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Plan approved to initiate park development

DCOS takes 'giant step foward' with $1.5 million project

In what the board chairman termed "a giant step forward" Tuesday, the Development Corporation of Snyder unanimously approved a $1.5 million plan to initiate development of the new industrial park here.

The move comes following an early April decision to purchase the 313-acre site — since named SnTx Park I.

"We are underway now," declared chairman John Fagin. "We have taken a giant step forward... Hopefully, good things will start happening now."

Fagin's comments were made in a packed DCOS board room as representatives of most of the major entities in the county were in attendance.

The plan calls for development of a 70-acre portion of the industrial park, located northeast of the intersection of U.S. Highways 84 and 180.

While an active effort is being made to secure grants for park development, board members outlined a plan to fund the $1.5 million cost through a 20-year loan, based on 6.75 percent interest. Annual payments would be $136,866, which is 40 percent of the corporation's yearly budget.

The development includes $546,300 in water and waste water lines and pump stations; $558,675 in paving and site improvements; and $400,270 in on-site utilities.

The current project takes into account a decline in sales tax revenue and does not rely on help from any other local entity, those attending the meeting were told.

However, the $1.5 million pricetag projected by the DCOS Development Committee could be possibly slashed by as much as $600,000 by eliminating some optional improvements and through "do-it-ourselves" savings — relying on local equipment and manpower from the county, city and other sources.

County officials in attendance pledged their assistance in the project.

"We'll do whatever we can do," said County Judge Ricky Fritz. "We're willing and supportive."

In the meantime, said Roy Baze, DCOS vice chairman, local citizens are actively working at pursuing grants that would help with the cost.

October 1 is the federal deadline for grant applications.

Board member Bill Seale made a motion to approve the plan and also recommended approval by the city council. The motion further directed DCOS staff to identify loan sources and terms and asked the DCOS Development Committee to continue to work on development of the park in conjunction with the city. Baze seconded the motion.

Snyder City Council is expected to consider the project during its Sept. 5 meeting.

As yet, there is no start-up date for actual construction.

In other business Tuesday, the board:

—Approved three by-law changes which will be sent to the

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Ask Us

Q—How many correctional officers are currently employed at the Price Daniel Unit?

A—Of the 330 employees currently at the unit, 220 are correctional officers.

Local

Memorial

A memorial Mass for Fr. William Costigan, former Snyder pastor, is set for 6 p.m. today at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. All of who knew him are invited.

Buttons

SHS band boosters are making picture buttons. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 573-2247.

The Ritz

The Ritz Community Theatre board of governors is hosting an open house at the Ritz Theatre on Thursday from 7-9 p.m. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served and tours of the building to inspect the renovation progress will be conducted.

Stanfield

Orders for Stanfield T-shirts must be in by Friday. Shirts are $12 and must be prepaid. Call 573-6066 or 573-1408 for information.

Hermleigh

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school library. Plans will be discussed for the new school year.

Observance

The Senior Center invites the public to a program observing the official end of World War II. The program is set for 10:30 a.m. Friday at the flagpole on the northeast corner of the building. Anyone who has photos or other mementoes is asked to contact the Center at 573-4035.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 97 degrees; low, 70 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 71 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, 13.32 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Low in the lower 70s. Southeast wind 5-10 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny. High in the upper 90s. Southeast wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:10. Sunrise Thursday, 7:19. Of 241 days in 1995, the sun has shone 226 days in Snyder.

Allies may sustain air attacks for several days

Strikes knock out missile launchers, defense radar

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and NATO military officials pored over bomb-run video tapes today, assessing the heaviest allied strikes to date over Bosnia and poised to continue the assault to deter the Serbs.

A senior U.S. defense official said the strikes inflicted heavy damage on a large Bosnian Serb ammunition depot southwest of Sarajevo and knocked out air defense radars and missile launchers.

U.S. forces dominated the attack, contributing 50 of the roughly 60 NATO aircraft in the first assault.

Calling the initial strike a success, defense officials said Air Force and allied jets based at Aviano, Italy, and Navy and Marine Corps warplanes off the USS Theodore Roosevelt are ready to continue the campaign.

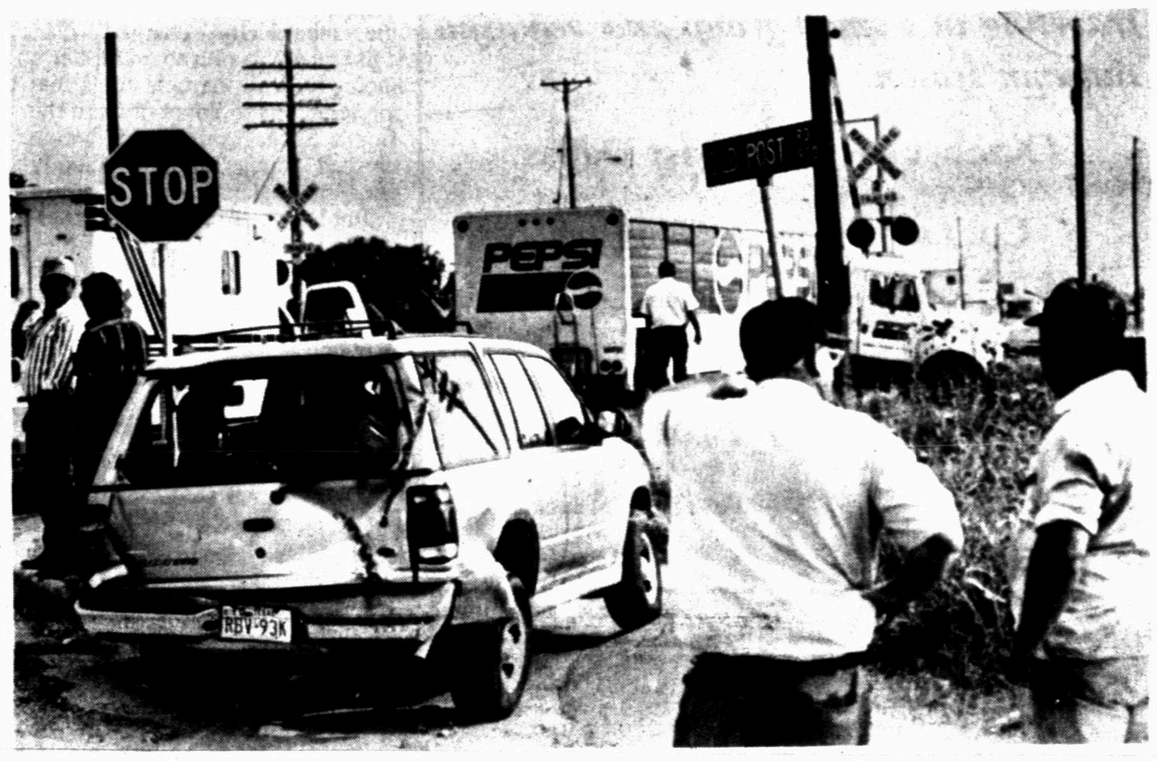
"We're pretty happy with where we are at," Adm. William J. Fallon, the battle group commander aboard the Roosevelt, said today in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "We've been at it here for 16 to 17 hours. It's a steady grind."

