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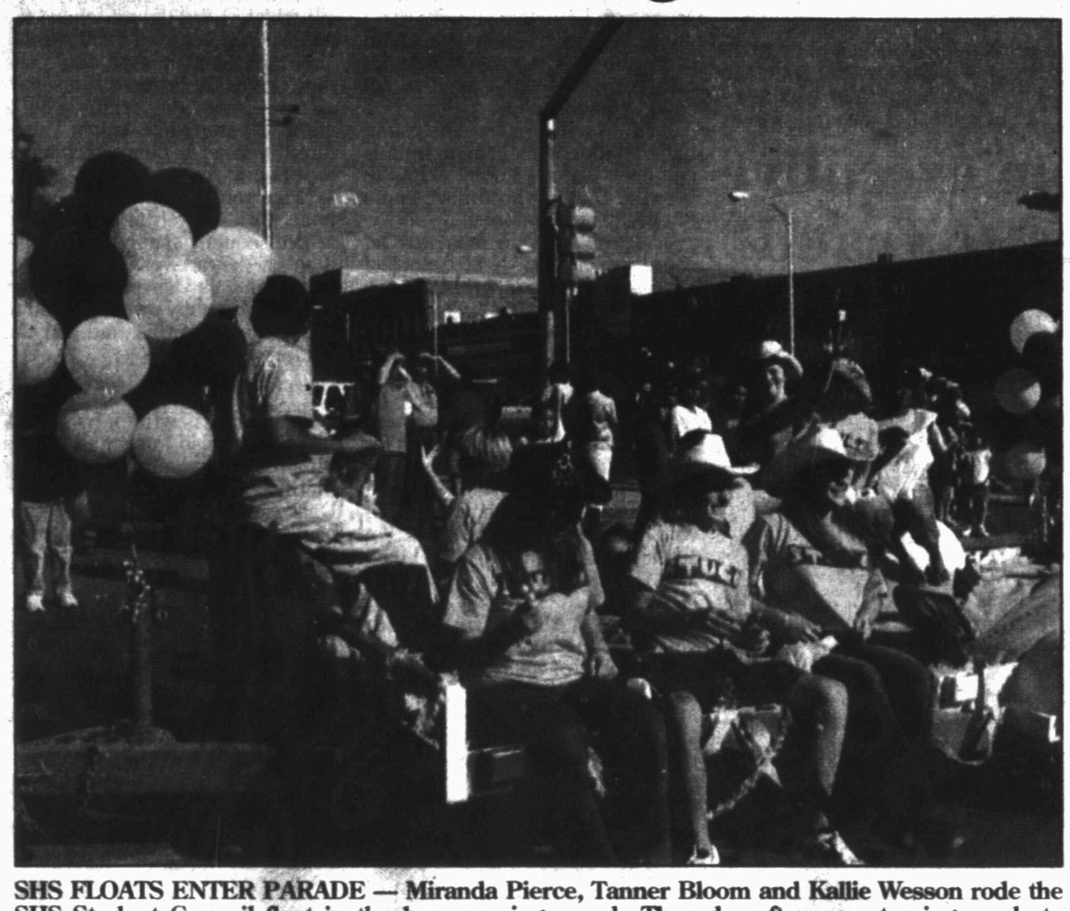

SHS FLOATS ENTER PARADE — Miranda Pierce, Tanner Bloom and Kallie Wesson rode the SHS Student Council float in the homecoming parade Thursday afternoon, tossing candy to spectators. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

BAND PROVIDES MUSIC — SHS band member Stephanie Williams leads the flute section as the high school and junior high joined in the homecoming parade Thursday.

QUEEN NOMINEES — Homecoming queen nominees are from left, Ira Gonzales, Hailey Putnam, Amanda Hartzog, Laura Hager and Jackie Beccue.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Wade Warren

Mike Holmes, Snyder Junior High American History teacher, is a man on a mission.

And an honorable mission it is.

It started when his uncle, Capt. Larry Lucas, was shot down over Laos on Dec. 20, 1966.

Lucas had been listed as missing in action since that time. Then about three years ago an American doctor on a medical mission to Laos discovered a Laotian man wearing Lucas' dog tags. It was a clue for Holmes to learn the fate of his uncle.

"An investigation by the Army followed the discovery of his dog tags and found the Laotian had gotten them off an American airman who had crashed," Holmes said.

This prompted the Army to send a team over to Laos to explore the crash site resulting in personal belongings of Lucas found in the aircraft.

"Later, an excavation of the site discovered human remains, and despite DNA testing, it could not be confirmed whether they were my uncle's remains or not," said Holmes.

"They took blood samples from his mother to try and match the DNA, but still could not confirm that the remains were of my uncle."

Just over a month ago, however, the Army contacted Holmes' aunt and said it had sufficient evidence to confirm the remains were of the downed pilot.

Further DNA testing were conducted in Army labs in Hawaii and this is where Holmes' actual mission will begin.

"My aunt, Martha Lucas Ryan, contacted me to see if I would be the special escort to bring the remains – those of her husband and my uncle – back to the United States."

"I was overwhelmed that she would select me to be the escort," said Holmes, noting that he will go to Hawaii on Oct. 23.

"On Oct. 26, I will conduct a special memorial service for my uncle in San Diego, and then escort the remains to the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. where they will be interred on Nov. 1."

Holmes, also a Vietnam veteran, said learning the fate of his uncle became an obsession.

"I established a web site for him in addition to providing information on him to a number of other web sites."

The web site is www.amazinglightphotography.com/Larry.html.

Holmes said www.taskforceomega provides additional information on his uncle, including the Army's report on the crash near the Ho Chi Minh Trail some 36 years ago.

This report states that Larry's co-pilot in the OV1A Mohawk surveillance airplane, Capt. Joseph Kulmayer, managed to parachute to safety.

Capt. Kulmaryer reported Lucas had his hand on the overhead canopy release handle preparing to eject at the time he ejected.

Somehow, he was not able to get out of the airplane that exploded on impact and Lucas was declared killed in action, remains not recovered.

We salute you on your mission, Mike, and Godspeed.

Linda Cloud...
Director of Lottery resigns under fire

AUSTIN (AP) — The executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission resigned Thursday, saying her reputation as head of the agency has been compromised.

Linda Cloud acknowledged this week that she knew about complaints against a former Texas lottery commissioner, despite having said earlier that she knew nothing about the matter.

Texas Lottery Commission Chairman Tom Clowe asked the agency staff to call an emergency meeting of the commission today to consider appointing an acting executive director.

In her letter of resignation, Cloud wrote, "...In light of my testimony at the Sunset hearing on Tuesday, September 24, 2002, and the subsequent articles that appeared in newspapers yesterday and today, I am submitting my resignation to you as executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission.

"I feel that my valuable reputation as executive director of this agency has been compromised," she wrote. "To continue being an effective executive director of a lottery, one cannot have that happen."

Cloud could not immediately be reached for comment by The Associated Press on Thursday night.

SHS homecoming is tonight
Tigers tackle Ft. Stockton at 7:30

It's the Snyder Tigers against an old District 5-4A foe tonight as the Ft. Stockton Panthers are in town for the 2002 homecoming game.

Kickoff is at 7:30 as the Tigers play their next to last non-district game before starting district play here against Sweetwater on Oct. 11.

The Tigers are looking for their first win against three losses, while the Panthers have recorded one win in four outings.

The Panthers defeated El Paso Burgess for their one win.

Several homecoming events are planned for tonight, including pre-game meals at the First Christian Church featuring fajitas, and a hamburger supper in the student center sponsored by the junior high choir.

Fajitas will be served from 5-7, while hamburgers will be available from 5-7:30.

SHS classes of 1943, 1944, and 1945 will a combined hold reunion gathering, and the Class of 1988 will also meet.

The SHS homecoming queen will be announced at halftime. Candidates are Jackie Beccue, Ira Gonzales, Laura Hager, Amanda Hartzog and Hailey Putnam.

Galveston coach charged with encouraging fight

GALVESTON (AP) — An assistant football coach at Dickinson High School has been placed on paid administrative leave following his indictment for encouraging a fight while he was a coach at another school.

Ernest Hayes was indicted by a Harris County grand jury earlier this week for injury to a child based on a fight he is accused of prompting in April while he coached at Aldine Nimitz High School in the Houston area.

Hayes did not immediately return a message, seeking comment by The Associated Press, left with the Dickinson school district, located northwest of Galveston. Hayes does not have a listed phone number. Deputy superintendent Ron Ahlhorn said he would pass the message onto Hayes.

"We have received a copy (of the indictment) and at this time he is on administrative leave with pay pending an investigation," Ahlhorn told The Galveston County Daily News in today's editions. "We will review the investigation and make a final decision on his employment status in the near future."

The indictment accuses Hayes of encouraging two students at Nimitz to beat up a younger student who was disrespectful to Hayes during a baseball game.

Harris County Assistant District Attorney Julian Ramirez told the paper the two students have pleaded guilty to assault charges.

RECEPTION LINE — Western Texas College recruiter Deborah Baremore, left, and WTC trustee Eddie Peterson greet retiring foundation board members Pat Falls and Bill Seale at a reception Thursday in their honor. Honoree Bill Wilson Jr. was unable to attend, but commemorative bricks were donated in honor of the three to be placed in the WTC "Walk of Honor." (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—Does Democratic Gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez have a wife?

