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One year ago...
Tragedy in Carlsbad

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

It's been a year since 12 members of a family died near Carlsbad, N.M., during what was supposed to be a fun-filled weekend of fishing and enjoying each other's company.

In a split second, a pipeline owned by El Paso Natural Gas erupted and the ensuing flames and heat resulted in Geneva Smith losing those dozen members of her family.

"It's still hard to believe," said the Snyder grandmother. "I was going to garage sales that Saturday a year ago when I got a call that there had been an explosion and at least one grandson had been hurt bad."

"I really did not know the extent of the tragedy until I got home and found that the explosion got everyone."

Geneva Smith, her son, Fletcher, and his wife, Dawn, immediately went to Lubbock's University Medical Center where six victims of the fire had been transported in a desperate attempt to save the severely burned victims.

"When I got there, my little granddaughter, Kirsten, was already at the hospital and she was being prepared to be flown to the burn center in Galveston," Smith said. Kirsten, 5, died on the way to Galveston.

Six family members died at the scene of the explosion on the Pecos River, some 23 miles southeast of Carlsbad.

Six more would die later, including Geneva's son and Fletcher's brother, Bobby.

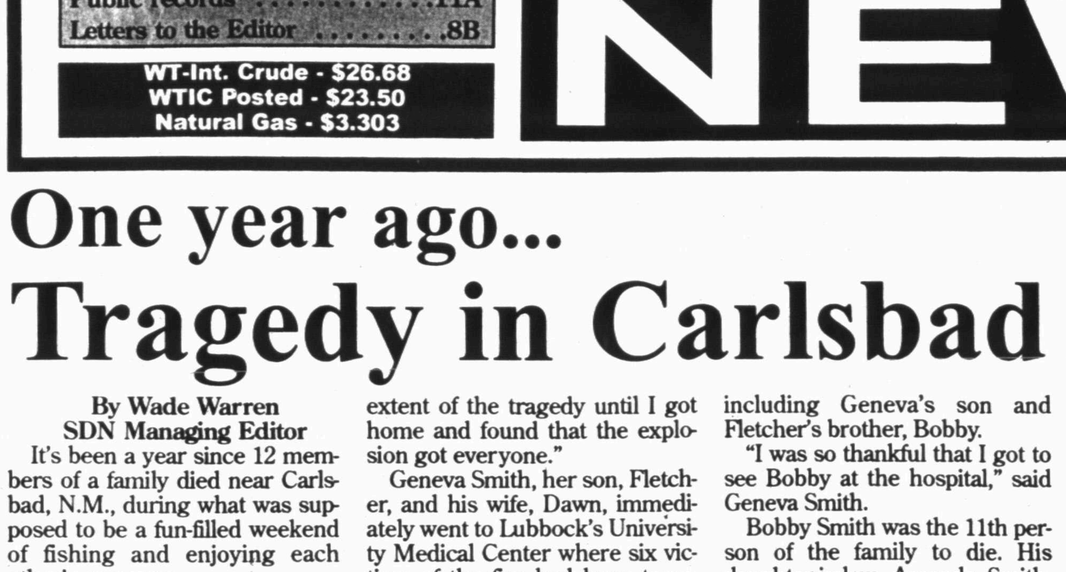
"I was so thankful that I got to see Bobby at the hospital," said Geneva Smith.

Bobby Smith was the 11th person of the family to die. His daughter-in-law, Amanda Smith, died on Sept. 5.

"We were all praying that Amanda would hang on," said Geneva Smith. "But when she died, it all came back at me full force."

Family members killed were Bobby Smith's son, Terry, 23, and his grandson, Dustin, 3.

Royle Heady, 20, his wife, Amy, and their children, 22-month-old Kelsey and six-month-old twins, Timber and Tamber, died at the scene.



CARLSBAD EXPLOSION – The results of the intense heat generated by the pipeline explosion near Carlsbad a year ago is shown in the interior of a pickup belonging to one of the victims. Other photos of the tragedy are on Page Two. (Contributed photo by Dawn Smith)

FITTING TRIBUTE — The grave stone of Bobby Smith depicts his service to the Joel Volunteer Fire Department. (Contributed photo by Dawn Smith)

The father-in-law of Terry Smith, Jesse Don Sumler, 55, and his wife, Glenda, also died at the campsite.

The 30-inch pipeline exploded at approximately 5:26 that fateful Saturday, and about four minutes later, a drop in the pressure of the line was noted at the company's control station in El Paso.

Employees there notified workers in Carlsbad and approximately nine minutes after the explosion, 911 calls alerted Carlsbad and other nearby fire-fighting units of the explosion.

One of the responding volunteer fire departments was from the community of Joel – where one of the victims, Bobby, was a member.

"Bobby was helping until the end," said his brother, Fletcher Smith. "He was near the water when the explosion occurred and it blew him into the river. He did manage to carry those who were still alive down the river a ways where help had arrived."

"I know he went back into the fire area at least five times to carry people out," said Fletcher Smith.

Smith added that Bobby rode in the front seat of the ambulance on the way to the airport in order to allow more family members in the back of the ambulance to be treated for their injuries.

"The ambulance went straight to the Carlsbad airport where a military helicopter flew Bobby to Lubbock," said Fletcher Smith.

"I think Bobby helping his family despite being severely injured himself came naturally and through his training with the Joel volunteer fire department," said Fletcher Smith.

A joint funeral for the 12 were held at the Carlsbad civic center with the caskets of Bobby Smith and Terry Smith carried on fire trucks and they were buried with full firefighter honors.

The family was buried in graves that were side-by-side, and the twin infant daughters of Royle and Amy Heady were buried with their mother, and 22-month-old Kelsey was buried with his dad.

Both caskets were placed in the same grave.

"Over 2,000 people attended the services and the most impressive thing to me was the fact that people from Carlsbad lined the roadway all the way from the civic center to the cemetery," said Geneva Smith.

"It's been a year, but it's never going to be over," she added.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Average is the poorest of the good and the best of the bad."

Scurry County agri-businessman Ted Crenwelge called our attention to a public information statement issued earlier this month by the National Weather Service in Midland.

The news release outlined the parallels between the current drought and the drought of record back in the 1950s.

The longest drought on record ran nine years, from 1950 to 1958.

The current dry spell started in 1993 and has gone on for eight years, eight months and 18 days as of Saturday.

The 1950s drought recorded 128 days where temperatures reached or exceeded 100 degrees. During the current period, temperatures have already reached or exceed the century mark on 201 days.

According to records maintained at the Midland weather office, the drought of the 1950s recorded a total of 100.21 inches. The current drought total is 95.29 inches. The release noted that if Midland receives less than 4.92 inches in the last five months of the year, a new record low for precipitation would be set.

It noted that the annual average rainfall for Midland in these five months is 3.01 inches.

Midland typically gets a little less rainfall than Snyder, so we went to our records.

In the drought of the 1950s, Snyder recorded 145.22 inches in the 8-year period compared to 135.07 inches so far in the current dry cycle.

Snyder must get another 10.15 inches between now and the end of the year to match the 1950s, otherwise we have a new record for dryness on the books.

What's the chance? The average rainfall for the last five months of the year is 8.74 inches.

The moisture outlook is not good. The weather service said that extended climate and weather outlooks indicate continued below-normal precipitation.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District official concludes:

"This gives a good answer to the question of how severe the current drought is and it looks like we are on track to establish a 'new' drought record for West Texas."

We hope they're wrong. Pray for rain - and lots of it!

During Monday meeting...
County looking at lowering tax rate

The 2002 Scurry County proposed tax rate is 46.92 cents, a seven-cent drop from the current rate, but almost five cents above the effective tax rate.

The proposed rate is just under the rollback rate of 47.01 cents, County Judge Ricky Fritz said Friday afternoon.

The rate will finance the proposed budget of $6.1 million, up from the current county spending plan of $5.9 million. However, the completed budget won't be released until early Monday, the judge said.

County Commissioners' Court will set a time and date for a public hearing concerning the tax rate when it convenes in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday.

"We'll take a look at the budget Monday and set a public hearing, probably at our next meeting, Aug. 27," Fritz said. "Then after that, we can set a date to vote on the rate at our next meeting after that one, which will be Tuesday, Sept. 4."

The budget must be available to the public for two weeks before being voted on by commissioners. Fritz said a copy of the budget will be available for public viewing in the County Auditor's office, or a complete copy can be purchased for $10.

In other business, Justice of the Peace Deborah Boyd will address the court. Fritz said she plans to request additional help for her office.

The court also will hear from Billy Haynes, representing the Scurry County Historical Society, with concerns about the Dodson House.

The historical home, located near the coliseum, is owned by the Historical Society, but sits on county property, Fritz said.

Commissioners also will consider the appointment of John Fair as assistant county veterans officer. If appointed, Fair will serve as assistant to Dan Dever. The position is voluntary.

Another item on the agenda is the consideration of the Silver Choice Plan, a Medicare-supplemental insurance program for county retirees.

"We currently have our insurance through the Texas Association of Counties," Fritz said. "We're going to compare the silver choice plan with our insurance and see if there are added benefits for our retirees. Employees over 65 also are eligible."

Fritz said the main consideration will be how the county's current prescription plan compares to the one offered by silver choice. Commissioners can vote on the item Monday or table it if they need to study it further.

One item that did not appear on the agenda for Monday's meeting is the request from the Snyder Chamber of Commerce for a request for proposal (RFP) to manage the Scurry County Coliseum.

Chamber executive director Donna Fowler said this week that she had sent the county an informal proposal via certified mail, but had not received a reply.

Fritz said the court must vote to send a RFP and that the item would be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

The court will also consider any line item transfers or budget amendments presented.

Time running short to buy season ducats

Season football tickets go on sale to the general public Monday morning at the Snyder ISD administration building.

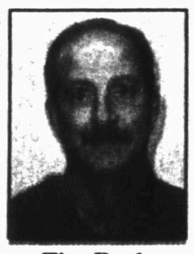
They will be available through Friday.

The cost of the season tickets is $20 for five home games. Individual game tickets are $5 each. During the season, student tickets are $2 in advance, but will be $5 at the gate.

The Snyder Tigers open their home season on Friday, Sept. 7, against Littlefield.

Burk assumes more roles as Thomas moves

Tim Burk, operations manager for TXU Electric & Gas in the Snyder-Sweetwater area, will assume the responsibilities that Daryl Thomas had before transferring with the company to the Dallas office.



Tim Burk

Burk, who was Thomas' immediate supervisor, will be assisted by Judy Suggs, the distribution service advisor.

Burk has been with TXU for some 22 years and moved to Snyder from Nacogdoches in 1997.

His family consists of his wife of two months, Connie, who works at Patterson-UTI, two sons and a stepdaughter.

"Ryan, 18, works for United and attends WTC," said Burk. "My oldest son, Brenton, attends the University of Texas in Austin and Nicole is a sophomore at Snyder High School."

Suggs is a resident of Roscoe and has been with the company 17 years.

Hermleigh schools to open Monday

Hermleigh schools open a new semester at 8 a.m. Monday – the last of the public schools in Scurry County to answer the opening bell.

"We're just hoping a bunch of kids show up," Hermleigh Supt. Jerry Church said.

"However many are here, we'll be ready."

Ira started classes Tuesday, while Snyder's campuses opened Wednesday morning.

ASK US

Q—Why hasn't KSNY-AM returned to the Christian music format?

A—The station will resume that format when it moves into its new building within the month.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 88 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Saturday, 70; no precipitation; total for 2001, 10.31 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, low lower 70s, light wind. Sunday, mostly sunny, high mid 90s, S wind 5-10 mph. Sunday night, low lower 70s.

M. J. Diaz
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Sunset:
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Of 229 days in 2001, the sun has shone 217 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

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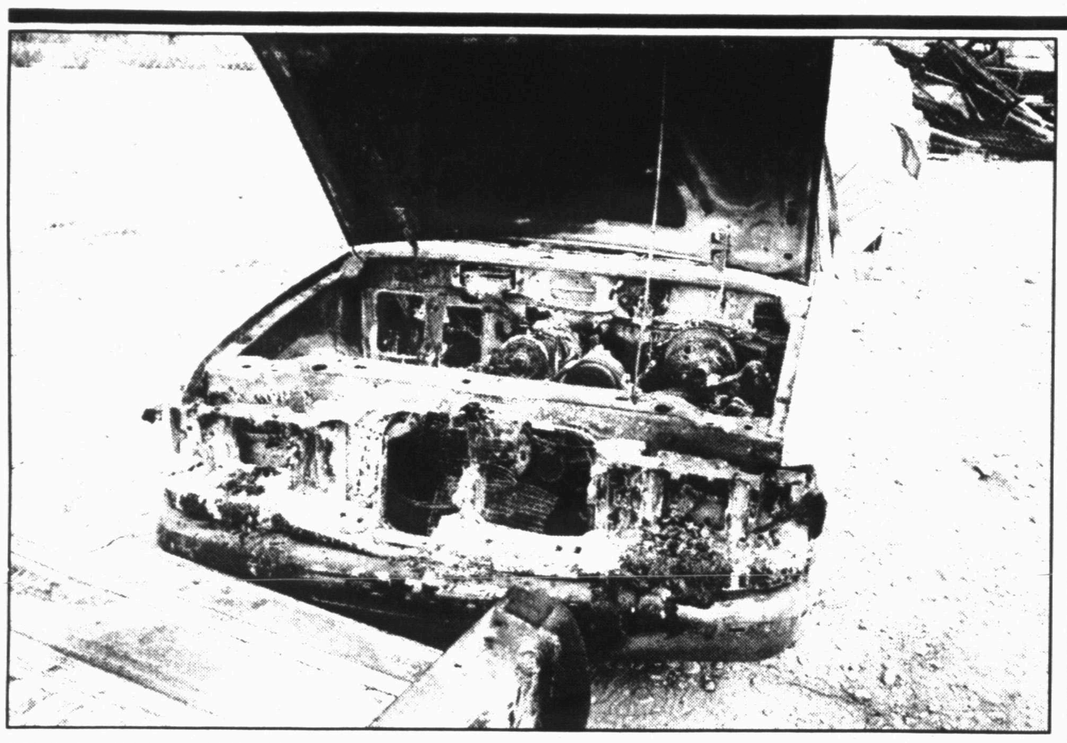

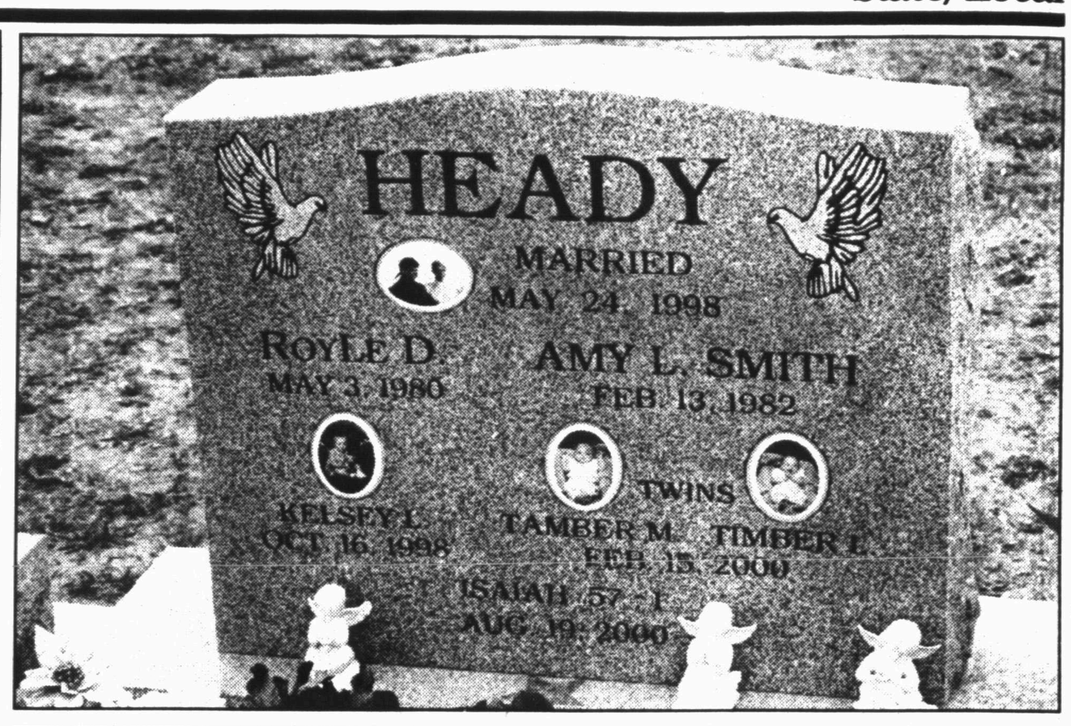

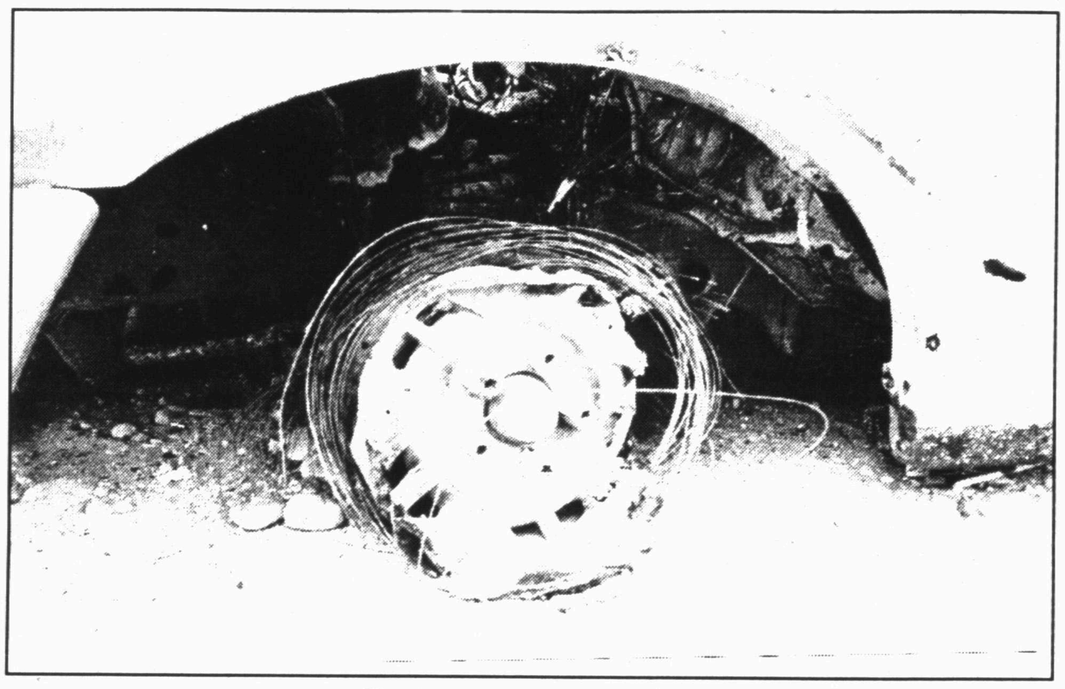

EXPLOSION AFTERMATH – The photo at the top shows the front end and engine compartment of a pickup belonging to one of the family members killed in the Aug. 19, 2000 explosion near Carlsbad, N.M. The right photo shows the steel belts remaining from a tire that disintegrated due to the intense heat. The headstone marks the grave of Royle and Amy Smith and their three children. The five were among 12 that died in the explosion while they were on a camping trip. These photos and those on Page One are courtesy of Dawn Smith and the Smith family.

ON Semiconductor restructures debt

PHOENIX (AP) — A company spun off from Motorola Inc. says it has renegotiated $944.3 million in debt and will be able to remain in operation in an attempt to ride out the electronics slump.

ON Semiconductor Corp. told the Securities and Exchange Commission this week that the new deal eases some requirements but will increase its annual interest costs by $29.5 million through March 2003.

The deal also requires that ON give up additional equity in exchange for a $100 million infusion from Texas Pacific Group, the principal shareholder.

ON had said last month that it was out of compliance with terms of its loan agreements.

The Phoenix company is eliminating about 3,000 jobs as part of its austerity program. ON had announced lesser layoffs earlier and said at the time it would cut the pay of remaining workers by 10 percent. In June, the company employed about 13,400 worldwide in nine manufacturing plants and 10 design centers.

"We're continuing to take the appropriate steps now so that we can move quickly when the market turns," said Steve Hanson, ON's president and CEO.

ON, which makes integrated circuits and chips used in a variety of consumer and other products, said its second quarter loss totaled $152.2 million.

Texas Pacific paid $1.6 billion in August 1999 for what became ON. Motorola.

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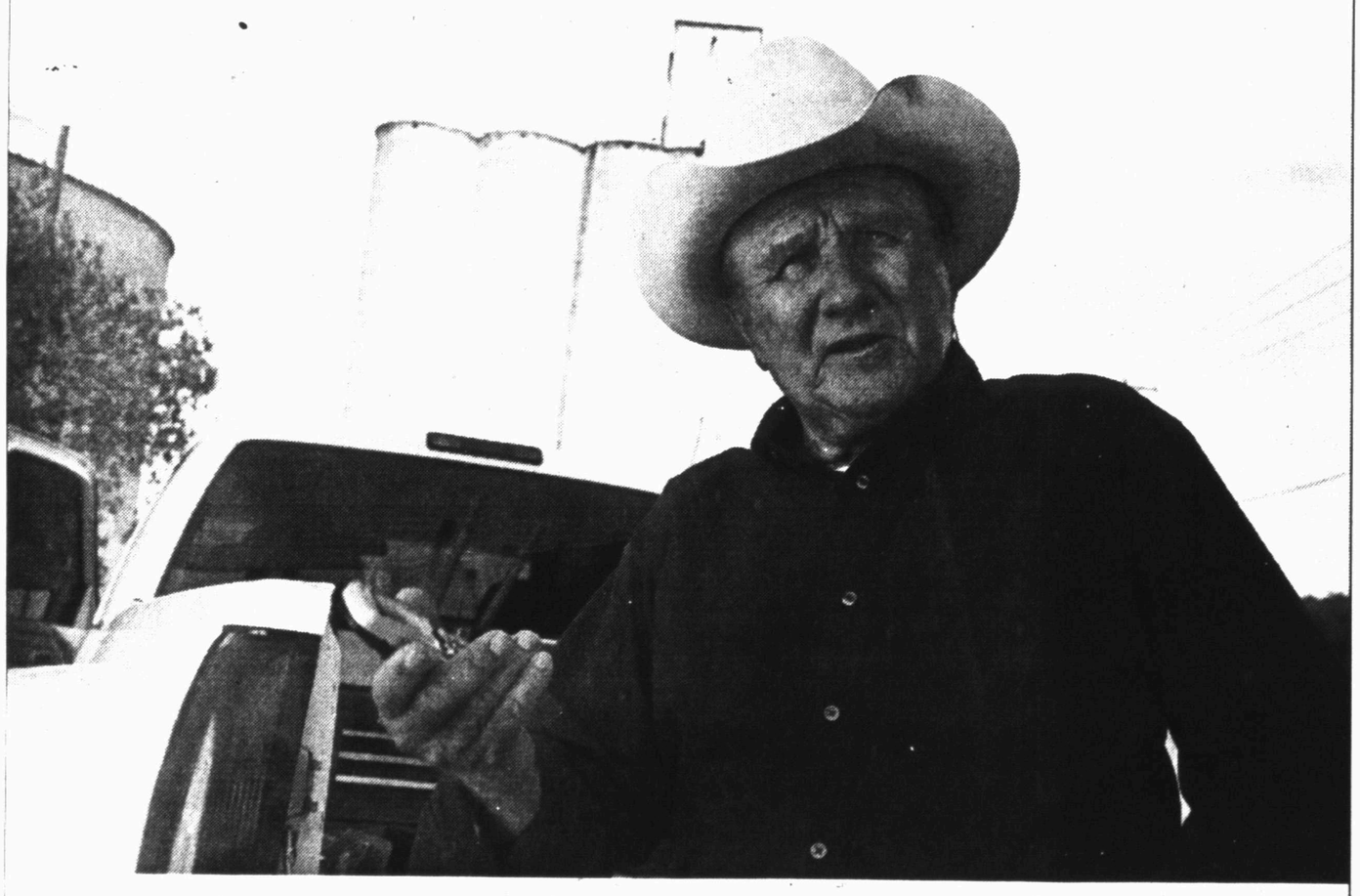

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School enrollment expected to increase in some areas

WASHINGTON (AP) — When school begins this Monday in Aurora, Colo., Carol Moreno will have all the teachers she needs. But neighboring schools may not be as lucky.

Moreno, principal of Iowa Elementary School, said student populations in the Denver suburb have soared in the past 20 years, with a more diverse student body — 19 percent of last year's kindergartners spoke Spanish as their first language, a nearly threefold increase from 1993.

A new government report says the next decade will bring more of the same. The U.S. Education Department's Projections of Education Statistics, released Thursday, predicts that Western states will lead the nation in K-12 school enrollment growth, with public schools in Colorado due for a 6.6 percent increase in students by 2011.

Colorado and 12 other Western states are expected to see enrollment rise collectively by 7.5 percent over 1999 figures, while school populations drop in 29 states, mostly in the Northeast, Midwest and South.

Enrollments are expected to drop 3.3 percent in the Midwest and 4.2 percent in the Northeast.

The report said southern states would see modest growth of around 1 percent. The exceptions are Georgia, which is expected to enroll 7.2 percent more students than in 1999, and Texas, which expects 6.6 percent more students. A few southern states, such as Kentucky, Oklahoma and West Virginia, are expected to lose from 6.5 percent to 10 percent of students.

Overall, total public and private elementary and secondary enrollment is expected to grow, from 52.9 million students in 1999 to 53.4 million in 2005. After that it will likely drop a bit, to 53 million, by 2011. In all, the total number of children in school will rise by 0.7 percent.

Figures for the report came from federal and state agencies, private researchers and groups such as the National Education Association. Sources included government surveys, compilations of administrative records from school districts and results of the 1990 U.S. Census.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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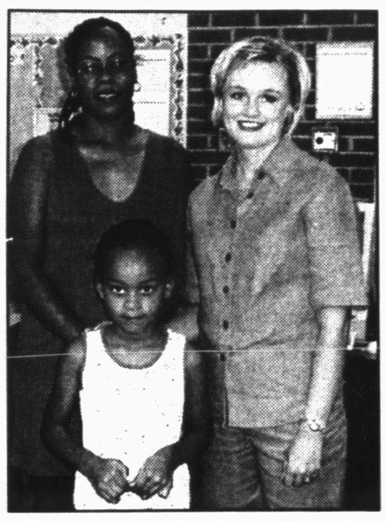
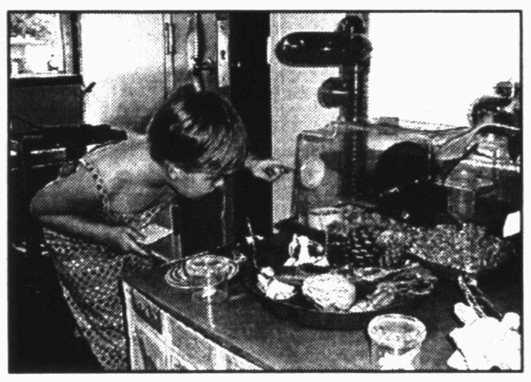
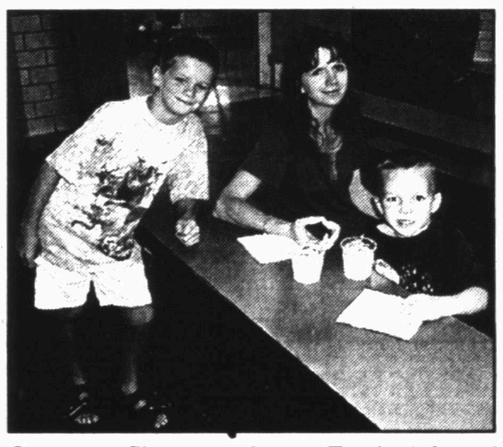


Breahna Van Winkle (above) locates her name on the door of her first grade classroom. Breahna (right) and her mother, Terri, meet Breahna's new teacher, Wendy Hunter.