U.S. Navy Adm. Leighton Smith, the NATO commander in charge of the strikes said on CNN today that the assault was designed to "do a significant amount of damage" of Bosnian Serb military targets and to "get their attention," in hopes of encouraging a peace settlement.

President Clinton called the allied attacks necessary and predicted the show of force would not derail the delicate peace negotiations in the former Yugoslavia.

"I believe it is something that had to be done," Clinton, vacationing in Jackson Hole, Wyo., told reporters after more than 60 U.S. and allied warplanes began

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NO INJURIES REPORTED - No one was injured in this three-vehicle accident which occurred shortly after 5 p.m. Tuesday in the 1000 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1993 International truck transporting Pepsi-Cola products and driven by Joshua Bell, Big Spring, and a 1995 Ford owned by Tuboscope Vetco and driven by Lawrence Hood of Snyder. (SDN Photo by JoAnn Nunley)

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

A friend of the feller on Deep Creek says, "If you think practice makes perfect, you probably never had a kid in beginning band."

There is now medical evidence that it's okay, even healthy, for golfers to improve their lie.

In fact, according to medical researchers, golfers should stay out of the rough. It can be hazardous not only to your score, but to your health.

A study published by the New England Journal of Medicine found a correlation between tick bites and bad golf. Duffers searching for their errant balls off the fairway more frequently show signs of infections transmitted by ticks.

The study focused on a 1993 outbreak of the tick-bone disease ehrlichiosis in Cumberland County, Tenn. Three of the four reported victims were golfers. Two were hospitalized, but all survived.

After an 18-month study, researchers found that 63 percent of the infected people interviewed had played golf in the past 12 months.

The study further showed that golfers were nearly twice as likely to get infected, and the risk of infection is significantly greater for "less-skilled" golfers.

That kind of information ticks us off...

Only in America...

Auctioneer Wayne Ball had to call a halt to a auction and hang a "Not For Sale" sign on three dead ducks.

After a call from a federal agent, the auctioneer found that the agent wasn't kidding and he wasn't interested in buying the ducks. Selling migratory birds is a federal crime, he was told.

It is a crime to sell ducks — dead or alive. The fine is $500.

The ducks in question, however, had been dead since Thanksgiving, 1960.

Carrera found guilty

A 132nd District Court jury deliberated just 10 minutes this morning before finding 21-year-old Steven Ismeil Carrera guilty of aggravated robbery.

Following closing arguments and instructions by the judge, the nine-man, three-woman jury began deliberations about 11:30. They had a verdict by 11:40. The punishment phase was to begin at 1:30 p.m.

Carrera is charged with hitting and kicking his grandmother, Elsie Zamora, on May 13, and then tying her up. He is also accused of taking items from her purse and fleeing the scene in her car.

Carrera is represented by Dena Reecer of Snyder. District Attorney Dana Cooley is the prosecuting attorney. Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney is presiding.

AG's ruling puts brakes on van use

Snyder Independent School District has discontinued using vans to transport students on school-related trips, based on a legal ruling by Attorney General Dan Morales.

Morales' opinion, issued last Friday, will impact many school districts throughout the state, according to the Texas Education Agency.

"Effective immediately, we will not be transporting any students in anything other than buses. This is based on the attorney general's opinion," said Lee McNair, Snyder ISD business manager. "It will remain this way unless he changes his opinion in the future."

Some school districts had discontinued use of vans and private vehicles at the start of the semester, based on Senate Bill 1, the legislation that revised the state's education code. Others, such as Snyder ISD, continued use of the vans until Morales' ruling.

"Any type of school-sanctioned transportation must utilize vehicles that meet the state standard," Morales said. State law requires school buses to be equipped with convex mirrors, fire extinguishers and signal lights.

Sen. Tell Bivins, R-Amarillo, had attempted to give districts more flexibility through an amendment to SB 1 which authorized districts to use passenger cars to transport fewer than 10 students.

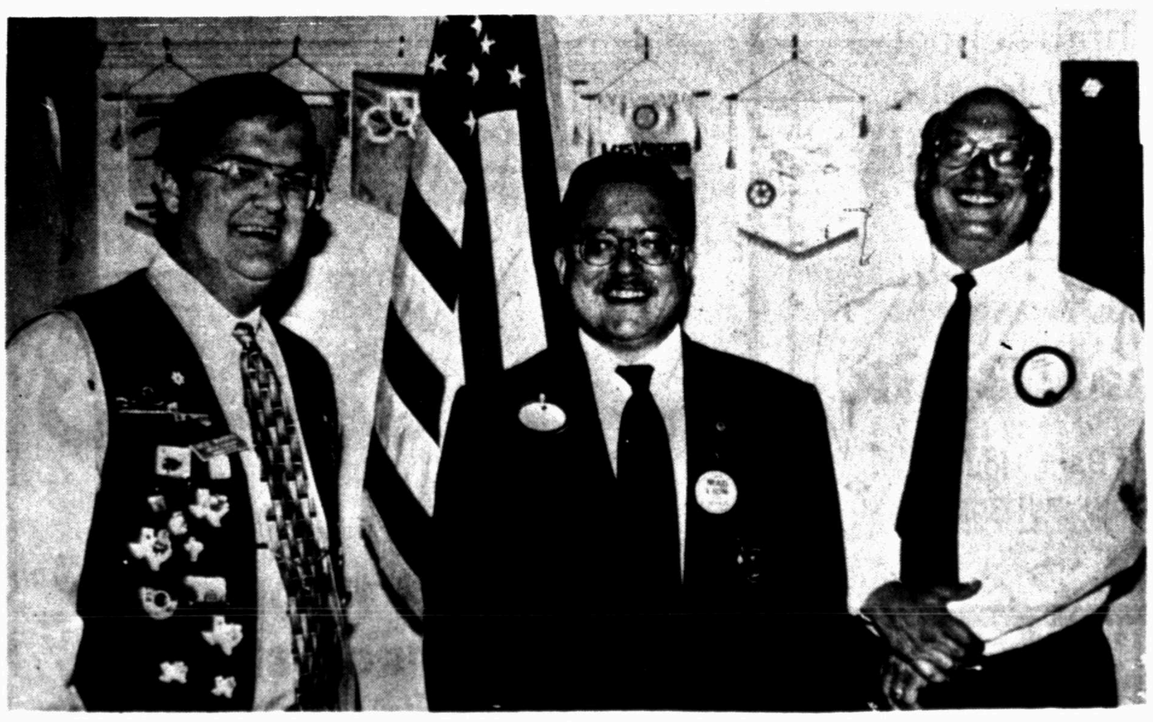
Bivins said he will ask Morales to reconsider his ruling.

Snyder ISD was using two vans and a suburban to transport small groups of students to various extracurricular activities.

McNair said the ruling won't cause a problem now, but might in the spring.

"The only problem it will cause (in the fall) is we will have to supply bus drivers. In some instances, coaches are the bus drivers anyway. But for some trips, we will have to furnish a driver and that will be an additional cost. And the cost of fuel is greater, of course.

"We may run into some problems in the spring with the availability of buses. We have a lot of different groups going a lot of different places at that time. But we shouldn't have any problems this fall," he said.