A—Yes, her name is Tani and the couple has four children.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 90 degrees; low, 54; 7 a.m. Friday, 58; no precipitation; 16.30 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear; low upper 50s; SE winds 10-15 mph. Saturday, sunny; high 90-95; S winds 10-20 mph. Saturday night, low upper 50; mostly clear.

Daniella Jaquez
Sunny

Sunset: 7:34 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:36 a.m.
Of 269 days in 2002, the sun has shone 262 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The idea of life is to give and receive.
—Dizzy Gillespie

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Ex-Enron CFO expected to surrender

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal authorities are expected to obtain the surrender of former Enron Corp. chief financial officer Andrew Fastow on fraud charges by the middle of next week, according to a published report.

A source told the Houston Chronicle today that the charges will probably come in the form of a criminal complaint, rather than an indictment by the Houston federal grand jury investigating Enron.

Sources close to the case, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the newspaper that Enron prosecutors gave Fastow's attorney a range of days on which the ex-officer could turn himself in at the federal courthouse.

The sides reportedly decided on Wednesday for the arrest and formal charge, although the plan is subject to change.

On Thursday, negotiations continued to determine when and how Fastow would be charged under a criminal complaint that he participated in several scams that helped cripple Enron and defraud investors.

Robert Mintz, a New-Jersey based attorney and former federal prosecutor, said this follows a pattern that the government, including the Enron Task Force, has used in approaching recent corporate cases.

"They seem to like to fire an initial volley, signaling how strong their case is prior to indictment," said Mintz, adding that the government must intend to intimidate Fastow into a plea bargain.

Another newspaper report published earlier this week said prosecutors planned to charge Fastow as soon as next week with fraud and other crimes related to the vast web of partnerships Enron used to move debt from its books and inflate profits.

The Houston-based energy trading giant collapsed last year into bankruptcy, costing shareholders billions and leaving thousands of workers unemployed in what has become a symbol of failed corporate ethics.

Berry's World

Ex-WorldCom executive pleads guilty to fraud

NEW YORK (AP) — A former WorldCom Inc. executive has pleaded guilty to conspiracy and securities fraud, the first admission of guilt in the largest corporate accounting scandal in U.S. history.

David Myers, 44, agreed Thursday to cooperate with authorities against his former bosses and to plead guilty as early as next week to an additional charge stemming from the multibillion dollar swindle, his lawyer said.

Prosecutors say Myers and Scott Sullivan, the former chief financial officer at WorldCom, directed employees to falsify balance sheets to hide more than $3.8 billion in expenses. The deception enabled WorldCom to report a profit when it was actually losing money, according to regulators.

"I was instructed on a quarterly basis by senior management to ensure that entries were made to falsify WorldCom's books to reduce WorldCom's reported actual costs and therefore to increase WorldCom's reported earnings," Myers told the court.

U.S. District Court Judge Richard Casey asked the defendant if he had committed the three crimes spelled out by prosecutors: conspiracy, securities fraud, and making false filings to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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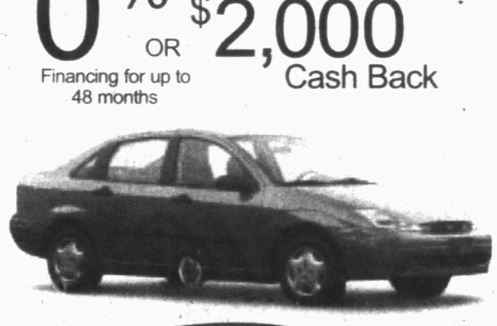

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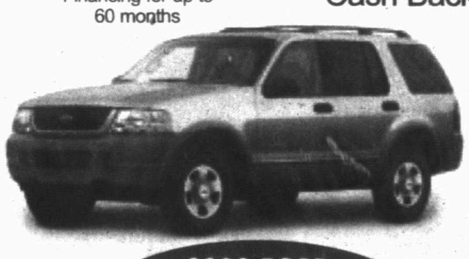

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Curfew comes too early for teen eager to go out

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old girl about to start my sophomore year in high school. I play sports, help out with chores around the house, and tend to my little sisters after school until Mom gets home from work.

I've always tried to live up to everyone else's expectations of me, because I don't want to let anyone down.

I now want to start dating and hanging out with school friends and go to parties. I don't intend to be wild. I just want to have some fun every now and then.

The problem is my mom is strict about my curfew — 11 o'clock. I have asked for midnight, but she thinks that's too late for me to be out. I have friends younger than me who have midnight curfews.

Mom tells me she doesn't want me to make the same mistakes she made. But how will I learn about life if I can't experience things for myself? I'm smarter than she realizes. I know right from wrong. I think I'm old enough to find out who I am. Abby, do you think I'm asking too much? — **WANTING TO GROW UP IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR WANTING: Whether you're asking too much depends on the kind of dates you have in mind. If you're going out with groups of friends — and it's supervised — 11 o'clock is fine for a 15-year-old. If you continue to be as responsible as you are, renegotiate the curfew when you turn 16.

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DEAR ABBY: Before our wedding, my mother-in-law offered to purchase a set of sterling silver flatware for her son and me as our gift. She instructed us to register the pattern we selected and said she'd buy the set.

Two weeks prior to our wedding, my in-laws came to visit and brought our wedding gift with them. Imagine my shock when I opened the box and found a totally different set than the one we had chosen!

Without thinking, I said, "Oh, this isn't the silver we picked!" My mother-in-law replied that her selection was better.

I want to exchange the set for the one my fiance and I wanted in the first place. My husband says to drop the subject, unless I want his mom to comment about it every time we sit down for a meal together.

This has become a bone of contention between my new husband and me. Does his mom have the right to wield that kind of control over us, Abby? What should I do? — **MAD AT HIS MOM IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

DEAR MAD: Your mother-in-law has the right to wield that kind of control only if her son and you allow her to. What she did may have been well-intended, but it came across as insensitive and heavy-handed.

It's time for you and your husband to have a talk with his mother and tell her that while you appreciate her gift, you chose the pattern you selected for a reason. You both liked it. And while she may prefer the pattern she selected, she is not the person who is going to have to live with it. Therefore the silver is being exchanged for the one you prefer.

Once you put the subject on the table, it's less likely to be rehashed at subsequent family gatherings than if she arrives for a dinner party and is "surprised." Your brand-new hubby owes it to you to back you up on this, and you can tell him I said so.

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Sept. 11 families urged not to sue

NEW YORK (AP) — The president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America encouraged families of victims in the Sept. 11 attacks to apply for compensation from the federal Victims Compensation Fund rather than sue.

"Compensation is certain, whereas those who have considered lawsuits may never receive any compensation, given the extraordinary circumstances of this unprecedented attack against America," Mary E. Alexander said in a statement.

Congress established the fund as an alternative to the courts. To receive compensation from the fund, families must waive their right to sue airlines and other entities.

As of Aug. 22, only 662 people had applied for compensation from the victims fund, according to the Justice Department. More than 3,000 were killed or injured in the attacks.

The fund's special master, Kenneth Feinberg, said that the average payment to victims' families would be about $1.85 million before deductions for outside income sources. Some victims' families have indicated that they intend to seek larger rewards through the courts.

The deadline to apply is Dec. 21, 2003.

Date Book

Friday, Sept. 27, 2002

Today is the 270th day of 2002 and the sixth day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1864, Confederate sympathizer William "Bloody Bull" Anderson led a guerilla band in a massacre of 20 unarmed Union soldiers and 120 Yankee pursuers.

On this day in 1940, Germany, Italy and Japan signed the Tripartite Pact, which united the Axis powers under an agreement of mutual assistance should any come under attack by any nation not already involved in the war. The pact was clearly aimed at dissuading America from entering World War II.

On this day in 1964, the Warren Commission released its report stating that Lee Harvey Oswold acted alone in killing President Kennedy. The commission, which took 10 months to release its conclusion, did little to squelch the conspiracy theories that continue to surround Kennedy's death.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Samuel Adams (1722-1803), Revolutionary War patriot; Thomas Nast (1840-1902), cartoonist; William Conrad (1920-1994), actor and director; Arthur Penn (1922-), director, is 80; Wilford Brimley (1934-), actor, is 68.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1930, golfer Bobby Jones completed a Grand Slam by winning the U.S. Amateur event.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It does not require a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority keen to set brush fires in people's minds." — Samuel Adams

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

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Speech team wins 3rd sweepstakes honors in Lubbock

Snyder High School speech team competed against 24 schools and won third place sweepstakes in Saturday's contest hosted by Lubbock High School.

Amarillo High School garnered first place sweepstakes and Trinity Christian captured second place sweepstakes.

"All of the kids rose to the challenge and many had the best days of their school tournaments at this meet," said speech coach Ron Hester.

"We have a great group of students this year who aren't afraid to work," said coach Lynda McCormack. "They have put in a lot of time and effort and it paid off this weekend." Austin McCormack and Laura Arellano placed third in cross examination debate out of 25 other teams. Will Davis garnered second in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate out of 73 debaters, winning top LD speaker honors.

Jacinda Judah earned fourth place in U.S. extemporaneous out of 32. She was also named a semi-finalist in poetry, dramatic interpretation and original oratory.

