana Devil" starred Robert Stack as Bob Hayward, the head engineer bent on killing the lions before they feast on his entire crew.

Pink's wife, Marian, told the Los Angeles Times that the cardboard 3-D glasses that viewers were given at the box office dida good job of capturing the action of the film. "Lions were jumping into your laps, spears were flying and people were coming toward you in hordes."

Perishables given to food banks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The West Coast port shutdown was not a calamity for all: Food banks from San Francisco to New York are finding pantries fat with tons of perishables that never made it to market.

Sometimes it's pallets of bananas from Ecuador that sat a little too long off the Southern California coast; sometimes it's greens with slightly browned leaves or milk with an expiration date fast approaching.

Some companies donated tons of food rather than ship behind schedule after the 10-day shutdown of 29 major Pacific ports that ended last week.

"To get this kind of poundage of fresh fruit is a real blessing," said Darren Hoffman at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank.

That warehouse has already received a 16,000-pound shipment that included lettuce, cabbage and green onions — their leaves too tattered for grocery store display, but still perfectly edible.

"Nutritionally, it's fine," Hoffman said. "You peel off the first leaf and bam, it looks like a million bucks."

On Wednesday, the food bank received 25,000 pounds, about 450 cases, of bananas from Del Monte. Truckloads of bananas, with a shelf life of about two weeks, were sent to destinations around the country, from New York City to Dallas to Chicago.

In all, Del Monte gave 50 truckloads of bananas, or about 1,000 tons, according to Susan Hofer of Chicago-based America's Second Harvest, which coordinated the distribution. That single donation equaled nearly a quarter of all produce the nonprofit transported last month.

In Seattle, a major grocery chain donated around 250,000 pounds of dairy products, including milk, yogurt and cottage cheese, rather than risk it spoiling before it reached Alaska. The Oregon Food Bank also got a truckload of dairy products from Seattle's docks.

Rhea asks for help in planning wedding

NEW YORK (AP) — You've heard of "American Idol." Caroline Rhea has "American Bridal."

This month, the host of "The Caroline Rhea Show" is asking for help planning her wedding through an interactive segment.

Rhea poses questions, such as what color her dress should be, what kind of cake she should order, and whether her fiance, Bob Kelty, should have a woman serve as his best man.

Viewers can log onto her show's Web site to vote, and Rhea will announce the results the next day.

The 38-year-old comedian and former co-star of "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" took over as host after Rosie O'Donnell left the talk show.

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SIMPLE MACHINES — Hermleigh fourth graders recently constructed simple machines in their physical science class. Students pictured from left going around the table include Gloria Ramirez who made a windmill; Lori Garcia, wind generator; Jacob Nachlinger, robot; Jordan Williamson, crane; Duncan Sorrells, catapult; and Matt Williams, elevator. The students were not allowed to buy any materials. They had to use items found in a home. Materials used include spools, cothes hangers, poster board, straws, yarn, dowel sticks, foil, and other household items. Joyce Lionberger is their teacher. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 18, 2002

In the year ahead the need for newness in your life may take center stage and you will begin to develop many fresh outlets to satisfy this refurbishment. Your efforts for achieving them will produce what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be prepared to take on a strong-willed opponent today who is desperate to see you toppled. If you don't feed the flames, you'll have an easier time of squelching his or her onslaught. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — No matter how big the load, if you allow yourself to be overwhelmed by what confronts you today, you will not accomplish a thing. Relax, take a deep breath, and do one job at a time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Instead of beating your head up against a brick wall today, don't waste your time and effort on trying to change something you do not have the power to alter. Think your way around it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you are thoughtless today, you could resurrect an old, volatile domestic issue that you thought was resolved, only to watch it unravel before your eyes once again. Let sleeping dogs lie.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you think losing your cool and getting angry about something you thought had been taken care of will resolve anything, think again. All it will do is generate a heated response. Be tolerant.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — The opposite extremes of being too stingy or too extravagant in handling your money today will produce the same consequences: poor value received for your dollars.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't allow others to drag you into something today that you know does not serve your best interests. The regrets you end up with could be nastier than you thought.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Put a lid on that stubborn, harsh outlook you can adopt toward others at times. You can take bets that whatever you dish out today, you'll be getting back twofold.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Selecting the wrong types of pals or associates to do business with or to simply hang out with can produce greater consequences than normal. Discordant situations can arise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Without having a clear-cut direction today, chances are you will find yourself taking one step forward and two steps backward. Either define your goals or impede your progress.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The gossip could be so juicy today that even though you suspect it is unfounded, you might be salivating at the bit to get it out. You'll hate yourself tomorrow if you do spread it around.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Acting on bad information passed on to you today could prove to be extremely expensive. Any tips or advice received should be checked out or sat on for a while to see what transpires.