DISTINGUISHED LIONS — Neil Burrus, District 2T2 treasurer, from left, and District Governor Carmon McCain, both of Lubbock, were special guests at the Lions Club's noon meeting Tuesday held at Martha Ann Woman's Club. They were welcomed by Forrest Pendleton, local Lion boss. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Texans urged to buckle up over holiday

AUSTIN (AP) — State law enforcement officials have issued a warning to Texans planning to travel over the Labor Day weekend: buckle up or risk becoming one of the 31 people expected to die in automobile accidents.

"Buckling up makes a big difference in the ability to maintain control of a vehicle in an accident situation," Lt. Col. Dudley Thomas, assistant director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, said Tuesday. "It can mean the difference between being hurt and being killed."

The DPS estimates that 31 people will be killed on Texas roads from 6 p.m. Friday through midnight Monday.

During the same period last year, 45 people died as a result of automobile accidents. Of those, 38 were in vehicles with safety belts, but 22 people weren't wearing them, Thomas said.

The percentage of drivers using safety belts has more than quadrupled since Texas implemented its seat belt law 10 years ago Friday.

An 18-city study by the Texas Transportation Institute shows the average percentage of drivers using safety belts rose from 15.2 percent in 1985 to 77.2 percent in 1994.

During that period, the death rate on Texas roads dropped from 2.6 per 100 million miles driven to 1.8 per 100 million miles.

But the numbers aren't good enough, Thomas said.

"Statistics show that the chance of being killed in a car accident is more than 11 times as great for persons not wearing seat belts as for those wearing seat belts," he said. "Yet statewide, only about 71 percent of the population buckles up.

"Our charge today, and in the future, is to try to increase that percentage."

John Devenport, of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association, said the advent of automobile safety devices such as air bags has made people less likely to wear their seat belts.

"Once they get in a car with an air bag, they think they no longer need to wear a seat belt," Devenport said, adding that without a seat belt, an accident victim may not be in the car to be protected by its air bag.

"It's as important as ever that we buckle up," he said.

In addition to saving lives, wearing seat belts can save the state money, said Susan Bryant, traffic safety director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

In 1992 and 1993, the cost of automobile-related injuries for people not wearing seat belts was $56,000 more per person than for people who were buckled, Ms. Bryant said. During those two years, the total cost of being unbelted was $11 billion.

Thomas said Texans planning to travel by automobile over the holiday weekend should prepare in advance by getting plenty of sleep. Once on the road, drivers should make numerous rest stops and be sure not to drive while fatigued.

Driver error — not alcohol — was the cause of most of last year's Labor Day accidents, he said.

"We at the DPS urge you to buckle up and drive safely," Thomas said. "Last year DPS issued more than 86,000 tickets to people who weren't obeying the law; we'd prefer never to have to issue any."



WORST LOOKING BOOTS WINNER — Bill Tune won a new pair of boots from Bar-H-Bar for donating the ugliest, old boots for decorations for the recent chamber banquet. Tables were centered with donated boots painted black, glittered and placed on a rectangle of grass and rope. The open air "under the stars" banquet was held at Jack and Bettie Greene's home. Bar-H-Bar owner Keith Hackfeld, is pictured left. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Galileo spacecraft flies through storm

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The unmanned Galileo spacecraft heading for Jupiter is plowing through a dust storm, the heaviest it has encountered on its interplanetary voyage.

Scientists aren't sure whether the electrically charged dust comes from a volcano on Jupiter's moon Io, from particle rings that circle the giant planet or from the Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9, which crashed into Jupiter's cloudy atmosphere last year.

But they're excited at the prospect of getting answers.

"Finding a source of dust like this coming out of Jupiter, with Jupiter acting like a big electromagnetic accelerator spewing dust into the solar system, is a completely unanticipated discovery," Torrence Johnson, Galileo project scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, said Tuesday.

"We are hoping to be able to pinpoint the source once we get into Jupiter's system," said Carol Polanskey, JPL's team chief for dust detection.

The storm wouldn't count for much on Earth. Instruments are detecting only about 20,000 tiny particles per day, said Eberhard Grun of Germany's Max Planck Institute for Nuclear Physics. But that compares with a typical rate of only about one particle every three days on the voyage.

Galileo, which was launched in 1989 aboard a space shuttle, first began observing dust from Jupiter in June 1994. It has run into several dust storms since December 1994, each typically lasting a few days. But the latest, which began on July 28, is the greatest so far.

The spacecraft is now 39 million miles away from the planet. When it enters Jupiter's orbit in December, Earth will be 560 million miles away.

Galileo's atmospheric probe, which separated from the main orbiter on July 13th, is set to enter Jupiter's dense clouds on Dec. 7, when it will relay atmospheric information to the main spacecraft. Although the cone-shaped probe is expected to be destroyed by the planet's dense atmosphere, the main spacecraft will begin a two-year, 11-orbit survey of the planet and its many moons.

The $1.6 billion Galileo mission is a joint U.S.-German venture.

The German-built dust detector is about the size of a large kitchen colander. By counting the number of particles that touch its gold-plated detector area and recording their direction and energy, the instrument provides sufficient information for scientists to estimate the size and speed of the particles.

Dear Abby

Doctor's Wife Seeks a Remedy To Wedding Invitation Dilemma

by Abigail Van Buren

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dear Abby is on vacation. She left behind some of her favorite letters from 1980.)

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, when married people were invited to weddings, the invitations were addressed to "Mr. and Mrs."

Have times changed? Recently, my physician husband received two wedding invitations addressed to him only. One was from a nurse, the other from a patient. He said both knew he is married.

He attended both weddings by himself because he is dedicated to his profession; but I feel my not being invited, and his accepting without me, was rude.

Can you update me on the present customs?

INVISIBLE PARTNER

DEAR PARTNER: Forget customs, etiquette and all the rest. Kindness and common sense outrank propriety and tradition any day in my book.

The invitations should have included you. But since they did not, your husband should have either requested permission to bring you — or stayed home himself.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Please settle an argument. Where I work, there is this woman who has silver-gray hair, but a young face and a good figure. She must be about 50 but looks younger. She has 12 grandchildren, and she swims with them, rides a bicycle with them and belongs to three bowling teams.

She says she never baby-sits with her grandchildren unless there is an emergency. Everyone says I am all wet with my ideas, but I think a grandmother should act like a grandmother, and should be more proud of her grandchildren than her bowling score.

A MOTHER

DEAR MOTHER: This grandmother is acting like a grandmother. A modern one. Nowadays you can't tell a grandmother by looking at her, and I say more power to her!

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DEAR ABBY: Before I met "Bob," I corresponded with several men who wanted to communicate with women by mail. (I had signed up with a "lonely hearts" club.) Well, after marrying Bob, I quit writing to these men, but every now and then I get a letter from a strange man who wants to correspond with me.

Abby, this club I signed with is no longer in business, but it must have sold its membership list to another such club because I'm still getting letters from men.

Bob says I should tear up these letters without even opening them. I say that because the letters are addressed to me, I have the legal right to read them, and then tear them up if I want to.

My husband gets very upset by these letters. He says that a happily married woman who really loves her husband (and I do) should have no interest whatsoever in reading a letter from a strange man, and I should destroy such mail without even reading it. What is your opinion?