Clark Reed and Bobby Sands placed fourth in duet acting out of 24 teams. Reed also took eighth in humorous interpretation out of 56 and was a semi-finalist in prose.

Blake Robertson grabbed eighth in prose out of 73 competitors. Robertson and Erin Cooley were semi-finalists in duet acting.

Tara Gilliland was a semi-finalist in poetry and humorous interpretation. Bonnie Cleveland and Paula Fritz were named octo finalists in Lincoln Douglas Debate.

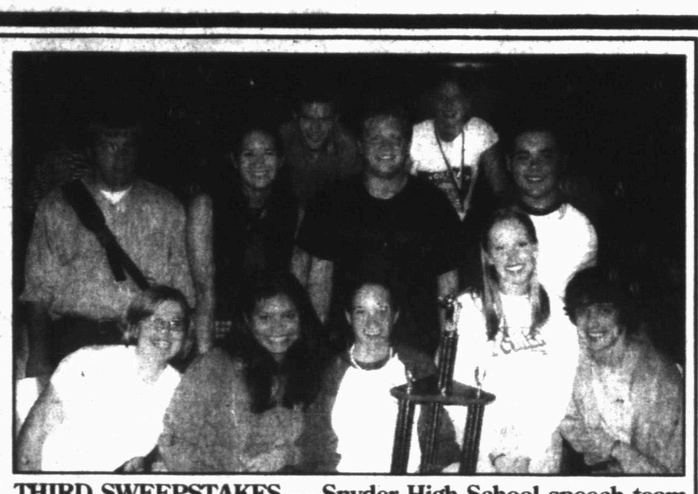
The SHS speech team also competed in the Grapevine High School speech tournament against 53 schools. Grapevine was a Tournament of Champions as well as Texas Forensic Association (TFA) qualifier tournament.

Jacinda Judah placed fourth in prose. Tara Gilliland was a semi-finalist in novice U.S. extemporaneous and Will Davis was a semi-finalist in U.S. extemporaneous. "Grapevine was a hard tournament and I am glad we went," Hester said. Besides Texas, competing schools came from Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi.

Debaters went five rounds in preliminaries and individual events only did one round before the breakout rounds. Normally, debaters go three rounds in prelims.

"Our students did an excellent job. Our debaters won rounds and our inexperienced students did very well also," McCormack.

"It was a huge tournament attended by 4A and 5A school. We knew that by attending this tournament early on students would see what they were up against and they certainly rose to the occasion. We are very proud of how they did," she added.



THIRD SWEEPSTAKES — Snyder High School speech team won third sweepstakes Saturday in Lubbock. Back row, from left are Will Davis, Blake Robertson; middle row, Austin McCormack, Bonnie Cleveland, Clark Reed, Bobby Sands; front row, Tara Gilliland, Laura Arellano, Paula Fritz, Erin Cooley and Paul Jackson. (Contributed Photo)

GRAPEVINE SPEECH TOURNAMENT — These Snyder High School speech team members recently competed in a contest at Grapevine High School. Back row, from left, Jacinda Judah, Laura Arellano; middle row, Paige Anderson, Paula Fritz, Bonnie Cleveland, Tara Gilliland; front row, Austin McCormack, Will Davis, Matthew Stokes. Tiffany Stanley is not pictured. (Contributed Photo)

House approves bill limiting malpractice awards for patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed a measure to cap the pain-and-suffering damages that juries may award in medical malpractice suits as lawmakers struggled for a way to curb escalating malpractice insurance rates.

The 217-203 vote came after a lengthy debate that included stories of doctors forced to quit their practices or relocate because of rising insurance costs.

"With greater and great frequency doctors are not there ... because they've been priced out of the healing profession," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

The bill faces an uncertain future in the Democratic-controlled Senate, which has already rejected a similar measure.

Democrats questioned whether the legislation would simply be a boon for insurers after Republicans rejected Democratic attempts to require that savings be used to lower malpractice insurance premiums. The bill would do little for patients, they argued.

"People aren't going to get any better health care because of this bill," said Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones, D-Ohio. "The reality is this bill does none of the things claimed."

But Republicans were buoyed by support from the White House, business groups, insurers and hundreds of physicians.

"This is the moment of truth," said Dr. Donald Palmisano, president-elect of the American Medical Association. "Without reforms, patients, trauma centers, maternity wards and physicians are all at the mercy of an out-of-control liability system."

The House legislation would limit noneconomic damages, such as pain and suffering, to $250,000. Punitive damages would be limited to twice the amount of economic damages awarded or $250,000, whichever is greater.

Patients' ability to file lawsuits over old cases would be limited under the legislation, which would also curtail lawyers' fees.

In tackling the issue, the House waded into a debate that is already taking place in dozens of states. Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn, a Republican, recently signed into law a bill that caps pain-and-suffering awards, and Mississippi legislators have been in a special session for weeks trying to craft a bill.

For doctors, the relief is sorely needed, supporters said.

"There definitely has to be a cap," said Dr. Khadra Osman, a gynecologist in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who recently had to drop her obstetrics practice after seeing her yearly malpractice insurance rate go from $32,000 in 2000 to $74,000 in 2002. "I cried with every single patient of mine who was pregnant."

Dr. Robert Comeau, a Las Vegas obstetrician, understands. He recently began scaling back his practice because his insurer is going out of business and he envisions trouble getting affordable insurance. Already, he has gotten estimates of up to $100,000 for malpractice insurance.

"If I have a lot of deliveries, if I'm in the emergency room, I won't be as marketable," said Comeau, who has scaled back to only 125 deliveries a year. He now works in only one emergency room instead of four. "It is very frustrating. My wife wants me to move. Some of my friends have their houses up for sale. Others are getting new licenses in other states.

"I'm going to seriously look at leaving if something doesn't happen," Comeau said.

Rolling bike protests continue to grow

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The idea was born ten years ago over a couple of gin and tonics: thousands of bicyclists would swarm the streets of the City by the Bay to win respect from motorists who weren't sharing the road.

Chris Carlsson and Jim Swanson, both of whom rode their bikes to work, named their idea Critical Mass. They believed bicyclists could announce by taking over the streets that they would no longer be treated like second class roadsters.

"We are not blocking traffic. We are traffic!" was the refrain of the San Francisco riders as they lobbied for additional bike lanes and fewer cars.

When riders hit the streets Friday for the 10th anniversary ride of Critical Mass, they will be part of a phenomenon that has spread to hundreds of other cities across the globe where bicyclists demand the same rights as those behind the wheel.

Rolling demonstrations now begin at the Merkaz HaKarmel parking lot in Haifa, Israel; at Parnell Square in Dublin, Ireland; at Plaza del Castillo in Pamplona, Spain; and QEII Square in Auckland, New Zealand. The demonstrations are held on the last Friday of each month.

Carlsson, 45, and Swanson, 43, came up with Critical Mass as a way to promote cyclists' needs in San Francisco, a city teeming with bike messengers and pedaling commuters eager for more bike lanes and respect from their four-wheel counterparts.

"We were both bicycle commuters, and the conditions for bike riders were pretty bad," Swanson said. "No room for bicyclists, and generally the car drivers didn't feel that they were traffic. They didn't belong on the road. And there was really no place to go."

The cyclists all pedal anonymously, Swanson said. Because there's no central leadership, Swanson said, "There's no one to point a finger at. There's no one to have insurance permits for."

San Francisco's participants include financial district workers, bike messengers, costumed riders and, often, folks who ride naked. They force cars, buses and other motorized transit to wait several minutes before the streets are clear enough to move again.

The in-your-face demonstrations have increased awareness, but also led to angry confrontations and arrests.

During one ride in Austin, Texas, last year, cyclists surrounded a motorist who screeched to a halt in an intersection. A video clip on a Critical Mass Web site shows the motorist growing impatient and plowing down a cyclist. A fistfight ensued.

Some advocates say the occasional flare-ups hurt the cause. In St. Louis, where riders set off each month from Kiener Plaza, a Web site with links to helmet and road safety information promotes the event as a peaceful, child-friendly environment.

But violence at some recent rides around the nation soured the event's reputation for Caryn Giarratano, the bicycle-pedestrian program coordinator for the Missouri Department of Transportation.

"Critical Mass is a double-edged sword. On one hand it does raise awareness of bicyclists' needs. On the other hand it portrays bicyclists as law breakers," Giarratano said. "It would be better for these people to spend their time educating children and working with their legislators."

Last month in Portland, Ore., 200 bicycle advocates allegedly kicked cars, spat on police, threw rocks and ran red lights as part of a monthly event called the "Critical Mass Rush Hour Bicycle Ride."

While Critical Mass demonstrators hit the road, mainstream groups like the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition try to improve cycling rights in city halls and statehouses.

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STEALING HARVARD

PG13— Duff is a under-achiever and a life-long bad influence on John. John only wants to marry his girlfriend Elaine (Leslie Mann). Elaine and John have vowed to marry once they save $30,000 for their dream house. After years of struggle, they can finally afford to walk down the aisle. Wedding bells are silenced as Patty reminds John of his promise to pay for his niece's college tuition, which costs $29,829 and is due in two weeks! Duff convinces John to make a short-term commitment to petty crime. John's life quickly unravels.