Ashlyn Kildow makes friends with the hamster in her new kindergarten class. Lisa Hartzog is her teacher.

Mallorie Warren and her mother, Kelly, visit with Mallorie's second grade teacher, Carolyn Martin.



Jeannette Claxton and sons, Travis, left, and Colton visited Colton's new teacher and classroom Tuesday afternoon.

Max Westlund (left) and Aarron Irwin check out the kitchen playset in Robin Downing's pre-kindergarten class.

SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Clark Reed

Reed will tryout for game show

Clark Reed, a junior at Snyder High School, will try out for *Teen Jeopardy* Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Marriott Resort Hotel in Orlando, Fla.

Reed will have to answer some 50 questions, and if he passes he will then participate in a mock game. The *Teen Jeopardy* episode will be taped in January, and will air on the nationally syndicated game show, *Jeopardy*.

To qualify for the tryouts, Reed had to write an essay.

At SHS, Reed participates in band, drama and the Academic Decathlon.

He is the son of Pam Reed and Richard and Shauna Reed. His grandparents are John and Suzy Reed and Barbara Gray and Don Gray. All are from Snyder.

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Colorado is also known as the Centennial State.

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Only one president of the United States was elected to the House of Representatives after serving as president: John Quincy Adams.

Virus claims first victim in South

ATLANTA (AP) — The death of an elderly Atlanta woman from the West Nile virus was the South's first reported fatality from the mosquito-spread disease.

The 71-year-old woman, identified only as Miss Hill, died Aug. 11 at Grady Memorial Hospital, Fulton County health officials said Friday. Six other people are hospitalized with similar symptoms but no other cases of the virus have been confirmed.

The virus, which can cause deadly swelling of the brain, has killed nine people in New York and New Jersey since 1999. It has appeared in the South this year in two Florida residents, and in dead birds in Florida, Georgia and Virginia. Mosquitoes can transmit the virus from birds to humans and other animals.

Atlanta health officials urged residents to remove any standing pools of water where mosquitos could breed and to use bug repellent.

Officials said public spraying to kill mosquitos, like that underway this week on New York's Staten Island, would be considered only as a last resort. A 73-year-old woman on Staten Island was being treated for the virus. Infected birds have been found in several Northeast states.

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Four sentenced in identity theft conspiracy

DALLAS (AP) — Four Fort Worth area men who sometimes dressed as women while conducting an identity theft scam have been sentenced to prison terms, authorities said.

U.S. District Judge John McBryde of Fort Worth, citing monetary losses as well as mental anguish suffered by the victims, on Friday passed out higher sentences than recommended by U.S. sentencing guidelines.

One of the four, Vincent Mulinax, had filed a motion asking the judge to assess a sentence below the guideline recommendations. Mulinax, 23, claimed that, as a cross-dresser, he would have a difficult time in prison.

All four were charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 14 with conspiring to use fraudulent identification and related charges. In late March and early April, all four pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge.

The four broke into vehicles and stole various identifications, according to a statement from the office of the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. The documents were then used to purchase various items and services and secure credit card accounts.

One of the defendants, 23-year-old Robert Lake, assumed some of his victims' identities, opened bank accounts, deposited worthless checks into these accounts and then withdrew the money before the banks discovered the ruse, officials said.

U.S. Attorney Richard H. Stephens said lives were devastated by the crimes.

One of the victims was an 80-year-old widow whose savings was drained of thousand of dollars, authorities said.

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Fall 2001 Registration
Monday, August 20
Registration process begins in the WTC gymnasium
Sophomores (30+ hours)
8:30 a.m. last names P - Z
9:30 a.m. last names G - O
10:30 a.m. last names A - F
Freshmen (0 - 29 hours)
1:30 p.m. last names P - Z
2:30 p.m. last names G - O
3:30 p.m. last names A - F
Evening Registration (any students)
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Monday, August 20 Placement testing
Tuesday, August 21 Drop/adds begin at 1:30
Wednesday, August 22 Fall semester classes begin
Tuesday, August 28 Last day to register, add or change

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Local college strives to meet needs of community

A community college is unique from other institutions of higher learning. Part of its legislative mandate is to develop programs that fit the needs of local citizens. Western Texas College has successfully done this for 30 years, but efforts in the past 10 years are unprecedented — and the growth continues.

Each semester, college enrollment is reported. Usually, the count is between 1,000 and 1,200 students. Not reflected in those totals are some 800 students each quarter enrolled in workforce education — a new term for what formerly was known as adult or continuing education.

Part of WTC's stated mission is to "provide suitable courses for adults who desire to further their education, enrich their cultural lives, learn new skills or improve old ones, and improve their personal efficiency."

In a calendar year, more than 2,000 students are taking advantage of the "College Without Walls."

Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education; Dave Hanes, director of workforce technology; Terry Stephens, director of workforce education; and Tammy Shirley, director of allied health have been successfully working to build partnerships with business, industry and community organizations to develop special need courses.

Thornton said such courses are designed for short-term, intense training that is occupation specific. The length of the class and the location may vary.

For example, special classes have been designed for business and industry requests for B.P. Amoco Oil Co.; Better Machines and Mfg., Inc, Cogdell Memorial Hospital; Farmer's Design Group, Grimmitt Brothers Construction, Hamlin National Bank, Jack's Roadboring, Lorber Industries of Texas, Inc., Pied Piper Pet and Wildlife, Inc., and Red Fin.

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Generally courses are certificate of completion courses. While many classes use the college campus, many special courses are held in towns in the WTC service area such as Post, Crosbyton, Rotan, Roby, Stamford, Anson, Haskell, Winters or Colorado City.

"Market needs" drive the course offerings, Thornton said.

Some examples cited are in health-related fields. At one time, Fisher County had only one trained emergency medical technician, and EMT courses taught by WTC helped solve the shortage problem.

Then there's the continuing education required for continued certification. "We developed courses both as a refresher and to update skills," Hanes said.

WTC has achieved certification to teach courses for paramedics, the highest level of emergency response personnel. Such a course is taught over six months.

Other health-related courses include home health care aide, nurses aide, hospice and dialysis aide.

Medication aide, ACLS, CPR/First Aide, and various refreshers and updates for continuing education credits are offered. "The Allied Health Department will provide any requested need or arrange for other certified professionals to provide the training for our community or service area." Mrs. Shirley said.

Generally, part-time instructors are used in such courses and these instructors are experts in their specific field. Each quarter, between 40 and 60 part-time instructors are involved in workforce education.

Stephens emphasized that employment is a primary concern of work force education. "If they can't get a job in a certain area, then we discontinue the program.

Part of the department's job in setting up courses is to find work locations for practical experience.

In case of medical related fields, WTC has contracts with Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Covenant Hospital, Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater and two hospitals in Abilene.

Examples of customized training this year includes various computer systems, correctional officer training, floral design, lawn care, photography, sign language, small engine repair, occupational Spanish, substitute teacher training and interior design.

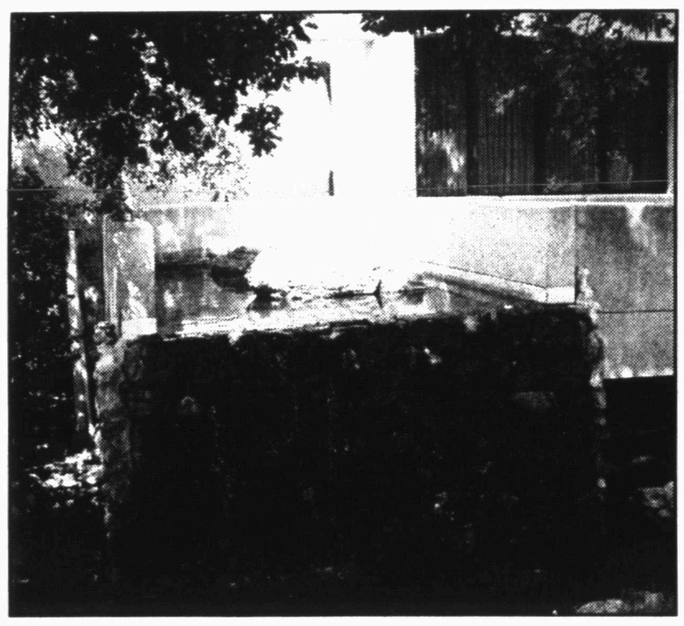
Training of correctional officers has been big business for WTC. Since 1989, the college has trained more than 3,000 correctional officers who have gone to work for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. WTC has a 98.7 employment rate with TDCJ.

Additionally, the college contracts to provide in-service training for currently employed correctional officers at the Daniel, Wallace, Ware and Smith Units of TDCJ-ID. Leanord Dodgen, director of the correctional officer training department, stated. "Last year, over 1,000 security and non-security individuals received the mandated training at WTC. By working with TDCJ-ID to secure this training contract, the student does not have to travel to Gatesville, Huntsville, and/or Beeville. The economic impact is realized by TDCJ-ID and WTC."

General education development, commonly known as GED, has helped numerous persons obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma. In a typical year, some 400 persons participate in the GED program at WTC.

Also, the adult basic education program is also involved in English as a second language program (ESL) and has benefited large groups of individual students in the area. Under the direction of Margaret Corkran, director, the program will continue its successful history, enhance opportunities for students for both the GED and ESL programs, and be involved in future plans for an international student program.

"When you read the purpose of a community college as stated in our college catalog, workforce education — in all its opportunities and services to the client is a strong, viable part of WTC. The Continuing Education Division in all its diversity is a "college without walls," said Thornton.



MUSEUM WATERFALL — This waterfall is located near the entrance to the Scurry County Museum located on the Western Texas College Campus. The college is celebrating its 30th anniversary. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Area high schools take part in concurrent enrollment

One of the current buzzwords in community colleges continues to be "concurrent enrollment." It's not a new idea, but more emphasis is placed on it each school year.

The program allows high school students to take a college class and earn both high school and college credit.

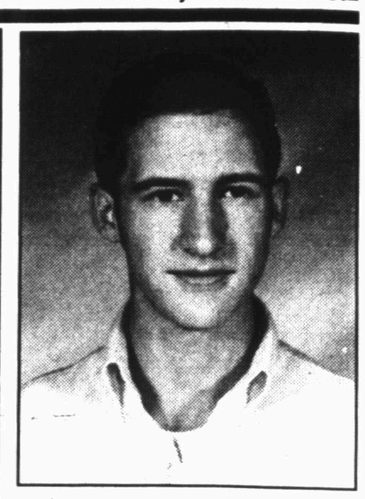
Western Texas College's pilot program, for college credit only, was conducted at Snyder High School a few years ago.

Fall semester classes include history, government, computer science, psychology, EMT, networking, economics, communications and biology.

Thirty-one high schools are participating including Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh.

Others are Anson, Aspermont, Ballinger, Christoval, Coleman, Colorado High School, Hamlin, Hawley, Highland, Jayton, Jim Ned, Loraine, May, Miles, Paint Rock, Patton Springs, Post, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Spur, Stamford, Tolar, Veribest, Rawls, Westbrook, Winters, Wylie.

Dr. James Palmer directs WTC's concurrent program. Ruth Richburg is the assistant director.



Brodie Pierce

Brodie Pierce in Who's Who

For the second consecutive year, Brodie Pierce, a senior at Snyder High School, has been nominated for *Who's Who Among High School Students.*

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

Steakley on honor roll

DALLAS — Joseph Jene Steakley, a senior at Southern Methodist University, is included on the recently released undergraduate honor roll for the spring semester. He was also named to the honor roll for the fall semester.

To be listed on the SMU honor roll, students must achieve a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average, which places them in the top 22 percent of all SMU undergraduate degree students.

Joseph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jene Steakley of Snyder.

Jailed writer will not give up notes

HOUSTON (AP) — A novice crime writer jailed for withholding notes from a grand jury investigating a 1997 murder will continue her fight despite a federal appeals court's refusal to free her, her lawyer said.

Vanessa Leggett, 33, has spent nearly a month in jail for not handing over all of her research for a book about the shooting death of a Houston woman and ensuing jailhouse suicide of a suspect.

On Friday, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled that the district court "did not abuse its discretion in ordering Leggett incarcerated for contempt."

"We'll have to make the decision whether to seek a rehearing by the entire Fifth Circuit or go directly to the Supreme Court," attorney Mike DeGeurin said after talking with his client Friday night. "I read her the opinion and of course we took issues with some of the findings."

Leggett was found in contempt of court July 20 and could be held for up to 18 months.

DeGeurin says the government is harassing Leggett, through a subpoena requesting any and all copies of her notes and interviews.

"This overly broad, I think oppressive, subpoena was a form of harassment and unnecessary," he said. "It was done with total disregard to the public and the First Amendment."

Federal prosecutors contend Leggett is not a journalist and therefore does not fall under the First Amendment's protection of the press. Leggett has not published a book or news articles.

Leggett was researching the death of Doris Angleton, who was found shot to death April 16, 1997. Her husband, Robert Angleton, and his brother, Roger, were charged with capital murder. Prosecutors alleged Robert Angleton, a millionaire former bookie, hired his brother to kill his wife to prevent her from getting millions in a divorce settlement.

Financial Focus

Need to Boost Retirement Savings Is Clearer Than Ever

Do you plan on working after you're 65? If you do, you may have plenty of company.

The percentage of people over 65 who still work has been rising since the mid-90s. In 2000, 12.8 percent of the over-65 segment still worked — the highest figure since 1979, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Several factors are behind this trend, including a ban on most forced retirements, advances in medicine and favorable changes in Social Security.

But another reason for the influx of older workers is undoubtedly the need for money. Many of today's retirees are discovering that the combination of Social Security and income from their company's retirement plan is not enough to let them live the type of retirement lifestyle they had envisioned. And, according to a poll by The New York Times, the number of Americans who said they planned to retire later than 65 rose to 20 percent in 2001, up from 15 percent in 1995 — and more than half of those who plan to keep working say they will do so for financial reasons.

To achieve sufficient income for the type of retirement you want, you'll need to bolster your retirement savings. Here are a few suggestions for doing just that:

• **Maximize your retirement plan contributions** — If you have a 401(k) or other type of tax-qualified retirement plan where you work, take full advantage of it. Your contributions grow on a tax-deferred basis, which means they'll increase much faster than they would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes every year. If you are self-employed, you also may have a number of tax-deferred retirement account possibilities, including a DEP-IRA, a SIMPLE IRA or a money-purchase pension plan. The details on these plans vary, but for you as an individual investor, the guiding principle is the same. Contribute as much as you can possibly afford.

• **Explore other retirement savings accounts** — Even if you contribute to a company-sponsored retirement plan you may be able to open a traditional or Roth IRA. Like a 401(k), your traditional IRA will provide you with tax-deferred earnings, while a Roth IRA grows totally tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions. Although the annual contribution limits on these IRAs — $2,000 per person, per year — are not large, your earnings can add up over time.

• **Consider annuities and life insurance** — If you've maxed out your contributions to your employer's retirement plan and your IRA, you may want to consider purchasing an annuity. Annuities offer tax-deferred earnings growth, plus very high contribution limits. You also can achieve tax-deferred growth through certain life insurance policies, such as universal life.

By following these suggestions, you'll go a long way toward meeting your retirement funding needs. Then, if you do not return to work after your formal retirement, you'll be doing so not because you need the money, but for a much better reason — because you want to.

Southwestern Bell will reapply for long-distance phone service

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Southwestern Bell plans to file a new federal application Monday to offer long-distance telephone service in Missouri with an enticement of lower rates for competitors to use its local lines.

An attorney for Southwestern Bell outlined the new plans Thursday to the Missouri Public Service Commission, which in March voted to allow SBC Communications, the parent company of Southwestern Bell, to offer long-distance service in Missouri.

That PSC decision cleared the way for the San Antonio-based company to seek approval from the Federal Communications Commission. But SBC withdrew its federal application after the U.S. Justice Department raised questions.

The new application seeks to convince federal authorities that Southwestern Bell's local-service markets are competitive, and it therefore should be allowed to enter the long-distance markets.

Southwestern Bell is Missouri's largest local telephone service provider with about 3.7 million lines, or 73 percent of the total, according to the PSC. Southwestern Bell also serves Texas, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma.

The 1996 Telecommunications Act allowed Southwestern Bell and the other "Baby Bells" to get into the long-distance business if they could prove that their local phone service is open to competitors.

Under the act, the local monopolies such as Southwestern Bell must sell competitors access to their networks at wholesale rates.

Southwestern Bell says competitors now hold as many as 465,000 lines in its territory — anywhere from 10 percent to 15 percent of the total lines in those areas.

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DISCIPLINE WORKSHOP — Brenda Bird recently presented a workshop on "discipline with love and logic," at Central Elementary. East Elementary teachers also attended. Bird is working in the field of parent education with the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD to strengthen families by teaching positive parenting skills. She has been a featured guest on Channel 5's "Faith Focus" and presented her much requested "home improvement" seminar at the Texas PTA Leadership Conference. Bird's educational background includes a bachelor of science degree in education from Baylor University with emphasis in speech communication and English. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

SERVICE PINS – Pins for five years of service to Western Texas College were presented Tuesday during the annual awards dinner. Pictured from left are Joyce Boyd, secretary; Roxanne Stoker, secretary; Mary Price, special needs coordinator; and Gina Goolsby, secretary. Not pictured is Arthur Sanchez, maintenance. (SDN Staff Photo)

TEN YEARS – Pam Fenton, Senior Center staffer (left); and Simon Sauceda, assistant golf course superintendent; were presented 10-year service awards Tuesday night by Western Texas College. (SDN Staff Photo)

After 32 years, Texas mother grieves for her MIA son again

ROSENBURG (AP) — A southeast Texas mother watched with mixed emotions as the flag-draped coffin of her son, who was declared missing in action for more than 30 years, arrived at Houston's Hobby Airport on Friday.

"For four years, I didn't want to leave the house. I just wanted to be home in case they called," said Geneva Martinex of Richmond.

Rudy Ray Becerra was 18 when he left home in March of 1969 to fight a war half a world away. Nearly one year later, his Army UH-1H Huey helicopter was shot down in the Dragon's Tail region of Ratanokiri Province, Cambodia, and he was never found.

The tragic accident happened on March 24, 1970. Becerra and fellow crew members had just performed an emergency mission to extract a Special Forces Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrol Operation when their helicopter was hit by enemy fire. The helicopter exploded, struck a hillside, crashed and burned.

An aerial search found no survivors, and no recovery mission was ordered because of the presence of enemy troops in the area. All on board the helicopter were declared MIA, or missing in action.

In 1978, Martinez traveled to Washington, D.C. to receive the news that Becerra was declared dead.

Joint excursions by U.S. and Cambodian and U.S. and Socialist Republic of Vietnam teams over a period of years eventually resulted in the identification of the crash site and, later, the recovery of bones.

Army officials contacted Martinez in December 1999 to request blood samples for DNA identification. Last April, Army officials reviewed their findings with Martinez at her home.

Seeing photographs of bones, the crash site, ensuing excavation and Becerra's gold dental cap were hard to bear for Martinez.

"It was like losing him all over again," she said, sobbing.

Now that her son has returned home, "It's like losing him for the third time," she said in Saturday's editions of the the Rosenburg Herald-Coaster.

Still, Martinez finds some comfort in the closure his return finally brings to her family.

She and other family members flew to Washington, D.C. Wednesday for a memorial service at Arlington National Cemetery. There, Becerra and others who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country were honored.

The family arrived at Bush Intercontinental Airport Friday morning and returned to Hobby Airport that afternoon to retrieve their fallen soldier's body.

A laying of the wreath ceremony will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Veterans' Memorial Wall at the Fort Bend County Courthouse in Richmond, followed by a military funeral parade.

Funeral services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home chapel, and will include a military caisson to the veterans' memorial section of the cemetery.

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Teen-ager acquitted of charges in alleged plot

HOLTON, Kan. (AP) — A jury acquitted a teen-ager of charges he and two classmates plotted to attack their northeast Kansas high school with homemade bombs and assault weapons.

"I'm just glad it's all over with," Richard Bradley Jr., 18, said after the verdict Friday.

Bradley, a former Royal Valley High School senior, was arrested Feb. 3 along with fellow students Jason Moss and James Lopez after police received an anonymous tip.

Authorities searched the three boys' homes and seized weapons, hand-drawn plans of the school and instructions and materials that could be used to create bombs. The alleged plot was compared to the 1999 shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., where two students killed 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves.

Lopez, 17, was convicted in April of criminal use of explosives and criminal threat. As part of a plea agreement to be tried as a juvenile, he agreed to testify against his co-defendants and was sentenced to 18 months in a juvenile correctional facility. Moss, 17, is awaiting trial Aug. 27.

During Bradley's trial, defense attorney Richard Lake argued that the testimony of many of the three dozen witnesses concerned Moss and Lopez and not his client.

Prosecutors didn't comment after the ruling.

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2 parents charged in deaths of 3 children

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Three boys ranging in age from one to 7 years old were found dead inside a cedar chest, and authorities said they had suffocated to death.

Authorities on Friday charged Clarence Woodruff, 40, and Santonia Davis, 24, both of St. Louis, with three counts each of first-degree child endangerment. Woodruff is the father of the two younger children, Davis the mother of the eldest.

All three boys — 1-year-old Khalil Malik Woodruff, 3-year-old Mali Malek Allen and 7-year-old Alexander Nicholson — died of suffocation by entrapment sometime Thursday, said St. Louis Police Chief Joe Mokwa. They were found Thursday night after their parents returned from work and reported them missing.

Mokwa said police have no witnesses or evidence to suggest anything other than accidental death.

Police said Woodruff and Davis often left the boys unsupervised while they were at work.

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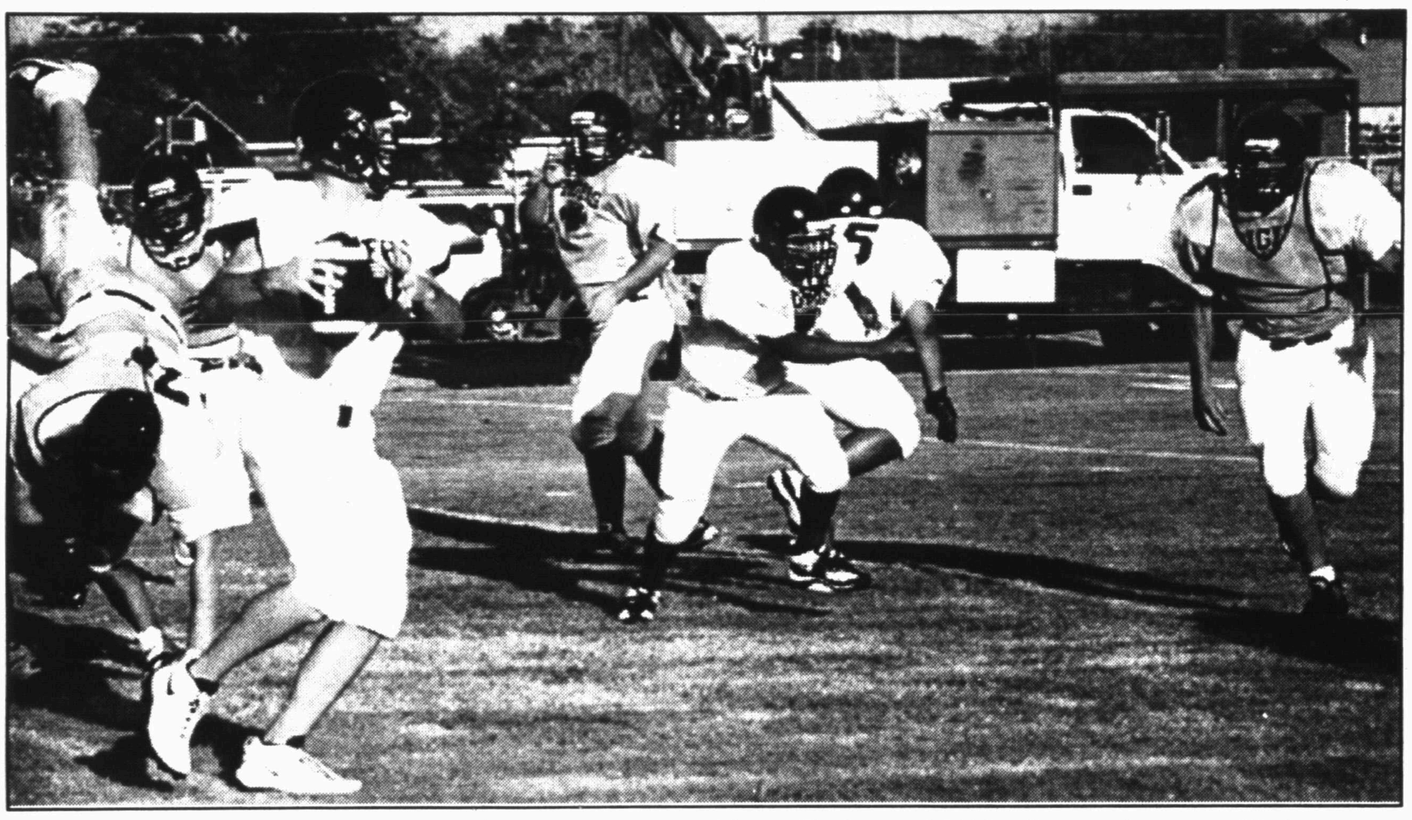

AVOIDING THE RUSH — Snyder High School reserve quarterback Colby Driggers looks downfield while eluding defenders Friday during an intrasquad scrimmage at Travis Field. The Tigers hit the road Friday for a scrimmage with Sweetwater before traveling to Monahans Aug. 31 for the season opener. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers identify work areas in scrimmage

Chad Rogers' goal at the Watermelon Bowl was to identify the areas his team needed to work on, and the first-year Snyder coach found that much of that work needs to be done on offense.

Snyder's first-team offense struggled during a brief 18-play appearance in Friday's intrasquad scrimmage at Travis Field.

The Tigers managed one score, thanks in part to a pair of long runs by junior quarterback T.J. Jones, but couldn't find consistency in their new option-oriented wishbone attack.

"We're going to learn a lot from this," said Rogers. "When the kids tried to pick things up a notch to game speed, it threw the timing off. They have to learn the difference between practice speed and game speed."

The Tigers shined defensively, but may have suffered a damaging blow when senior starting linebacker T.J. Cagle suffered an elbow injury on the second play of the evening and sat out the rest of the night.

Cagle (6-0, 185) was to be evaluated Saturday morning. The extent of the injury wasn't immediately known.

"The defense did a good job," Rogers stated. "The defense is usually a little ahead of the offense at this point in the year. I liked our enthusiasm defensively, and the way the guys were attacking the ball.

"We just have to work out the kinks offensively, and that's the whole objective of an intrasquad scrimmage. We found out what we need to work on and now we're going to work hard to fix it."

Snyder travels to scrimmage Sweetwater on Friday, before visiting Monahans Aug. 31 for the season opener.

Luling High player dies after practice

LULING (AP) — A 15-year-old football player at Luling High School died Friday after returning home from a morning workout.

An autopsy was ordered in the death of Steven Taylor, but officials said they don't believe it was heat-related.

The team's morning practice consisted of noncontact walkthroughs in shorts and pads. Temperatures were in the 80s.

Taylor was unconscious and not breathing when authorities went to his home Friday morning after receiving a 911 call from his mother. He was taken to Seton Edgar B. Davis Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Luling is 50 miles northeast of San Antonio.

Cowboys, Saints set for Saturday night tangle...

Carter relishing sudden role as starter

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In one week, Quincy Carter has gone from the Dallas Cowboys' backup quarterback to the starter. And the week's not over yet.

On Saturday Carter makes his first NFL start against the New Orleans Saints.

"It's always been a dream of mine to be a starting quarterback in the NFL. Then when you add the Dallas Cowboys to it, it's just a dream come true to me," Carter said. "I'm just going to have fun and do the best I can do."