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Research shows that removing lump may save as many lives

BOSTON (AP) — For most of the 20th century, mastectomy, or removal of the breast, was the surgery of choice for doctors treating women with breast cancer.

But two long-term studies published today offer powerful confirmation that cutting out just the lumps can save as many lives as mastectomies — a finding that could change the way thousands of women are treated for the disease.

"It is time to declare the case against breast-conserving therapy closed," proclaimed Dr. Monica Morrow, a Northwestern University breast-cancer specialist.

Many doctors began to suspect in the 1980s, largely on the strength of early data from the two studies, that in women whose tumors had not spread, mastectomy worked no better than the less-disfiguring procedure.

Morrow said the 20 years of follow-up research should convince "even the most determined skeptics."

Her editorial was published today with two studies in The New England Journal of Medicine. The studies — one Italian and one American — showed similar death rates after 20 years for large groups of women who underwent either mastectomies or breast-saving surgery.

By the end of the 1980s, the less-disfiguring procedure, often called a lumpectomy, was widely accepted on an equal footing with mastectomy for cancer that has not yet spread.

Still, breast-saving surgery is not always offered to women who are potential candidates for the operation. The researchers behind the latest findings hope to change that.

The researchers at the European Institute of Oncology in Milan split 701 women into two groups: one got mastectomies, the other got lumpectomies with radiation treatments. In the end, about a quarter of each group died of breast cancer over 20 years.

The American study of 1,851 women, backed by the government and run at the University of Pittsburgh, also found little survival differences between two similar groups.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

No operation is guaranteed to be successful

DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctor seems to have no time for my questions.

In 1998, I had a surgical procedure to re-suspend my bladder and strengthen my vagina. (I had a rectocele and a cystocele.)

When I told my gynecologist that my husband and I were sexually active — despite both us being in our mid-70s — he agreed that we could resume relations six weeks after surgery. Now, a year later, the cystocele has returned, relations are uncomfortable, I suffer anal pressure and low back pain, and my vagina is completely filled by a bulge. My physician just ignores my concerns. However, a second gynecologist suggests further surgery. I'm not the kind of person who wishes to place blame on anybody, but I am curious about the "why" this happened. I think that I deserve more than just a shrug.

DEAR READER: Although your situation may seem less complicated than it really is, you don't provide enough data for me to come to a conclusion. In addition, I'm not a gynecologist and hesitate to judge a colleague in a different specialty. However, here are some generic observations.

As women age — especially if they have delivered children earlier — they often experience consequences of genito-urinary disorders, including uterine prolapse (a dropped uterus), cystocele (malposition of the bladder) and rectocele (loss of rectal support). In such instances, intercourse is uncomfortable, either the bladder or rectum (or both) may sag down into the vagina, and women may experience fecal or urinary incontinence. Surgery to re-suspend the bladder, correct the rectal support and —usually — remove the uterus is ordinarily successful.

However, no operation is guaranteed, no matter how experienced and skillful the surgeon is. In your case, the operation was not a success. I don't blame anybody for this; as they say on Nantucket: Fog Happens. However, I do believe that your doctor should take the time to field your questions, even though he may not know the answers. Saying "I don't know" is not a sin for medical personnel.

The next step is what to do. Reoperation is certainly an option to consider. In place of that, your gynecologist might consider a pessary. This plastic ring, when fitted to your personal anatomy and placed in the vagina, may support the bladder and solve your problem. Finally, a third — or even fourth — opinion may be appropriate; your doctor can address the sensitive issue.