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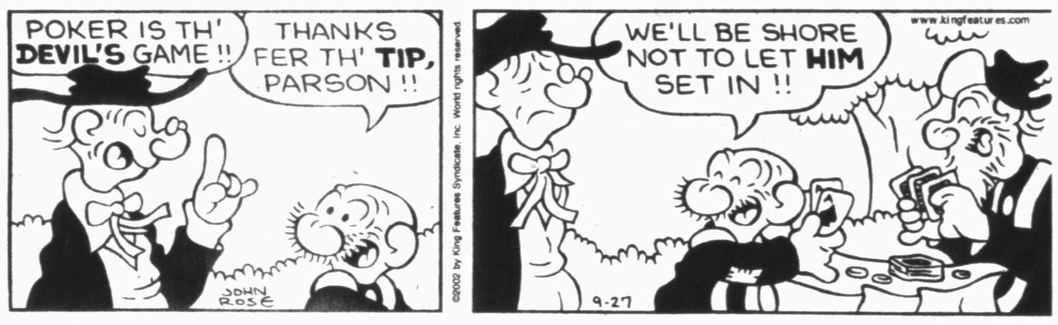

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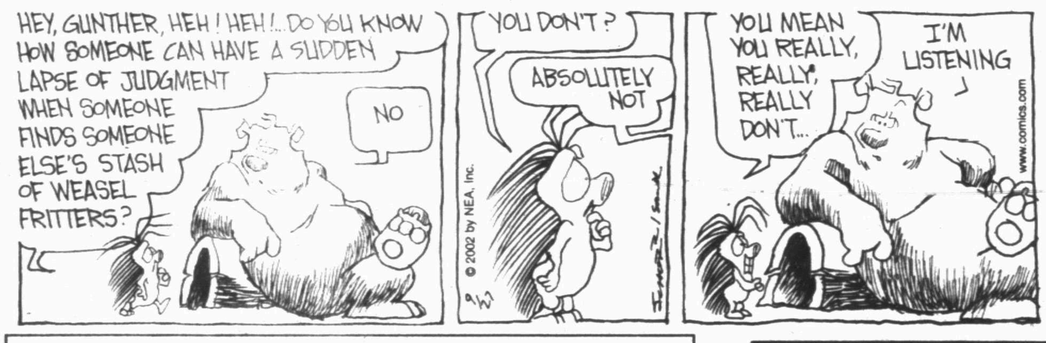

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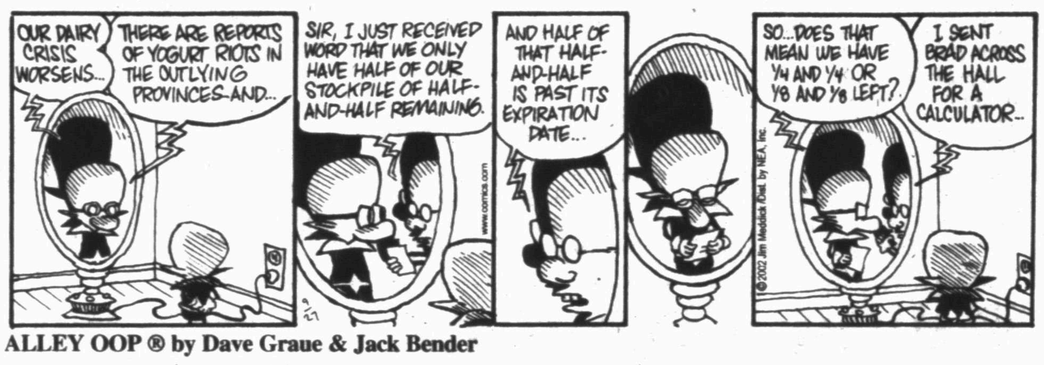

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14 Calcutta nanny
15 Ballerina's costume
16 Mo. parts
17 Hoarfrost
18 Donny's sister
20 Lion group
22 Wintry cry
23 Rumor, perhaps
24 Not get renewed
27 Villain
30 Turkish honorific
31 Drain cleaner
32 CD preceders
34 Earth's star
35 Barely make ends meet
37 Parrot
38 Trinket
40 Height, to a cager
42 Checkroom item
43 Acorn bearer
44 Cookie or candy
46 Brand of trailer (hyph.)
49 Sport for heavyweights
50 Burrow
52 Horse's gait
54 Bearded flower
55 I, for Wolfgang
56 Omelet base
57 Actress — Gordon
58 Morse code signal
59 Mysterious

DOWN

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3 Letter before gamma
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11 That woman
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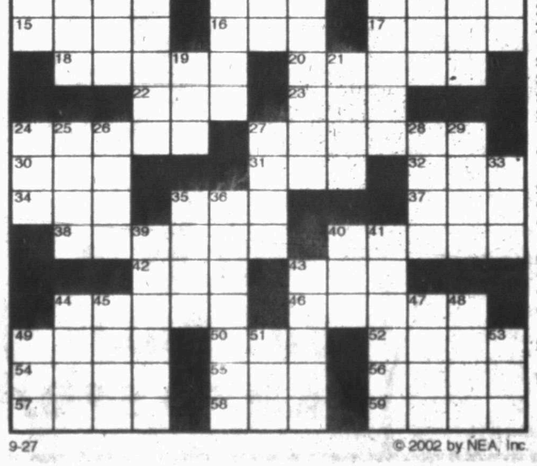

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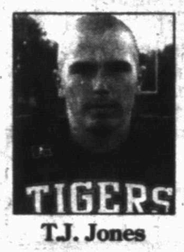
SPORTS

Captains picked for homecoming...

Tigers hunt for first win tonight vs. Ft. Stockton

The Snyder Tigers look to take the first step in their climb out of a 0-3 hole tonight when they host the 4-3A Ft. Stockton Panthers in the homecoming game at Tiger Stadium.



T.J. Jones

The road-weary Tigers will be playing their first home game in almost a month when they suit up tonight, and Snyder head coach Chad Rogers said that homecoming, instead of being a distraction for his players, has been beneficial to the mood of the squad.

"We always play well at home," he said. "And homecoming has been an added bonus to the overall atmosphere."

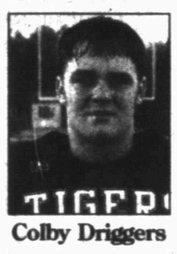
Rogers said the team has shown no signs of a letdown following three consecutive defeats, but added that they seem to understand the situation they are in.

"The kids are intelligent — they know the quality of the competition we have played," he said. "The intensity is still there at practice, but there is a sense of urgency."

Snyder has been victimized by a combination of bad luck and faulty execution in the first three games, a combination that came to the forefront at Midland Greenwood, when the Tigers forced five fumbles but could recover only one.

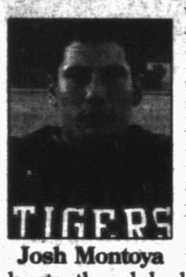
Defensive coordinator Buster Mabrey said the defense has worked hard on technique this week to limit some of the miscues that have plagued the Tigers.

"We have missed some tackles, but this defense has played well," he said, noting the fourth down and goal line stands against the Rangers.



Colby Driggers

The defensive line play will be essential against Ft. Stockton, which has an athletic line anchored by 310-pound guard Ricardo Flores. Michael Murphrey returns this week after missing the Greenwood game, but the Tigers suffered a blow when Brad English, who played well in place of Murphrey, tore a ligament in his knee and will be sidelined for approximately four weeks.



Josh Montoya

Rogers said the injury hurts the club, but added that backups who will be counted on later in the season will have needed experience because of the injuries the team has sustained thus far.

Another player Snyder must contain is two-way starter Joseph Lauderdale, who plays fullback and linebacker.

Mabrey said one area the defense has concentrated on is staying low on the line and not losing position on blocks.

"They have worked really hard this week," he said. "These are winning young men, and they have practiced like winners."

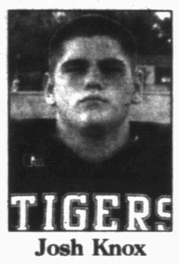
He said the defense will look to control deep passes in an effort to avoid the big play, and must contain the Ft. Stockton option.

The Panthers are 1-3 this season following last week's loss to San Angelo Lake View, 16-10.

"Their program is on the way up," Rogers said. "Defensively, their linebackers do a good job and they get good penetration."

Rogers said execution on offense starts at the front.

"We have to make and stay on our blocks," he said. "At times, we are an effective offense, but we need to come out firing on all 11 cylinders."



Josh Knox

He said he is looking for the same thing from the Tigers that he always wants to see.

"Intensity for four quarters and execution on both sides of the football."

The Tigers also selected team captains this week, with the players voting for Colby Driggers, T.J. Jones, Josh Knox and Josh Montoya.

Tech-UNM square off tonight; OU, UT play tune-up games before showdown

DALLAS (AP) — Iowa State has the upper-hand on Nebraska. At least going into Saturday's game.

For the first time in 97 meetings between the Big 12 teams, No. 19 Iowa State (4-1, 1-0 Big 12) will be the higher-ranked team. Nebraska (3-1) goes into its Big 12 opener ranked 20th, and playing for the first time since its 40-7 loss to Penn State two weeks ago.

But on the field, the Huskers have dominated Iowa State, which is ranked for the first time in 21 years.

"Frankly, that's all we've known with the Iowa State-Nebraska matchup since we've been here," said eighth-year Cyclones coach Dan McCarney. "It's up to us to do something about it. Why would anybody at Nebraska respect us? We haven't earned it."