Carter, drafted this spring to be the long-term replacement to Troy Aikman, became the immediate successor Tuesday when the Cowboys (0-2) released veteran Tony Banks.

Although he's 23, a bit older than the regular NFL rookie because he played two years of minor league baseball, Carter is green. Among the things he has to work on are his passes, some of which even he calls "flutterballs."

But Carter has looked better in games than in practices. He went 9-of-15 for 167 yards and two touchdowns in his preseason debut against Oakland and was 6-of-11 for 48 yards against Denver, leading Dallas into field-goal range twice.

"He shows a lot of skills from a leadership standpoint," running back Emmitt Smith said. "He still has to learn the system and work on some of the mechanics of the game. But he's working hard and he's worked hard all off-season."

If the Saints (0-1) defense has any say about it, Carter will have a real educational experience Saturday.

"There are some things we'd like to show Quincy," said Saints defensive end Willie Whitehead. "Like the roof of the Superdome."

The Saints defense, one of the toughest in the league, is not only looking forward to schooling Carter, it's eager to see Smith as well.

"It'll be fun seeing a young quarterback, but we're just concentrating on what we need to get better," said tackle Norman Hand. "What we need is to show we can do the whole thing, especially that we can stop the run. Emmitt is one of the best in the league, so he's the guy we want to test us."

In the Saints' first exhibition game, a 28-21 loss to Minnesota, the No. 1 defense was embarrassed when the Vikings steamrolled to two quick touchdowns on their first two possessions.

Coach Jim Haslett pulled his starters after that, then later criticized his vaunted defense in a team meeting.

"These guys were embarrassed," defensive line coach Sam Clancy said. "I can tell you one thing, that's going to be on their minds Saturday night."

The Cowboys will probably play their starters longer against the Saints. Coach Dave Campo thinks they need the work.

Receiver Joey Galloway, who is still trying to perfect his partnership with Carter, agrees with the plan.

"The way preseason is, if you go a couple of three-and-outs, you're going to be out there longer," Galloway said. "I can't wait to get out there."

Galloway is also hoping the extra work will payoff in a victory. He doesn't buy the theory that preseason games don't matter, especially since Dallas has lost eight straight preseason games.

"Winning is always important," Galloway said. "Any time we go out on the field we have to compete and win. The preseason is no different."

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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	28	21
New England	1	0	0	1.000	14	0
Miami	1	1	0	.500	27	31
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	10	24
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	10	20
Central						
Tennessee	2	0	0	1.000	50	34
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	10	3
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	40	40
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	23	43
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	27	40
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
West						
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	31	21
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	20	6
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	20	0
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	25	24
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	21	28

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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	27	19
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	7	10
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	20	41
Washington	0	2	0	.000	6	47
Central						
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	52	31
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	40	40
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	24	27
Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	3	10
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	14	17
West						
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	63	33
St. Louis	2	1	0	.667	51	43
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	16	18
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	21	28
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	24	25

Thursday's Games
New York Giants 27, Jacksonville 5
Minnesota 24, Pittsburgh 10

Friday's Games
Atlanta 27, Washington 6
Tennessee 23, St. Louis 10

Saturday's Games
San Diego at Miami, 7 p.m.
New England at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Baltimore at New York Jets, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Game
Oakland at San Francisco, 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 20
Denver at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 23
Carolina at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Jacksonville, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tennessee, 8 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 24
Cleveland at Washington, 8 p.m.
Indianapolis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 25
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
New England at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Arizona at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Miami at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
New York Jets at New York Giants, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at San Diego, 10 p.m.

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Atlanta	67	54	.554	—
Philadelphia	67	54	.554	—
Florida	59	62	.488	8
New York	54	68	.443	13½
Montreal	52	70	.426	15½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	68	52	.567	—
Houston	69	53	.566	—
St. Louis	66	55	.545	2½
Milwaukee	51	68	.429	16½
Cincinnati	48	73	.397	20½
Pittsburgh	45	76	.372	23½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	70	51	.578	—
San Francisco	69	53	.566	1½
Los Angeles	67	55	.549	3½
San Diego	60	61	.496	10
Colorado	51	70	.421	19

Friday's Games
Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 1
Houston 6, Pittsburgh 5
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3
Colorado 12, Florida 5
Montreal 4, San Diego 0
Arizona 7, Chicago Cubs 2
Los Angeles 8, N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 2, San Francisco 1

Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh (J.Anderson 6-13) at Houston (Reynolds 11-10), 1:15 p.m.
Atlanta (Marquis 2-4) at San Francisco (Rueter 12-7), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 7-15) at Cincinnati (Dessens 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Clement 7-8) at Colorado (Neagle 6-6), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 2-0) at St. Louis (Smith 3-1), 8:10 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 6-8) at San Diego (Jones 7-14), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Bere 8-6) at Arizona (Johnson 16-5), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Chen 5-6) at Los Angeles (Baldwin 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Milwaukee (Neugebauer 0-0) at Cincinnati (Reyes 1-3), 1:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (Coggin 4-1) at St. Louis (Morris 15-7), 2:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 9-10) at Houston (Oswalt 9-2), 2:35 p.m.
Florida (Sanchez 2-2) at Colorado (Thomson 0-5), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 6-11) at Los Angeles (Park 11-8), 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tavarez 8-8) at Arizona (B.Anderson 3-8), 4:35 p.m.
Montreal (Armas Jr. 8-11) at San Diego (Hamdon 1-1), 5 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 11-5) at San Francisco (Schmidt 8-7), 8:08 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	73	49	.598	—
Boston	66	54	.550	6
Toronto	58	64	.475	15
Baltimore	52	70	.426	21
Tampa Bay	43	80	.350	30½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	68	53	.562	—
Minnesota	64	58	.525	4½
Chicago	60	60	.500	7½
Detroit	50	70	.417	17½
Kansas City	49	73	.402	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	87	35	.713	—
Oakland	70	52	.574	17
Anaheim	65	57	.533	22
Texas	52	70	.426	35

Friday's Games
Toronto 11, Texas 3
Baltimore 11, Boston 5
Anaheim 7, Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 4, Seattle 0
Detroit 4, Kansas City 2
Tampa Bay 9, Minnesota 4
Oakland 9, Chicago White Sox 2

Saturday's Games
Anaheim (Rapp 5-9) at Cleveland (Sabathia 12-4), 1:15 p.m.
Oakland (Mulder 15-6) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 3-1), 1:15 p.m.
Texas (Bell 4-7) at Toronto (Halladay 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pineiro 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 3-5), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Johnson 10-7) at Boston (Fossum 1-0), 5:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 6-10) at Detroit (Pettyjohn 0-5), 5:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Bierbrodt 3-4) at Minnesota (Lohse 3-5), 7:05 p.m.

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SPORTS

After second round of PGA Championship...

Woods makes cut; Toms shares lead

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — Tiger Woods is convinced he can still win the PGA Championship.

First, he had to survive the cut.

Woods stared down a situation that comes all too rarely for the world's best player, ramming in two long birdie putts on back-to-back holes just to have a chance to play this weekend at sweltering Atlanta Athletic Club.

Now that he's made the cut, Woods is ready to get back to his primary goal. Never mind that the prospect of capturing another major is even more daunting than the two putts he made: a 40-footer at No. 15, followed by a 30-footer at 16.

Can he still win?

"Without a doubt," said Woods, who has nine strokes and 56 players to overcome. "Low rounds are out there. Hopefully I can go out early and post a low round."

He will be finished by the time co-leaders David Toms and Shingo Katayama tee off. By then, it should be known if Woods has any chance Sunday.

"With the game he has, there's no reason he can't win the golf tournament," Toms said.

For now, the focus shifts to players such as Phil Mickelson and David Duval, positioned much higher than Woods. Mickelson was a single shot back after consecutive 66s, once again putting himself in contention for his first major title. Duval, riding the momentum of winning the British Open, had just three strokes to make up on Toms and Katayama, tied at the top after record-tying 131s.

With four holes remaining Friday, Woods wasn't concerned about the winning score. He was 2 over par and facing the very real possibility of having to watch the second half of the tournament on television.

The final four at Atlanta Athletic Club is the toughest stretch of holes on the course. When Woods got to 15, the projected cut was wavering between even par and 1 over, so he knew he would need at least one birdie, maybe two.

By the Tiger standard, Woods' game has been in shambles this summer. He has — gasp! — actually gone a couple of majors without winning, finishing in a tie for 12th at the U.S. Open and a disappointing 25th at the British.

Somehow, Woods summoned two more shots for the ages — even if they don't have anything to do with winning the tournament. Just off the 15th green, he rammed in a putt that provided the first birdie. At the 16th, he made another long putt just in case.

As it turned out, the cut was 1-over 141. Woods shot a 67 to bring his two-day total to 140, clinching an early Saturday tee time.

SHS learning volleyball lessons

ABILENE — The Snyder Lady Tigers got an eye-opener Friday, and Coach Patty Grimmett believes they'll be a better team because of it.

Snyder ran up against two of the region's better teams Friday on its way to a third-place finish in the pool-play portion of the Bev Ball Classic.

The third-place showing in their pool was to have put the Lady Tigers back on the court Saturday morning to face Breckenridge in the opening round of the challengers' bracket.

Snyder toppled Fort Worth Christian to open Friday's action, but managed only six points in a setback to Springtown before falling to El Paso Franklin.

"It was definitely a learning experience for our girls," said Grimmett. "We have so many girls that have never played varsity before, and those teams were primarily seniors.

"But once we realized it was still the same game we've been playing, the girls settled down and played hard. It's playing these type of teams now, that makes you better by the time district rolls around."

The Lady Tigers were hampered somewhat by the absence of two front-line players. Junior Ashley Tuttle is attending a family member's wedding, and junior Afton Schwertner is nursing a sore shoulder.

"Afton played, but we used her mainly for her blocking," Grimmett said. "We tried not to set her, because she's hitting left-handed right now so that she can rest her right shoulder. Not having those two hitters hurt us some, but I was pleased with the other girls who stepped up."

The semifinals of the challengers' bracket was scheduled for Saturday afternoon, with the title match slated for 5 p.m.

Rounding out Snyder's bracket were Weatherford, Peaster, El Paso Burges, Colorado City, Brownwood and FW Christian.

Pool Play
(all games start with score of 4-4)
Snyder def. FW Christian
15-12, 15-10
Snyder service points: Kallie Billingsley, 9; Kate Wright, Shelly Fisk and Leticia Martinez, 3; Chaelyn Robinson; 2; Amber Alexander and Laura Billingsley, 1.
Springtown def. Snyder
15-9, 15-5
Snyder service points: Martinez, 4; Alexander and Fisk, 1.
EP Franklin def. Snyder
15-6, 15-12
Snyder service points: L. Billingsley, 3; Alexander and Fisk, 2; Martinez, Robinson and K. Billingsley, 1.

GAINING GROUND — Snyder quarterback T.J. Jones eludes tacklers during an intrasquad scrimmage Friday. The junior starter made a pair of nifty runs on the Tigers' only scoring drive of the evening. (SDN Staff Photo)

NOWHERE TO RUN — A Snyder defender puts the clamps on running back Jammall Pruitt during Friday's Watermelon Bowl at Travis Field. (SDN Staff Photo)

Frye hits for cycle in win over Rangers

TORONTO (AP) — Jeff Frye decided to pull up for the cycle instead of going for a double, but nobody thought his feat deserved an asterisk

Frye became the second Toronto player to hit for the cycle, and four Blue Jays homered off Texas reliever Pat Mahomes in the sixth inning in an 11-3 victory Friday night over the Rangers.

Frye stopped at first base to complete the fourth major league cycle this season instead of continuing on for his second double of the game.

"It was hard for me to stop, but I'm the type of player where that opportunity will probably never happen for me again," said Frye, who had a bicycle waiting for him when he got to his locker. "Cycles are pretty rare in baseball. When a guy like me, hitting .219 coming into the game, hits the cycle, I guess it was meant to be."

After tripling in the second inning, doubling in the fifth and homering in sixth, Frye lined a 3-2 pitch in the seventh from Texas' Kevin Foster into the gap in right-center field, giving Toronto an 11-2 lead.

Frye decided not to take the sure extra base, electing to stay at first for a piece of baseball history — joining Kelly Gruber as the only Blue Jays to accomplish the feat.

First base coach Garth Iorg yelled at Frye to stop.

"I was looking at Garth and saying 'What do I do? What do I do?'", and he goes 'stop, stop!,'" Frye said. "And before I went up, I asked Cito Gaston what do I do if I hit a ball like that, and he said stay at first. Tell them I told you to. So if he says it's all right, it's all right."

Texas third base coach Bobby Jones also told him to go for it.

"Even Bobby Jones told me to stop. He said if it's a close you got to go, but an eight run lead you stop at first," Frye said.

Gruber, in Toronto for alumni week, was on his way to Sky-Dome when he received a call that Frye was a single short of the cycle. Gruber made it for Frye's fourth at-bat, and came onto to the field to hug Frye when he did it.

"For it to happen when I'm here, that's what blows my mind," Gruber said.

When Frye returned to his locker following the game, he didn't realize why a bicycle was waiting for him.

"What's this?," Frye said with a puzzled look. "Oh, a cycle. I didn't know these guys were that smart."

Alex Rodriguez homered twice for the Rangers, who have lost five straight.

Titans tackle Rams, 23-10

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Kurt Warner got his first extensive playing time of the preseason Friday night, and results were spotty in the Tennessee Titans' 23-10 victory over the St. Louis Rams.

The game matched the teams that met in the 2000 Super Bowl, a 23-16 Rams victory. The Titans (1-1) also beat the Rams 30-3 last year in the preseason in Nashville, when the wounds were much fresher from the big game.

This one was a lot sloppier than the Super Bowl, with the Rams committing four turnovers and the Titans two. St. Louis also had a kickoff return for touchdown by Aveion Cason at the end of the half called back because of holding.

Warner, who played only one series in the second preseason game, ran the NFL's No. 1 offense for a quarter-and-a-half this time. He was 7-for-11 for 108 yards, but also threw two interceptions and lost a fumble while being sacked by Blaine Bishop to short circuit the Rams' first possession.

Sports Briefs

Sammy Baugh tournament

The 10th annual "Slingin" Sammy Baugh Snyder Golf Tournament will be held Sept. 8 at Western Texas College. Proceeds benefit Snyder ISD golf programs.

Format is four-person scramble and cost is $140 per team. Shotgun starts are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded with $600 going to the winning team.

Entry deadline is Sept. 7. Registration forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

Flag football

Any teams interested in playing in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation flag football league should contact Earl Ware at 573-0800.

Western Texas MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College holds a weekly event at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Players need to register in the pro shop by 5:30.

Tuesday scramble and all-day MGA

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club holds its weekly scramble at 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday.

Also, an all-day MGA event is held each Thursday.

WGA play day

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Sunday, Aug. 19
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Proposal/Bid documents may be obtained from the Business Office of Ira ISD, P.O. Box 240, Ira, TX 79527-0240.

Ira ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive all formalities.

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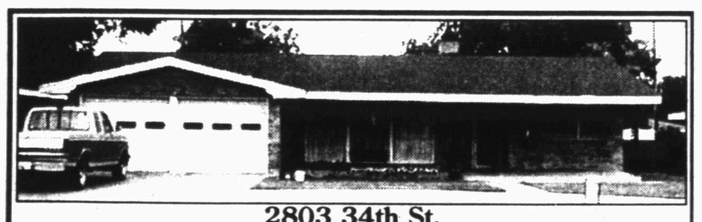

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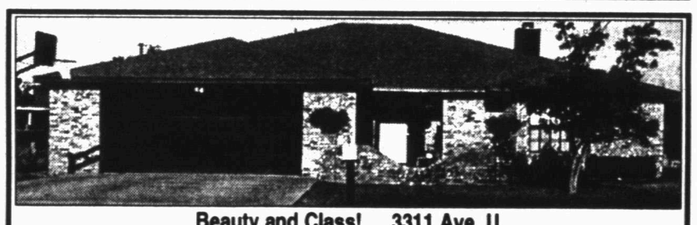

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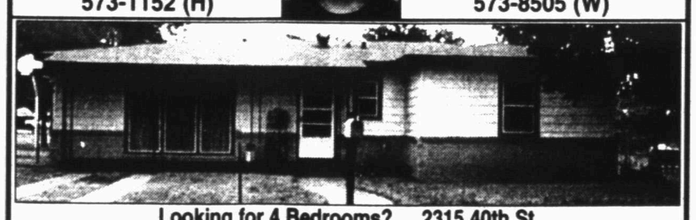

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2803 34th 3-2-2, 2 living areas, entertainment room/office, cellar	$100's
3309 Irving 3-2-2	$109T
3-1½ on 5A's, Barn & Arena, Ira	$65T
2218 45th 3-2-1cp	$59.5T
4008 Irving 3-2-2	$58T
2315 40th 4-2¾	$46T
2805 Ave. V 3-1	$42T
2404 42nd Brick, 2-1-2	$40's
6329 FM 1606 Ira 3-2-2cp	$39.5T
Hwy 84 in Hermeigh 3-2	$29.9T
3797 Dalton 2-1-1	$25T
703 27th 3-1	$16.9T

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2409 36th Nearly new 4-3-3	$175T
Near Ira 4-2-2 Small A's, pool	$145T
FM 1611 2-story log hm on 1A	$115T
2609 36th 4-3-1-1cp	$107T
2511 30th 3 or 4-2-3	$75T
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3605 40th 3-2-2	$68.5T
2401 40th 3-2-1-1cp	$26.5T
2501 48th 4-3½-4, pool	$180T
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2708 48th 4-2-2	$88.5T
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4505 El Paso Nice 4-2-2	$86.5T
2701 34th 3-2-2	$86T
2808 47th 3-2-2	$75T
2301 43rd 3-2, living + den	$69.5T
3605 Jacksboro 3-2½-2	$69.5T
3310 Ave. V 3-2-2	$62T
3109 Ave. A 4-3-1cp	$57.5T
4500 Denison 3-2-2cp	$55T
2100 42nd 3-2	$51.5T
3503 Kerrville 3-2-2	$49.9T
College Ave. Large office Bldg.	$48T
3007 41st Updated 3-1, 2 liv. areas	$43.9T
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3717 Avondale 3-1-1	$35T
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*3911 Eastridge	3-2-2	$450
*3004 40th St.	3-2	$400
*3709 Highland	3-2	$425

Available Sept. 1st

*2212 42nd St.	3-1	$450
*3503 Houston	3-2-1	$550
*3609 44th St.	3-2-2	$625

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4500 Denison	3-2-2cp
3204 42nd St.	3-1
2301 43rd St.	3-2
4109 Eastridge	3-2
3606 Irving	3-2-1

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Call Faye Blackledge

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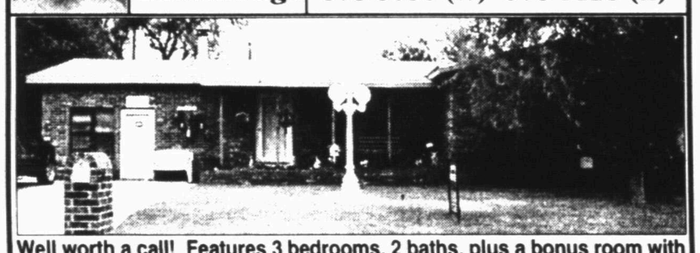

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2805 Ave. V Yester year 3-2-1cp $42T
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2809 Westridge 3-3-2, basement & more...$130's
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2808 47th - Pretty 3-2-2 $75T
3-2-2, den & living - income property plus acreage.....$100's
3765 Sunset 3-1½-1 & office...$25T
2905 Ave. W -Open & Airy- 3-1½ $30's
2510 Towle Park 3-2-cp-pool $90's
2208 45th Walk to Park! 4-2-4 $62T
2202 41st - Real Deal- 3-1, den $30's
Country Getaway 2-2, office, 20+A's $100's
3505 Irving Terms! 3-1-¾,1.....$40's
80 A's/Extra nice home 3-2-2, basement $100's
PRIVATE 3-1¾-cp 160 A's $100's
2403 42nd - Roomy 3-1¾-1.....$55T
2701 34th UPDATED 3-2-2, Sun porch.....$86T
4107 Avondale Reduced Again 3-1-1 $28T
3403 Irving EXTRA ROOM 5,2 $60's
4500 Denison Best Value 3-2-2cp $50's
3609 Irving Walk to school 3-1¾-1....$40's
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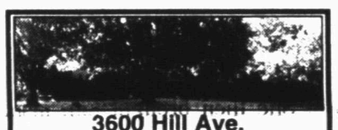

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More Senate clashes expected over Bush nominations when Congress returns

WASHINGTON (AP) — All of President Bush's 164 unconfirmed nominees for executive and judicial positions must return to "Go" when the Senate reconvenes in September because of a political tiff over two of them.

Rather than let the Senate tell Bush to submit new candidates to head the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the State Department's Western Hemisphere affairs bureau, Republicans forced Democrats to send back all nominations awaiting approval.

The move was strictly procedural and senators in both parties expect Bush to renominate all of his candidates. However, it foreshadows more confirmation battles when Congress reconvenes after Labor Day.

Republicans made it clear they will try to portray Democrats as obstructionists if they don't allow votes by the full Senate on some of Bush's more controversial choices.

"To isolate it down to one or two this early in the session, we believe, is a problem," said Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott. "We realize it is a ministerial process now. They will all be sent down and all will be bundled up and sent back, but it does highlight our concern about the way these two nominees are being treated."

The events unfolded when the Senate Commerce Committee rejected Mary Sheila Gall's nomination to head the consumer agency on a 12-11, party-line vote. Looking to peel off a Democrat or two in the full Senate, Republicans demanded she get a vote there, despite the committee's action. Not likely, responded Tom Daschle, D-S.D., who as majority leader controls the Senate agenda

Then just before recessing, Senate Democratic Whip Harry Reid of Nevada told GOP leaders his party wanted to return to the White House the nominations of Gall and Otto Reich for the State Department's top position for Western Hemisphere affairs.

Senior Democrats say Reich, who has yet to get a hearing, is too divisive for his position. His supporters claim he is being targeted for his strident antipathy toward Cuban leader Fidel Castro. From 1983 to 1986, Reich headed a State Department office that was accused of running a prohibited covert propaganda campaign against Nicaragua's then communist-backed government.

Lott rejected Reid's ploy, saying Democrats would have to return all of Bush's nominations.

Beyond the contentious confirmation of Attorney General John Ashcroft and the rejection of Gall, Bush's choices for administration jobs have won Senate approval with little or no controversy.

Senators have confirmed 227 of Bush's nonjudicial appointees with only 57 nominations not acted upon, according to the Brookings Institution's Presidential Appointee Initiative, a nonpartisan research organization.

During similar time spans, the Senate confirmed 270 of President Reagan's 304 nominees in 1981, and 199 of President Clinton's 228 nominees in 1993, Brookings data shows.

Only four of Bush's judicial nominees have won confirmation — two to fill Appeals Court vacancies and two district judges. And several judicial nominees have drawn fire from several Democratic-dominated constituency groups because of their conservative credentials.

While the Senate's Foreign Relations committee weighs Reich's nomination, its Judiciary committee will tackle Bush's choices of Jeff Sutton, Michael McConnell and Miguel Estrada for Appeals Court vacancies.

"The ones they've done so far have been non-controversial," said Sheldon Goldman, a University of Massachusetts professor and author of the book, "Picking Federal Judges: Lower Court Selection From Roosevelt Through Reagan."

"Now we'll have to see what they do with Estrada, Sutton, with the whole slew of them like McConnell," Goldman said.

Disability groups have organized against Sutton, who argued and won a case in which the Supreme Court ruled that state government employees cannot sue for discrimination under the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Groups like Americans United for Separation of Church and State oppose McConnell, who is recognized as a critic of abortion rights and church-state separation. Estrada is a partner in the Washington firm that represented Bush before the Supreme Court during his Florida recount fight with Al Gore.

Court: No new trial for Unabomber

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court has ruled that Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski won't get a new trial.

Kaczynski was first denied his request in February and had asked for a rehearing before the three-judge panel as well as the full court.

Both requests were denied Friday by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in a 2-1 decision.

Kaczynski pleaded guilty in 1998 to a nearly 20-year bombing spree that killed three people and injured 23. Kaczynski, dubbed the Unabomber, led authorities on the nation's longest and costliest manhunt.

He based his request for an appeal on a claim that a federal judge in Sacramento overseeing the case violated his rights by allowing his lawyers to use his mental condition as a defense, over his objections, and by denying his request to represent himself.

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On Nutrition by Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

How can one control Celiac disease?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Thank you for writing a column about Celiac disease. We need to get the public more aware of this disease. Both my husband and son have it. My husband was diagnosed 14 years ago and left the doctor's office with a list of three things to stay away from, and no other help or resources. Most of the people in this country, especially the recently diagnosed, are left uninformed very early on and usually flounder on their own for years.

My goal in life is to educate and make more people aware of the truth and tell them about the great companies that make it possible for my 3-year-old son to live a somewhat normal life. There is a great Web site called http://www.glutenfreemall.com. They offer products from all over the world that are guaranteed to be gluten-free. There is also a Celiac support group at Delphi forums. (Go to http://www.delphi.com, and then run a search on the word "gluten.") I have found information that has proved to be of tremendous help. **- M.F., Charlotte, N.C.**

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I wanted to thank you for your column on the gluten-free diet. My 12-year-old son was diagnosed with Celiac disease 10 years ago and has been gluten-free ever since. Your column was refreshingly accurate, which we who are trying to raise awareness of CD greatly appreciate.

For future reference, you might want to know of two additional resources. One is a free support group for parents of Celiac kids called R.O.C.K. (Raising Our Celiac Kids), which I founded 10 years ago. We have chapters throughout the country, and people are invited to contact R.O.C.K. via e-mail at danna@celiackids.com. We are working on a support site at http://www.celiackids.com.

The other resource is a book I wrote called "Kids with Celiac Disease: A Family Guide to Raising Happy, Healthy, Gluten-Free Children" (Woodbine House, 2001). It's the only book of its type (a "survival guide" for dealing with the gluten-free diet), and profits go to Celiac research. **- D.K., San Diego, Calif.**

Dear M.F. and D.K.: Thank you both for your letters, and I hope that this second column will help further the discussion. I also want to correct a mistake I made concerning the incidence of Celiac disease. I had stated that approximately one in 2,000 people have this condition. I have since learned that it is much more common than many people (or health-care providers) realize. The latest projections reveal that the prevalence may be as high as one in 300.

Many cases, it would seem, escape diagnosis because the disease does not always present classic symptoms. In some cases, the signs are similar to those of other diseases, including ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel syndrome, Crohn's disease, diverticulosis, chronic fatigue syndrome and depression. Blood tests and biopsies are used to diagnose Celiac disease, and, because the condition is hereditary, family members may also need to be tested.

With Celiac disease there is an acute intolerance to gluten, a complex protein found in grains — most notably wheat, barley, rye and oats. (Some patients do not seem to be sensitive to oats.) I want to respond to a number of readers who were concerned by my statement that small amounts of (barley) malt flavoring, such as that used in cereals, might be acceptable for some people.

My comments attempted to reflect inconsistent reports. I had stated that it was "unclear whether there would be a sufficient amount (of gluten) in a bowl of (Rice Krispies) cereal to provoke an attack." I stated it in this way because I have reports that some people with Celiac disease are able to eat these foods without incident. Celiac disease is an example of a pathology in which not everyone has the same degree of difficulty, which is why I added, "Again, it comes down to your understanding of the nature and severity of your disease."

Let me say that when one is dealing with potentially disabling reaction, such as that experienced by individuals with Celiac disease, it makes sense to avoid suspect foods, especially in light of the fact that there are gluten-free alternatives available.

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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Prosecutor: Mother believed baby would rise after death

STUART, Fla. (AP) — Everything seemed normal when Jennifer Cisowski and her boyfriend arrived at their parents' upscale home with the couple's 8-month-old son for a visit.

But about a week later in the pre-dawn hours, the 21-year-old mother from Marlborough, Conn., claimed she heard inner voices telling her to do things to her baby to test her faith in God and believed her boyfriend was possessed by demons.