Finally, you suggest that by resuming sexual relations six weeks after surgery, you may have brought this on yourself. I don't agree with that. After delivering babies, young mothers are permitted to resume sexual activity six weeks later because the tissues have healed. You're not different. You did not bring this on yourself a year after surgery.

I recommend that you address the problem with your primary care physician. Let him or her act as a patient advocate, deal with your gynecologist and refer you for another opinion, if necessary. And I certainly agree that this is necessary.

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

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VHI show featuring bands in prison outrages victim's family

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A VHI program that features prison musical groups has drawn complaints from both state officials and a mother who was stunned to see her daughter's killer jamming with his bandmates on TV.

The first episode of "Music Behind Bars," to air Oct. 18, focuses on Dark Mischief, a heavy metal band formed by inmates at the State Correctional Institution at Graterford near Philadelphia.

One of the band's members, Christopher Bissey, is serving time for the murder of two teenage girls at Lehigh University in 1995.

When promotions for the show began playing on VH1 this month, the mother of one of the girls complained to state officials that she had been flipping channels and was alarmed when she saw footage of her daughter's killer cavorting with fellow band members. Other crime victims said the series glamorized violent criminals.

The state's House of Representatives passed a resolution asking VH1 to donate profits from the episode to the state's Office of the Victim Advocate, which serves as the prison system's liaison to victims and their families.

And on Tuesday, Gov. Mark Schweiker promised that the Department of Corrections would begin warning victims when prisoners are going to be on TV.

"We need to ensure that crime victims are never again caught off-guard by turning on their televisions and unexpectedly seeing the inmate who has caused them so much pain," Schweiker said.

"Music Behind Bars" producer Arnold Shapiro, best known for the 1979 prison documentary "Scared Straight," has said the show is intended to be a serious effort to highlight music's role in rehabilitation.

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Former hippie guru convicted in slaying

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former hippie guru Ira Einhorn, who hid out in Europe for nearly 17 years after being charged with killing his girlfriend, was found guilty today of murdering her and stuffing her mummified corpse in his closet.

Einhorn, 62, was given an automatic sentence of life in prison without parole on the first-degree murder charge.

He showed no emotion upon hearing the verdict, which drew smiles from the family of his victim, 30-year-old Holly Maddux.

Einhorn was a 1970s counterculture superstar who held "be-in" events and counted yippie Jerry Rubin and rock star Peter Gabriel among his acquaintances.

He insisted he was innocent and said he last saw Maddux in 1977 as she left to make a phone call. He said he had no idea how her body turned up in a steamer trunk in his apartment closet.

The guilty verdict capped a stunning fall for a gadfly who lived the life of a country gentleman during his time in France. He appeared on television shows after his arrest five years ago to discuss his plight and posed naked in his garden for Esquire magazine.

Prosecutors said Einhorn was a loutish womanizer who turned violent whenever a woman wanted to leave him. They had him read to jurors from his poems and diary entries, in which he wrote "to kill what you love when you can't have it seems so natural" and "violence always marks the end of a relationship."

The six-man, six-woman jury deliberated for about two hours before reaching its verdict. The jurors had been sequestered since late September to avoid influence from media coverage.

Einhorn was captured in France in 1997, 20 years after Maddux vanished. He was returned to the United States last year after assurances were made to the French government that his 1993 conviction in absentia would be vacated and he would not face the death penalty.

During the trial, friends and acquaintances of Maddux described seeing her bruised and intimidated during her tumultuous five-year relationship with Einhorn. In the weeks before she disappeared, they said, she had grown happier and more confident because of her independence from him.

Former friend Michael Hoffman testified that Einhorn once discussed attacking a former girlfriend in 1966.

"He thought that at the base of all human interaction was violence, at the base of our internal being was violence," Hoffman testified, adding that Einhorn drew his ideas from the writings of the Marquis de Sade among others.

Prosecutors also called to the stand the former owner of a bookstore who said Einhorn once asked for a "how-to" book on mummification — one that specified the "herbs or any liquid used in the process."