Nebraska, which hasn't lost a conference opener since 1974, has won nine straight over Iowa State and 23 of the last 24. The Huskers led 41-0 at halftime last year and went on to win 48-14.

"We're not going to lose this game," guaranteed Nebraska center John Garrison. "I understand that Iowa State is very excited, and they should be. It would be a huge step for them to come out with a win, but I just can't see it that way."

That is the only of the seven games involving Big 12 teams this weekend that will count in the conference standings.

In other games Saturday, No. 2 Oklahoma (3-0) is home against South Florida; No. 3 Texas (3-0) plays at Tulane; No. 24 Texas A&M (2-1) is home against Louisiana Tech; Kansas plays at Tulsa and Missouri hosts Troy State.

Texas Tech (2-2) gets an early jump on the weekend with a Friday night game at New Mexico.

No. 15 Kansas State (4-0), Baylor (2-2), Colorado (2-2), and Oklahoma State (2-2) all have a weekend off before their Big 12 openers Oct. 5.

Oklahoma and Texas, who appear on track to play each other undefeated on Oct. 12, are big favorites in their last tuneups before conference play.

The Sooners, who had an open date after their 68-0 win over UTEP, plays South Florida, one of the six Division I-A football independents. Texas goes to New Orleans as a four-touchdown favorite over Tulane, which got its only win in the 17-game series in 1908.

Texas A&M plays its first game since coach R.C. Slocum shuffled his coaching staff and stripped offensive coordinator Dino Baber of his playcalling duties. It will also be the second game since sophomore Dustin Long replaced 27-year-old and three-year starter Mark Farris as the starting quarterback.

The Aggies, ranked 106th nationally in total offense, play Louisiana Tech and an offense A&M must envy. The Bulldogs average 31 points and 437 total yards a game, including 325 yards passing (sixth nationally).

Tulsa, whose losing streak was extended to 14 last weekend by Baylor, plays Kansas. The Jayhawks play their Big 12 opener at Baylor a week later.

Troy State will be the first Division I-A independent Missouri has played since 1995.

MLB Standings

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Atlanta	98	58	.628	—
Montreal	80	79	.503	19½
Philadelphia	79	79	.500	20
Florida	77	82	.484	22½
New York	74	83	.471	24½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-St. Louis	95	64	.597	—
Houston	84	75	.528	11
Cincinnati	78	81	.491	17
Pittsburgh	71	87	.449	23½
Chicago	65	94	.409	30
Milwaukee	55	104	.346	40
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Arizona	95	64	.597	—
San Francisco	92	66	.582	2½
Los Angeles	90	69	.566	5
Colorado	73	86	.459	22
San Diego	65	94	.409	30

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Games
Cincinnati 1, Chicago Cubs 0
Montreal 4, Florida 3
N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, ccd., rain
Atlanta at Philadelphia, ccd., rain
St. Louis 9, Milwaukee 1
Arizona 4, Colorado 2
Los Angeles 6, San Diego 5

Friday's Games
Pittsburgh (Torres 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Mahomes 1-0), 3:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 15-6, Millwood 17-8) at N.Y. Mets (Thomson 9-13, Astacio 12-10), 2, 5:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 11-8) at Florida (Burnett 12-9), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 7-8) at Montreal (Vazquez 10-13 or Kim 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 10-16) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 11-5), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Neagle 8-10) at Arizona (Batista 7-9), 10:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tomko 10-10) at Los Angeles (Daal 11-9), 10:10 p.m.
Houston (Miller 15-3) at San Francisco (Schmidt 12-8), 10:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Milwaukee (Rusch 10-15) at St. Louis (Finley 6-4), 1:25 p.m.
Colorado (Santos 0-4) at Arizona (Helling 9-12), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (Saarloos 6-7) at San Francisco (Rueter 13-8), 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 9-6) at Chicago Cubs (Al.Benes 2-2), 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 1-1) at Los Angeles (Beirne 1-0), 4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Duckworth 7-9) at Florida (Wayne 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 18-11) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 13-12), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Moehler 2-3) at Montreal (Kim 0-0), 7:35 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	100	58	.633	—
Boston	91	68	.572	9½
Toronto	75	84	.472	25½
Baltimore	67	92	.421	33½
Tampa Bay	54	104	.342	46
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	91	67	.576	—
Chicago	81	78	.509	10½
Cleveland	71	88	.447	20½
Kansas City	62	97	.390	29½
Detroit	55	103	.348	36
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oakland	100	59	.629	—
y-Anaheim	97	62	.610	3
Seattle	92	67	.579	8
Texas	72	87	.453	28

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

Thursday's Games
Chicago White Sox 3, Boston 2
Anaheim 10, Texas 5
Oakland 5, Seattle 3, 10 innings
Toronto 5, Baltimore 1
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, ccd., rain
Cleveland 8, Minnesota 4
Kansas City 7, Detroit 2

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

Saturday's Games
Kansas City (Ru.Hernandez 4-4) at Cleveland (Davis 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 19-11) at Minnesota (Lohse 13-8), 1:25 p.m.
Detroit (Beverlin 0-2) at Toronto (Miller 8-5), 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (Franklin 7-4) at Anaheim (Appier 14-12), 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Zambrano 7-8) at Boston (Wakefield 11-5), 5:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 18-7) at Baltimore (Driskill 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Lilly 5-8) at Texas (Kozlowski 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

Louisville stuns No. 4 Florida St. in overtime

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Louisville players ran through the puddles on the field, with the rain-soaked fans not far behind. Before long both goal posts were carried off.

"To have these guys come to our house was big," Louisville coach John L. Smith said. "To beat them was even bigger."

This was big, all right, for the Cardinals — a 26-20 overtime victory over No. 4 Florida State on Thursday night.

In a hard and steady downpour, Henry Miller ran 25 yards for a touchdown on the second play of overtime following Anthony Floyd's interception.

"It was a national stage, they're ranked fourth in the country and they're Florida State," said Louisville's Dave Ragone, who completed 15 of 27 passes for 182 yards and two TDs. "How do you get any bigger than that?"

The Cardinals (3-2) salvaged a season on the brink after a 2-2 start with one of the biggest wins in school history.

The Seminoles (4-1) were the highest-ranked team to play in the 4-year-old Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

"They were better than we were," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "Before the season, I was very concerned about this game because they were playing as good as anybody last season. We came in here 4-0, but they could have been 4-0 just as easily."

Florida State was playing its first overtime game and lost to an unranked team for the second time in two seasons. N.C. State beat the Seminoles 34-28 in 2001.

Sports Calendar

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Football: Snyder vs. Ft. Stockton, homecoming, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Ira at New Home, 7:30 p.m.
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WTC men's golf tournament

The Men's Golf Association will host its monthly tournament Saturday at the Western Texas College golf course. Format is two-man low ball and cost is $7. Tee time is slated for 1 p.m. Call the pro shop at 573-9291 for more info.

WGA club championship

The Women's Golf Association will hold its club championship Saturday and Sunday at the Snyder country club. Tee times are set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Champion will be low gross.

Baseball booster club

The SHS baseball booster club will meet Monday night at 7 at the high school film room.

Youth bowling league

The Snyder youth bowling league meets Saturdays at 10 a.m. at Snyder Lanes for bowlers age 3 to 21. Call 573-4438 for more info.

WTC golf tournament

The second annual WTC SGA four-man select Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 5 at the WTC Golf Course. Shotgun starts are slated for 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is $160 per team and cash prizes will be awarded. Proceeds will benefit the Student Government Association.

Flag football

Any teams interested in playing TAAF flag football should contact Earl Ware at 573-0800 before Oct. 7.

Couples golf tournament

The second annual Putters and Duffers couples golf tournament will be held Oct. 5-6 at the Scurry County golf course. Cost is $140 per couple. To register contact Xalyn Palacios at 574-3343.

Angels clinch playoff spot

ARLINGTON (AP) — Tim Salmon savored every minute of the celebration after the Anaheim Angels finally clinched a playoff spot.

No other player in the clubhouse has been associated longer with the Angels, who earned their first postseason berth since 1986 with a 10-5 victory over Texas on Thursday.

Faulk officially cleared to play

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Marshall Faulk was officially cleared to play, although he said there was never a doubt. The St. Louis Rams' star running back underwent an exam, three days after he strained his neck, and the test showed no problems. So he'll start Sunday against the Dallas Cowboys.

Jordan will return

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan plans to play another season with the Washington Wizards, confident his 39-year-old knees are healthy enough to allow him to finish his contract with the team.

Bird will introduce Magic at Hall of Fame induction

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — When Magic Johnson was told to pick someone to introduce him at his Basketball Hall of Fame induction, he didn't have to think long.

The shrine's rules require that the presenter be a previous inductee, limiting Johnson's options some. Still, he could have chosen Julius Erving, his idol, or Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, his longtime teammate.

Instead, Johnson picked Larry Bird, his No. 1 nemesis on the court but the man who, more than any other, drove Johnson to succeed and with him defined and developed the popularity of the NBA in the 1980s.

"Larry was the guy who came up. The only name," Johnson said. "I think we helped make each other the pros that we were. ... We pushed each other. Since the day we met in college, we had probably one of the best rivalries that you've seen."