The young mother believed her baby would rise from the dead if her faith was strong enough, prosecutors said. She is accused of killing the boy by slamming him to the ground and throwing him down a flight of stairs early Tuesday.

In the half-million dollar Palm City home that deadly night were Cisowski, her boyfriend Christopher Fusscas and her sister, 17-year-old Tabitha Cisowski.

Tabitha Cisowski, who was home for the summer from boarding school, told investigators she went to bed around midnight, but later was awakened by noises.

Jennifer Cisowski allegedly asked her sister to help get rid of the demons she believed possessed Fusscas, 29, the son of former Connecticut Rep. James Peter Fusscas.

Fusscas ran around the home and struggled with Tabitha Cisowski, who tried to exorcise demons from him by "laying on of hands," Assistant State Attorney Tom Bakkedahl told The Palm Beach Post.

Meanwhile, Cisowski said she heard the voice of God giving her commands to test the strength of her faith.

The voice in her head first told her to place the baby in his crib, she told investigators. Then it told her to drop him several times on the stone patio. The baby cried at first, but then became silent, she said.

She then brought him inside and threw him down a flight of stairs.

"Ultimately the test was to throw her baby down on the ground," Bakkedahl told The Associated Press on Thursday. "When the baby died, if her faith was strong enough, the baby would be risen from the dead like Lazarus."

Fusscas called 911 about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday and told the dispatcher someone had thrown a baby down the stairs. He and Tabitha Cisowski later told investigators they were scuffling when Cisowski took Gideon outside, and they didn't know what Cisowski was doing to the baby.

"He's in her arms, but he's got bruises all over him, I think he's almost dead," Fusscas told the dispatcher. A woman could he heard praying in the background.

Several minutes later, Martin County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived at the home in an exclusive, gated community. They found the baby lying dead on the floor of an upstairs home office. An autopsy found he died of multiple head injuries. There were no signs of previous abuse.

Fusscas and Tabitha were huddled with Cisowski, and deputies overhead them accuse her of throwing the baby down the stairs.

Cisowski told a deputy she had murdered her son and no one else was responsible.

She said she deserved to die and made a reference to Andrea Yates, the Houston mother accused of drowning her five children in a bathtub in June.

"The woman who killed her five kids in Texas, now I've done the same thing," she was quoted as saying in police records.

A few hours later, while being questioned by detectives at the sheriff's office, she was emotional but coherent and didn't appear to be hearing voices, Bakkedahl said.

Cisowski was denied bail at a court appearance Wednesday, where she made no comment. She is being held in the medical unit of the county jail on charges of first-degree murder and aggravated child abuse.

Investigators have questioned Fusscas and Tabitha Cisowski. No one else is expected to be charged in the baby's death.

A grand jury is scheduled to hear the case at the end of the month.

Cisowski told investigators she had no history of mental illness, and was not under the influence of illicit drugs or alcohol that night.

"She evidently was suffering from a significant mental illness," Fusscas' attorney, Robert Watson, said Thursday. "She needs to be helped."

Mo'Nique's role in sitcom closely resembles herself

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mo'Nique plays a man-crazy mom, Nikki Parker, on the UPN sitcom "The Parkers," which begins its third season Sept. 10.

The 32-year-old comedian, who lives in Tarzana, a suburb of Los Angeles, says the character resembles her in many ways.

"When my family members and friends watch the show they say, 'All they did is change your name,'" she told The Associated Press. "My father calls me 'Nique. I think that's why I don't consider myself an actress because I'm just being me and they just change my name on Monday nights."

Does she make suggestions to the writers?

"My job is to be funny," Mo'Nique said. "They don't tell me how to be funny and I don't tell them how to write. Once they put it on paper then I turn it into funny. They are experts at what they do and I'm an expert at what I do, so we don't cross each other's line."

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Nearly 15 million U.S. adults have asthma

ATLANTA (AP) — Nearly 15 million American adults — about one in every 14 — suffer from asthma, according to the government's first state-by-state survey of the respiratory disorder.

About 6 million more adults say they have had asthma at some point in their lives, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday.

The data showed no broad regional trends, leaving scientists scratching their heads as to why some states are more susceptible to asthma than others.

"Anything we'd say would be speculation," said Dr. Stephen Redd of the CDC's National Center for Environmental Health.

Asthma is a chronic ailment marked by wheezing, shortness of breath, coughing and tightness of the chest. It accounts for about $12.7 billion in health care costs each year.

According to the survey, Nevada had the highest rate in the country, with 13.4 percent of residents saying they have suffered from asthma in their lives. The state with the highest rate of people currently suffering from asthma is Maine, at nearly 9 percent.

Louisiana had the lowest rate in the country for both categories, with 5 percent of residents reporting they currently have asthma and only 3 percent more saying they once had it.

Louisiana health department spokesman Bob Johannesseen said he was skeptical of the numbers, which relied on asthma sufferers themselves rather than health care data.

"We're very pleased to see any report that ranks Louisiana at the top of a good list, but it's a condition we are very concerned about," he said. "It very well could be underreported."

Asthma rates have more than doubled since 1980, hitting particularly hard among the inner-city poor. The nonprofit Pew Environmental Health Commission predicts 29 million Americans will suffer from it by 2020.

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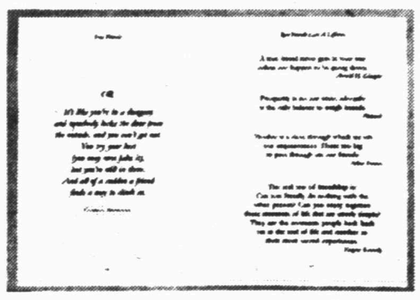

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Firestone chief blames Ford

McALLEN (AP) — Testifying in a $1 billion lawsuit against his company, Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. chief executive John Lampe said Ford Motor Co. was solely to blame for a rollover accident that left a woman brain damaged and paralyzed.

Lampe admitted Friday on the stand that there were flaws with some Firestone tires causing tread to separate, but he said the separation would not by itself cause a vehicle to roll over.

"We take responsibility for our tires, and tires are part of the issue, but doggone it, we have to look at the vehicles," Lampe said. "All manufacturers see separations in their tires. Separation is not the cause of the problem; it's a result of something."

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Dr. Joel Rodriguez, who along with his wife and son were passengers in a Ford Explorer his brother was driving on a Mexican toll road when it blew a tire and rolled over last year. Rodriguez's 39-year-old wife, Marisa, now requires a wheelchair and must be fed through a tube.

Last summer, Firestone recalled 6.5 million tires, many of which were standard on Ford Explorers. The recalled tires have been linked to at least 203 deaths and 700 injuries. In May, Ford Motor Co. said it would replace 13 million more Firestone tires.

Firestone has settled more than 150 cases, mostly involving tires on Explorers, for undisclosed sums. Attorneys for Rodriguez have already settled their case against Ford for $6 million.

Groundwork laid for future construction on the space station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two space shuttle Discovery astronauts floated outside Saturday to begin laying the groundwork for future construction on the international space station.

Astronauts Daniel Barry and Patrick Forrester ventured outside the shuttle for a 51/2 hour spacewalk to install handrails on space station Alpha's Destiny lab and lay cables along them.

The cables, which are between 40 and 50 feet long, are needed as a backup way of providing power to heaters on the center segment of the station's truss structure. The segment is set to be delivered early next year.

NASA approved the spacewalk Friday after the crews of Discovery and the space station indicated they were almost done transferring thousands of pounds of supplies from a module brought by the shuttle.

Discovery delivered new crew members to Alpha last weekend. While U.S. astronaut Frank Culbertson, Alpha's new skipper, officially took command of the space station he and two Russian cosmonauts moved in Monday.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Aug. 17-Florine Badger and Ann Cody.

DISMISSALS: Vickie Arrendale, Mary Betus, Fretta Billingsley, Tamara Sanchez.

CENSUS: 42 (Med. III, Med. II-5, Long-term Care-25, OB-1, Nursery-1)

Chamber agenda brief for Monday

Snyder Chamber of Commerce directors face a brief agenda at their meeting Monday at 11:30 a.m. in the chamber boardroom.

After reviewing the minutes from the previous meeting and the financial statements, a report is expected on the coliseum contract.

In addition, a chamber audit report will be heard and upcoming events will be discussed to include an Aug. 25 gun show to be held in the coliseum and the annual White Buffalo Festival to be held Oct. 26-27.

Three arrested on drug charges at traffic stop

•Arrests

A routine traffic stop just after 2 a.m. Saturday ended with the arrest of three men on drug-related charges. The trio was stopped in the 3700 block of Midland Ave.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old man at the stop for possession of and dealing with drug paraphernalia, first offense and possession of marijuana.

Two 19-year-old men were taken into custody in the bust. The first for possession of marijuana, the second for driving under the influence and possession of and dealing with drug paraphernalia, first offense.

At 6:20 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 29-year-old man for driving without a license and transported him to the county jail. The immigration service was contacted and a detainer was placed on the man.

A DPS trooper arrested a 21-year-old man at 10:30 p.m. Friday on a warrant from Dallas County for Class B theft with a check.

Just before 2 a.m. Saturday, DPS troopers arrested a 36-year-old woman for failure to maintain financial obligations and failure to appear before a judge.

•Family disturbance

Officers responded to a report of a family disturbance at 9 p.m. Friday. A girl contacted police in reference to her mother being assaulted by her stepfather. Officers responded and made contact with the couple who advised there had been a disturbance, but neither party wished to file charges.

•Noise disturbance

An anonymous caller requested an officer at the Park Village Apartments in reference to a vehicle in the parking lot playing loud music for over an hour. Officers responded, but were unable to locate any loud music.

•Prowler

A woman in the 3100 block of 39th Street requested a close patrol of her residence in reference to a prowler in the area on previous nights.

•Juveniles

Dispatchers received a report of juveniles breaking glass bottles in a residential street Friday evening. Officers responded and contacted the juveniles and each of their parents and advised them of the complaint.

Obituaries

Morris Ashley

1913-2001

Edgar "Morris" Ashley, longtime Scurry County resident, died Friday, Aug. 17, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a brief illness.

Morris Ashley

Funeral service for Mr. Ashley, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Roy Rosson officiating. Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery.

Born Sept. 16, 1913 in Brown County, he moved to Dunn with his family at an early age and attended the Dunn school where he was an outstanding athlete and set many school records.

He married Lillian Copeland on Dec. 22, 1935 in Colorado City.

A retired stock farmer and building contractor, he was a member of the Dunn Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Ashley of Snyder; two daughters and sons-in-law, Betse and John Rosson of Modesta, Calif.; a son, Wade Ashley of San Miguel, Mexico; a brother, Carl Ashley of Snyder; a sister, Modean Johnston of Snyder; three -grandchildren; Lisette Patrick, Clay Rosson and Ryan Rosson; two great-grandchildren, Brittany Price and Logan Rosson; three step grandchildren; and six step great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Chester Clark

1943-2001

Funeral service for Chester Clark, a resident of Snyder since 1981, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh with Dr. Rex Reynolds, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Chester Clark

Mr. Clark, 57, died Thursday, Aug. 16, in the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Dallas after a brief illness.

Born Nov. 25, 1943 in Beaumont, he graduated from Beaumont's Southpark High School in 1962. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam. He married Brenda Odom on June 9, 1966 in Roswell, N.M.

A truck driver, Mr. Clark had been a member of the Snyder Volunteer Fire Department for 12 years. A beekeeper, Mr. Clark enjoyed his greenhouse and cooking. He was a member of the Hermleigh First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Clark of Snyder; two sons and daughters-in-law, Cary and Becky Clark of Snyder and Todd and Rexanne Clark of Hermleigh; his mother, Thelma Clark of Beaumont; two sisters, Ann Heiner of Beaumont and Susan Cain of Houston; a brother, Charles Henry Clark of Worchester, Mass.; and four grandchildren, Colten, Brittany, Katherine and Jessica Clark.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Charles Taylor

1923-2001

Charles Payne Taylor of Snyder died Friday, Aug. 17, at his home in Snyder following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Taylor, 78, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Charles Taylor

Born on June 18, 1923 in Snyder, he married Jonnie Pendleton on Oct. 9, 1948 in Fluvanna. Mr. Taylor, a World War II veteran, was a heavy equipment operator for E.L. Farmer & Co and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

One daughter, Linda Ann Robinson, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Jonnie Taylor of Snyder; a daughter, Judy Taylor of Snyder; and a sister, Virginia McMillan of San Angelo; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mildred Harless

1922-2001

EUNICE, N.M. — Mildred Harless, daughter of Ruby Hall of Snyder, died Thursday, Aug. 16, at her home in Eunice.

Mrs. Harless

Funeral service for Mrs. Harless, 78, are set for 10 a.m. Monday in the First Baptist Church in Eunice. Burial will follow in the Brunson Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Calvary Funeral Home.

Born on Oct. 31, 1922 in Navarro County, Tex., she married Bernice Harless on July 1, 1941 in Snyder. She had worked 24 years for the Eunice public school system and was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Other survivors include her husband, Bernice Harless of Eunice; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Andy Frost of Hobbs, N.M.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Norman and Helen Harless of Statesville, N.C., and Bernie and Susan Harless of Houston; an uncle, Cecil Hall of Snyder; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to Gideon International, Box 534, Snyder, or to Hospice Services, 1515, Calle Sur, Hobbs, N.M.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Polar homecoming

The Polar homecoming will begin at noon Sunday in the Polar Tabernacle. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish.

Guest speaker

Dr. Randall Gallaway will speak at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the Fluvanna First Baptist Church. Dr. Gallaway, who lost both arms in an accident, will demonstrate the use of a new computerized arm. The public is invited.

AARP meeting

John Gayle, Snyder city manager, will speak at the AARP Chapter 2063 meeting set for noon Monday in the Senior Citizens Center.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Guilt and Repentance," followed by "In His Steps."

Central orientation

A parent orientation for kindergarten and first grade students at Central Elementary will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the child's classroom. Orientation for parents of third graders will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the student's classroom.

Hermleigh Booster Club

The Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the school cafeteria to elect officers and begin projects for the coming year. All parents, faculty and other interested persons are invited.

4-H Banquet, kickoff

The annual Scurry County 4-H banquet and kickoff will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Family Life Center at First Baptist Church. Anyone in grades 3-12 and their parents are invited for hot dogs with all the trimmings. Bring a favorite canned drink. Dress is casual. To RSVP call 573-5423.

Emmaus ice cream supper

The Mesquite Country Emmaus Community will have an ice cream supper starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Towle Park Pavilion.

MAWC luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its fourth Wednesday luncheon and game day Wednesday. Cost is $7.50 and reservations are necessary by calling 573-3427 by 5 p.m. Tuesday. Serving is from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and guests are welcome to come for the meal only.

Taste of Scurry County

The fifth annual Taste of Scurry County, an annual fundraiser for Scurry County Museum, is scheduled for Thursday at the First Baptist Church's Family Life Center. Chefs Jerry Baird, Jim Rumage and Kerry Clay will prepare the meats and vegetables. Local cooks will add desserts, salads and breads. A live auction featuring a variety of items will follow. Tickets in the form of a donation are $12.50, available at the museum (573-6107) or Bullard Computer Solutions (573-4801.)

Garage and bake sale

Discovery School is having a garage and bake sale from 6-8 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m. until noon next Saturday. It will be held at 27th St. and Ave. R. All proceeds go to buy toys and equipment for the school. The school will also have a bake sale Saturday at Wal-Mart.

First Church of Nazarene

Pastor and Mrs. Michael W. Howard's last Sunday in Snyder will be next Sunday. A potluck dinner will be provided after the morning service. The two are moving closer to their home in Tennessee.

Girl Scout registration

A Girl Scout registration rally will be held from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27, at the Girl Scout Hut, 2501 35th. For information call Jo Ann at 573-3926, Judi at 573-7556 or Carla at 574-8004.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have an enchilada dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children under 12. Take-outs will be available. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 573-4770.

Heart Association memorial address

Memorials and donations to the American Heart Association are now processed through American Heart Association, P.O. Box 15186 in Austin, 78761-5186, or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1, according to Dee Chasteen, president of the Scurry County chapter.

Mesquite Country Writers Guild

Mesquite Country Writers Guild invites citizens to send in original poetry to be considered for publication in the newsletter, "Bards of a Feather." The limit is 20 lines and the theme is fall and the holidays. Deadline is Sept. 15 to mail entries to MCWG, Box 237 in Ira, 79527, or e-Mail to dade@bigcountry.net.

Scientists question Bush count on stem cell lines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's largest federation of scientists questioned whether there really are 60 embryonic stem cell lines available for federally funded research and challenged the Bush administration to immediately identify them.

President Bush, in an announcement last week, said that federally funded researchers could use any of more than 60 embryonic cell lines that he said existed, but the American Association for the Advancement of Science said in a statement Friday that there is doubt about the number and origins of those cell lines.

"Many of our scientific colleagues have questioned that number, believing it to be much smaller," said the AAAS statement. I"Until leading scientists in the field can assess their quality, it is not possible to determine whether the existing collection of those lines will be sufficient" for research, the statement said.

Dr. Lana Skirboll, the NIH researcher who surprised the research community by finding 60 cell lines at the request of the White House, said that she cannot identify all of the researchers that have developed cell lines because some of the labs "are not quite ready to announce."

Dea receives 'Premier' scholarship

Jessica Payton Dea, a 2001 Snyder High School graduate, was recently named a recipient of the American Scholarship Award given by Premier Designs, Inc. of Irving.

American College Scholarship Awards are presented annually to high school graduates of Premier Designs employees and Independent Distributors and are based on their responses to the following four statements:

What I enjoyed most about my high school experience; what I would like to do and become; "America," what it means to me; and the most important thing in life to me is....

In 2001, 64 scholarships, totaling $36,000, were awarded to high school graduates in 28 states.

Jessica, the daughter of Tim Dea and Melissa Petty, will be attending Texas Tech

Jessica Dea

University to major in early childhood.

During her high school career, she was ranked in the top 10% of her class from 1998-2001. She was a member of the National Honor Society her junior and seniors years.

Jessica served as class secretary her freshman through senior years. She was also a member of Snyder High School's A Cappella Choir, and was named Outstanding Choir Member for 2001.

In addition to the American College Scholarship, Jessica also received the Texas Tech Superior Scholastic Achievement Scholarship, the Association of Texas Professional Educators Scholarship, Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship.

She also received *Who's Who Among American High School Students* recognition from 1998-2001.

Clements receives Abell-Hanger Scholarship

Morgan Clements, daughter of Keith and Carla Clements, has been selected as a recipient of an Abell-Hanger Foundation scholarship, in the amount of $6,000, payable $1,500 each semester of the first two years.

This year the TILF awarded 445 new awards and will renew approximately 250 awards for a total of 695 scholarships for 2001-02 with an approximate value of $1,334,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Morgan applied for this scholarship through the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation as a result of her competing and placing 6th in the State UIL Computer Applications contest in May of this year.

Clements also participated in UIL Accounting, track and basketball throughout her high school career. She was a member of the Student Council and National Honor Society, and was valedictorian of her graduating class.

A 2001 graduate of Ira High School, she will attend South Plains College, where she will pursue a degree in accounting.

The Abell-Hangar Foundation awarded 76 scholarships to students who have compiled an outstanding academic record and extracurricular achievement.

The Abell-Hanger Foundation has deep roots in Midland and the Western Texas Region. The Abells had a deep sense of obligation to the people and rural communities of West Texas.

Over three-year period...

NYC to cut 1,500 jobs from education board

NEW YORK (AP) — The city is drastically overhauling its Board of Education by slashing more than 1,500 jobs from its administrative staff.

About 1,225 positions will be cut from the central office over three years, including 600 jobs this year. Another 300 administrative jobs are to be eliminated at community school district headquarters. The cuts amount to reductions of more than 40 percent.

The proposal is designed to replace the top-down management structure of the city's school system with a localized management structure that would focus on district and school-level leadership, Schools Chancellor Harold Levy said in a statement Wednesday.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani approved of the job cuts, but said the proposal did not do enough to address serious problems at the Board of Education.

"It's a better proposal now. It's more ambitious (and) all that is movement in the right direction," Giuliani said this week. "But no one should really pretend that this is going to turn around the school system."

Hernandez returns from deployment

FHTNC — Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joe E. Hernandez, son of Lillie A. and Joe A. Hernandez of Snyder, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile destroyer USS Higgins, home ported in San Diego.

As part of the Middle East Force, Hernandez's ship participated in maritime interdiction operations to enforce U.N. sanctions restricting trade with Iraq. While inspecting vessels suspected of violating the sanctions, USS Higgins played a major role in maintaining U.N. policies.

During the deployment, Hernandez' ship visited Hong Kong, Singapore and Phuket, Thailand. These port visits gave Higgins' Sailors the opporrtunity to participate in community relations projects and to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

While in Phuket, Higgins' Sailors helped refurbish three classrooms and a fence at a local school. Additionally, crewmembers broke down concrete and cleaned a storeroom at a Singapore Boys' Town chapter.

4 SHS grads on honor roll at Abilene CU

ABILENE — Four students from Snyder were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 2001 semester at Abilene Christian University.

Honor roll students, all graduates of Snyder High School, are Christy Brook Tomlinson, April Kristen Baker, Melanie Joyce Kidd and Josue G. Coronado.To make the honor roll a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Senior Menu

Monday

Sauerkraut and German sausage, fried potato rounds, golden carrots, tropical fruit, sugar cookie

Tuesday

Chicken strips w/gravy, cottage fries, green beans, peaches and cottage cheese, apple cutie pie

Wednesday

Pork roast w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, tomato wedges, peach cobbler

Thursday

Pinto beans & ham, stewed squash, tossed salad, cornbread, chocolate pudding

Friday

Fried fish, boiled okra, macaroni & tomatoes, creamy slaw, bread pudding

Senior News

Regular members are encouraged to invite newcomers to our center. Seniors citizen age is 60 years or older, but we encourage under 60 citizens to help us serve the seniors of our community. The Senior Citizens Center is located at 2603 Ave. M. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 and daily exercise is set for 11 a.m. The AARP meal and meeting is at noon in the conference room at the Senior Center. John Gayle, city manager, will be the guest speaker.

Tuesday

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room. The Volunteer Western Band will perform in the dining room at 11, and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room. The eighty-eight tournament play-off begins at 1 p.m.

Wednesday

Join us for ladies pool beginning at 9 a.m. Experienced players will be available to help newcomers learn the game. Line dancers and cloggers may practice at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday

Be Cool! Wear shorts for this designated "short day" and join us for ice cream cones at 10 a.m. Seniors are reminded that they can participate in dominoes, pool, exercise bikes, treadmills and quilting. Those who know how to quilt are encouraged to volunteer some time to the project.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge both begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 11 a.m. James Patrick will provide music at 11:30 a.m.

Kitchen Band and Sunshine Choir members have only two more weeks of vacation left.

Allen would like Hanks, Cruise in films

NEW YORK (AP) — Woody Allen says he'd love to have stars like Tom Hanks and Tom Cruise appear in his films.

"Any of these guys would be great and would do, you know, a better job than I do. ... I'd have these charismatic stars in the picture. But it's hard to get them because they work 365 days," Allen said.

The 65-year-old director-actor says he can only do a few roles.

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Gonzales, Chaves pledge vows in San Angelo church May 19

SAN ANGELO — Christina Gonzales and Tracy Chavez exchanged double-ring wedding vows at 2 p.m. on May 19 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

The bride's parents are Elvira Gonzales of Snyder and Dolores Gonzales of Carlsbad, N.M. The groom's parents are Mickey and Joe Chavez of Snyder.

Church pews were decorated with peach and white roses on peach ribbon and flowered ivy.

David San Miguel provided piano music. Vocalist Frank Diaz, choir and music director for the Cathedral Church of the Sacred Heart, presented "Trumpet Voluntary" as the wedding party entered. Other selections were performed including "Wherever You Go" and "The Prayer of St. Francis." The bride and groom exited the church to trumpet music.

Christina wore an elegant gown fashioned of white Italian matte satin. Her fitted bodice was heavily embellished with faux seed pearls, crystal sequins and bugle beading which tapered into a dainty trellis adorned by scattered pearl and sequin flowers.

The bride's sleeveless gown boasted a flattering scooped neckline and back. The princess design enhanced a small waistline then flared into a full, A-line skirt that swept gracefully into a semi-cathedral train. For the reception, the gown train was caught up into an inverted bustle to form a floor-length dress.

The bride's mother and father gave her in marriage. Laura Gonzales, sister of the bride from San Angelo, was maid of honor. Melisa Chavez, sister-in-law of the groom from Snyder, was matron of honor. They wore floor-length peach gowns adorned by peach shawls. Each attendant carried a bouquet of fresh peach and white roses tied with long streamers of peach and white ribbon.

Sarah Arrendondo, the bride's cousin from Del Rio, and Brienna Chavez, the groom's niece from Snyder, were flower girls. Korbyn Chavez, the groom's nephew from Snyder, was ring bearer.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Chavez
(Contributed Photo)

Quincy Chavez and Eloy Chavez of Snyder served as best men for their brother. The groom wore a black classic peak tuxedo with a fold-down collar shirt and a black Euro tie.

St. Joseph's parish hall was the site for the reception. Music was provided by Terry Mikeska. The area behind the table for the wedding party was decorated with three peach and white rose floral arrangements placed on three Roman pillars adorned with white tulle and ivy.

The three-tiered wedding cake was decorated with 24 fresh peach colored roses cascading from the top, continuing to each layer and encircled the front of the cake.

The groom's table held a chocolate single-layer cake with two tennis players with a net on top and basket weave design on the sides.

Their honeymoon trip was to Cancun, Mexico.

The bride, a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School and Western Texas College in 1996, graduated from ASU in May of 1999 with a bachelor of business administration and a master's degree in business administration in accounting. She is employed at ASU in the accounting department.

The groom graduated Snyder High School in 1995 and WTC in 1997. He also received his bachelor of science degree this month from ASU. He is employed with the San Angelo ISD teaching Spanish at Lee Junior High School.

Bridal Registry

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MARIA GUZMAN AND SEAN DUNCAN
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Velasquez dethroned as Puerto Rican queen

VINELAND, N.J. (AP) — A teen-ager who was already dethroned as Miss Puerto Rican Queen soon could have another thorn in her crown.

Jannette Velazquez, 15, won the Miss Puerto Rican Queen Pageant but was disqualified because she lied about her age on an application form. The required age for contestants is 16.

Now pageant officials have filed theft charges against Velazquez and her mother because she allegedly refused to return the prizes she received.

Velazquez could not be reached for comment, but her attorney, Carlos Andujar, said she has been "traumatized" by the fiasco.

"It's a shame that she was charged with theft; she didn't steal anything," Andujar told The Press of Atlantic City this week.

Chief Mario Brunetta refused to comment about the matter on Wednesday.

Festival officials said Velazquez would likely be allowed to compete in next year's pageant if she wished, but supporters say that's unlikely.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-18-01
♠ A K 9 5 4
♥ A 8 4
♦ K 6 2
♣ A 6

West
♠ 10 8 6
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ 4 3
♣ Q J 7 2

East
♠ 7 2
♥ —
♦ Q 10 9 8 7 5
♣ K 9 8 5 4

South
♠ Q J 3
♥ K Q 9 7 6 2
♦ A J
♣ 10 3

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♥	Pass	2 NT	4 NT
6 ♥	Pass	7 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♦ 4

Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001

The juniors move to the Internet

By Phillip Alder

In November, the third World Open Internet Bridge Championship will be concluded at the Fall Nationals in Las Vegas. And next year, there might be a World Student Internet Championship. If that comes to fruition, it will probably be born out of this year's OKbridge College Junior Championship (also sponsored by Fifth Chair Foundation). In the final of this event, a combined Harvard-MIT-Stanford team defeated a Turkish quartet. If any one deal could be considered critical, it was this one.

Looking only at the North-South hands, in which contract would you like to play? If you know East has at least 5-5 in the minors, would your answer change?