Defense attorney William Cannon said Einhorn encouraged an "open relationship" in which he and Maddux had other sexual partners, claiming the hippie guru espoused the concept of "free love" — counter to the prosecution argument that rage toward his lover's new relationship led to murder.

Eight suspects eyed in bombing in Bali

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian police focused the inquiry into the Bali nightclub bombing on a group of eight suspects, officials said, while the president won crucial parliamentary backing today for an emergency anti-terrorism decree.

Support from parliamentary leaders was considered necessary to give President Megawati Sukarnoputri the political room to issue the decree, which would give the government expanded power to fight terrorism but could put her on a collision course with Islamic extremists widely blamed for the bombings that claimed more than 180 lives Saturday.

The final version of the decree has not been released, but recent drafts show that the evidence rules needed to arrest and hold suspects would be relaxed and that intelligence reports could be sufficient.

Those protections were written into law after the overthrow in 1998 of President Suharto, whose 32-year dictatorship saw hundreds of thousands of people sent to prison camps for long periods without trial.

The draft also said that anyone "who deliberately commits violence or violent threats that can lead to mass terror and fearfulness as well as mass victims ... could be sentenced to death or life imprisonment."

Megawati met Parliamentary Speaker Akbar Tandjung to discuss the decree, based on legislation that has been stalled in Parliament for months over fears it could give the security forces too much power.

Fifteen years later, Jessica doing fine

ODESSA (AP) — The 18-month-old toddler who captured the attention of the world when she fell down a well 15 years ago is a normal, happy teenager these days.

Jessica McClure was wedged all alone in the well, 22 feet below ground, for almost 60 hours, singing about Winnie the Pooh.

When paramedic Steve Forbes rose slowly from a rescue shaft 21/2 days later with Jessica in his arms the evening of Oct. 16, 1987, Odessa American photographer Scott Shaw captured the moment in a photograph that would win the Pulitzer Prize.

Her head was bandaged; she was covered with dirt and bruises; her right palm was immobilized to her face.

The world breathed a collective sigh of relief.

After one made-for-television movie and a decade and a half later, people still want to know about Jessica, her father's sisters — Donna Johnson and Cedie Proctor — told the Odessa American.

"I guess it's natural for people to wonder how she's doing and what she looks like, now that she's a teenager," Proctor said.

"People from all over the world called us and told us they were praying for her. I just want to let them know that she's a normal girl, that she's well and happy, and that their prayers were answered."

More than $700,000 in donations was placed into a trust for Jessica, to be given to her when she is 25.

"When the 10th anniversary of the rescue was close, the producers of a TV show 'Whatever Happened To?' wanted to do a story about Jessica because they had asked viewers for names of people whose stories they would like to see on the show, and Jessica's name was at the top of the list," Johnson said.

But Chip and Cissy McClure, Jessica's parents, avoided talking to the media once the initial rush of interviews was over, hoping to keep their daughter out of the spotlight. Still, people wondered what became of the girl in the well.

They divorced in 1990, and both have remarried.

A recent color photograph of 16-year-old Jessica McClure and an exclusive interview with the girl and her mother appears in the November 2002 issue of Ladies Home Journal.

"Jessica is tall and thin like her daddy. She's all legs and arms," Proctor said.

"She's just a normal teenage girl who always has a smile. She's a very loving, respectful child."

Until the start of the current school year, Jessica was living with her mother and stepfather in Greenwood, a few miles east of Midland. Last spring, she finished her sophomore year at Midland Christian High School.

Chip McClure now lives in Tyler, where he sells airplanes.

"Jessica visited Chip for two weeks this summer.

One arrested Wednesday morning

•*Arrests*

Sherrif Darren Jackson arrested a 19-year-old man at the Park Village apartments Wednesday morning on a warrant to revoke his probation on misdemeanor charges.

•*Criminal mischief*

A woman reported damage to her tires at Western Texas College. Officers responded and advised a report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

•*Close patrols*

A man requested officers in the 2400 block of 32nd Street in reference to someone going onto his property and leaving beer cans in his yard. Officers initiated a close patrol because of previous complaints from this residence.