And then, as a reminder of how the sport grew in their heyday, Johnson added: "Guys are making the salaries that they are making because of that rivalry."

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Andre Agassi not ready for another baby

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Andre Agassi isn't quite ready for another baby — he's still mastering giving a haircut to his 11-month-old son.

"I was just trying to sort of use the clippers to even things out, and I had the wrong blade on there," the tennis star told The Associated Press last weekend. "So, I went with it and shaved his head."

Jaden's blond hair ended up almost matching his father's closely shaved head, but Agassi said that's where the similarities end.

"He's a lot cuter than I am. That's for sure."

Agassi is enjoying fatherhood, but said he and his wife, Steffi Graf, aren't yet ready for another child.

"I certainly look forward to that at some point," Agassi said. "Going from one to two is bigger than just doubling your workload."

Agassi's seventh "Grand Slam for Children" concert on Saturday at the MGM Grand Garden Arena will raise money for his charitable foundation, which helps at-risk children in Las Vegas. The concerts have raised more than $18 million.

Elton John, Robin Williams, Dennis Miller, Carlos Santana, Martina McBride and Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds are among the scheduled performers.

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NEW YORK (AP)

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AMR Corp	4.95	4.26	4.38	—.48
AOL TimeWrn	12.70	11.71	12.49	+.58
AT&T Corp	12.53	12.22	12.51	—.09
Albertsons	25.18	24.76	25.07	—.23
Alltel	42.87	41.82	42.06	—.82
AmEl Pw	29.35	28.47	28.80	—.11
AndarkPtr	45.75	44.45	45.61	+.45
ATMOS Egy	22.00	21.90	21.93	—.17
Aviall	10.50	10.31	10.35	—.15
BP PLC	42.45	41.33	42.27	+.87
BakerHughes	30.03	28.87	29.97	+.33
Bank of Amer	66.74	65.26	65.90	—.02
BellSouth	20.81	20.00	20.25	—.95
BurlNoSFe	26.30	25.93	25.94	—.54
Caterpillar	38.90	38.33	38.39	—.54
ChevronTex	73.57	72.47	73.20	
Citigroup	30.50	29.50	30.40	+.89
CocaCola	49.22	48.20	48.88	+.45
ColgatePal	55.65	54.70	54.71	—.81
CmclMetals s	17.85	17.71	17.77	+.03
ConocoPhill	49.59	48.60	49.28	+.10
Cooper Inds	31.14	30.64	30.94	—.14
DaimlrChry	36.82	36.10	36.55	—.22
DeltaAirl	11.50	9.40	9.49	—2.01
Dillards Inc	22.84	22.58	22.74	—.26
DowChem	28.85	28.41	28.61	—.19
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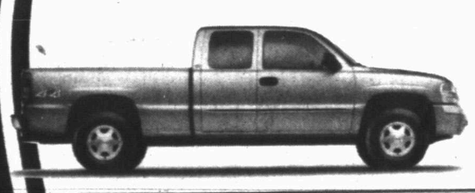
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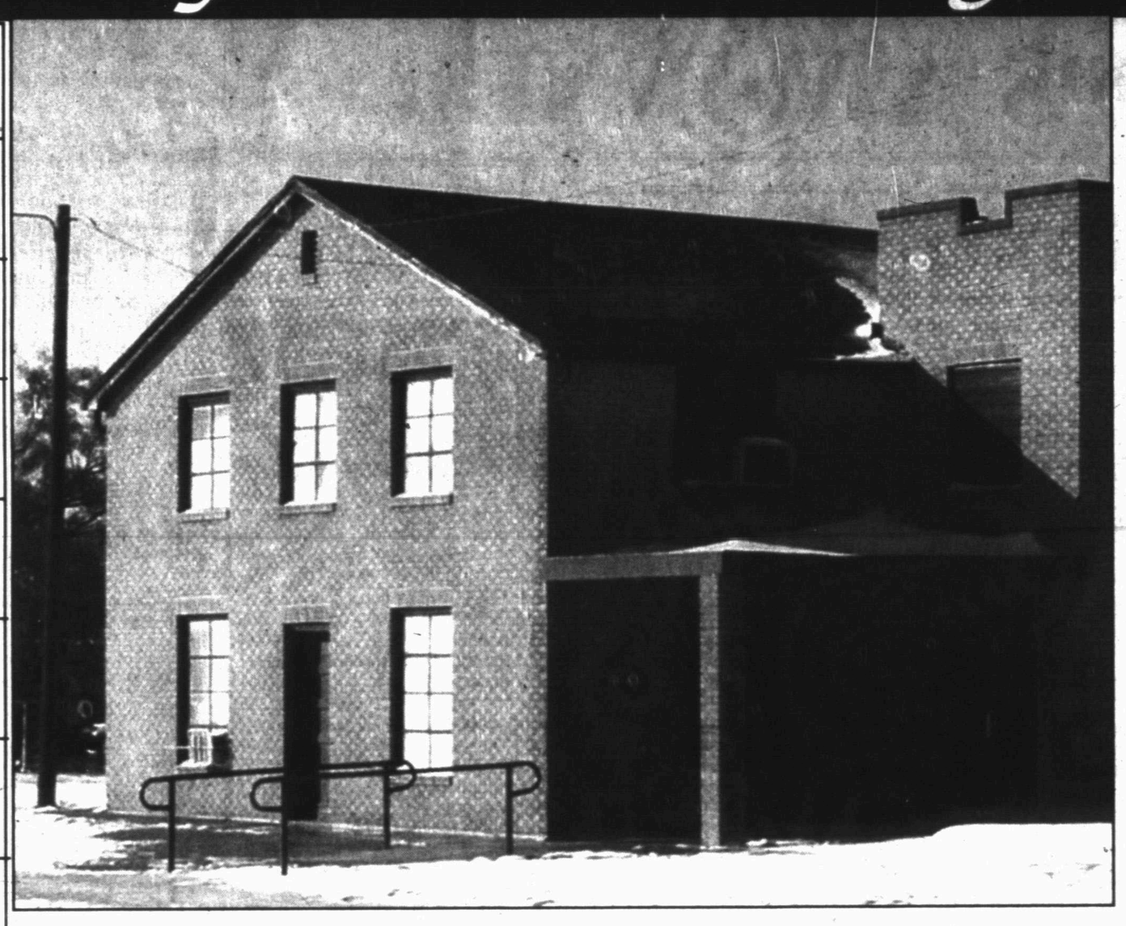

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Police capture suspects in deadly bank robbery

NORFOLK, Neb. (AP) — The search for three men wanted in one of the nation's deadliest bank robberies ended at a gas station a few hours after the holdup that left five people dead. A fourth suspect also was arrested, authorities said today.

Gabriel Rodriguez, 26, had been driving the getaway car and apparently abandoned the three others, Mayor Gordon D. Adams said on CBS' "The Early Show."

Police found Rodriguez late Thursday after locating the Cadillac he was believed to be driving in a Norfolk neighborhood, Police Chief Bill Mizner said. The other three had stolen a vehicle to escape, authorities.

All four men were being charged with five counts of first-degree murder, authorities said.

Three handguns were recovered on the roadside between Ewing and Clearwater, along the route that police believe the suspects fled after the robbery. Police, volunteer firefighters and volunteers on all-terrain vehicles were combing the roadsides for evidence, Matchett said.

"We have recovered no money. Part of the investigation will include doing an audit to figure out if any money was taken," Mizner said.

The suspects were surrounded by police when they stopped for gas and food in O'Neill, 76 miles northwest of the robbery in Norfolk. The town's police chief, Ben Matchett, said he could not disclose what led him and two other officers to the men and the stolen pickup they were driving.

Holt County Attorney Tom Herzog said the three men matched descriptions of the suspects.

The men were identified by police as Jose Sandoval, 23, of Norfolk; Jorge Galindo, 21, and Erick Fernando Vela, 21, both of Madison. They were later charged with five counts of first-degree murder, which carries a potential death sentence in Nebraska.

A bond hearing was scheduled for today. There are believed to be no other suspects, Mizner said.

Four employees and a customer were killed at the U.S. Bank branch in Norfolk, a one-story, stucco building with glass doors in the middle of a strip mall parking lot. Another customer was shot in the shoulder.

Mizner had tears in his eyes as he read the victims' names at a news conference. The employees — Lola Elwood, 43, of Norfolk; Jo Mausbach, 42, of Humphrey; Lisa Bryant, 29, of Norfolk; and Samuel Sun, 50, of Norfolk — and customer Evonne Tuttle, 37, of Stanton, were found dead at the scene.

"In your heart, you honestly believe that stuff happens someplace else. It can't happen here," Mizner said.

He said it was unclear what went on inside the bank, though the wounded customer and two unharmed employees may be able to help. Investigators were screening the bank's security tapes.

The robbery occurred shortly before 9 a.m.; the suspects were arrested about three hours later.

After leaving the bank through a shot-out glass door, the gunmen broke into a nearby house where they confronted the home's residents at gunpoint and stole their car, Mizner said. No one in the home was injured.

The suspects drove about 10 miles, ditched the vehicle and stole a pickup truck, Mizner said. Authorities tracked down the first vehicle, a Subaru Outback, by using its satellite navigation system.

The killings stunned Norfolk, a community of 25,000 people about 90 miles northwest of Omaha that is best known as the hometown of comedian Johnny Carson.