BOB'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: Loving your husband as you do, why upset him by showing even the slightest interest in mail from men who are seeking to form a relationship with an unattached woman? When the next letter arrives, ceremoniously set fire to it (unopened) in Bob's presence. It will warm his heart.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Pick 3

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

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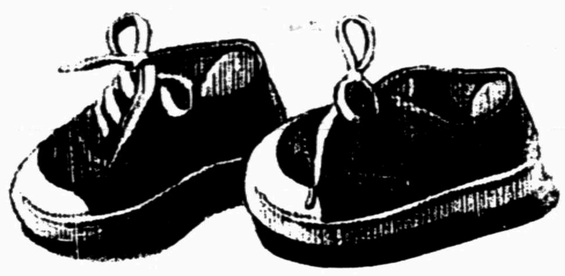
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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0599 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 8-30-95
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♥Q J 8
♦10 3 2
♣J 4 2

SOUTH
♠A Q 9
♥K 9 6 5 4
♦A 6
♣A 8 7

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

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6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

Now, not later

Marcus Valerius Martialis was a Latin poet and epigrammatist born in Spain and known as Martial. He wrote, "Believe me, wise men don't say 'I shall live to do that.' Tomorrow's life is too late; live today."

Quite right too! And at the bridge table, sometimes you must do something today — at this trick — because tomorrow — later in the play — may be too late.

After West used the Unusual No-Trump, showing at least 5-5 in the minors, North jumped to game in hearts. This might appear to be an overbid, but experienced players treat a three-heart bid here as competitive, showing a hand that would have made a single raise without the overcall. The jump to four hearts promised the values for a limit raise. With game-forcing values in hearts, North would have cue-bid three clubs, the lower of West's two suits.

After winning the first trick, South played a heart to dummy's ace and a heart to his king, learning he had an unavoidable trump loser. Now South had to discard his diamond loser before East could win a trick with his heart queen. The only possible discard was on dummy's fourth spade. But that suit couldn't be 3-3. The bidding marked East with at least four spades.

South led a club to dummy's king and immediately played a spade to his nine. When it held, South cashed his remaining spade winners, took the club ace, ruffed the club eight in the dummy and threw the diamond six on dummy's spade king.

Nicely done! As someone famous wrote, "If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well it were done quickly."

Phillip Alder's book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for $14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.

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Missing woman found in trunk

GALVESTON (AP) — A body found in the trunk of a car is that of a missing Austin woman, the Galveston County medical examiner's office confirmed Tuesday.

Diane James, 45, was last heard from on Aug. 20 when she spoke to her mother on the telephone. The Internal Revenue Service employee didn't show up for work the next day and was reported missing to Austin police.

How she died and where she was killed remained unclear.

An off-duty Galveston officer first noticed Ms. James' 1994 Plymouth Acclaim Thursday parked near a vacant building. The next day, authorities traced the vehicle to the missing woman.

The trunk finally was opened on Monday when police tried to figure out what was causing a stench at a sheriff's department garage.

A medical examiner's office employee said the cause of death was listed as "undetermined" after an autopsy Tuesday. The medical examiner, Dr. W.E. Korndorffer, did not immediately return a phone call Tuesday to The Associated Press.

Capt. Leo Singleton said while Austin police were notified about the car Friday afternoon, they did not instruct Galveston officials to begin investigative work.

"We informed Austin we were going to have it towed," Singleton said. "We were awaiting their reply as to how they wanted the vehicle processed. We didn't hear from them all weekend. So it wasn't until Monday morning when we discovered the body."

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House GOP set pace for fund-raising

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking advantage of their new majority status, House Republicans led the way toward a record $43.8 million in campaign fund raising in the first half of this year.

The total for both parties represented a 38 percent increase over the comparable period in 1993, when House incumbents raised $31.5 million, and was the highest total for the kickoff season of a new election cycle in the 20 years records have been kept.

Led by Speaker Newt Gingrich's $885,000 and by an aggressive freshman class, the House's new GOP majority accounted for $27.5 million, or nearly two-thirds of the total.

Figures reported to the Federal Election Commission for the first six months of 1995 showed average receipts for GOP lawmakers of about $121,000, compared with $86,000 for Democrats.

Political action committees, the donating arms of special-interest groups, did an about-face, demonstrating the Washington adage that money follows power. They gave $13.3 million to House Republicans this year and $8.4 million to House Democrats, mirroring the shift in dominance on Capitol Hill.

"Among some PAC groups there's been a sense of panic because they had invested so much in Democrats," said Steven Stockmeyer, a Republican who runs an association of business PACs. "Now they are playing catch-up, unashamedly. That's one reason you're seeing the big numbers."

Those whose business it is to raise money for Republicans are finding the going a lot easier now that their clients control things. "People are returning my calls, saying, 'Let me find the money to do that,'" said Dan Morgan, who raises money for about 40 House Republicans, including Majority Leader Dick Armey of Texas.

Morgan marveled at the difference between raising money for Armey when he was a middle-level leadership official in the minority and now, when his client ranks No. 2 to Gingrich: "It's like night and day."

Leading the fund-raising list was a Democrat, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, who amassed $1.2 million in the first half of the year. That figure included a $250,000 transfer from another committee. Gingrich was second.

In all, 36 of the top 50 money-raisers were Republicans. Two years ago, when Democrats controlled the House, just 15 of the top 50 came from the GOP.

It was not veterans, however, but freshman lawmakers who accounted for most of the increase. The average GOP freshman raised $142,000 in the first six months after being elected, compared with just under $78,000 for the average freshman Democrat. Ten first-termers, all Republicans, made the top 50 list.

A few first-term Republicans who won assignment to powerful committees found they could ask for — and get — $1,000 per ticket to a PAC fund-raising event, an amount that used to be commanded only by committee chairmen and leadership figures.

"It raised a few eyebrows in the PAC community," Stockmeyer said. "You wonder where this ends."

Among freshmen asking $1,000 per event were Reps. John Ensign, R-Nev., a member of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, and Daniel Frisa, R-N.Y., who is on the Commerce Committee.

Among Ensign's $1,000 givers were the National Restaurant Association, which has pushed for higher tax deductibility of business meals; Boyd Gaming, which like other gambling companies wants to avoid higher gambling taxes; and the American Chiropractic Association, which hopes to avoid getting nicked by GOP Medicare cuts.

Frisa collected similar contributions from tobacco companies, who are regulated by his committee; cable television, and cellular, local and long-distance telephone companies, all affected by a massive rewrite of telecommunications law the panel produced; and health care, insurance and securities interests, all of which depend on the Commerce Committee.

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Camera stunt proves costly

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A lawyer in town to lecture on sexual harassment said a man sneaked up while she was shopping, pointed an instant camera up her skirt and took a picture.

When the same "creep" did it to her again about 10 minutes later Friday, three to five young men chased him down and pinned him in the parking lot, she said, and the police were called.

"I'd say it's slightly more than ironic to be there discussing sexual harassment and the workplace and to have this happen," said 43-year-old Diana P. Scott of Los Angeles.

Richard Marquez, 38, was arrested on charges of creating a public nuisance and disorderly conduct.

Scott — who said she has "very good legs" and was wearing a very short skirt — was browsing in a shop when she heard a whirring click.