When Turkey sat North-South, North's two-no-trump response showed a game-forcing heart raise, yet it was an error without four-card support. He should have started with a quiet one spade. East's jump to four no-trump shows that the young know no fear. South's jump to slam was ambitious too. North must have thought eight hearts was laydown!

As you can see, the contract failed because of the 4-0 trump break.

At the other table, the American North-South pair stopped in six hearts, perhaps bearing in mind that the splits are bad when one opponent holds a big two-suiter. The U.S. team gained 17 points, 11 more than its winning margin.

Strangely, the best contract is seven spades by North. This is highly likely to be laydown, and makes comfortably here. Yet how does one get there?

The winners were Li-Chung Chen and Andrew Cotton from Harvard, Jason Woolever of MIT, and Theodore Hwa and Qixiang San from Stanford.

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Bridge Scores

Monte West directed all bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, Aug. 10

North-South
A group
1. Louise Thompson, Nona Morrison.
2. Linda West and Monte West tied with Bette Byrd and Gracie Craig.
B group
1. Billisue Stuard, Durelle Gorman.
2. Christine Stuard, Peggy Hardin.
3. ElWanda Nall, Pat Floyd.
East-West
A group
1. Warren Haney, Johnye Van Dever.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Margaret Dillaha.
B group
1. Dorothy Rosson, Margaret Dillaha.
2. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.
3. Margaret Presswood, Tizzy Hall.

Sunday, Aug. 12

1. Barbara Yorgesen, Nona Morrison tied with Linda West, Monte West.
2. Pat Floyd, Peggy Hardin

Tuesday, Aug. 14

1. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Louise Thompson.
3. Monte West, Linda West.

Births

Thad and Becky Myers of Arlington announce the birth of their daughter, Makenna Rae, weighing five pounds, 11 ounces. Makenna was born at 8:30 a.m., Aug. 8 in Arlington Memorial Hospital. She was welcomed home by her sister, Miranda Myers.

Grandparents are Ray and Gloria Myers of Snyder and E.A. and Shirley Birk of Cortez, Colo.

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Mark McGwire was the first Arizona Cardinal to hit three home runs in the same game at Busch Stadium (April 14, 1998).

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Mr. and Mrs. Sean Lee Duncan
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Guzman, Duncan wed in double-ring rites in Eldorado

ELDORADO — Angelica Maria Guzman of Eldorado and Sean Lee Duncan of San Angelo were married in a double-ring ceremony at 7 p.m. Aug. 4 on the Schleicher County Courthouse lawn in Eldorado.

Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder, officiated as the bride and groom stood before an archway draped with white tulle and decorated with large white tea roses and greenery.

Julian and Estella Guzman of Eldorado are the bride's parents and Terry and Angel Duncan of Snyder are parents of the groom.

The bride was escorted to the altar by both of her parents. She wore a white satin gown with a full skirt layered with organza and tulle. The spaghetti strap bodice was covered with pearls and sequins. A sheer white fingertip-length veil was held in place by a circlet headpiece of white roses and pearls. Her bouquet was composed of white and burgundy lilies accented with white baby's breath and ivy.

Maid of honor was Evelyn Quintana from Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Martha Diaz of Fort Worth, Jennifer Rivers of Eldorado, Mandy Brake of San Angelo and Estella Guzman of San Angelo, sister of the bride.

All attendants wore knee-length burgundy dresses with matching scarves. They each carried a long-stemmed white lily surrounded with burgundy accents.

Flower girl was Kylee Steadham, niece of the groom from Snyder. Ring bearers were Julian Garcia, nephew of the bride, and Garrett Campbell, nephew of the groom from Colorado City.

Best man was Jeff Trevino from San Angelo. Groomsmen included Lance Gallant from San Angelo, Michael Steadham, the groom's brother-in-law from Snyder, David Trevino from San Angelo and Diego Guzman, brother of the bride from Eldorado.

Ushers were Rudy Sanchez, nephew of the bride from Eldorado, and Johnny Lee Arispe.

The groom, and his attendants, were attired in black knee-length western style tuxedo jackets, white shirts and black vests. Black jeans and boots completed their attire. Each wore a white lily boutonniere.

A reception was held in the Memorial Building also located on the courthouse grounds. The bride's parents hosted a dinner of brisket and tamales with all the trimmings and a dance followed.

The four-tiered white wedding cake was decorated with white chocolate pieces shaped like bells, doves and angels. The groom's cake was a three-tiered chocolate confection made by the bride's aunt, Mercedes Slores of Houston. She and her daughter, Mercedes, served cake to the wedding guests and family following a champagne toast to the bride and groom led by the best man.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner for family and friends at Henry's Restaurant in San Angelo.

The bride, a 2000 graduate of Eldorado High School, is currently a sophomore nursing major at Howard College in San Angelo. The groom is a junior kinesiology/math major at Angelo State University and a member of the Air Force ROTC program. He is employed by the San Angelo Boy's and Girl's Club.

Man cleaning up with presidential tissue

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP) — John Fischer says he's been cleaning up with presidential toilet paper since his arrest for protesting President Bush's visit to Colorado this week.

Witnesses told police that Fischer, 35, suggested people could throw rolls of toilet paper at the presidential motorcade. He was arrested on a charge of disturbing the peace. Fischer denies the claims.

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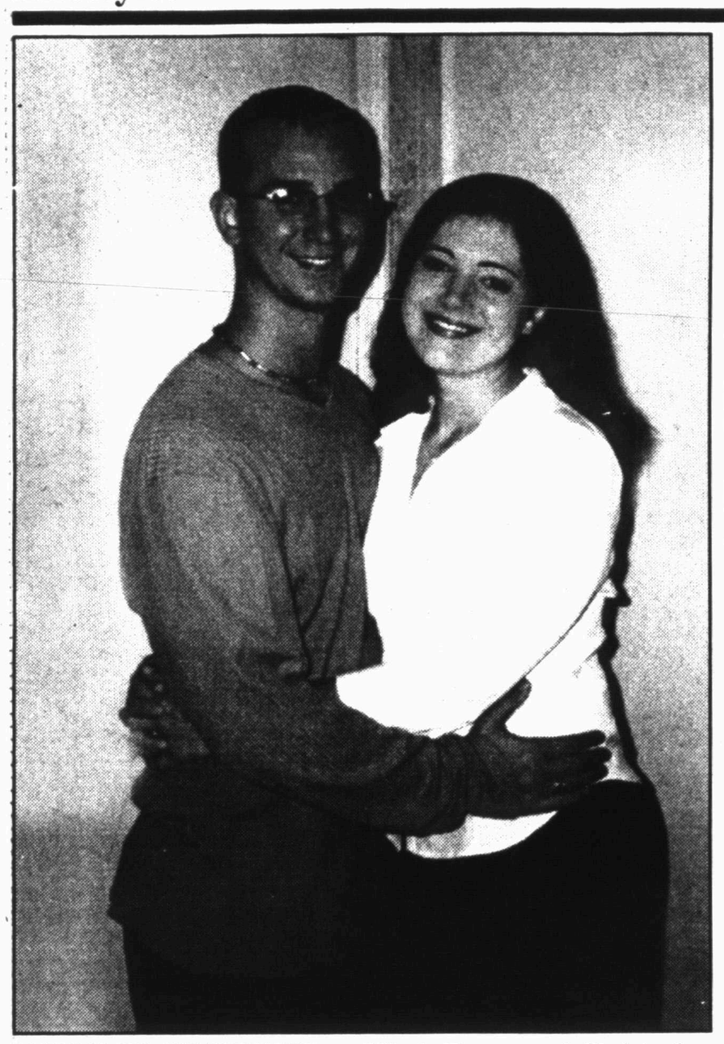

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED — Micah Brown and Christopher Bluto Jr. were married Friday, Aug. 3, in a private ceremony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael W. Brown of Snyder. The bride's father officiated the ceremony. Christopher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher S. Bluto who are missionaries in South Wales. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. James W. Brown of Breckenridge and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Pruitt of Hamlin. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bellamy and Mrs. Helen Bluto, all of Tucson, Ariz. The couple will reside in Las Vegas where both are stationed at Nellis Air Force Base. (Contributed Photo)

SHS CLASS OF '71 MEETS — Snyder High School class of 1971 met for its "30th class reunion" at the Snyder Country Club on June 22. Attending were (from left) row 1, Mary Cumba Babcock, Nancy Bailey Olsen, Sherry Ragland Patterson, Lou Head McMillan, Becky Mebane Robinson, David Stokes, Jim Provence; row 2, Shahala Eicke, Nancy McGinnis Wilson, Nita Hardy Brooks, Laurie Graves Sterling, Carol Carrasco Garza, Denise Perry Estes, Martha Eiland Martin, Lennis Cox Stone, Janet Early Schwartz, Elaine McArthur Smith, Judy Martin Church, Linda Thompson Jones, Anna Lou Thompson Stewart, Michele Black Flaniken, Gayle Turner Kubena, Earlyn Perser Loiselle, Becky Johnston Polston; row 3, Laddie McMillan, Alfred Smith, Don Babcock, Mike Huddleston, Bill Martin, Dorothy Franks, Vance Morgan, Dale Vaughan Neves, Billy Keith Evans, Larry Neves, Jesse Speer, Sharon Autry, Sharon Moore Mealer, Joe Dan Jones, Max Falls, John Mason, Brenda Bigham Billingsley, Sandy Grimmett Hodges, Janice Rhodes Philen, Olin Burditt, Bebo Boren, Larry Wall; row 4, Dennis Williamson, Bill Lockhart, Randy Keller, Paul Park, Max Rainwater, Richard Chambers, Gordon Gray, Bid Cooper, Jerry Rinehart, Gary Smith, Mike Mize, James Vandiver, Terry Bell, Jeff Stewart, Bill Branson, Mark Stephens, Becky Orr Lofton and Bill Wilson. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Great tasting, easy to make after-school treats

Here are some great tasting, fun and easy to make ideas for your child's lunch box or after school snack.

APPLE GELATIN SQUARES

Always a favorite with kids, these cinnamon-flavored gelatin squares make great snackin' anytime.

1 cup Mott's regular or cinnamon apple sauce
2 tablespoons cinnamon red-hot candies
1 pkg. (4-serving size) lemon flavor sugar free gelatin
1 pkg. unflavored gelatin
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 cup cold water

Spray 9-inch pan with non-stick cooking spray.

In medium saucepan, heat apple sauce and candies over low heat until candies dissolve.

Stir in gelatins. Add cold water and lemon juice.

Pour into prepared pan. Refrigerate until firm. Cut into 32 squares.

Yields: 20 bars

GRANOLA APPLE BARS

Introduce more fiber into your family's diet with these wholesome bars. They're easy enough for your kids to prepare.

1 cup Mott's cinnamon apple sauce
2 cups granola with dates and raisins
½ cup all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 egg, beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ cup sunflower nuts
½ cup coconut
½ teaspoon baking soda

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 8 or 9-inch square pan.

In large bowl, combine all ingredients; mix well. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted center comes out clean.

Yields: 20 bars.

GRANOLA APPLE COOKIES

Store these wholesome cookies in an airtight container to retain their soft, chewy texture.

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
¾ cup margarine or butter
1 egg
¾ cup Mott's natural apple sauce
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups granola with dates and raisins
1 cup coconut
1½ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup unsalted sunflower nuts

In a large bowl, combine brown sugar, margarine, egg, apple sauce and vanilla; beat well. Stir in remaining ingredients, mix well. Refrigerate 1 to 2 hours for ease of handling.

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grease cookie sheets. Drop dough by teaspoonfuls 2 inches apart onto prepared cookie sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 11 to 13 minutes, or until edges are light golden brown. Immediately remove from cookie sheets.

Yields: 5 doz.

MOTT'S BAKED PIZZA DESSERT

Your children will have fun making and decorating their own pizza.

1 cup Mott's apple sauce
1 refrigerated ready-made piecrust dough
Red food coloring
Assorted treats such as gummie fish, raisins, flaked coconut, fruit, etc.

Heat the oven to 450 degrees.

Place the pie dough flat on a baking sheet.

Bake for 9 to 11 minutes or until lightly golden and crisp.

Mix apple sauce with food coloring in a small bowl. Spread the apple sauce over the baked dough leaving a 1-inch border.

Decorate as desired. Use your imagination and favorite treats to create your own special Mott's Dessert Pizza

Yields: 6-8 servings.

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, Librarian

BOOK FEATURE

"Great Books About Things Kids Love," by Kathleen Odean.

Most children want to read a book because it's about something they love or are curious about. This book will make it easy for parents and teachers to satisfy a child's individual cravings for good reading on any subject.

More than 750 books are divided into 55 categories, from Airplanes to Zoos. The author has also included stimulating book-related activities and helpful trips for parent.

NEW AUDIOTAPES

"L is for Lawless," by Sue Grafton.

"Southern Cross," by Patricia Cornwell.

"A Place called freedom," by Ken Follett.

"Skinwalkers," by Tony Hillerman.

"Doing It Now," by Edwin Bliss.

"The Right Hand of Evil" by John Saul.

"A Year Down Yonder," by Richard Peck.

"Mojave Crossing," by Louis L'Amour.

"P is for Peril," by Sue Grafton.

"Leap of Faith," by Danielle Steel.

NEW NON-FICTION

"The 7 Sins of Memory: How the mind forgets and remembers," by Daniel L. Schacter.

"Play Like a Man, Win Like a Woman: What Men Know About Success That Women Need to Learn," by Gail Evans.

"The Complete Beginner's Guide to Genealogy, the Internet, and Your Genealogy Computer Program," by Karen Clifford.

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10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Sat.

Lobster tails with all the trimmings served at mansion

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Grilled lobster-stuffed crepes served with baby shrimp hollandaise and fresh blueberry and blackberry compote.

Lobster tail with savory potato flapjacks and caramelized shallot cream sauce. Lobster and asparagus strata.

That's just a sampling of the servings that pleased palates Thursday at the governor's mansion, as nine chefs went toque-to-toque in the seventh annual governor's Great Taste of Maine Lobster Tasting.

Themes of some past competitions have been appetizers, soups and lowfat dishes — all, of course, featuring Maine's celebrated crustacean. This year's challenge: lobster brunch.

Nate Beriau, chef de cuisine at Portland's Perfetto restaurant, whipped up what he described as a spinoff of French toast. Generous slabs of lobster tail are stacked between slices of French bread and coated with an orange marmalade-maple syrup mix.

The plate was topped by a shelled lobster claw and crisscrossed by sweet orange slices.

Where did Beriau come up with such an idea?

"I don't know, really," said the finalist in the Maine Lobster Promotion Council's 1998 and 2000 competitions. "They said lobster for brunch, and I started putting flavors together."

The winning recipe was lobster on herbed brioche, with organic greens, shellfish glaze and a sherry vinaigrette.

Sinead O'Connor wed

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Sinead O'Connor has married her journalist boyfriend Nick Sommerlad, the groom said Friday.

The Irish singer and Sommerlad, a Dublin-based reporter for Britain's Press Association news agency, were married three weeks ago, he said. He didn't disclose the location.

O'Connor, 34, rose to fame a decade ago with hits including "Nothing Compares 2 U."

She has two children from previous relationships: Jake, 13, from her marriage to drummer John Reynolds, and Roisin, 5, from her relationship with Irish Times columnist John Waters.

Sommerlad, 27, met the singer in Dublin.

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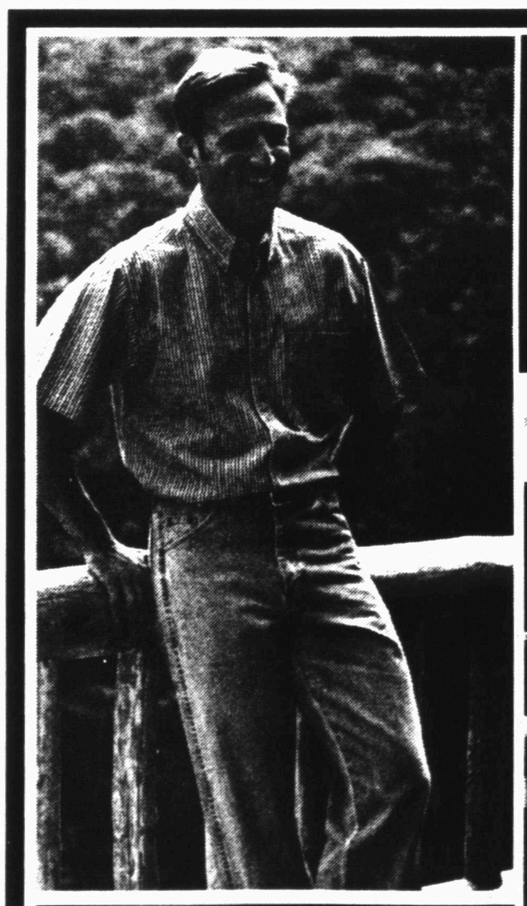

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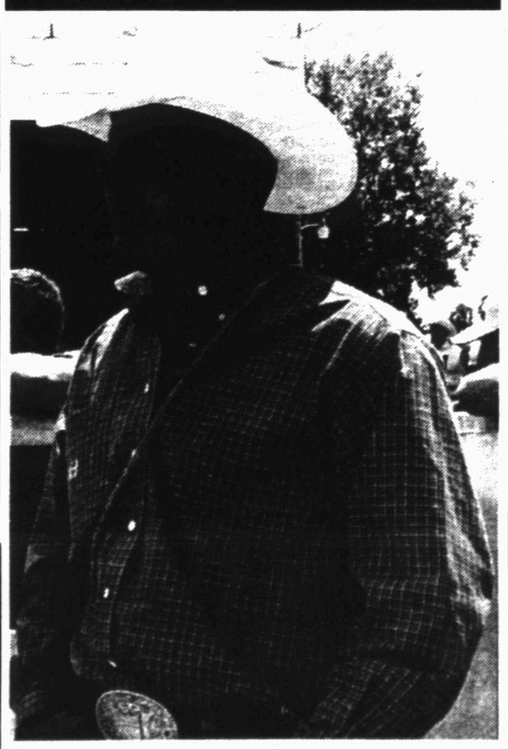

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Monday
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage & Biscuits
Peaches
Tuesday
Breakfast Pizza
Juice
Wednesday
Biscuits & Gravy
Sausage
Fruit
Thursday
Breakfast Burritos
Juice
Friday
Oatmeal
Toast
Fruit

LUNCH

Monday
Stromboli
Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Pineapple
Oreo Cookies
Tuesday
Patti Melts
Cheetos
Pork & Beans
Corn
Cowboy Cookies
Wednesday
Meatloaf
Parsley Potatoes
Sweet Peas
Bread
Cake
Thursday
Chicken Fried Steak & Gravy
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Apple
Friday
Chili Cheese Hot Dog
Tater Tots
Pork & Beans
Strawberry Cobbler

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
Tuesday
Fruit
Cinnamon Rolls
Wednesday
Juice
Pancakes/Syrup
Thursday
Fruit
Sausage/Biscuits
Friday
Juice
Toast & Jelly

LUNCH

Monday
Turkey Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Potato Chips
Chilled Peaches
Tuesday
Taco Salad/Salsa Sauce
Refried Beans
Tortilla Chips
Wednesday
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Buttered Corn
Tomato Wedges
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jell-O
Thursday
Frank & Cheese Wraps
Pork & Beans
Relish Cup
Chilled Pineapple
Friday
Hamburgers
Burger Salad
Pink Applesauce

Snyder

All meals are served with milk and all breakfasts with juice and milk.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST
(East, Northeast, Stanfield)

Monday
Cereal w/Teddy Grahams
Tuesday
Pigs in a Blanket
Wednesday
Biscuit & Jelly
Thursday
Cinnamon Rolls
Friday
Grilled Cheese Sandwich

BREAKFAST
(Other Schools)

All served with Assorted Dry Cereal and Toast & Jelly

Monday
Pancakes w/Syrup
Tuesday
Sausage on a Stick
Wednesday
Texas Cheese Toast
Thursday
Biscuits & Gravy
Friday
Breakfast Burrito

LUNCH

All Schools
Monday
Pizza or
Ravioli
Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Vanilla Pudding
Tuesday
Soft Taco or
Chicken Quesadilla
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Applesauce
Wednesday
"Fighting Tiger" Cheeseburger or
Stuffed Baked Potato
Ranch Beans
Broccoli & Cheese
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Thursday
Chili Cheese Dog or
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Potatoes Au Gratin
Sweet Peas
Spice Cake
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Taco Salad
Pinto Beans
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In 1999, one in eight Americans was 65 years old or older. In 2030, about one in five will be.

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Twenty-six percent of all Americans age 55 or over exercise 100 or more times per year.

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President Warren Harding played the cornet.

A HELPING HAND — Snyder Rotary Club donated money Thursday to several local agencies. Past club president Lee Maddox, third from right, handed out the checks that totaled $2,900. Accepting donations were Charlene Akers, Scurry County Museum; David Tate, Snyder Little League; Lyndia Allen, Gateway Family Services; Jack McGlaun, Scurry County Boys and Girls Club; Carla Thompson, Snyder Senior Citizen Center; and Rollin Swanson, WTC planetarium. Not pictured are Donna Fowler, Snyder Chamber of Commerce, and Tiffany Sullivan, Rotary scholarship recipient. (SDN Staff Photo)

OCTOBER WEDDING SET — Jason Moorman, brother of the future bride, and Barry and Marsha Cribbs, parents of the prospective groom, announce the engagement of their sister and son, Jackie Cunningham and Charles Cribbs. Jackie and Charles are planning a 6 p.m., Oct. 13 wedding in the First Christian Church. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-9458, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048,; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-8018; 8p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

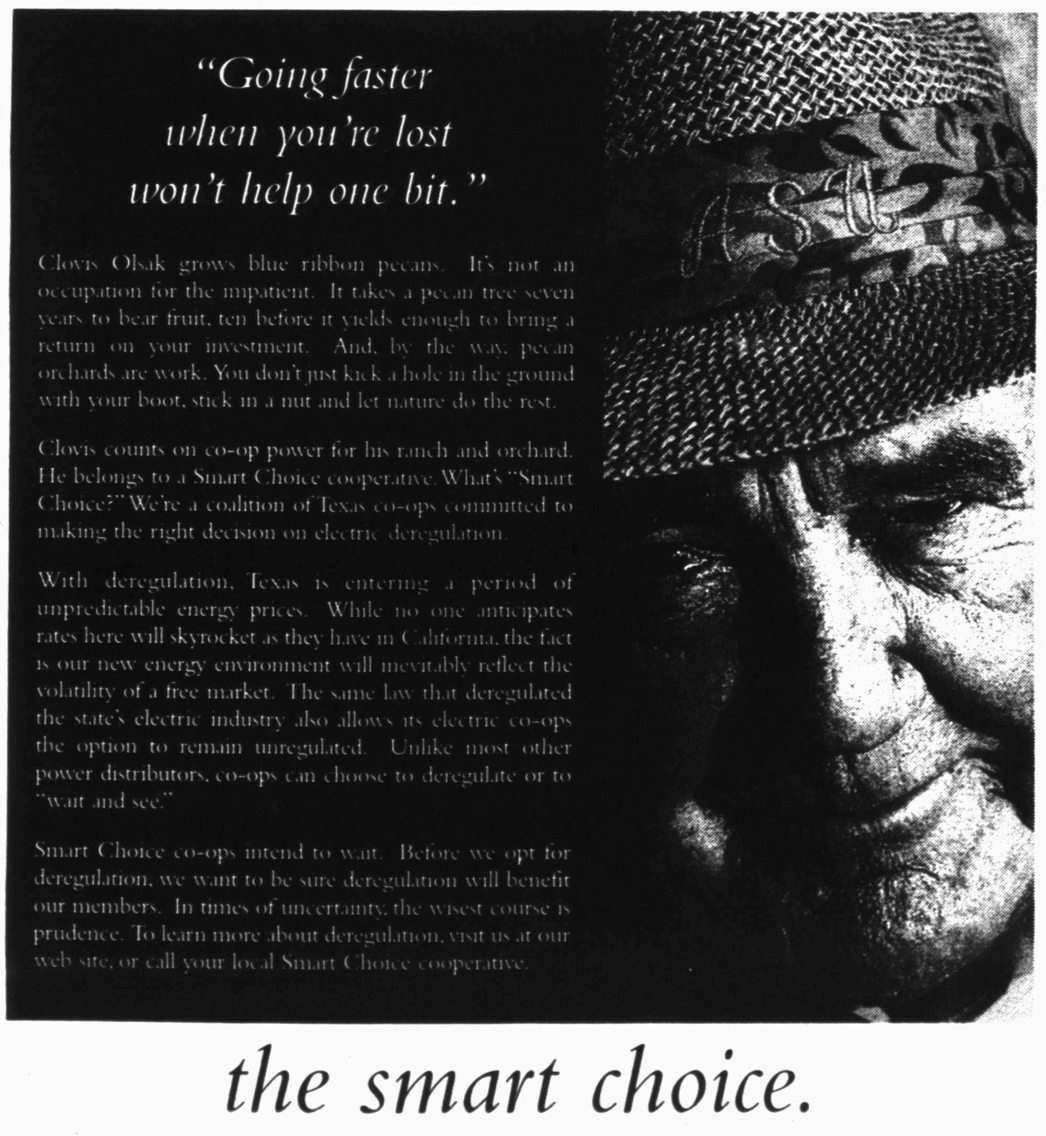
Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

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

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

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.



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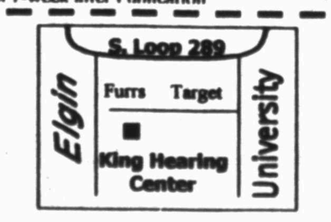

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Federal appeals court won't delay antitrust case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court Friday refused to delay the government's case against Microsoft, clearing the way for a new judge to decide what penalty the software giant should face for antitrust violations.

The Supreme Court, however, still may decide whether to take up Microsoft's appeal. That decision is expected as early as October.

Microsoft had argued that U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson was biased, and that his interviews given to reporters tainted the case. Microsoft said the case should have been taken away from Jackson at the point of the first interview — which would have eliminated Jackson's verdict.

Microsoft said that if the appeals court didn't put the case on hold, it would jeopardize public faith in the judicial system. The appeals court unanimously disagreed.

"Microsoft has failed to demonstrate any substantial harm that would result from the reactivation of proceedings in the district court," the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled.

"It appears that Microsoft has misconstrued our opinion, particularly with respect to what would have been required to justify vacating the district court's findings of fact and conclusions of law," the court wrote.

The court ruled that the case should be returned to district court in seven days, where a new judge will be picked at random. The judge will decide how Microsoft should be penalized for its anticompetitive practices.

The penalty, which is likely to come after a hearing process, could require simple changes in Microsoft conduct or a breakup of the Redmond, Wash., company. Jackson ordered the company split in two, but that portion of his ruling was overturned by the appeals court in June.

"We are pleased with the court's decision and look forward to proceedings in the district court," said Justice Department spokeswoman Gina Talamona.

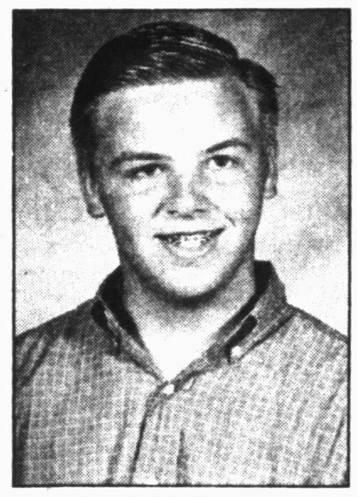
Microsoft spokesman Jim Desler said the company was disappointed with the ruling, and was still hoping the case could be settled out of court.

"While we believed the process was best served through a stay, we were prepared to move ahead with getting the remaining issues in the case resolved while we await word on Supreme Court review," he said.

Investors responded by sending shares of Microsoft down $2.09, or 3 percent, to $62.53 in trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

The Justice Department and 18 states claim Microsoft stifled competition among software makers in the lucrative personal computer market. Microsoft shouldered competitors aside and harmed consumers by limiting their choices, the government's antitrust suit said.