As news of the crime spread, Gov. Mike Johanns declared a state of emergency and authorized the use of a Black Hawk military helicopter for the manhunt. Roadblocks were set up throughout the area, schools in Norfolk were locked down, and many banks either closed or allowed only drive-through window transactions with customers.

Dale Tomka, a florist, said he saw the gunmen shortly before the shootings wearing stocking caps, possibly ski masks. One had black stripes on his cheeks, he said.

Mizner said authorities had not determined why the bank door was shot out, but it may have simply been shattered by the gunfire inside.

A stray bullet shattered a drive-through window at a Burger King next door to the bank. No one inside was hurt.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002

In the year ahead, large strides can be made that will gratify your hopes and wishes. What occurs will give you more direct control over matters that affect your personal interests. You can now make things happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Being involved with others who are partaking in a lot of activities makes your attitude quite lighthearted today. Yet when and if you need to be serious, you can sober up quite fast. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — A person you have treated with unusual consideration in the past may now be in a position to return the favor to you today, and will be delighted to do so.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Faith can move mountains for you today, so it would be wise to associate only with people you know to have optimistic outlooks and can keep your spirits high. Don't let a pessimist intrude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — When you spot an opportunity today, and you will, try to capitalize on it immediately. Status and earnings are exceptionally favorable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Life could look kindly on you today, especially in situations that have competitive elements. Even when the going gets tough, don't let anything or anybody cause you to think otherwise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — A serious matter that has recently been causing you concern can be dealt with quite effectively today when something surprising happens. Wrap it up immediately; don't sit on it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A major objective of equal importance to you and your associates may show signs today of being on track to success. Do not alter your efforts or direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Lady Luck is still hanging around today and wants to make sure that your past efforts have not gone unnoticed nor unrewarded. She could be tending the pay window at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — The special way you've been treating people recently has been greatly appreciated by your pals, so don't be surprised today if you are in even more demand than you usually are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Don't let any early indicators discourage you today. Hang on to what you want to accomplish and you will be the one who is most likely to come out the winner in the long run.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Someone who is extremely fond of you and who has always had your best interest at heart might surprise you today by backing up an effort of yours that has been floundering.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Something you have been working long and hard on may finally come through for you today. It may be unexpected, but it won't be unappreciated.

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Students arrive drunk at party

SCARSDALE, N.Y. (AP) — School dances at Scarsdale High have been banned after about 200 students turned up drunk at a homecoming party.

Five of the 600 students at last Friday night's dance were taken to hospitals. All have recovered.

"It was easier to find a drunk kid there than someone who was sober," senior Dave Nambar told The Journal News.

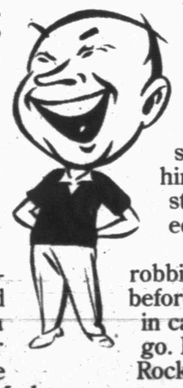
Principal John Klemme, who called police to the party, banned school dances until school officials felt sure that the students in the affluent New York City suburb wouldn't misbehave.

Klemme said several students were suspended, but he did not divulge how many.

Today's chuckle

Getaway plans trip robber

LASALLE, Ill. (AP) — Police say a suspected bank robber wanted to get away in style.



John Pope, 39, ordered a limousine to pick him up from his hotel in Moline after he robbed a bank Tuesday in the western Illinois community, police said.

Unfortunately for Pope, his driver was a retired police officer.

The driver, Don Madsen, of Moline, tipped off police that he had a suspicious passenger when he picked Pope up from the hotel. Madsen later got a call on his cell phone from one of his old colleagues, who warned that his passenger was suspected in a bank robbery.

Madsen used cryptic language to indicate his location and state troopers found him at a LaSalle truck stop where they arrested Pope.

Pope is accused of robbing a Moline bank just before he paid Madsen $335 in cash for a ride to Chicago. He is being held at the Rock Island County Jail on an armed robbery charge.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Carotid blockage may have to be addressed

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband, at age 94, was discovered to have significant arteriosclerotic blockages in both carotid arteries. However, the doctor refused to operate, using his age as an excuse. A year later, he had a massive stroke, ended up in a nursing home and died a few months later. Now I've learned that my brother, 80, has been diagnosed with the same problem. Again, the doctors refuse surgery. What can be done? I don't want him to suffer the way my beloved husband did.

DEAR READER: One of the unavoidable consequences of the aging process is arterial blockage due to plaque, the progressive buildup of cholesterol, proteins, calcium and cellular debris. The development of such plaque can be retarded by exercise, a low-cholesterol diet and prescription medicine of various types. Plaque is dangerous because it can form the basis for stroke, heart attack and other serious afflictions.

If the arterial blockage is severe — or if it affects vital blood vessels, such as the coronary or carotid arteries — surgery to crack the deposit (angioplasty) or bypass it is often necessary. However, like any surgery, these operations can cause complications (such as stroke), especially if the patient is elderly.

I would be presumptuous to second-guess the physicians who cared for your husband and now must manage your brother's condition. After all, I have insufficient knowledge about the details of each case. However, in situations such as this, a second opinion is often helpful. I recommend that you request such an opinion from an experienced vascular surgeon in the closest medical center. I hope that this strategy will relieve your concerns.

In the meantime, your brother should — if he has not already done so — consider using an anticoagulant medicine (such as aspirin or stronger warfarin) in order to reduce the risk of stroke, which is a common consequence of significant carotid artery blockage.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am concerned about the growing number of medical mistakes. When a doctor does err and hides it — or tries to — and the patient dies, how come the other doctors fail to come forward to help the patient's family? Doesn't the family deserve to know — at the very least — what happened to their loved one?

DEAR READER: This is an extremely complicated issue. Most doctors live in constant fear of malpractice suits. Therefore, they may incorrectly try to cover up an error — or fail to criticize a colleague who makes a mistake. I am glad to report that this old-boys-club mentality is changing. Physicians and surgeons are now being encouraged to be honest and forthright — no matter how difficult that may be — out of respect for the patients' families. Also, doctors do have effective methods in place to investigate alleged errors and, when appropriate, to discipline the transgressor. No system is perfect, as you well know. Nonetheless, most families understand that medical personnel, being human, will occasionally make mistakes and such families are much more willing to excuse a caring, up-front doctor than they would a physician who lies, covers up and denies blame. Many malpractice actions are the direct result of a doctor's insensitivity; such practitioners literally refuse to meet with patients' families, describe the unfortunate events, sympathize with the loss, or offer any help and support.

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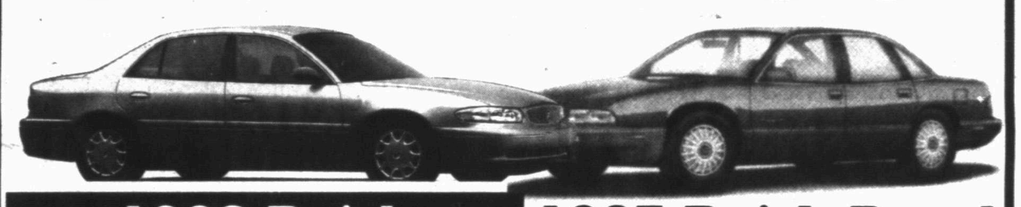

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Isidore's rains spread northward

DELACROIX, La. (AP) — Rain from Tropical Storm Isidore spread deeper into the country early today, drowning a motorist who tried to cross a flooded road in Tennessee and leaving thousands of people in several states without power as they dug in for long hours of bailing water from cars and homes.

The Gulf Coast was spared hurricane-strength winds, but not by much. The sprawling storm's ill-defined eye passed over the Louisiana coast packing 65-mph winds — 9 mph shy of hurricane speed. As it moved west, the storm spawned tornadoes from Louisiana to Florida.

"I didn't think the water would get this high. It just kept coming and coming and coming," said Susan Serpas, whose front yard in Delacroix had about 4 feet of water Thursday.

Forecasters said the storm, downgraded to a tropical depression, would slide into the Ohio Valley by the weekend, bringing heavy rain to the Midwest and the Northeast.

Tennessee was already dealing with scattered power outages, school closings and flooding today.

In Clarksville, Tenn., a motorist who drove around a barricade into a flooded roadway was swept up by the water and found dead early today. The vehicle was submerged vehicle in 8 to 10 feet of water, said Kurt Pickering, Tennessee Emergency Management Agency spokesman.

Administration faces delay in U.N.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration's push for a congressional expression of support for disarming Saddam Hussein is being slowed by Democratic concerns about a blank check to wage war.

Trouble brewed for the administration at the United Nations, as well. There, a tough resolution prepared by the United States and Britain to threaten Iraq faces stiff opposition from France, Russia and China, who hold veto power in the U.N. Security Council.

"We are a long way from getting an agreement, but we are working hard," Secretary of State Colin Powell told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Thursday as he stepped up U.S. diplomacy internationally.

On the home front, senior Democratic Sen. Ted Kennedy argued in a speech today that the Bush administration has failed to make a persuasive case for going to war against Iraq and that the top U.S. priority should be getting U.N. inspectors back in Iraq, not preparing for unilateral military action.

"War should be a last resort, not the first response," Kennedy said in a speech to the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. The administration has not laid out to the American people the "cost in blood and treasure" of a war with Iraq, and "it is inevitable that a war in Iraq without serious international support will weaken our effort to ensure that Al-Qaida terrorists can never, never, never threaten American lives again."