She said she turned and realized a man had taken a picture up her skirt. She said the man ran out, but when she heard the click again, she got angry.

"It was stupid, but here we were running through the store," she said. "I was yelling, 'Stop that guy!'"

Police Capt. Ray Rael said officers found photographs on the man, and Scott identified herself as one of several subjects in the photos. Rael said the man was photographing women's underwear.

"I went up and pointed to him and said, 'That's my boy,'" Scott said. "It just shows you have to do more than just talk about issues; you have to be pro-active."

Scott didn't mention the incident in her lecture at the American Law Institute the next morning.

Her talk was on sexual harassment in the workplace, and "this was more like sexual harassment in the shopping place."

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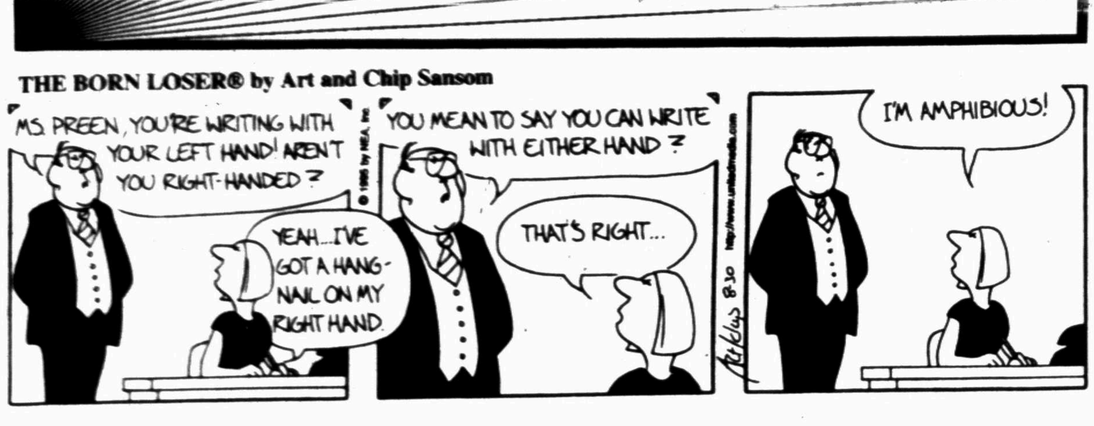
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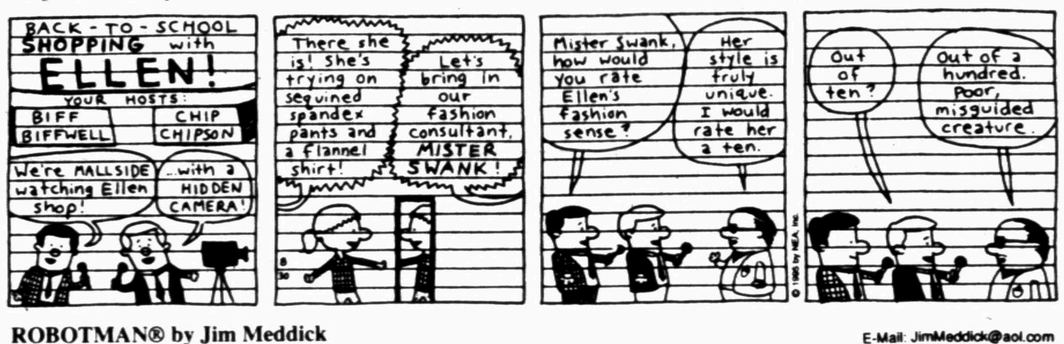
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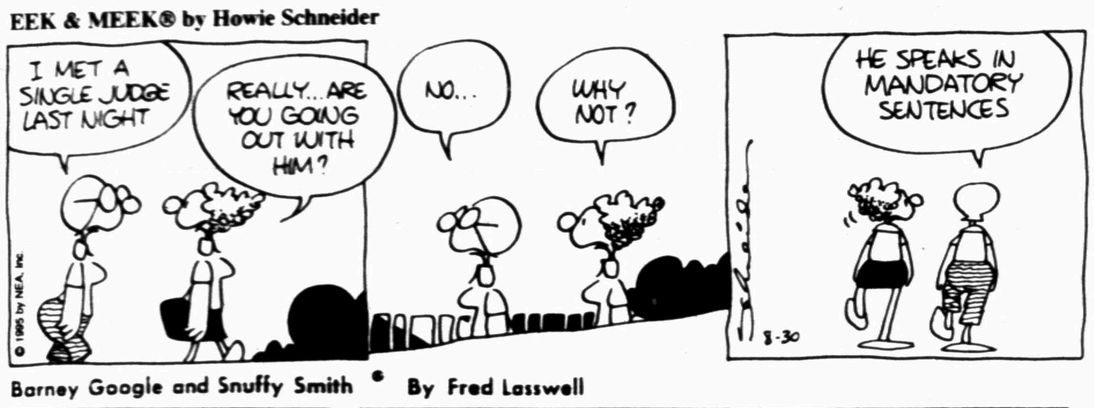
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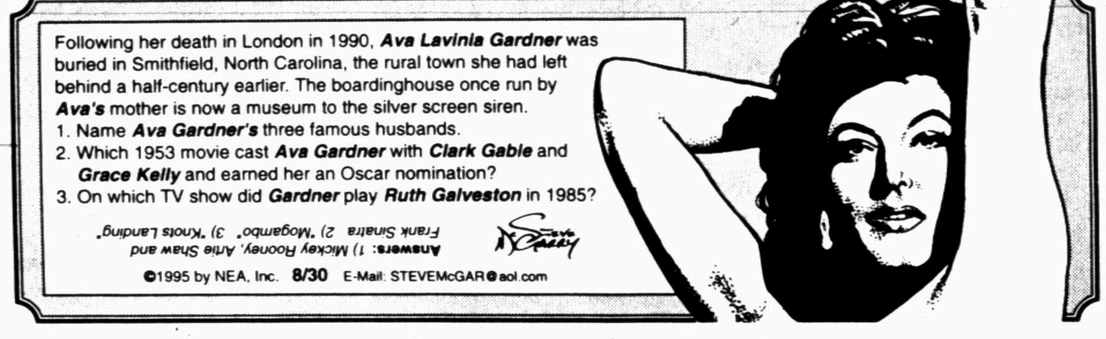
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14 Jester
15 Compass pt.
16 Poisonous mushroom
18 Drunkard
20 Ginseng plant
21 Genetic material (abbr.)
22 Gym feat
24 And so on (abbr.)
26 Rockier
30 Sources of metal
34 Play by —
35 That girl
36 Mild cigar
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45 — Grande
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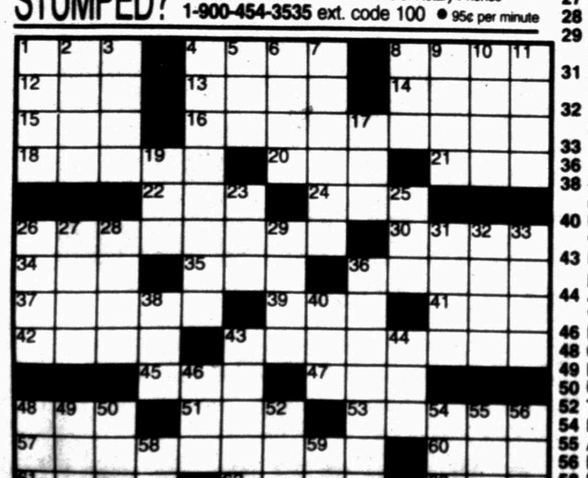
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17 Drunkard
19 MD's chart
23 — a la mode
25 Mountain pass
26 Surrender
27 Actor — Julia
28 Circle parts
29 Columnist — Bombeck
31 Prince in India
32 Relating to a time
33 Earth
36 Blue shade
38 — Lingus (airline)
40 Married woman's title
43 Prairie predator
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Boston	70	44	.614	-
NewYork	55	59	.482	15
Baltimore	54	60	.474	16
Toronto	49	64	.434	20½
Detroit	47	66	.416	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	78	35	.690	-
Milwaukee	58	56	.509	20½
KansasCity	56	56	.500	21½
Chicago	48	64	.429	29½
Minnesota	41	72	.363	37