Microsoft's Supreme Court appeal deals solely with Jackson. In interviews with newspaper reporters and book writers, Jackson offered his colorful take on the case, likening Microsoft's Bill Gates to Napoleon and the company to a drug-dealing street gang.

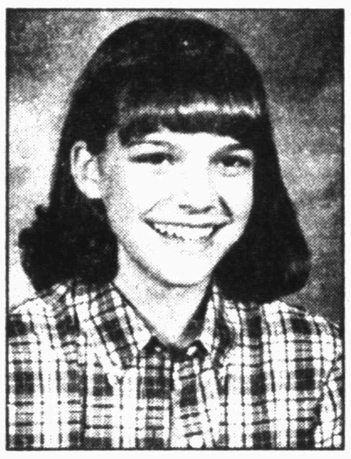


Austin McCormack

McCormack in Who's Who

Austin McCormack will be recognized in the 2000-2001 edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students.*

Austin, a sophomore at Snyder High School, is the son of Danny and Lynda McCormack.



Sarah Crawford

Crawford is inWho's Who

Sarah Crawford, a sophomore at Snyder High School, will be recognized in *Who's Who Among American High School Students.*

Sarah is the daughter of Malcolm and Vickie Crawford of Snyder. Grandparents are Sonny and Doris Greenfield of Snyder and Glenn and Shirley Chapman of Clyde.

Chris Halbert on honor roll

DALLAS — Chris William Halbert, a senior at Southern Methodist University, is included on the recently released undergraduate honor roll for the spring semester.

To be listed on the SMU honor roll, students must achieve a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average, which places them in the top 22 percent of all SMU undergraduate degree students.

Lee graduates from Abilene Christian

LaTrisha Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lannie Lee of Snyder, is a spring graduate of Abilene Christian University.

Miss Lee, a Snyder High School graduate, earned a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry.

Travis Smiley busy after being fired

ATLANTA (AP) — Five months after he was fired by Black Entertainment Television, Tavis Smiley is busier than ever.

Smiley is a contributor on CNN, National Public Radio and ABC's "Good Morning America" and a correspondent for ABC's "Primetime." He's on the cover of Jet magazine and has signed a two-book deal with Random House.

Still, Smiley is upset about how he was treated after Viacom purchased BET and decided not to renew his contract.

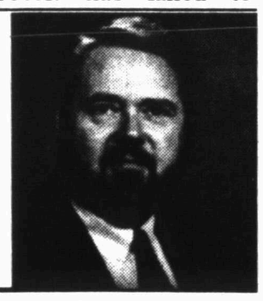
"I was terribly disappointed the situation went down like it did," said the 36-year-old Smiley, who was the host of Wednesday's episode of CNN's "Talk-Back Live."

He says his agent received a fax on March 23 saying he was fired "effective immediately." Eventually, he decided it was a "situation for revelation, the best thing to happen to me."

Smiley was the host of "BET Tonight" for five years. He will remain based in Los Angeles, but will spend more time at CNN headquarters in Atlanta."

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



I don't care what you know...

"Everything you talked about today I already knew," he said. "I came to hear you because I thought I'd hear something new."

I told this business owner I was sorry that I hadn't delivered any new information. Then I began to ask him about his business. In five minutes it became obvious that while this businessman claimed to know what to do to improve his business, he wasn't doing it.

This incident happened recently as I made a presentation at a national trade association meeting. My seminar was well attended and the evaluations were excellent, but obviously I hadn't connected with this member.

Later, I expressed my concern to the director of training for the association. I related my conversation to him and shared how the business owner had told me that he had already heard everything I'd gone over.

"Who was it?" the training director asked. I told him the gentleman's name, and watched the following roll-of-the-eyes recognition and smile. "Don't worry about Charlie," he said. "Charlie knows more than anybody else. He just doesn't apply what he knows."

Doing is more important

Every time I hear someone say, "I know," I want to say, "Well, if you know, why don't you do?" I'm reminded of the adage, knowing without doing is like sowing without reaping.

Many individuals and business owners would be successful if only they did what they know to do. You see a little knowledge used properly is much more important than many facts, which have been accumulated, but not applied.

Knowing is easier than doing

For years people have been gaining knowledge that they don't use. For example, research conclusively proves that smoking contributes to illnesses such as cancer and heart disease. Yet, millions of people still smoke. They have the knowledge, but neither the desire or will to use it.

Sunday morning sermons are filled with knowledge of how to live a consistent, Godly life. Sometimes, however, it's hard to tell that people know right from wrong when you observe how they live their lives the rest of the week. Many church members know, but don't do.

Perhaps, this gap between knowing and doing comes from what is required to accomplish them. Knowing is often passive. You can sit quietly and learn new things. Knowledge will come to you. Some folks set in front of the TV for hours. They acquire knowledge - both good and bad - without lifting a hand. Well, maybe the remote control hand.

Doing, by contrast, is active. The word do means: to perform; carry out; fulfill; to finish; to exert effort; to work; to bring about. All doing is action oriented.

Yes, there's no doubt about it, knowing is easier than doing. Because it is easier to know than do may be why there are more "know-it-alls" than "do-it-alls."

Here's a word for the wise. Those who know and don't do will always play second fiddle to those who know and do. The Bible holds some real insight on this topic. In Ecclesiastes 9:10 it says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, no knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

Here is great advice for us all: It is only what we do now that counts in life. It is certainly wise to seek knowledge, but even more wise to apply what you know.

Remember the words of Solomon. He wrote in Proverbs 14:23, "In all labor there is profit..." So, put what you know work, and you will benefit from it.

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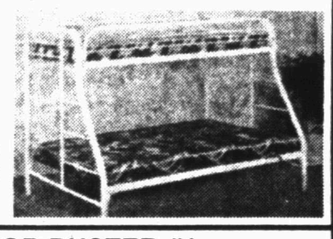

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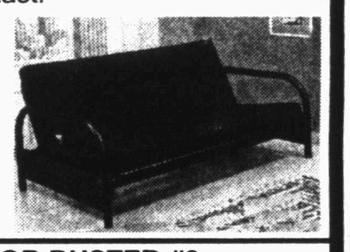

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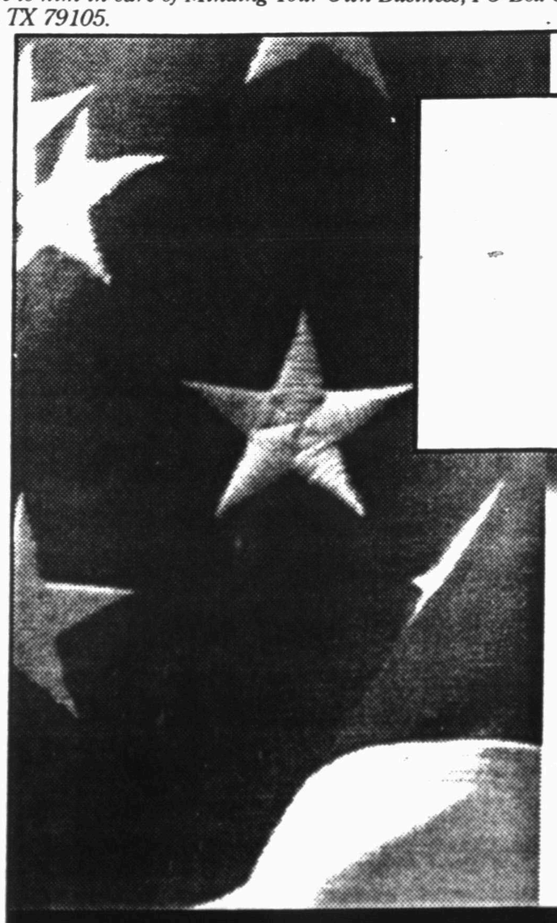

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Bluefin tuna cross Atlantic routinely; Europeans allowed to catch more fish

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new study shows that bluefin tuna routinely cross the Atlantic and are harvested in European waters, where fishermen are allowed to catch 12 times more than fishermen in American waters.

The finding, appearing Friday in the journal Science, suggests that international catch quotas based on sections of the Atlantic should be revised.

Bluefin tuna are prized by both sportsmen and sushi lovers. A single fish, weighing more than 400 pounds, has fetched $175,000 at auction in a Japanese seafood market. Prices for the fish routinely soar to $45 a pound.

But their population in Western Atlantic waters has declined sharply over the last few years.

The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) set the catch quota for waters west of the 45th meridian at 5.5 million pounds for 2001. East of the mid-Atlantic meridian, in the European and Mediterranean waters, the quota has been set at 65 million pounds.

The new study, using sophisticated electronic tags on the fish and data recovered by satellite from mid-ocean, has shown the East-West mix of the bluefin population is much higher than expected. In effect, tuna caught in European waters may well be coming from the Western Atlantic stock.

Western-tagged bluefins, the study said, "are vulnerable to fishing mortality from all Atlantic bluefin tuna fisheries."

Quotas were set with the belief that there was little mixing between the Western Atlantic and the Eastern Atlantic tuna. The study shows that up to 30 percent of the bluefin routinely across the median boundary.

In fact, three fish were found to have crossed the Atlantic at least three times, a trip that took about 40 days each way.

"Our results demonstrate that bluefin tuna are capable of ranging widely throughout the North Atlantic," said Barbara A. Block, a Stanford University researcher and the first author of the study. "That means efforts to bring about a recovery of bluefin tuna populations will require increased cooperation among all nations fishing for bluefin tuna."

The study also shows that bluefin are spawning in the Gulf of Mexico and the Mediterranean in two distinct populations and there is a need to increase protection of the fish at their breeding sites, she said.

Rolland Schmitten, the U.S. commissioner on ICCAT, said Block's study will be presented at the panel's November meeting in Spain to try to reduce the quota in the Eastern Atlantic.

A sharply reduced quota for tuna was set for the Western Atlantic three years ago with the idea of rebuilding the stock, he said.

Given the findings, he said the quota should be changed to lower the tuna catch in European and Mediterranean waters.

In the study, Block and her colleagues put electronic tags on 377 fish weighing up to 800 pounds. Most were caught off the North Carolina coast by recreational fishermen who cooperated with the scientists. Most of the tags were surgically implanted and the fish were then released. Some also carried tags that were automatically released after a programmed period. The tags floated to the surface and sent data to a satellite. The other tags were retrieved when the fish were caught.

After five years, 49 of the electronic tags have been recovered.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Handwritten note is one way to announce divorce to friends

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are divorcing after 16 years of marriage. We have many mutual friends, neighbors and church friends. I am moving out of the house and am wondering how to tell my neighbors "goodbye" without revealing the details of the divorce. I would like to explain to them that we can all remain friends, etc.

Would a simple, handwritten note be acceptable? Also, how should we inform the members of our church? — **SOON TO BE SINGLE IN ALABAMA**

DEAR SOON TO BE SINGLE: Your idea of writing a short, handwritten note to your neighbors is a good one. Ideally, it should be signed by both of you. It will allow you to spread the news without being subjected to unwanted questions at this time. (Of course, once the news is out you can expect to be deluged with questions — but they can always be deflected with, "We'd rather not discuss it.")

As to making the announcement to your fellow church members, the answer is simple: Just confide the news in three or four of them — and the information is sure to spread faster than the flu.

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DEAR ABBY: One of my sisters and I are at odds over our mother's life insurance policy. Mother died in 1976. My younger sister "Tina" was 13 at the time. Mother had requested that I take Tina in and raise her. I did, and used the insurance money to help support her. I was a single parent with two children of my own, and I needed that money to cover expenses. It was spent on her health insurance, medical costs, a car, college tuition, clothes, etc.

Abby, my other sister, "Marie," is angry at me for using the insurance money. Marie says that because I "took responsibility" for Tina, I should have paid for everything myself and saved the insurance money as an inheritance for Tina.

What do you think about how the insurance money was used? — **BIG SISTER**

DEAR BIG SISTER: I think you did the right thing with the insurance money. You were honoring your mother's request. If Marie is truly concerned about Tina receiving an inheritance, she should stop second-guessing you and make her little sister a beneficiary of her own estate.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been seeing a man off and on for a year — more off than on. We are together now, and there are many problems. I have one child; he has two. Our kids fight like cats and dogs, and I am so frustrated. But that's not what this is about.

He has cheated on me and lied to me in the past, and I forgave him. He was recently fired from his job of 12 years for forging a time sheet. Then, a few days ago, he sneaked back into his old office and stole a bunch of things — a camera, a printer and other computer items — and sold them to an outlet for money. This is so wrong! What am I going to do now? — **IN LOVE WITH A LOUISIANA LOSER**

DEAR IN LOVE: Now, for the sake of your child, you must distance yourself as far as possible from this potential felon. You may not have noticed, but you had not one positive thing to say about this man. That little voice telling you that "this is wrong" is your guardian angel trying to protect you. Pay attention!

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Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a professional whistler and bird caller. Whenever people ask what I do for a living, my reply is often met with the question, "What is that?" About the best I can respond with is, "Someone who whistles."

My art is not at the height of its popularity, as it was in the early part of the last century. Whistlers are no longer featured with big bands as they once were; the late, great whistler Fred Lowery no longer headlines at Carnegie Hall or whistles the national anthem at Yankee Stadium; Elmo Tanner is not whistling "Heartaches" with Perry Como and the Ted Weems orchestra; and Muzzy Marcellino isn't whistling the sweet and plaintive theme song to "Lassie" that we all remember.

Abby, it's hard to deal with the fact that the art of whistling has become so far removed from the public. Could you kindly print my letter as a reminder to your readers that whistling is a beautiful art form with a rich heritage in America and elsewhere? (No name, please. This one's for the art.) — **THE WHISTLER, JENKS, OKLA.**

DEAR WHISTLER: I'm pleased to do so. It's the truth. And I'm not whistling "Dixie."

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DEAR ABBY: I read the letter from "Lifeguarding Mom" who had a "close call" with a near-drowning accident she will never forget.

My child had a close call I will never forget, either. He also survived, but he is NOT fine. Media coverage is extensive with drowning accidents, but you do not always hear the follow-up stories of the results of the accident. Many people hear that a child survived and went home from the hospital. What they do not realize is that many children go home with severe disabilities.

My child survived a near-drowning accident 13 years ago. He cannot walk or talk. He is fed using a tube in his stomach, needs oxygen, has seizures daily and requires 24-hour care. In less than five minutes not only did his life change, but so did many other lives as well. These past years have been an unending emotional roller-coaster ride. I would not wish this on anyone.

DO NOT THINK THIS CANNOT HAPPEN TO YOU. I have spoken to many parents of children who have survived a near-drowning experience. Their stories are not all the same. The common link is small children and a water source. It takes only 2 inches of water for a child to drown. It happens in buckets, fountains, toilets, pools, canals, streams, lakes, etc. And it often happens when the adults are distracted for any of a thousand reasons.

Most parents have temporarily lost track of a child at one time or another, especially if there is more than one child. Most of the time the child is safe. Of course, drowning is not the only danger from which we need to shield our children. Accidents WILL happen, but if you are careful this may not happen to you. — **ONE PHOENIX SURVIVOR**

DEAR SURVIVOR: Your letter is a chilling reminder to parents of small children. I hope they will take heed.

And now I have a question: Parents, where is your child RIGHT NOW?

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Immigrant detainees will receive meals

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Investigators say failure to feed illegal immigrants detained by the Border Patrol was a matter of isolated incidents and that changes now make sure they get meals.

Officials began checking to see whether detained entrants were being fed after a 19-year-old Mexican woman passed out last month in federal court in Tucson and said she hadn't been given anything to eat for hours while in Border Patrol custody.

Though later it was determined she had been fed, court interpreters and attorneys began checking into other immigration cases.

They compiled a list of 21 other people who claimed to have gone without food for periods ranging from five hours to nearly two full days while in custody.

Concerned that the problem might be more widespread, the public defenders sent copies of the list to the Mexican and Salvadoran consulates. They also complained that apparent failure to feed detainees violated various international treaties and minimum standards for the treatment of prisoners.

And they raised the issue with federal judges, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Border Patrol and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Heather Williams, an assistant federal public defender in Tucson, said immigrants consistently say they have been fed when they are asked now.

"If they happen to come in late, agents have been asking them if they're hungry," Williams added.

U.S. District Judge John Roll said he and other judges met last week with INS and the Border Patrol and believe the issue had been resolved.

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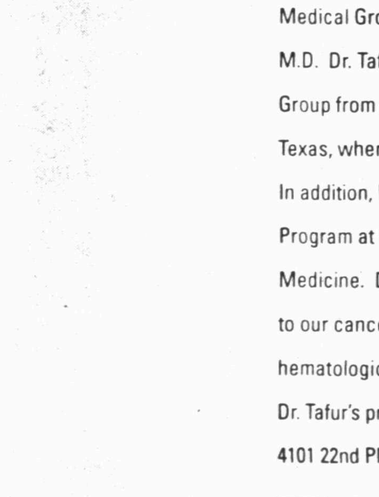

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Various therapies for varicose veins

DEAR DR. GOTT: During my pregnancy 15 years ago, I developed varicose veins. They are especially painful during my periods. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Varicose veins are leg veins that become stretched, dilated, unsightly and sometimes uncomfortable. They are aggravated by pregnancy because the developing fetus puts pressure on the pelvic veins, causing the veins in the legs to balloon out.

Doctors are not completely clear about the reasons why some women have more difficulty with varicose veins during phases of their menstrual cycles. Perhaps the normal variation in female-hormone levels leads to more fluid retention, hence more leg-vein swelling.

Ask your gynecologist if elastic support stockings or supplemental hormone pills might alleviate your discomfort. Also, the doctor can advise you whether you are a candidate for surgery to remove the veins. While varicose veins do not, in more instances, constitute a health hazard, they may have to be aggressively addressed.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 70 and had a total hip replacement six months ago. I didn't expect to be perfect after the operation but I never imagined it would be so painful. I cannot walk without limping and cannot turn over in bed without severe discomfort. What do you suggest?

DEAR READER: Hip replacement surgery is usually successful; sometimes it is not. Patients may continue to experience pain for a variety of reasons: the prosthesis may slip out of place, for instance, or the healing may be unexpectedly delayed. In such situations, re-operation, although challenging to doctor and patient, may improve symptoms. In my view, you need a second opinion to determine if something went wrong and what can be done about it. You do not have to reconcile yourself to a lifetime of chronic pain. Either ask your surgeon to refer you to another orthopedist or seek advice from specialists in a teaching hospital.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Whenever I get a cold (which seems to occur regularly), I lose my voice. I'm tired of sounding like a frog. Should I have my tonsils removed?

DEAR READER: You appear to have a tendency to laryngitis following mild upper respiratory infections or inflammation of your upper respiratory tract. This can be caused by infection, smoking, air pollution or, more likely, a post-nasal drip associated with low-grade allergies. Your tonsils may contribute to the difficulty and, depending on your age and general health, may have to come out.

However, in cases such as yours, the problem is ordinarily far simpler: an upper respiratory allergy. See an ear-nose-and-throat specialist as a first step. This type of doctor will examine your tonsils and vocal cords to diagnose the basis of your problem. Then you can follow his advice with respect to medication or tonsillectomy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why do doctor's charge so much?

DEAR READER: Let's be fair. Not all physicians do. Although doctors have a reputation for charging an arm and a leg, this reputation may not be based on fact. We live in a service-oriented society, where, in many cases, the costs of non-medical services are escalating far faster than are physicians' fees.

When I take my automobile in for routine servicing, for example, I am charged $48 an hour for labor. To my knowledge, Medicare authorities have no pending legislation to limit auto mechanics' charges, depending on what ails your car.

Some time ago, my IBM typewriter went on the fritz. My secretary called the corporation service center for our area to request assistance. The company representative agreed to send out a repairperson — at a staggering $158 per hour labor, including travel time, plus 25 cents a mile. After some backing and filling, we acceded to a service call when another, nearby client needed help, thereby sharing the cost of travel time. The fix-it man came and replaced a $4.50 drive belt that had broken. The belt was not guaranteed. I grudgingly paid the $265.14 bill; $260 seemed like a lot of labor cost for the service I received. I think I was ripped off. IBM either needed my money to buy carpeting for its corporate executive suite or, more likely, the company is more interested in selling computers than in fixing Selectric typewriters.

Years ago, as an elderly colleague of mine was preparing to take down his shingle, he decided to separate the wheat from the chaff. He doubled his office fees overnight to an astronomical figure - I think it was $30 then - in the hope of attracting well-heeled patients to ease him into retirement. In those days, it was pretty well understood that you didn't seek assistance from doctors who charged more than you could afford. Patients of modest means were content to see the young doctor down the street (in this case, me) who was starting a practice and welcomed all the business he could get whether it paid well or not.

The system has changed. Boy, has it changed. Today physicians (whom government agencies have identified as "over-chargers") are required to refund money (and penalty payments) to patients, and may — in some states — risk losing their licenses. I'm not aware of any watchdog committee that will force IBM to pay me back part of its overcharge, although I have been a loyal customer for years.

I don't make $158 an hour when I'm working. If I'm lucky and the office is running at full capacity, I may make $100 an hour. Of that, half goes to overhead. Of the remaining $50, about 30 percent is paid in taxes. So on a good day, my take-home pay is about $35 an hour. I am never paid a cent for my time on call, giving advice on the telephone, driving, researching challenging cases, filling out insurance forms, making referrals, calling back the results of lab reports, sitting alone thinking and planning, consulting with other doctors, teaching, or carrying out committee work at the hospital. I have no sick time or paid vacations. When I stop working — even for a weekend — my income stops. I am not permitted to raise my fees for the elderly, who are invariably more time-consuming than are younger patients. When I provide a late-night service or see sick people on holidays, I don't get time and a half; in fact, the differential is ludicrous. Medicare will not reimburse me for time spent on difficult cases. Bored by this litany? So am I.

I'm not sharing this information with you to complain; I just think you ought to know the facts. Although some doctors are able to gouge the public, most practicing physicians in my generation are caught in the same bind: We muddle along day by day, shaking our heads at the dizzying array of regulations and restrictions that seem calculated to drive the private practitioner nuts.

Sometimes, it's downright depressing.

The next time I need IBM for a typewriter repair, I'll have to remember to ask the serviceman how he landed such a cushy job.

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More economic development is sought by senator

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the tiny south Georgia town of Lumpkin, residents consider themselves lucky if they land low-wage work at the local paper mill.

"The poor folks stay in, and the smart folks move on," said Ed Cannington, Lumpkin's mayor for the past 22 years. "It's just a mess, just no easy solution to it."

Stewart County, where Lumpkin is located, sits in the middle of an 11-state swath of counties with large black populations. Most share the same problems: high unemployment, poor access to health care, substandard housing, low high school graduation rates, high infant mortality rates and poor infrastructure.

Historians and demographers refer to the area as the Black Belt, a term first used a century ago by educator and ex-slave Booker T. Washington to describe a small section of Alabama known for dark soil ideal for growing cotton.

Cannington believes a federal initiative to boost the Black Belt could have results similar to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), which has aided mountain communities.

"That was a desolate area," Cannington said, referring to the 13-state Appalachian region. "Now they've got all kinds of roads, resorts where people come in and spend the money, and lots of industry. We certainly need something like that down in our area."

When Congress returns next month, Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., will request a $250,000 feasibility study to look at how an agency modeled after the ARC could help the Black Belt.

"We want to help the Third World across the oceans, but we need to be looking at what has been called the Third World of the United States," said Miller, who comes from an area of north Georgia that has benefitted from ARC programs.

The Appalachian commission was created 35 years ago as a partnership between the federal government and states to boost economic development and improve the quality of life for residents. Since its inception, the ARC has helped cut the region's poverty rate in half, provide water and sewer services to some 800,000 households, and build more than 2,300 miles of new highways.

Miller's proposal has been churning in his mind for several years, fueled by frequent talks with University of Georgia demographer Douglas C. Bachtel.

Bachtel says the Black Belt never recovered from its slave-based economy of the 19th century and needs federal help to catch up with the rest of the country. Although the Appalachian commission covers some of the same states, no one agency is focusing on the needs of people in the Black Belt, Bachtel said.

"The ARC is just alphabet soup to these folks, it's not doing anything," he said. "What they need is a concerted, comprehensive effort. These problems go across county and state boundaries, and the federal government can provide the intangible leadership."

Miller's proposal is the first attempt to address problems across the entire Black Belt, but other lawmakers have tried to improve conditions in parts of it.

Last year, Congress gave $20 million to the new Delta Regional Authority, a 200-county area in eight states bordering the lower Mississippi River. The agency aims to improve infrastructure and job creation in the region.

Former Mississippi Gov. William Winter, a key Delta authority proponent, originally sought an expansion of the ARC. But that idea was rejected by lawmakers who feared it would dilute coverage for other areas.

Winter says he likes Miller's idea but is skeptical that Congress will endorse it beyond the study phase, particularly with President Bush urging Congress to look for ways to rein in spending.

Demos and White House spar over budget surplus

WASHINGTON (AP) — To the White House, changing Social Security accounting rules produces a more honest budget surplus figure. To Democrats, it is a last-minute attempt to hide the threat President Bush's tax cut poses to vital government programs.

Bush administration officials explained Thursday how the change would produce an unforeseen $4.3 billion for fiscal 2001, which ends Sept. 30. That may be just enough to allow Congress to keep a pledge not to tap Social Security for other uses as overall budget surplus projections fall.

When the White House releases its revised budget projections next week, spokesman Ari Fleischer said, they will fully protect Social Security while leaving a small surplus for this year's government operations.

"Just like a good business, the government's numbers and the government's books should be accurate," Fleischer said in Crawford, Texas, where Bush is vacationing.

The White House budget revision also will project economic growth for fiscal 2002 at 3.2 percent, up from 1.7 percent in fiscal 2001, officials said. A leading group of private economists this summer estimated 2002 growth at 2.8 percent, but the Federal Reserve has forecast next year's growth rate at between 3 percent and 3.5 percent.

Democrats acknowledged that the accounting maneuver may avert an immediate invasion of the Social Security trust fund. But they said it demonstrates how the president's 10-year, $1.35 trillion tax cut is quickly consuming projected budget surpluses that could be used for education, defense and other priorities.

"It's a sign of problems to come and a deteriorating budget," said Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., senior Democrat on the House Budget Committee. "Their motive is political. It's to pretty up the bottom line."

The fight over the Social Security surplus is mainly a political one. The only practical impact of using some of the Social Security surplus for other purposes is that a lower amount of publicly held debt would be paid down. Benefits would not be affected.

Rep. Jim Nussle, chairman of the House Budget Committee, predicted that the tax cut would help the economy recover and that lower surplus projections will keep a lid on spending by Democrats, not threaten Social Security and Medicare.

"The biggest threats to our fiscal health, and to the economy, are oppressive tax burdens and out-of-control Washington spending," said Nussle, R-Iowa.

Gene Sperling, former President Clinton's top economic adviser, cited a move made by the tax cut as the major cause for the Bush accounting change. In the tax law, the deadline for some $33 billion in corporate tax payments was moved from Sept. 15 to Oct. 1 so the money would count toward fiscal 2002 — leaving a big hole in the 2001 budget.

"They created this problem already by an earlier gimmick," Sperling said.

The accounting maneuver involves payroll taxes that go into Social Security. In the past, those collections were estimated in one year and then reconciled in a future year with the actual money collected.

The change would attribute the actual amounts for 1998, 1999 and 2000 to those years instead of to 2001, a $5.6 billion difference. Counting a second $1.3 billion change that involves the Postal Service, the non-Social Security part of the budget would net an additional $4.3 billion for 2001.

"We're going to make sure the numbers are accurate for the years they came in," Fleischer said.

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Letters to the editor

Thanks for new sidewalks

Dear Editor:

The Scurry County Health Unit would like to thank the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation, city officials and county officials for all your efforts on the 37th Street project, the East Traffic Circle and the sign project entering our community on South Hwy. 350.

We all appreciate how attractive this has made our community, but our greatest satisfaction comes in knowing this makes us a more, "Walker Friendly Community." We know that walking aids in cardiovascular and cancer prevention and having safe, accessible sidewalks for this activity can only benefit our community. For our citizens who walk out of necessity, the newly constructed sidewalks ensure them a safer environment.