U.S. Congress votes to keep agencies open during debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has voted to keep the government open for the first four days of its new fiscal year, but not without a campaign-season clash over which party is to blame for gridlock on the budget and other legislation.

With the only alternative a government shutdown starting Tuesday, just five weeks from congressional elections, passage was overwhelming. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., was the only "no" vote in the House's 370-1 roll call, while the Senate used a voice vote and skipped debate entirely.

The House spent two hours in an often bitter, finger-pointing clash over the legislative inaction that made Thursday's votes necessary. Congress has finished none of the 13 bills financing agencies for the budget year that begins Oct. 1, thanks to a standoff between President Bush and Congress — and among Republicans themselves — over how much those measures should cost.

"The nation's schools are regarded as the No. 1 photo op for the White House political staff and the No. 1 target by the White House budget staff," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., accusing Bush of not living up to his pro-education rhetoric.

"This House has ignored the needs of the American people," said Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., the minority whip. "The need for a growing economy, a prescription drug benefit, access to quality health care, educating our children."

But Republicans taunted Democrats for not producing a budget of their own this year that would show how they would treat their priorities.

"This is all about politics," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, who chairs the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. "When it comes to education funding or any other kind of funding, our Democratic friends this year have no budget, no plan and no credibility."

And House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said Democrats have "fueled an irresponsible culture of spending that drove America's books deep, deep, deep into the red."

Several GOP speakers during the debate had to be warned to follow House rules against disparaging the Democratic-led Senate. Heated remarks on both sides spotlighted the high stakes of the Nov. 5 voting, when the Democrats' Senate majority — and perhaps Republican control of the House — are in play.

Separately, the House Appropriations Committee began considering a $60 billion transportation measure for next year.

In a party-line 35-25 committee vote, lawmakers rejected an amendment by Rep. Martin Sabo, D-Minn., that would have raised federal aid for Amtrak next year to $1.2 billion, the amount the beleaguered national passenger line has requested. The underlying GOP-written bill would provide $762 million, $64 million less than Amtrak received this year in regular and emergency funds.

Kmart raid could cost Houston big bucks

HOUSTON (AP) — A raid last month at a Kmart parking lot and elsewhere that resulted in arrests of nearly 300 people on curfew and trespassing violations could cost the city millions of dollars in legal damages.

The charges stemming from the operation have all been dropped.

Dozens of police officers rounded up 298 people gathered in westside business parking lots on a mid-August weekend and charged them with curfew and trespassing violations.

Police said the arrests were part of a crackdown on illegal drag racing in the area, but many of those arrested said they were customers of the businesses and that police ignored their protests.

Snyder officers respond to second motorcycle accident

Accidents

Snyder officers responded Thursday to the second accident in two days involving a motorcycle.

Involved in the 11:20 a.m. mishap at 900 College Ave. was a 1986 Peterbuilt driven by Johnny Rains, 48, of Roswell, N.M., and a 2002 Harley Davidson driven by Brent Hibbitt, 41, of 4116 Kerrville.

Just before 4 p.m. Thursday an accident was reported at the intersection of Houston Ave. and 37th Street. Involved were a 1999 Ford F150 pickup driven by Ricky McMatt, 15, of 3402 Hill Ave. and a 2000 Ford F250 pickup driven by James McMahon, 48, of Fluvanna.

No injuries were reported in either incident.

Arrest

Police officers arrested a 32-year-old woman Thursday night in the 1800 block of 27th Street on outstanding DPS warrants.

Thefts

Cindy Torres Thursday reported the theft of an air conditioning unit from her residence on 40th Street. She also advised a juvenile relative had entered her home without permission. She requested he be ordered to stay away from the home. No offense report was made.

A Western Texas College security officer requested Snyder police on the campus in reference to detaining two subjects regarding the theft of a purse. An officer responded and advised the purse had been recovered and no report would be filed.

Fire report

Troy Botts reported a grass fire on FM 1611 and the fire department was dispatched and did assist.

Gas drive off

A clerk at United Fuel reported a drive off worth $8.28 at 9:20 a.m. and provided a description of the vehicle and its driver.

Close patrol

A woman in the 800 block of 16th Street reported her front glass door broken and requested a close patrol during the night.

Obituaries

A.L. Goddard

1919-2002

SAN ANGELO — A.L. Goddard of Cedar Park, the brother of Joyce Landon of Snyder, died Thursday, Sept. 26, in a Cedar Park nursing home.

A memorial service for Mr. Goddard, 83, is set for 5 p.m. Saturday in St. Theresa Catholic Church in Carlsbad, Tex. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 16, 1919 in San Angelo to A.T. and Bessie Butler Goddard. Mr. Goddard had worked in maintenance for MHMR.

Survivors include a son, Robert Goddard of Christoval; a daughter, Vicci Coffman of Cedar Park; a brother, J.L. Goddard of San Angelo; and two other sisters, Imagene Wallace and Claudene Walker, both of San Angelo.

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Bill Pollard

1931-2002

Billy Ray "Bill" Pollard, died Saturday, Sept. 21, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

A memorial service for Mr. Pollard, 70, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Joe Welsh, chaplain of the Hendrick Hospice Care, will officiate.

Born Dec. 29, 1931 in Sudan, he was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Pollard worked in the oil industry in West Texas for many years, returning to Snyder in the early 1990s to help care for his aging parents. He was a Meals on Wheels volunteer for the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Mike Miller of Royse City; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Bob and Janell Pollard, Ken and Lanell Pollard and Farris Pollard, all of Snyder, and Raymond and Ernestine Pollard of Abilene; and two grandchildren, Ashley and Katie of Royse City.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hendrick Hospice Care, Box 1922, Abilene, 79604.

Births

Sterling Paige Steelman was born to Tony and Amanda Steelman of Snyder at 8:25 a.m. on Sept. 23 in Mitchell County Hospital. Sterling Paige weighed seven pounds, four ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Grady and Laura Steelman of Daingerfield and maternal grandparents are Tommy and Tammy Berry of Hermleigh and Kim Berry of Florida.

Paternal great-grandmother is Vivian Steelman of De Kalb. Maternal great-grandparents are Don and Beverly Glaser of Granbury, Charles and Nell Berry of Wichita Falls, Betty Shankles of Big Spring and the late Bill Shankles. Maternal great-great-grandmother is Maxine Harris of Granbury.

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Homecoming fajita dinner

The annual homecoming fajita dinner will be from 5-7 this evening at First Christian Church. Everyone is invited to park cars at the church and enjoy the meal before the game.

Joint class reunion

The Snyder High School graduating classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945 will have their reunion at Martha Ann Woman's Club today and Saturday. Events include a social from 7:30 to 9:30 this eveninge, a 9 a.m. Saturday brunch and a 6:30 p.m. Saturday dinner.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

The SHS class of 1988 will meet at 5 p.m. today for the before game meal at the high school and then attend the game between the Tigers and Ft. Stockton. There will be a get-together after the game. Call Meredith at 254-223-3193 for more information.

SJHS choir fundraiser

Snyder Junior High School's choir will serve a hamburger supper from 5-7:30 p.m. today. Tickets are $5 each and will be available at the door or may be bought in advance from the junior high office or any choir student .

Football T-shirt sale

SHS student council will sell football t-shirts before home games at the front stadium gate. Shirts are also available by calling Christy Smith at 573-6301.

Burrito sale

First Assembly of God will hold a fundraiser burrito sale from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at 1809 College Ave. Orders will be taken beginning at 10 a.m. and delivery is available on orders of five or more by calling 573-3316.

Youth car wash

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

Ira postmaster to retire

Leona Wiggins, Ira postmaster, will retire Sept. 30. A reception is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church in Ira.

Ira First Baptist Church revival

Ira First Baptist Church will hold a revival at 7 nightly from Saturday until Wednesday. Murlyn Keller is the evangelist.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Lessons of the Book of Revelation," followed by "A Horse for a Defense."

Ira senior pictures

Ira seniors will have their pictures made on Tuesday at the school. Brochures were passed out to the seniors and they will need to bring a minimum of $24.50 for their photography session.

Lord's Acre fish fry

First United Methodist Church's Lord's Acre fish fry is 5-7 p.m. Tuesday. Adult tickets are $7 and children's tickets – 10 and under – are $3.50. Tickets available at the church office or at the door.

Junior high open house

Snyder Junior High will host an open house from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Report cards will be distributed to parents who can also visit with teachers.

Ira homecoming

Ira School's homecoming is set Oct. 11-12. The ex's' basketball game on Friday begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a victory bonfire at the baseball field, weather permitting. Saturday's noon meal will be brisket and sausage plate plus all the trimmings cooked by the senior class. Tickets are $6.50 each. Children under 10 will be $3.25. Send money for the number of plates wanted to Ira School, Box 121 in Ira, 79527. Registration will be $5 per family and meal tickets can be picked up at registration.

Trains and things

Scurry County parks department is looking for loans of model trains and railroad-related items to be displayed during the Oct. 12 White Buffalo Festival. Items are needed by Monday, Oct. 7.

Worship workshop

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

District auxiliary meeting

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

Head Start program

Scurry County's Head Start program still has openings for children. For information, call 573-7403.

Call to poets

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

Adult basic education classes

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