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	67	48	.583	-
Texas	59	56	.513	8
Seattle	58	56	.509	8½
Oakland	56	60	.482	11½

Tuesday's Games

Seattle 6, Boston 4
Cleveland 4, Toronto 1
Oakland 3, Baltimore 1
New York 12, California 4
Kansas City 7, Milwaukee 1
Minnesota 2, Texas 0
Detroit 7, Chicago 5

Wednesday's Games

California (Abbott 9-6) at New York (Pettitte 6-8), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 12-6) at Minnesota (Trombley 2-8), 1:15 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 9-11) at Cleveland (Martinez 9-4), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Bosio 9-6) at Boston (Hanson 13-4), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Johns 2-0) at Baltimore (Moyer 8-4), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 5-2) at Kansas City (Gubicza 9-11), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Nitkowski 0-2) at Chicago (Bere 6-11), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Toronto (Hurtado 5-2) at Cleveland (Hill 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Johnson 13-2) at Boston (Cormier 6-4), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Stottlemyre 12-5) at Baltimore (Erickson 9-10), 7:35 p.m.
California (B.Anderson 6-6) at New York (Hitchcock 6-9), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Givens 5-2) at Kansas City (Appier 13-8), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Moore 5-14) at Chicago (Fernandez 8-8), 8:05 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	72	41	.637	-
Philadelphia	59	56	.513	14
Montreal	55	59	.482	17½
Florida	51	61	.455	20½
NewYork	50	63	.442	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	72	41	.637	-
Houston	58	56	.509	14½
Chicago	57	57	.500	15½
Pittsburgh	48	66	.421	24½
St.Louis	48	67	.417	25

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	60	55	.522	-
Colorado	59	56	.513	1
SanDiego	55	58	.487	4
SanFrancisco	53	61	.465	6½

Tuesday's Games

San Francisco 6, Philadelphia 4
Chicago 10, Florida 6
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 1
Pittsburgh 4, Colorado 0
Houston 11, Atlanta 9, 13 innings
New York 4, Los Angeles 3
Montreal 2, San Diego 1

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia (Juden 2-1) at San Francisco (VanLandingham 4-3), 3:35 p.m.
Chicago (Castillo 8-7) at Florida (Burkett 11-11), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morgan 5-7) at Cincinnati (Portugal 8-8), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Rekar 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Ericks 3-6), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 8-9) at Atlanta (Smoltz 10-5), 7:40 p.m.
New York (Mlicki 6-6) at Los Angeles (Candiotti 6-11), 10:35 p.m.
Montreal (Heredia 4-6) at San Diego (Blair 6-3), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia (Fernandez 5-1) at San Francisco (Brewington 4-1), 3:35 p.m.
Montreal (Martinez 12-8) at San Diego (Ashby 9-8), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago (Trachsel 5-10) at Florida (Banks 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Neagle 11-6) at Cincinnati (Viola 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Drabek 7-7) at Atlanta (Maddux 14-2), 7:40 p.m.
New York (Telgheder 0-1) at Los Angeles (Nomo 10-5), 10:05 p.m.

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Tiger spikers defeat Midland Lee, Pecos

The Snyder Tiger volleyball team continued its winning ways last night in Midland by defeating Midland Lee and Pecos.

It took three games, but the Tigers won the match, 15-6, 8-15 and 15-6. Sterling Cave led the Tigers in scoring with 12 points, two on aces.

Shawn Purcell added nine, with one ace, Kelly Clay had eight while Sharon Gulseth and Raechele Wemken both added four.

Three players added one each, Lindsey Griffin, Tiffany Garza and Joanie Wemken.

Griffin added five kills while Garza had four.

In the second match, the Tigers knocked off Pecos, 15-9, 15-3. Gulseth led all servers with 11 points and two aces. Contributing to the cause were Raechele Wemken with six, Griffin with five, including three aces.

Purcell added three with one ace, as did Cave. Rounding out the scoring were Garza and Amenda Huff with one.

Garza came through with eight kills and Edwina Brooks had five.

"Our offense looked good against Lee," said head coach Patty Grimmett "They are just coming out and playing very hard and look good."

With the wins, the Tigers up their record to five wins and one loss.

The J.V. split their two matches, losing to Midland Lee and then coming back to defeat Pecos.

Next action for the spikers will be this weekend in the Denver City tournament. Friday's action will be pool play with each team guaranteed to play three matches. Snyder will play at 11 a.m. in the small gym, 1 p.m. in the main gym and 3 p.m. in the Junior High gym.

Following Friday's action, the teams will be seeded with the top two going to the championship side of the bracket and the bottom two to the consolation side.



LADY WESTERNER FOOTBALL?—The football has become part of the basketball court at WTC as conditioning drills got underway this week for the Lady Westerners. Freshman Jessica Jeffrey from Hamlin is using the toss back with a football to help with reacting to catching the ball. Formal workouts for the girls will begin Oct. 1. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Astros break streak with win over Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — What began as a disaster turned out to be the Houston Astros' best game in nearly two weeks.

Tony Eusebio homered leading off the 13th inning and John Cangelosi drove in another run with a suicide squeeze bunt Tuesday night, and the Astros tied a team record with five home runs in beating the Atlanta Braves 11-9.

The win ended Houston's franchise-record 11-game losing streak and was the Astros' first victory since Aug. 16, when they beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-4.

The Astros, winners of only four of their previous 22 games, came back from a 6-0 deficit and also blew a 9-7 ninth-inning lead before sending the Braves to their second straight loss after Atlanta had won seven in a row.

"It's not going to be easy, boys," Astros All-Star second baseman Craig Biggio told his teammates after the Braves tied it at 9-9 in the ninth on a solo homer by David Justice — his second of the night and 21st of the year — and a sacrifice fly by Mark Lemke.

"We've just got to keep digging down deep, and hopefully we'll do something right," Biggio said after the game, wielding a huge cigar and an even wider grin.

"It was a big game for us to be only one-half game out in the wild card. We've got to be happy about this," Biggio said. "We've played pretty terrible."

Both the Colorado Rockies and Philadelphia Phillies lost, getting the Astros within one-half game of the wild-card leaders.