At 5:15 p.m. a woman reported a possible prowler at the same residence, but officers located no one near the home.

At 12:28 a.m. today, the woman again requested police at the residence after hearing someone scratching her window and also hearing motorcycles in the area. Officers advised the close patrol would be maintained.

Obituaries

Melva Craig

1932-2002

Melva Craig, a native of Scurry County, died Wednesday, Oct. 16, at her home in Canyon after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Craig, 70, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dale Huff, minister of the 37th Street Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery.

Born Jan. 6, 1932 in Snyder, she was a longtime Snyder resident and worked for 15 years as a cook at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center, retiring in 1997. She was a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Mrs. Craig was preceded in death by a sister, Charlene Ainsworth.

Survivors include four daughters, Lynn Dye of Canyon, Kathy Kellner of Ira, Janie Wells of Kingsland and Emily Tucker of Garland; a son, Charles Craig of Canyon; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Frank Conard

1920-2002

COLORADO CITY — Frank Conard, 82, died Tuesday, Oct. 15, in a local hospital.

Service for Mr. Conard is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jake Chaney and Claudine Chaney officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 27, 1920 in Stanton County, Kan., he married Billie Faye Waller on Aug. 27, 1942 in Rockwall.

A U.S. Army Air Corp veteran of World War II, Mr. Conard had been a resident of Colorado City since 1963. A rancher, he was the Texaco consignee in Colorado City from 1963-85. He also owned several service stations and restaurants during that time. He also did custom combining and was a saddle maker.

Mr. Conard was a member of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship and had appeared on Primetime Christian Network many times.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Hazel Henry Conard.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Faye Conard of Colorado City; two sons, Frank Conard and wife Christi of Sweetwater and Erick Conard of Leander; two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Roy Wilson of Colorado City and Anne and Don Vanderslice of Stanton; a brother, Bob Conard of Cassville, Mo.; and a sister, Fern Burns of Lamar, Colo.; six grandchildren, Jess Conard, Alison Conard, Matthew Wilson, Heather Vanderslice, Stephanie Vanderslice and Joshua Vanderslice; and four step-grandchildren, Krista Richardson, Mike Wilson, Kathi Carter and Kyla McGuffin.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 this evening at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

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Thomas Taylor

1921-2002

MIDLAND — The Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, former pastor of Methodist churches in Hermleigh and Union, died Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Funeral service for Rev. Taylor, 81, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. The Revs. Ken Northcutt, Ray Hamlin and Larry Bailey will officiate.

Military graveside services will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Sweetwater.

Born Feb. 22, 1921 in Roscoe, he attended school in Roscoe and married Irene Morton on April 10, 1943 in Columbia, S.C. She preceded him in death as did a son and granddaughter.

He was a decorated U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

Rev. Taylor was employed by U.S. Gypsum and was a Methodist minister for 36 years, also serving churches in Hobbs, N.M., Sweetwater, Sundown, Hart, Garden City, Odell, Chillicothe, Cotton Center, Darrouzett, Rotan, Loraine, Westbrook, Forsan and Truscott.

Survivors include his wife, Nita Taylor of Midland; a son, Walter Taylor of Stanton; three daughters, Louise Tanksley of Moncks Corner, S.C., Dorothy Rogers of Placentia, Calif., and Janie Burch of Lubbock; a brother, Buddy Taylor of Lewisville; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; three stepsons; and one stepdaughter.

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Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 10/18	Sat 10/19	Sun 10/20
69/54	72/49	65/48
Rain showers in the morning with scattered thunderstorms arriving in the af.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise 7:50 AM, Sunset 7:07 PM	Sunrise 7:51 AM, Sunset 7:06 PM	Sunrise 7:51 AM, Sunset 7:05 PM