In our community we have handicapped residents from Golden Terrace Village, south of the Cogdell Blvd. Intersection operating their motorized wheelchairs on S. Hwy. 350. We hope if upgrading and reconstruction of College Avenue is in the foreseeable future, then sidewalks will be a part of that project also. This would help eliminate this obvious hazard to these residents and our citizens driving on this much traveled highway.

So, our hats are off to all of you for making us an attractive, *Walker Friendly*, community.

Cindy Nix
Scurry County Health Unit

Misses small town

Dear Editor:

In reference to a front page article dated July 31, 2001. I would just like to add my comments.

First of all. I live in Dallas. I work for a large corporate, IT Company. For those who know me, my education and background, it's hard to explain how I ever got here; some would say I am lucky. I have been able to travel the country with my job and meet people from all over. I have learned a lot more about cultures since I have left the confines of Snyder and I can't say it's all been good.

The reason for my writing is to just express my feelings about the wages and opportunity in Snyder. I am very disappointed that I am forced to live in a one bedroom, 700 sq. ft. apartment, instead of my three bedroom home. I'm even more disappointed that that apartment costs me over two times what I paid in housing at home. I miss my family. I am too far away in case of illness or emergencies. Finding a doctor here is like a nightmare. Who is good? Who is not?

Out of how many thousands, how do you choose? Hairdressers? Same story.

You don't know if you will come out scalped or ruined, but you're forced to take a chance on something new. At home, you actually knew who was good. I think it's a shame that as a single woman I cannot live in my hometown and my own home because I can't make a living there. I'm sure I'm not the only one. Many have been forced to move. Why would a graduating student even begin to try to look for work there? There are no jobs and if they are, they are filled by someone's cousin, or niece, or nephew, long before anyone else gets a chance to apply.

Once you do find a job, you're expected to give more than a hard day's work and for poverty wages. You're supposed to be a good employee, thankful for your job, respectful of your employers. Tell me.. does $6 an hour and lousy or no benefits make you want to jump for joy?

I think not, and despite what some may think, a person cannot have a place to live, be able to pay his/her bills and own a vehicle on those wages. I find it sad.

For those of you who are fortunate enough to afford the luxury of living there. Be thankful. Thankful that you can sleep at night without having to worry about your safety. Thankful that you see a familiar face when you drive down the road or enter the grocery store. Be thankful that you can get out of your car in a parking lot without having to watch your back. Be thankful you know your doctor and he knows you. Your hairdresser, give her a hug and thank God you have her. Be glad you have your home, big or small.

It's amazing how much you can actually miss a driveway. Those people you resent having to work with? They are one of your most valuable possessions.

It's amazing how the big city can turn people into impersonal, vain, greedy and uncaring drones.

For those of you who pray: Pray hard. Pray that your hometown lives and prospers. Pray that you do attract new businesses.

Pray that some noisy company or government agency comes in and fills the empty houses with really noisy people who will bring their money to your stores. Pray for the ability to keep your sheltered lives and your safety. Pray for your children who had to give all that up for the almighty dollar. God knows they need it.

Sincerely and Respectfully,
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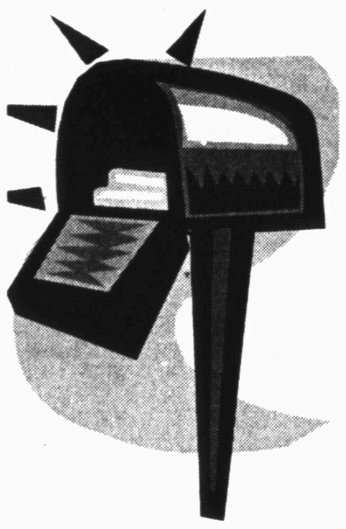

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North of Forty by Red Green

Playing the health card

One of the trickiest sides to marriage is trying to figure out how you can be considerate and sensitive to the other person's needs and still be able to get everything you want. You may find yourself in desperate need of a sports car, for example, but, unfortunately, your wife may not share the depth or intensity of that particular desire.

What does a guy do? You could go ahead and buy the car and surprise her, but that's a dumb idea — as most divorce lawyers can attest. She will be tempted to buy herself a facelift the same way, only it will be more expensive than your sports car and have very little resale value. This is where age and declining health can really become an asset. Instead of talking your wife into the car with bravado and adventure, go the sympathy route.

Point out your new eyeglass prescription and your hearing loss and tell her that you'd like to own a sports car before they revoke your driver's license. You know your wife can't resist a pathetic man. She married you, didn't she?

THE HAIR LINE

I've actually been alive through parts of six decades now. (I'm technically allowed to count the '60s even though I wasn't paying much attention.) And I've come to the conclusion that hairstyles are a reflection of society. In the '40s, everything was pretty neat: short hair with a part for men, and tight curls and waves for women. It was a simpler time.

No hidden agendas, and no gender ambiguity. Then along came rock 'n' roll. Men's hair got longer, but stayed neat through the magic of grease. A comb in the back pocket and a monthly oil change, and you were in business.

Women's hair got a little longer, and there were a lot of ponytails because women wanted something to bounce when they danced, and at that time, the ponytail was the only acceptable option. Then came the '60s, and everything went wild and free. Free love lost a lot of its appeal when you couldn't tell the boys from the girls. Since then, there's been a bit of everything, but the latest trend is toward bald.

Even by people who have hair. Young people are shaving their heads. If hair length is a sign of personal freedom, we must be doing something wrong. For me, I'm so confused by all the hairstyles I've experienced that I'm currently going with a combination — long curly locks on the sides and the back to let you know I was a flower child and bald spots on top to indicate I am hip and happening.

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

Things middle-aged guys should never say:

— Watch this.

— I'm telling you the meat is cooked.

— Nothing can possibly go wrong.

— I've never had a speeding ticket.

— My back never felt better.

— I'll have the onion rings.

— Hand me that sledgehammer.

— Do I look OK in these pants?

HE SAID, SHE SAID

The last few weeks, I've been saying things exactly at the same time that my wife has been saying them. That bothers me. I don't mind so much if it's her saying what I would say, but I'm concerned that it's me saying what she would say. I've worked really hard throughout our marriage to fake-change.

I've pretended to enjoy gardening. I've gone to tearooms. I've even watched Oprah. But when I start talking like my wife, that sounds like real change to me. It's not good. I want to keep my own identity. I don't want to become my wife. She does a much better job at being her than I do. If it keeps up, I'll be declared redundant and then she'll downsize me.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier." — Red Green

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Wind power

As they speed past the repetitive vistas of rangeland punctuated with an occasional oil pump, travelers on Interstate 10 south of Odessa do double takes.

Atop mesas outside struggling, oil-bust towns such as McCamey in Upton County, rows of European-designed wind turbines rise like surreal storks. Catching wind 200 feet above the prickly pear, their rotor blades turn to brighten lights in faraway cities such as Austin.

This wind-power construction boom is brightening McCamey's future, too. While the links uniting rural land owners with big-city power companies may occasionally strain, they invigorate an economy hard hit by international competition in oil and mohair markets. "Wind Energy Capital" is a T-shirt brag in the Upton County crossroads.

Another 50-ton turbine goes vertical every few days on the nearby mesas in four separate "wind ranches." Crews of sunscreen-slathered Danes and Britons toil beside local Hispanics and cowboy two-steppers who drive pickups 60 miles to find a dance hall. Construction supervisors from Florida Power and Light, one of the nation's major wind power developers, commute on dusty roads linking the mesas to offices in a one-time McCamey bank.

Wind is just a sliver on the U.S. power pie charts. Coal, gas and nuclear power dominate. But the wind industry is burgeoning at a growth rate matched only by the computer industry. Europe, turning increasingly to offshore wind turbines for its power, is way ahead of us. We're just starting to catch up. And in the United States, only North Dakota boasts better winds than Texas. Kansas comes in third.

"God blessed Texas," says Mark Kapner, the former New Yorker who heads the renewable energy program of Austin Energy, the city-owned utility. "He figured when the oil ran out he'd give us wind."

The fossil fuels haven't run out, but dwindling domestic production and concern about pollution and scarcity facing future generations are turning attention to nonpolluting, renewable energy — mainly sun, water and wind.

After natural gas prices doubled last year, clean and relatively cheap wind power started looking especially interesting. As part of the nation's energy plan, Congress should renew the wind production tax credit that allows wind to compete with other fuels that get tax breaks. The State of Texas, which wind-power advocates say leads the nation in support of the industry, should continue that effort.

Austin Energy's Green Choice allows consumers to choose renewable energy at fixed rates, anticipating — as most people do — that fossil fuel costs will keep rising. An early participant in the program was George W. Bush, who selected "green power" for the Texas Governor's Mansion. Another early customer of the program, launched in early 2000, was former Austinite Pat Wood III. Wood is now a key member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and likely to be its next chairman.

Alternative energy technologies such as wind and solar energy will thrive under the Bush administration, predicts Russell Smith, executive director of the Texas Renewable Energy Industries Association. The group's president, Rick Walker of Dallas, is less sanguine. He fears the "fairly dramatic" proposed cuts in renewable energy research and the diversion of research funds to the coal industry.

Waco Tribune-Herald

Clean water act

As an agency charged with enforcing the nation's Clean Water Act, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission often acts as though its main duty is to protect polluters.

The most recent example of the TNRCC getting into hot water, or filthy water in this case, turned up at last week's public hearing at the Waco Convention Center.

TNRCC officials proposed issuing a "general permit" to allow composters of manure from upstream dairy operations to spray surplus water wastes on irrigation fields.

Waco leaders properly consider this proposal a step backward.

The TNRCC should work to clean up the environment, especially the polluted runoff that flows downstream in the North Bosque River into Lake Waco.

The TNRCC proposal to offer a "general permit" so composters can irrigate effluent at will without having to go through public hearings or notify neighbors could result in more pollution in the North Bosque watershed.

Ground saturated with pollution likely will cause polluted runoff following heavy rainfall. Polluted runoff in the North Bosque watershed flows downstream into the drinking water supply for 180,000 Waco and Central Texas residents.

Waco Mayor Linda Ethridge properly warned TNRCC officials that their plan "sends a terrible signal, intended or not, to people who care about cleaning up the river."

She told the state officials who are supposed to guard Texas waterways that their proposal undermines public confidence in their stated efforts to clean up the North Bosque River.

"You're making decisions now that may undermine the whole plan," she said.

Wichita Falls Times Record News

Gun liability

Guns don't kill people, advocates have espoused, people kill people.

A recent California Supreme Court decision made that statement more than just a battle cry. The 5-1 decision last Monday ruled that victims couldn't sue gun makers when their products are used in a homicide. Product liability laws, the court argued, don't apply to weapons manufacturers, thus insulating them from further lawsuits where victims blame the producers for violent crime.

And the court decision basically silenced more than a dozen lawsuits around the state.

Because a criminal act existed in the mind of a criminal and not inside the barrel of a gun, manufacturers couldn't be held responsible for the act. Navegar Inc., the makers of the TEC-DC9, an appealing, fast-firing weapon, weren't to blame for the July 1993 massacre when Gian Luigi Ferri entered a skyscraper and killed eight lawyers before turning the gun on himself.

The gun manufacturer wasn't liable, no more than an automaker would be liable for a drunk driver barreling through a crowd of pedestrians. Or a hot-dog maker after a diner choked because he took too big of a bite.

Or a cigarette manufacturer because a life-long chain-smoker ignored the warnings and developed one or all of the ailments listed clearly on the package.

In actuality, the California Supreme Court's ruling in favor of gun manufacturers must have seemed ironic to cigarette manufacturers, who perhaps rolled over a bit too soon. The billions of dollars in compensation awarded the states for the medical treatment of smokers might have been reduced, delayed or even averted. The cigarette manufacturers could have held out, awaiting a similar ruling that would have placed part if not all the blame in the hands of those who pick up a lethal weapon or a lit cigarette.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Aug. 19, 2001

In the year ahead, you may begin to steer a different course from the one you've been presently following. It'll prove to be the right one, because a pot of gold is waiting at the other end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Whatever you do today, do not prejudge a situation in which you're involved. By gathering all the facts, you could turn a negative circumstance into a positive one. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — On your own today, you could be extremely fortunate. Thus, it would be to your benefit to not get involved with another who might turn out to be a drag.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Lady Luck could enter the picture today and help you regroup and try again to produce the results for which you're hoping that involves a secret desire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Follow your own instincts today regarding a matter that could prove financially beneficial, even if associates believe it is unrealistic. Dame Fortune is your co-pilot, not them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — If you have something potentially profitable cooking, turn up the burners today, even if it gets a bit hot in the kitchen. You could be rather lucky now in generating extra income.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Don't hesitate to compromise today in an arrangement you have with a close associate. It's to your ultimate benefit not to hold out for a one-sided deal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — In a situation where your motives are pure and your intentions are merely to be helpful, you could actually benefit more today from what you offer than do the persons you assist.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Spend a little more time than you've planned and do so with a smile, should a situation call for it today. The rewards will be greater than you imagined.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Better influences are coming your way today that will affect a situation you thought had only a dark side with which you've been presently confronted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Switch tactics today on handling a testy adversary and you could turn things about. One of the best methods you can try is to take the I-don't-care approach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Something fortuitous could happen to you today through a person who is indebted to you. It might not be the repayment he or she feels you deserve, but it's a start.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you broaden your perspective today, you'll have an excellent chance of achieving something that's been denied you. If you restrict your outlook, however, it's another story.

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Monday, August 20, 2001

In the year ahead who you know may be equally important as what you know in achieving your aims. Extend the hand of friendship to everyone you meet and you'll make the right contacts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — If you're inclined to take a flyer today, it's best to check out your thinking with someone you respect. The odds could just as easily go against you if you're off base. Major changes are aheaad for Leo in the coming year.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Rather than get in over your head, avoid involving yourself in uncertain situations. Don't let your ego trick you into doing what you're not ready to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be especially careful today of what you tell to whom. Without realizing it, you could spill the beans to the wrong person about something you were supposed to keep mum.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Persons who promised to do something for you today may have to renege and leave you on your own. It can't be helped, so don't make the situation embarrassing by being demanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — In order to achieve your aims today you could wrongly choose to use tactics that aren't exactly kosher and be called on the carpet for it. Excuses won't help.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Your hunches may have a strong influence on your outlook today, yet they could be questionable, so think twice about the consequences before responding to your inner urges.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Keep your distance today and don't get between two friends who are having their differences. Their squabble could end up becoming yours.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Unless you go out of your way today to cultivate the right ally, anyone else you get to help you achieve an objective might turn out to be a sorry disappointment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is not a good day to experiment with how you've always done a job or with the kinds of tools to use. Your thinking cap could be a bit tilted today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although you may mean well and simply want to help, probing into the private affairs of others could arouse their ire. Listen to their woes, but ask no questions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You're inviting assertive associates to take all the decision-making out of your hands today if you appear wishy-washy. Be direct and definitive in your statements.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Usually you're pretty well organized in your thinking and work habits. However, today your methods and procedures could be haphazard and therefore, so will the results.

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What is the proper role for Democratic Party superstar?

WASHINGTON (AP) — If people had forgotten, they were quickly reminded when Bill Clinton opened his Harlem office last month at a festive, campaign-like event.

At 54, the former president is the "elder statesman" of the Democratic Party, but as far as the faithful are concerned he remains the party's rock star.

And from his Harlem headquarters, Clinton will offer much-needed fund-raising help, give valued political advice and, top Democrats hope, avoid outshining their next wave of leaders.

"More than anyone else, he wants to make sure that Democrats win elections up and down the ballot," said the Democrats' national chairman, Terry McAuliffe. "He knows that he takes up a lot of the oxygen in the room. We need to highlight our new leaders and new ideas."

Clinton will have plenty to divert him from domestic politics — writing his $10 million memoir, working on his presidential library, seeking international solutions to the AIDS crisis and racial relations.

But he has no plans to give up politics altogether.

"The president has said if he can be helpful to the party or to a candidate, be it raising resources or other means, he will make himself available," said his spokeswoman, Julia Payne.

Associates say he will try to be helpful while remaining in the background, but they concede competitive politics is in his blood.

Several Democrats eyeing a run for president in 2004 have sought his counsel. Even if he should remain neutral, Democrats and political analysts will closely watch his every move in national politics.

"He won't try to be the guy out there articulating Democrats' positions on the issues," said John Podesta, Clinton's White House chief of staff. "The critical voices in the future will be those out there running for office — Al Gore, Tom Daschle and Dick Gephardt."

Democratic insiders talk privately about the challenge Gore will face if he decides to run for president in 2004. If he does, they say, the 2000 Democratic nominee will need to give some kind of public sign that he and Clinton have patched postelection differences.

Gore associates don't talk about the relationship between the two, and associates of Clinton say the two have a mutual respect for each other even if they're not best friends.

But persistent sniping between aides to the two men has fueled a perception of a lingering resentment over Clinton's scandals and Gore's decision to distance himself from the man he served eight years as vice president.

Leading Democrats say time should heal any differences, and they will look for opportunities to put those rumors to rest.

"Clinton continues to be the big hurdle for Al Gore in putting together his rematch with Bush," said Republican consultant Scott Reed. "Does he still believe he's the best president ever, or is he disgusted with his lack of personal values?"

For his part, Clinton will be back on the fund-raising circuit for Democrats throughout the fall.

"On a few rare occasions it will be appropriate for him to speak publicly for Democrats and on behalf of Democrats," said former aide Joe Lockhart, "but those will be few and far between."

But he will be tempted often because of his widespread appeal within the party, said veteran Democratic consultant Joe Cerrell.

"If I were involved in a campaign in 2002," Cerrell said, "I'd have no hesitancy to tell some prominent Democrat, if you get the opportunity, use the president."

That could cut two ways, however.

"He has incredible popularity among Democrats," said Democratic strategist Bill Carrick. "On the other hand, he remains the Democrat Republicans love to hate the most."

RR killer under treatment for self-inflicted injuries

HOUSTON (AP) — Condemned killer Angel Maturino Resendiz was in a Texas prison medical facility Friday after reportedly cutting himself on the neck and arms with a disposable razor blade.

Maturino Resendiz, 41, was transferred from death row at the Polunsky Unit near Livingston to the Jester IV Unit near Rosharon last weekend, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd told the Houston Chronicle in Friday's editions.

Known as the railroad killer, Maturino Resendiz has claimed to have committed 14 murders in Texas and five other states: Illinois, Kentucky, Florida, Georgia and California. The 41-year-old death row inmate had earned a spot on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List for his killing spree.

All of the slayings were committed within a short distance of railroad tracks. Maturino Resendiz said he used freight trains to easily and efficiently travel between crime scenes. Investigators believe the Mexican national may have committed at least a dozen murders in several of the states while traveling on freight trains.

During Maturino Resendiz' trial, he admitted to killing nine people in Texas, Illinois and Kentucky.

Judge rejects motions for quick end to Florida lawsuit

MIAMI (AP) — A lawsuit filed by civil rights groups who contend black voters were disenfranchised last November won't come to a quick resolution.

U.S. District Judge Alan Gold has denied motions by Secretary of State Katherine Harris to dismiss the suit and by a county elections supervisor for a summary judgment. The judge's order was filed Tuesday.

The lawsuit, which included complaints from the Nov. 7 presidential election, asked the judge to eliminate punch-card ballots used in 25 counties, fix the state's system for purging voter lists and monitor Florida elections for 10 years. There was no effort to overturn the results of the presidential race won by George W. Bush.

"We're pleased the court ruled the way it did," said Anita Hodgkiss, an attorney with the Lawyers' Committee For Civil Rights Under Law. "All of these were important steps for us."

Harris, state elections chief Clay Roberts and county election supervisors were named in the suit.

"Secretary Harris has consistently maintained that this lawsuit is unnecessary as the election reform act has addressed virtually all of the issues it raises," said David Host, a Harris spokesman.

Harris' lawyers had asked the judge to delay the proceedings while the U.S. Justice Department considered the elections reform package. Approval of voting changes is needed in five counties with a history of discrimination.

Lawmakers approved a $32 million election reform package in May that will eliminate punch-card and hand-counted paper ballots, and mechanical-lever voting. All precincts will be required to have optical-scan or touch-screen ballot systems in place for the 2002 fall election.

Gold approved a motion that would allow the civil rights groups to amend their case to account for the changes.

"On some of the claims, even if this law had been in effect, our plaintiffs would not have been able to vote," Hodgkiss said. "For others, we want to see how it's implemented before we can be certain that it has solved the problems."

Harris' lawyers could refile their motions once the plaintiffs have amended their case, her spokesman said.

Groups supporting the lawsuit said blacks were kept from casting ballots by antiquated voting machines, breakdowns in registration and purges of registration lists that discarded rightful voters. Some voters were not given required language assistance, the groups charged.

The 22 plaintiffs include voters and others who say they were turned away. Some applications were signed at state motor vehicle offices but were not processed, and about 17,000 letters were sent out informing people they couldn't vote because they were convicted felons.

On Wednesday, a Florida voter rights group sued state officials to halt parts of the election reform law. The groups object to a list of voter responsibilities that will be posted in polling places, equating it to "literacy tests" used during the days of "Jim Crow" laws in the south.

John Gotti's son-in-law pleads guilty

NEW YORK (AP) — The son-in-law of imprisoned mob boss John Gotti pleaded guilty Thursday to federal racketeering and tax fraud charges.

Carmine Agnello, 41, will serve nine years in prison as part of a plea agreement. The scrap dealer also was ordered to forfeit $10 million.

"Mr. Agnello has accepted responsibility for his crimes," said his attorney, Benjamin Brafman. "He is eager to complete his sentence and be reunited with his children."

The father of three was indicted last January for trying to take over a rival scrap yard by extortion and arson — unaware that it was a police sting operation set up to catch car thieves.

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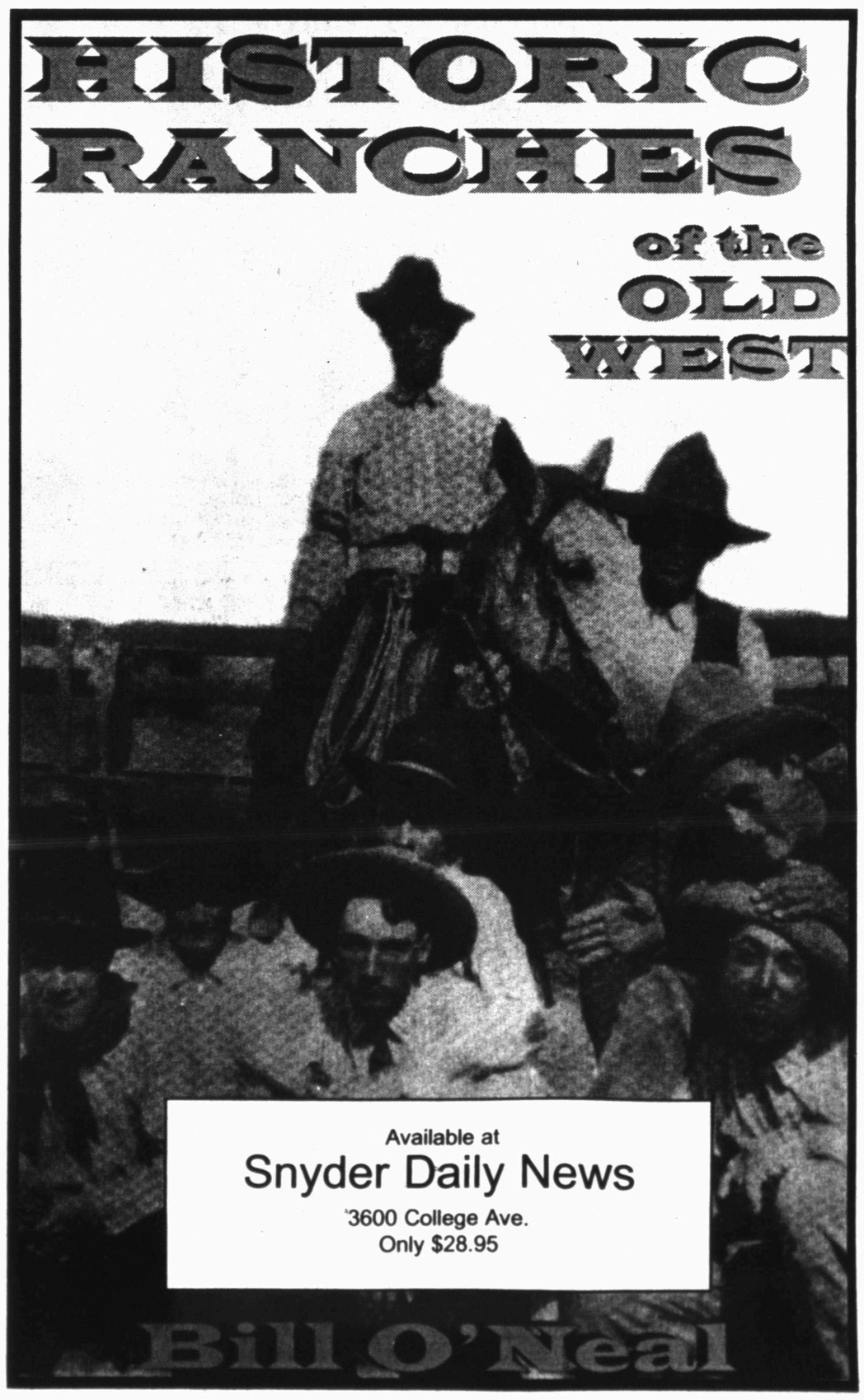

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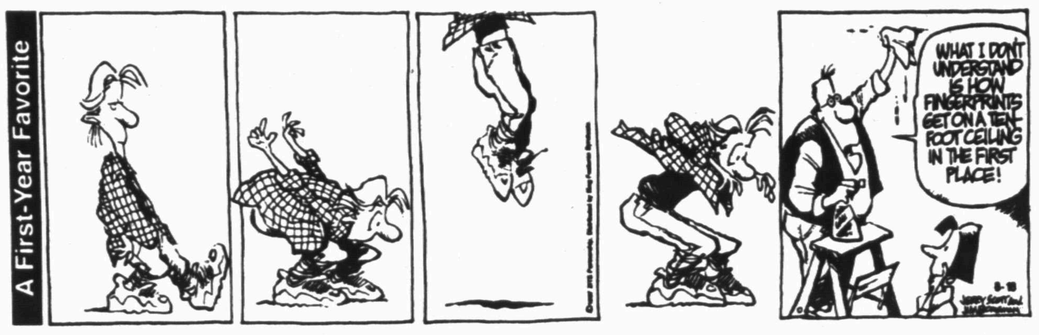

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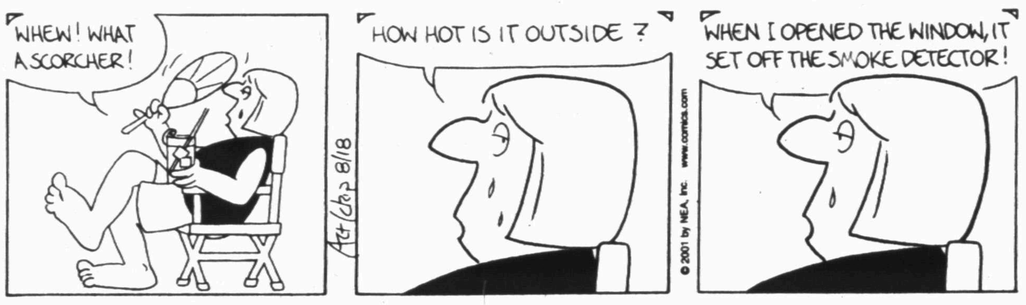

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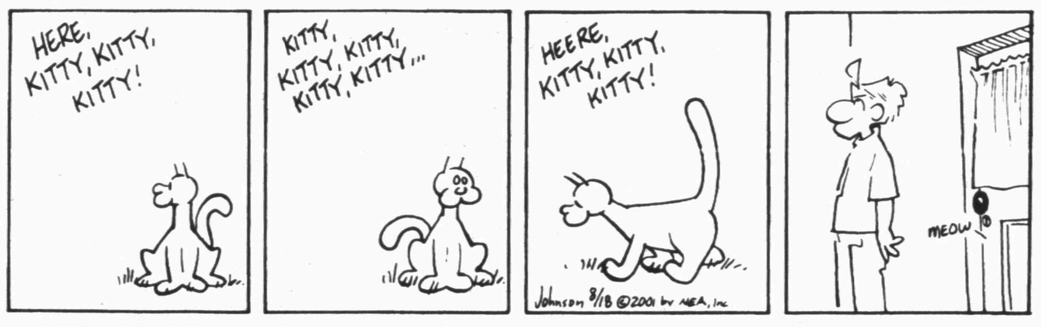

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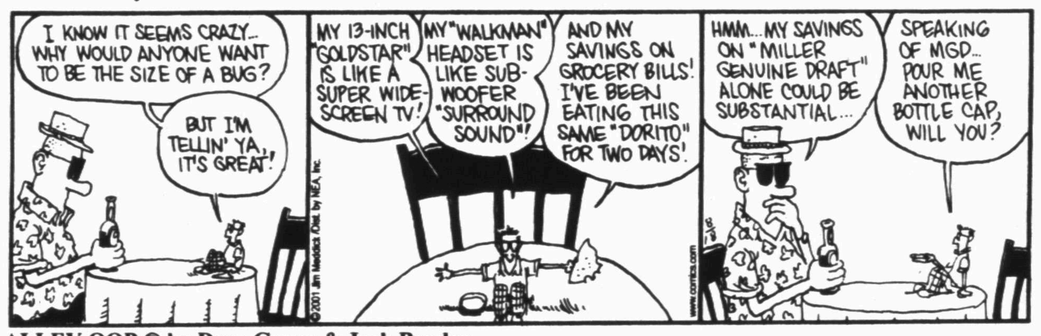

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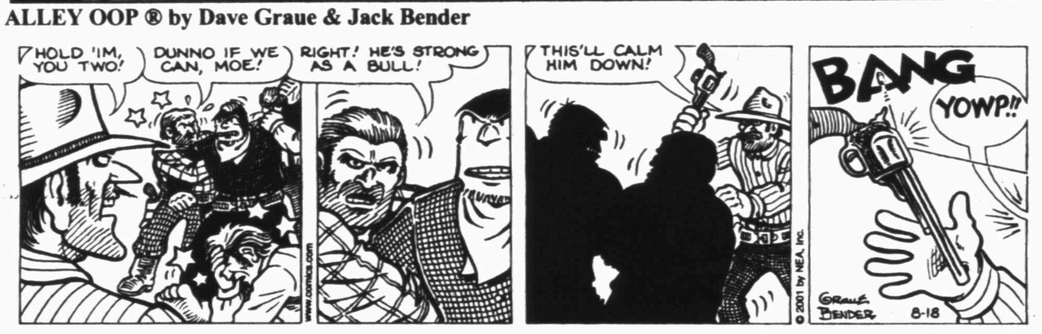

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ACROSS

1 Actor Peter —
7 Additional ones
13 Prayer
14 Heavy work shoe
15 Most pallid
16 — Nevada mountain range
17 St. crosser
18 French king
20 "Auction" finish
21 Actress Deborah —
23 — "Kookie" Byrnes (actor)
24 Abstract being
25 Future LL.Bs.' exam
27 Most desperate
29 Singer Cole
31 E-mail abbr.
32 Actor Gulager
33 Sting
34 "Murder on the — Express"
37 Describing a certain ranger
40 Took to court
41 A Gabor sister
43 Western marsh plant
45 LAX info
46 Fall behind
47 Paving goo
48 Have ambitions
51 City north of Lisbon
54 Actor Keanu
55 Trusted
56 Pressure
57 Army command (2 wds.)