Greg Swindell (9-9), the seventh Astros pitcher, got the victory with two scoreless innings of relief. It was win No. 100 for Swindell, who has made 25 appearances this season, all but two as a starter.

"I never thought I'd get No. 100 out of the bullpen," said Swindell, who was scheduled to start Thursday against the Braves. Doug Drabek (7-7) will pitch instead.

Derek Bell, who had four hits; Mike Simms, Brian Hunter and Derrick May had Houston's other home runs. The five home runs tied a team record set on four other occasions, the last on Sept. 12, 1977, in Cincinnati.

Twins shutout Rangers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Chuck Knoblauch of the Twins and Edgar Martinez of the Mariners have a lot in common these days. Not only are they 1-2 in the AL batting race, they're hardly household names.

Knoblauch homered and doubled twice Tuesday night, and rookie Brad Radke pitched a three-hit shutout as Minnesota defeated the Texas Rangers 2-0.

Knoblauch, who had three hits and two runs scored, raised his average to .341 — second to Martinez's .364.

"I'm seeing the ball just as it's coming out of the pitcher's hand," Knoblauch said. "It's not as big as a watermelon, but I am seeing the ball extremely well.

"My first few years, I did what I had to do to stay in the big leagues," the second baseman explained. "But by now, I'm able to do different things with different pitches. It starts in batting practice, and if you stay with your approach, it doesn't go away. You still have hot and cold streaks, but you're still able to put the bat on the ball and drive it. It's just that sometimes the ball goes right at the fielders and sometimes it doesn't."

Practically all season for Knoblauch, the ball usually finds a hole.

"I'm not trying to hit with more power or anything like that," he added. "But I've found out how to do what I need to do, and I can't see it changing."

After losing six of eight, the Rangers still maintained a half-game lead over Milwaukee and Seattle in the AL wild-card race.

Radke (10-12) retired the last 14 in a row en route to his first complete game and the Twins fourth. He walked two and struck out three.

Labor Day Scramble

Snyder Country Club will host a four person scramble Monday. Teams will consist of A-B-C-D players. There will be a shotgun start at noon. Entry fee is $25 per player.

Tom Landry receives NFL "Legends" award

DALLAS (AP) — For $85 at the Dallas Cowboys kickoff luncheon, you got pep talks from Jerry and Barry, a 20-second speech from Tom Landry, and an introduction to the 1995 players.

You didn't get Deion Sanders or Darrin Smith.

Landry was on hand to receiver a "Legends" award from the NFL Alumni Association.

"I have nothing but the best wishes for the Cowboys," said Landry. "I have no question they will be in the hunt before it's all over."

With that short talk, he left the podium.

A film entitled "Ready for Glory" got the less-than-capacity crowd going Tuesday, although the end was a downer for the faithful with the announcement of the score of last year's NFC championship game: San Francisco 38, Dallas 28.

Sanders, of course, helped contribute to the loss with an interception of Troy Aikman.

Owner Jerry Jones has been trying to court Sanders away from the 49ers but made no reference to him before the luncheon crowd.

Jones did allow that he "will go down trying to do anything I can for this team even if it takes conniving and hustling."

Smith is a holdout linebacker who is asking between $300,000 and $400.000 more than Jones is willing to pay. Godfrey Myles will start in Smith's place on Monday night against the New York Giants. Jones has said the contract situation is at an impasse.

Jones has been known for his surprises at the luncheon. In his rookie year, Emmitt Smith stepped from behind a curtain to announce he had been signed.

At least coach Barry Switzer provided some Oklahoma-style emotional fireworks for the crowd, saying, "Most teams wish they could be in Phoenix for the Super Bowl. The Cowboys know they belong there."

Freshman defeat Lubbock Cooper

Snyder freshman volleyball team split to form two teams last night in action against Lubbock Cooper.

The first group defeated Cooper, 15-7, 15-5. Scoring for the freshman were Darcee Purcell with 10, Fatima Burks with seven, Maurica Sergent added six while Felsha Biggers and Sharika Wofford added three and Mary Hollis contributed one.

The second group also was victorious over Cooper, 15-0 and 15-9.

Scoring were Brittany Drummond and Bradi Johnson with seven followed by Starla Davis with five, Shannon Hall and Keila Helms with four each and Erica Arellano with three.

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Postal worker/shooter being treated for severe depression

PALATINE, Ill. (AP) — A long-time postal worker accused of shooting two friends at work, leaving one critically injured, had been receiving treatment for severe depression, his lawyer said.

"He's not a violent man," Terry Gillespie said of his client, Dorsey S. Thomas. "My understanding is that Mr. Thomas has never been in trouble before in his life."

Thomas' co-workers agreed. "Don't make it seem like he was some type of vicious person, some fiend, because he was just a nice guy," said Willie Little.

Gillespie said Thomas, 53, was on an undetermined type of medication for physical problems and depression.

Investigators had not determined a motive for the shootings, said Postal Inspector Ida Gillis. She said Thomas, whom she described as a "loner, a quiet individual," had acted normal at work until Tuesday morning.

He arrived for the start of the 7 a.m. shift in this suburb 31 miles northwest of Chicago, walked to the second floor sorting area and shot clerk Mike Mielke in the head and chest, witnesses and police said.

He then ran downstairs and shot clerk Steve Collura twice in the chest, kicked him and hit him with the semiautomatic pistol, investigators said.

Postal worker Cynthia Murray said she was on the first floor when she heard two quick shots, then saw panicked employees trying to leave the building. "People were just falling all over each other," she said. "I saw people trample over people and I saw the smoke from the gun."

Thomas was arrested 20 miles away near his home in the suburb of Northlake. He was charged with attempted murder of two federal employees and ordered held until a bond hearing Thursday.

Collura, 45, was in good condition today. Mielke, 41, was in critical but stable condition after 2½ hours of surgery.

"I can't figure out why he did it," said clerk Maude Kelly, who had worked with Thomas and the victims for about 20 years. "We've been here for a long time. He was just a beautiful guy. We would joke and laugh together."

A tall man with graying hair, Thomas processed registered mail and had little contact with the public. Union officials said he had an exemplary record in about 20 years of service.

A recent federal report found that murder was the second leading cause of death on the job for postal workers and third for all workers.

On July 9, a postal worker allegedly killed his boss at a mail-processing center in City of Industry, Calif. On March 21, a former postal worker killed four people and wounded another at Montclair, N.J.

The American Postal Workers Union has been pressing for installation of metal detectors at all postal facilities, and the northwest Illinois chapter filed a grievance three years ago asking for around-the-clock armed guards at the Palatine building. The grievance is still pending, said Stanley Slupik, president of the local chapter.

Gingrich may face tough re-election

ATLANTA (AP) — U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich would face a tougher re-election campaign under redistricting plans being considered by the Georgia Legislature, a political scientist said Tuesday.

Under separate plans adopted by the Georgia House Friday and up for a vote in the Senate on Wednesday, much of Gingrich's predominantly Republican 6th District in suburban Atlanta will moved into three counties where his popularity steadily declined from 1986 through 1990.

"He would have to spend more time in 'district maintenance' — more time going to barbecues and street festivals," said Charles Bullock of the University of Georgia.