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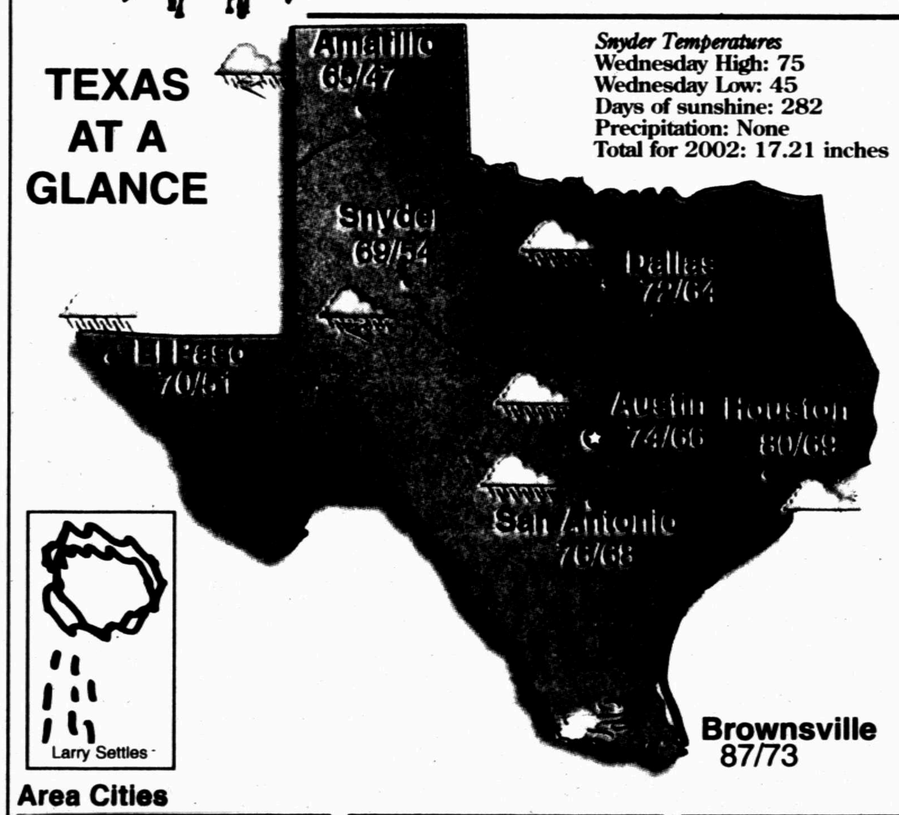
TEXAS AT A GLANCE

Snyder Temperatures
Wednesday High: 75
Wednesday Low: 45
Days of sunshine: 282
Precipitation: None
Total for 2002: 17.21 inches



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Abilene	68	61	t-storm	El Paso	70	51	rain	Midland	73	56	t-storm
Amarillo	65	47	t-storm	Fort Stockton	76	54	rain	Raymondville	87	69	windy
Austin	74	66	rain	Gainesville	70	58	rain	Rosenberg	80	69	pt sunny
Beaumont	79	66	pt sunny	Greenville	71	59	rain	San Antonio	76	68	rain
Brownsville	87	73	windy	Houston	80	69	pt sunny	San Marcos	75	66	rain
Brownwood	72	62	t-storm	Kingsville	85	69	windy	Sulphur Springs	72	59	rain
Corpus Christi	83	71	windy	Livingston	78	64	pt sunny	Sweetwater	69	58	t-storm
Corsicana	74	63	cloudy	Longview	74	61	cloudy	Tyler	74	64	cloudy
Dallas	72	64	rain	Lubbock	69	51	t-storm	Weatherford	70	59	t-storm
Del Rio	80	68	t-storm	Lufkin	77	65	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	69	58	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond	City	Hi	Lo	Cond
Atlanta	65	46	sunny	Houston	80	69	pt sunny	Phoenix	77	62	sunny
Boston	56	43	pt sunny	Los Angeles	67	55	pt sunny	San Francisco	65	51	windy
Chicago	59	44	rain	Miami	85	72	pt sunny	Seattle	62	49	pt sunny
Dallas	72	64	rain	Minneapolis	50	36	mixed	St. Louis	66	53	pt sunny
Denver	65	36	mst sunny	New York	58	45	pt sunny	Washington, DC	59	48	pt sunny

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Oct 13	Oct 21	Oct 29	Nov 4

UV Index

Fri 10/18	Sat 10/19	Sun 10/20
Low	Moderate	Moderate

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV index showing the need for greater skin protection. 0 — 11

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