DOWN

1 Tea type
2 Take a trip
3 Edmonton hockey team
4 "Verb" end
5 Part of L.A.
6 — nous (just between us)
7 Volcanic glass
8 "Pod" start
9 Garden tool
10 Exit
11 Scarcest
12 Type of drum
19 Strange
22 Sour
24 Fish trap
26 Story
28 Muddy the waters
30 Without melody
34 Commencement
35 Farm machine
36 Dam org.
38 Fur-bearing animal
39 Makes happy
40 Big name in retail stores
42 Greek marketplace
44 Wash away
49 "— been robbed!"
50 Phone-bk. abbr.
52 Caress
53 Bullfight cheer

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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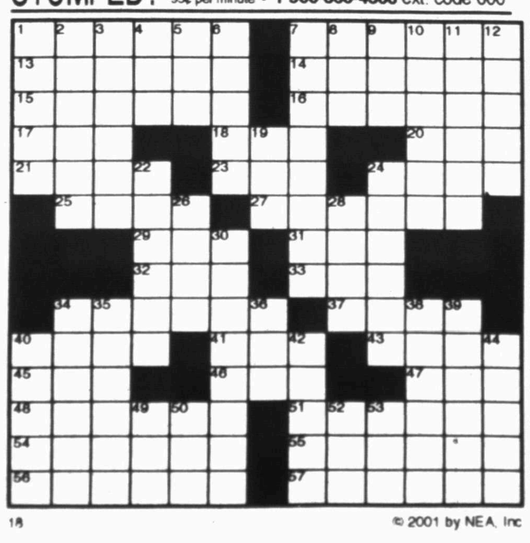

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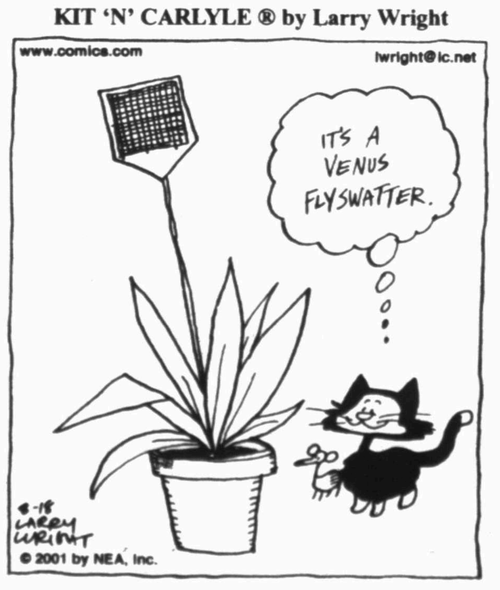
Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"WOW, GRAMPA! I'LL BETCHA THAT TAKES A *REALLY* BIG BATTERY!"

"I've only got 5 cents. I'll have one big bite of this."

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



WTC Classes

The computerized business technology program at Western Texas College offers a two-year degree plan. In addition, two one-year certificates, accounting specialist and information management specialist, are offered.

Students train for a career with heavy emphasis on the latest computer systems and software. After completion of this program, students will be equipped with the necessary skills for the computerized work place. All students that need to begin developing their computer skills as well as those that need refresher courses are welcome to enroll.

Technology has changed the office environment tremendously. Classes begin Wednesday. All day classes meet only two times per week, either on Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday. The following courses will be offered for the fall semester:

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ACNT 1303 Introduction to Accounting I

Scheduled times are: TTH 1:40-2:55 p.m. or T - 6:30-9:20 p.m. Lab TBA.

This is a beginning class and will start like the student has never had any accounting at all. Students will learn how to set up books for businesses and complete the accounting cycle. This class is useful for all persons. Students should be qualified to work as an entry-level bookkeeper after completion of this course. For more information, contact Joann Snider, 573-8511, ext. 217.

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ITSC 1313 Internet/Web Pages

Scheduled time is: TTH 12:15-1:30 a.m. or W 4:30-6:20 p.m. Lab TBA.

This class will include a study of current computer terminology and technology. Advanced skill development in computer hardware, software applications, and the Internet will be presented. Web page design using Front Page software will be emphasized along with incoporating scanner and digital camera technologies. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

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OFAD 1311 Keyboarding/Typing I

Scheduled times are: TH - 4:30-6:20 p.m. or MW - 8:30-9:45 a.m. Lab TBA.

This course will be for beginning keyboarders or those that cannot key 35 words per minute with five or fewer errors. This class will be taught using computers and Microsoft Word 2000 software. Students will need no previous computer experience to take this class. For more information, contact Joann Snider, 573-8511, ext. 241.

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OFAD 1312 Keyboarding/Typing II

Scheduled time is: MW - 8:30-9:45 a.m. Lab TBA.

Skills, speed, and techniques are further developed and applied to keyboarding of various office data, business correspondence and word processing technology using microcomputers and Microsoft Word 2000 software. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

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POFI 1301 Computer Applications I

Scheduled times are: W - 6:30-9:20 p.m. or T/TH - 10:50-12:05 Lab TBA. This course is designed for those who need beginning skills and basic knowledge of computers. Hands-on applications in Windows 98, Word 2000, Excel 2000, Access 2000, PowerPoint 2000, Graphics, e-mail and surfing the Internet will be included. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

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POFI 1349 Spreadsheets

Scheduled times are: MW 2:00-3:15 p.m. or TH 6:30-9:20 p.m. Lab TBA.

This class will be hands-on experience on microcomputers using Microsoft Excel 2000 a major spreadsheet software. Designed to teach all types of business spreadsheet applications from beginning to advanced. MOUS certification in Excel will be available. For more information, contact Joann Snider, 573-8511, ext. 217.

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POFT 1359 Records & Information Management II

Scheduled time is: TTH 9:25-10:40 a.m. Lab TBA.

Applications of records and information management theory using Microsoft Access 2000 to maintain, control and dispose of records; build search criteria; and design forms will be covered in this class. Class also includes evaluation of filing systems and equipment, hands-on experience on microcomputers. It is designed to increase productivity and improve efficiency of record management skills. Class will include beginning to advanced procedures. MOUS certification in Access will be available. Prerequisites: OFAD 1312 Keyboarding/Typing II and POFI 2301 Word Processing. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

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POFT 2349 Certified Professional Secretary Review

In this course the student will review the mandatory and optional topics covered in the Certified Professional Secretary Examination administered by Professional Secretaries International. Also a review of all Microsoft software including Word 2000, Excel 2000, Access 2000, and PowerPoint 2000 will be presented. This course is designed for students interested in being certified by the Professional Secretaries International and Microsoft MOUS. Prerequisites: Completion of all fall and spring courses in the first year and all fall courses in the second year of the Computerized Business Technology Associate in Applied Science Degree; however, Spring courses in the second year may be taken simultaneously. For more information and scheduled time, contact Joann Snider, 573-8511, ext 217.

Snags slow pilot program

HOUSTON (AP) — Some customers signed up for the state's electric deregulation pilot program may not get power for their new electric provider until late October.

Electric officials had hoped customers would be switched over to their new provider by August or September.

The delay in switching consumers has been slow because of computer glitches at the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, also called ERCOT.

Computers used for the switching were shut down Tuesday and Wednesday so ERCOT could test recent upgrades and fixes. They were running again Thursday, said Sam Jones, chief operating officer at ERCOT, which is charged with handling the switch.

The pilot program allows up to 5 percent of utility customers to switch to a new provider. Starting Jan. 1, customers in most of the state will be able to switch.

Several electricity providers remain critical of ERCOT's switching capabilities, saying the delays are costing them money.

No risk yet from toxic soil

EL PASO (AP) — University of Texas at El Paso officials said Thursday there is no immediate public health risk despite EPA soil tests revealing high levels of lead and arsenic at some places on the campus.

"We did determine that day-care, housing and areas where we are concerned with (public) exposure did clear," said Robert Moss, UTEP director of Environmental Health and Safety.

Texas-El Paso President Diana Natalicio said air monitoring has shown that the contaminants haven't been blown into the air where people could breathe them.

Moss said a more complete study of the test results will be necessary to determine whether there is an actual health hazard. He said some of the contaminated soils may already be stabilized with grass, concrete or other materials. And some of the samples were taken from 2 feet below the surface, he added.

Environmental Protection Agency spokesman David Bary said from his Dallas office that 117 samples were taken on the campus, but he wouldn't say where they were located. He said the samples with the highest levels were three times the standard for lead and more than double the standard for arsenic.

The EPA standards are 500 parts per million for lead, and 20 ppm for arsenic. The highest readings at Texas-El Paso were 1,500 ppm for lead and 51 ppm for arsenic. Bary said naturally occurring levels in El Paso for lead are less than 20 ppm and 10 ppm or less for arsenic.

Bary said samples taken from Arroyo Park, which is in West El Paso but not on Texas-El Paso property, showed high levels of arsenic. He said that out of 96 samples, four tested above the EPA arsenic standard with the highest at 29 ppm.

The 60-acre park is used regularly by hikers, runners and mountain bikers.

Jorge Magana, director of the El Paso City-County Health and Environmental District, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

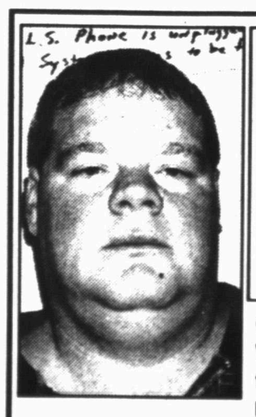
The EPA first tested soil in July at more than 400 sites across El Paso and Sunland Park, N.M., eventually narrowing areas of concern to about a dozen sites that had scattered areas of contamination.

Last week the agency announced that contamination at four elementary schools and El Paso High School did not exceed agency standards.

The EPA started its testing in response to university research in early 2001 that found high levels of heavy-metal contamination on a campus hilltop.

The early studies helped form the basis of a lawsuit filed by four El Paso families. The El Paso Independent School District has hired a lawyer to examine the possibility of taking legal action if cleanup activity is required.

One of the companies named in the lawsuit is ASARCO, a company that operated a copper smelter in the area that shut down about two years ago when copper prices dropped.



Chris Woodard

City Of Snyder
Employee of the Month
August 2001

Chris Woodard was born to Wayne and Betty Woodard and raised in Snyder . Chris graduated from Snyder High School. Chris and his wife Christi have been married since June 10, 1995. Christi works for the State of Texas as a Parole Officer. Chris has one sister Tammi, she is married to Justin Spradlin, and they have 2 daughters, Katy and Sara. Chris went to work for the City of Snyder in June of 1993 as a Water Plant Operator at the Water Treatment Plant. Chris is now double certified as a Water and Waste Water Operator. Chris collects guns, enjoys reading and watching TV. Chris was nominated by his fellow employees because he is a good employee, good worker and very helpful.

Date Books

Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001

Today is the 230th day of 2001 and the 59th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1872, Montgomery Ward issued its first catalog. It had exactly one page and no illustrations.

On this day in 1908, Glenn Curtiss and Capt. Thomas Baldwin demonstrated an airship they had designed and built to representatives of the federal government. The lighter-than-air craft was later purchased by the U.S. Signal Corps.

On this day in 1976, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing issued a 13-cent stamp in honor of Clara Maass, an American nurse.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Meriwether Lewis (1774-1809), explorer; Shelley Winters (1922-), actress, is 79; Rosalynn Carter (1927-), U.S. first lady, is 74; Roman Polanski (1933-), film director, is 68; Roberto Clemente (1934-1972), baseball great; Robert Redford (1937-), actor-director, is 64; Patrick Swayze (1954-), actor, is 47; Malcolm-Jamal Warner (1970-), actor, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1956, the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Milwaukee Braves 13-4. During the game, the Reds hit eight home runs.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A man knows his companion in a long journey and a little inn." — Thomas Fuller

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

Sunday, Aug. 19, 2001

Today is the 231st day of 2001 and the 60th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1818, on behalf of the United States, Capt. James Biddle took possession of the Oregon Territory.

On this day in 1929, the WNBC radio network began to broadcast a comedy show called "Amos and Andy."

On this day in 1960, in Moscow, U-2 spy-plane pilot Francis Gary Powers was sentenced to 10 years in prison for spying. Nineteen months later, the Soviet Union exchanged him for a Russian spy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Bernard Baruch (1870-1965), financier-U.S. public official; Orville Wright (1871-1948), inventor; Ogden Nash (1902-1971), humorous poet; Malcolm Forbes (1919-1990), publisher; Gene Roddenberry (1921-1991), television producer; Willie Shoemaker (1931-), jockey, is 70; Jill St. John (1940-), actress, is 61; Bill Clinton (1946-), U.S. president, is 55; John Stamos (1963-), actor, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1917, baseball was played for the first time on New York City's Polo Grounds. The teams' managers, Christy Mathewson and John McGraw, were subsequently arrested for violating a New York State law that prohibited playing baseball on Sunday.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When you're riding, only the race in which you're riding is important." — Willie Shoemaker

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (Aug. 18).

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County sheriff, commissioner removed from office in N.D.

WAHPETON, N.D. (AP) — Gov. John Hoeven removed a county sheriff from his job Friday, saying he had kept an illegal fund and used abusive, profane language toward women employees.

Richland County Sheriff Harlan Muehler and a second official, County Commissioner Dave Paulson, were ordered to leave their jobs immediately.

"While the task before me is unpleasant, my obligation under these circumstances is clear," the governor said in his written decision.

Attorney for both men said they may appeal.

Muehler was accused of using profane, degrading language in referring to women employees and keeping a secret fund, which was used to pay for office parties and gifts. Some money was used to buy a political ad.

Muehler has admitted keeping the illegal fund, but said he did not personally benefit from it. He also conceded a penchant for cursing, but said his tirades were motivated by job frustrations, not sexism.

Paulson was accused of touching women employees, even after he attended a sexual harassment seminar.

Paulson "does not deny the incidents happened, and stated that they may have happened because he is a 'touch-prone person,'" Hoeven's ruling said. "However, inappropriate bodily contact is not acceptable."

Allegations about the two initially came to light during a sex discrimination lawsuit filed by Jewel Jones-Van Tassel, a former emergency manager. The lawsuit was settled for $1.2 million, and angry residents began seeking the two men's removal.

Hoeven's decision "couldn't have turned out any better," said one opponent, Dennis Olson.

Agassi, Graff plan to be married soon

LONDON (AP) — Andre Agassi said he and Steffi Graf, who are expecting a child together, will get married.

"The actual question has been dealt with. I have asked her to marry me and we are committed to our future together," Agassi said in an interview published Friday in The Daily Telegraph.

"We will definitely get married. Oh, yeah. Definitely. One hundred percent. It feels like we are married now, it kind of feels that way."

He gave no date for the wedding.

Graf, 32, and Agassi, 31, said in July they're expecting a baby — the first for both tennis stars — in mid-December.

"I would say that becoming parents definitely puts a time frame on getting married," said Agassi.

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S.D. senate race could be highlight in 2002

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sparsely populated South Dakota usually doesn't get much space on the national political stage. But with control of the U.S. Senate hanging by a single seat, that could change in the 2002 campaign.

Republicans are targeting freshman Democrat Tim Johnson, hoping to grab a seat that fellow South Dakotan Tom Daschle, the Senate's majority leader, is just as determined to keep.

A GOP victory could switch control of the Senate and embarrass the Democrats' top elected official. A Democratic victory in a state President Bush easily carried might be interpreted as a rejection of his policies.

Republicans believe Johnson is vulnerable after getting a bare majority — 51 percent — in upsetting GOP Sen. Larry Pressler in 1996. They are looking to Rep. John Thune, the state's lone House member.

Bush himself has lobbied Thune to take on Johnson, inviting Thune and the congressman's wife, Kimberley, to the White House for dinner.

Thune hasn't said what he'll do. Last year, he formed a committee to raise money for a possible run for governor and has said he wants to spend more time with his wife and two young daughters, who live in Sioux Falls.

But he also has kept his congressional campaign office open. And in a recent interview he sounded ready to challenge Johnson, the only Democrat in South Dakota history to win six consecutive statewide elections.

"I've become more convinced as time has passed of the possibilities of really accomplishing things, and really being effective for my state, as a senator working with a Bush administration," Thune said.

Recognizing the likelihood of a strong challenger, Johnson raised $1 million in the first half of the year. He also has hired a campaign manager, a full-time fund-raiser and a media consulting firm.

Johnson estimated the 2002 Senate race may cost a combined $10 million — an extraordinary amount in a rural state where broadcast and print ads are cheap.

"We're trying to put together a war chest that will allow me to respond to the attacks I know are coming," he said. "The Washington political establishment is focused on this race. They see a freshman Democratic senator from a state that gave a 22-percentage-point victory to Bush. I know there's going to be money flooding in."

Soon after taking office, Bush sought to pressure Johnson. He went to South Dakota in early March to push for his tax cut plan, which Daschle opposed and Johnson had yet to make up his mind about. Johnson ended up joining 12 other Democrats and supporting the plan.

Bush's victory in South Dakota last fall continued a streak for Republican presidential candidates that dates to 1968. However, South Dakota often sends to Congress "prairie populists" — Democrats whose platforms draw votes from farmers, Indians and union-populated manufacturing towns.

The starkest example is Sen. George McGovern, a Democrat who served from 1963 to 1982 but lost his home state when he was the Democratic presidential nominee in 1972.

In a Johnson-Thune race, "each can probably count on 40 percent of the vote," said University of South Dakota political science professor Alan Clem. "It's really a fight for the 20 percent left in the middle."

Thune, 40, entered the 1996 Republican congressional primary as a political neophyte but easily defeated favored Lt. Gov. Carole Hillard. He then beat Democrat Rick Weiland, a former state director for Daschle, by 19 percentage points. Thune received more than 70 percent of the votes in his two re-election bids.

Johnson, 54, served five terms as South Dakota's congressman before defeating Pressler, the only incumbent senator to lose in 1996.

Thune is a conservative and Johnson a moderate, but both have pushed issues that resonate with South Dakotans, notably water projects, highways and farm subsidies.

Sen. Bill Frist of Tennessee, chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, has urged Thune to run, and he says the GOP stands ready to devote significant fund-raising efforts to unseat Johnson.

Meantime, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee already has given $16,500 to Johnson's campaign.

Despite the millions expected to be spent on ads, Clem said more minds will be made up at church bazaars, county fairs and pancake breakfasts.

"They're both likable and well-funded. So it'll come down to hometown politics," Clem said. "The important work is going to be looking the voters in the eye, shaking their hand."

Red Buttons honored at hotel dinner

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — For 20 years, comedian Red Buttons has been regaling those at testimonial dinners with comments such as "Alex the Great, who said on his wedding night, 'It's only a nickname.'"

Buttons' dinner one-liners always proved to be the hit of the evening. When Merv Griffin, owner of the Beverly Hilton, decided to give the Oscar-winning comedian his own dinner at the hotel on Thursday evening, it was the case once again.

Typical of celebrity roasts, stars leveled praise and wisecracks at the 82-year-old comedian. Among those in attendance were Carl Reiner, Milton Berle, Larry King, Tony Martin and former California Gov. Pete Wilson.

Looking as bouncy as ever, Buttons, an Air Force corporal during World War II, also accepted an honorary military award.

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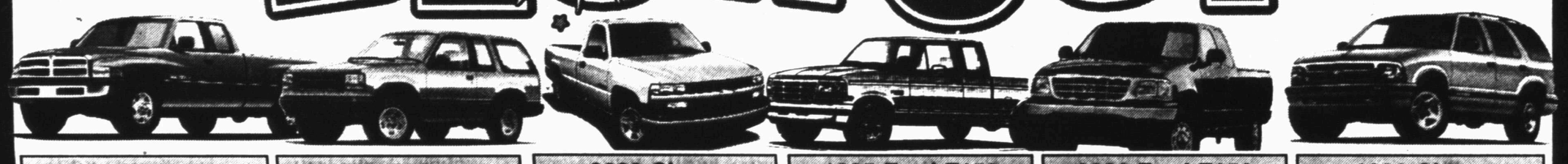

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$6,847

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V-6, auto, cruise, cassette
$14,922

1995 Ford F150 Supercab
V-8, auto, XLT, power windows/locks, cruise
$8,871

2000 Ford F150 Supercab
V-8, auto, XLT, power windows/locks, low miles
$20,523

1996 Chevy Blazer LS
4 door, V-6, CD, power windows/locks
$8,984

1998 Dodge D350 Quad Cab Dually $21,814
Diesel, 5 speed, power windows/locks, CD, one owner

1999 Ford F150 Supercab XLT $15,886
V-8, auto, power windows, power locks, extra clean

1997 Dodge D150 Ext. Cab $14,898
V-8, auto, power windows, power locks, cruise, one owner

1999 Lincoln Navigator 4X4 ..... $28,122
V-8, leather, phone, 6 disc CD

1996 Chevy Blazer LS $8,984
4 door, V-6, 6 disc CD, power windows, power locks

1999 Chevy Silverado Reg. Cab $14,922
V-6, auto, cruise, cassette, low miles

1999 Nissan Frontier 4X4 ..... $10,111
5 speed, CD, cruise, new tires, great gas mileage

2001 Dodge D150 Quad Cab 4X4 ..... $23,808
V-8, auto, power windows, power locks, CD, only 13,000 miles

1997 Chevy C2500 Ext. Cab $14,877
350, auto, A/C, cruise, only 46,000 miles

1997 Ford F250 Crew Cab $16,701
460, auto, XLT, power windows, power locks, grill guard

2001 Ford F350 Reg. Cab Flatbed $29,963
Powerstroke, 6 speed, 4X4, only 3,000 miles

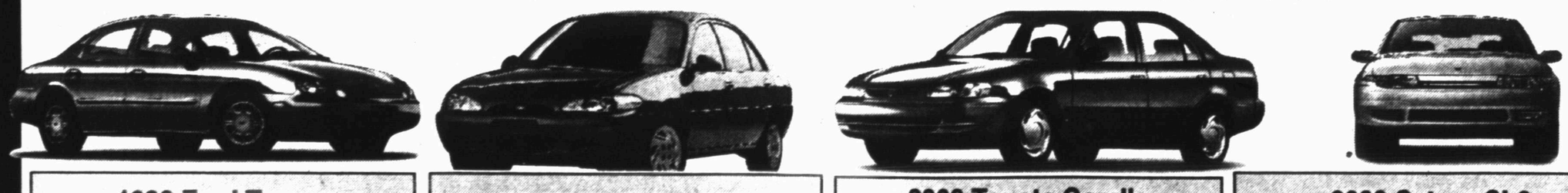
1996 Ford Explorer $9,841
4 door, V-8, power windows, power lock, cruise, one owner

1998 Ford F150 Supercab $15,726
Lariat, V-8, auto, leather, extra clean

2000 Ford F250 Crew Cab 4X4 ..... $27,899
Powerstroke, auto, XLT, one owner

1995 Chevy C1500 Ext. Cab $10,817
350, auto, 6 disc CD, power windows, power locks, A/C

2001 Ford F350 Crew Cab Dually 4X4 ..... $35,873
Powerstroke, 6 speed, Lariat, only 16,000 miles



1996 Ford Taurus
4 door, V-6, power windows/locks, A/C
$7,827

1999 Ford Escort ZX2
Auto, A/C, cassette, great gas mileage
$8,894

2000 Toyota Corella
4 door, auto, cassette, cruise, A/C, factory warranty
$11,816

2000 Saturn SL2
4 door, auto, A/C, factory warranty
$11,767

2000 Lincoln Town Car $22,872
Executive, leather, keyless, low miles, program car

1995 Lincoln Town Car $8,664
Signature, leather, dual power seats

1993 Mercury Cougar $4,858
V-6, power windows, power locks, cruise

1993 Chevy Cavalier $3,946
2 door, auto, power locks, A/C

1998 Lincoln Town Car $18,862
Signature, leather, factory warranty

1994 Cadillac Deville $11,273
Leather, cloth top, like new

1998 Ford Taurus SE $8,986
4 door, power windows, power locks, cassette, cruise

1998 Lincoln Town Car $18,460
Executive, leather, factory warranty

1999 Ford Escort $7,981
4 door, auto, A/C, cruise, great gas mileage

1996 Lincoln Town Car $13,887
1/2 top, leather, only 33,000 miles

2000 Ford Taurus $13,894
2 to choose from, fully loaded, program car

2000 Mercury Grand Marquis LS $17,612
2 to choose from, fully loaded, program car