But because of his national prominence, Gingrich probably could win in any district the Legislature drew for him, Bullock said.

In both plans, the Democrats who control both houses of the Legislature have shifted additional black voters into Republican districts in an effort to regain seats captured by Republicans in recent years.

And although they differ in details, the plans generally reconfigure Georgia's political map to the advantage of white Democrats at the expense of black Democrats and white Republicans.

The House plan creates "safe" seats for two of the state's three black members of Congress — Democrats John Lewis and Cynthia McKinney — while giving the third, Democrat Sanford Bishop, a good shot at re-election. The Senate plan is less favorable to McKinney and Bishop.

Gingrich's longtime political foe, Georgia's Democratic House Speaker Tom Murphy, said he didn't draw the new maps, but he was clearly pleased to see his nemesis at a disadvantage.

He said it would bother him "not a bit" to see Gingrich face unfriendly voters.

Gingrich returned fire last week, denouncing the House proposal as "the last revenge of a dying speakership."

The House plan would move much of Gingrich's constituency.

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To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Gallbladder Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have localized scleroderma and experience a slight stiffness in my fingers, caused by collagen forming under the skin. I'm seeing a rheumatologist who does not feel medication can be of any help. I'm 78 and had hoped to grow old more gracefully than what the future seems to have in store for me.

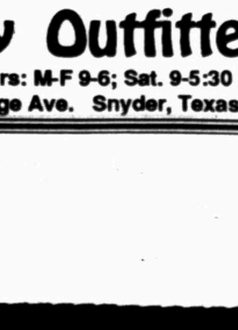
DEAR READER: Scleroderma is an autoimmune disease that causes many symptoms, including circulatory deficiency, muscle inflammation, difficulty swallowing, heart and kidney disease, and stiff fingers with tight, shiny skin.

If your symptoms are mild, your doctor is correct: You do not need therapy. On the other hand, as your pain progresses, you may require a more aggressive approach, such as physical therapy, cortisone drugs and hot compresses.

I am sure that you will continue to grow old gracefully — despite your disease. However, your doctor has many options that he can use when you need them.

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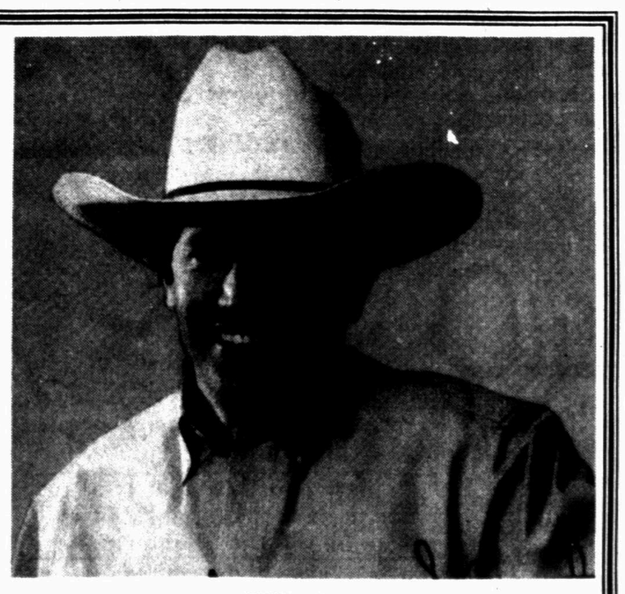
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Obituaries

Juan Mireles

1920-1995

LUBBOCK — Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for Juan Mireles, 75, who died Monday in Methodist Hospital. Burial will follow in Peaceful Gardens Cemetery.

Rosary is set for 7 p.m. today in Guajardo Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Mireles was the brother of Teodoro Mireles of Hermleigh.

Born in Waelder, Mr. Mireles married Frances Ramirez on Sept. 3, 1939 in Gonzales. He was a Catholic and was retired from Santa Fe Railroad.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Mireles of Lubbock; three sons, Mingo Mireles and Jimmy Mireles, both of Lubbock, and John Mireles of Slaton; four daughters, Janie Hernandez, Teresa Dillard, Adela Gomez and Marie Quintero, all of Lubbock; two other brothers, Paul Mireles of Lubbock and Eusebio of St. George, Kan.; a sister, Mary Sandoval of Sterling, Ill.; 20 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Cecle Clement

1920-1995

BONHAM — Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Friday in the Cooper-Sorrells Funeral Home for Cecle Clement, 75, who died Tuesday at his home. Burial will follow in the Willow Wild Cemetery.

Born in Telephone, Tex., Mr. Clement married Viola Trousdale on Jan. 13, 1942 in Snyder.

Mr. Clement was a dirt contractor Fannin County for more than 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Viola Clement of Bonham; two sons, Billy Gean Clement and Cecle Young Clement, both of Bonham; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dominga Torres

1930-1995

Services are pending in Mexico for Dominga Torres of Snyder who died Tuesday in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Mrs. Torres, born on May 27, 1930 in Chihuahua, Mexico, was a housewife.

Survivors include two daughters, Maria Torres and Yolanda Torrez of Chihuahua; five sons, Guillermo Torres, Jaime Torres, Artoro Torres, Benjamin Torrez and Fernando Torres; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

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Ex-soldier saw POWs in Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — A former Soviet soldier has said he met American prisoners of war in the 1950s, providing what may be the first evidence that American servicemen were held in the Soviet Union during the Korean War, officials said today.

"I believe this ... may be a turning point in the search for an answer to one of our most vexing questions: Were Korean War or Cold War-era U.S. servicemen taken to the territory of the Soviet Union?" said Malcolm Toon, co-chairman of a Russian-U.S. commission investigating American POWs.

At a news conference, members of the commission said a former soldier named Vladimir Trotsenko reported having met four U.S. servicemen in 1951 at a military hospital near Arsenyev, in Russia near the North Korean border.

Trotsenko also said he had been shown the grave of a fifth American in the hospital cemetery.

The Russian co-chairman of the commission, historian Dmitry Volkogonov, said other evidence corroborated the account, which he called highly trustworthy.

Attack

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their assault on Serb air defense missile and radar sites and communications facilities in eastern Bosnia.

Among the U.S. planes participating in the initial bombing raids were 22 Navy and Marine Corps F-18 strike fighters, two F-14 Tomcat strike escort jets, and two EA-6B radar-jamming planes. Some of these planes flew from the Roosevelt while more than a dozen of the Marine fighters as well as 24 Air Force F-16 fighters and EF-111 electronic warfare aircraft took off from Aviano along with allied planes.

The mission was to first jam or destroy Serb air defense systems, according to U.S. defense officials who spoke on condition they not be identified, and then attack other ground targets.

The air assault, by far the most strenuous allied campaign since the Bosnian war began, was in retaliation for the shelling of a marketplace in the Bosnian capital that killed 37 people. The United Nations blamed the Serbs for the shelling.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Brenda Tallant, 3704 Austin Ave.; Johnnie White, Rt. 2 Box 108; A.W. Canon Jr., P.O. Box 873.

DISMISSALS: Vada Burleson, Laura Powell, Johnnie White.

CENSUS: 43 (Med.-12, Long-term Care-28, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Scott of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Leigh, born at 1:25 p.m. on Aug. 23 in Lubbock Methodist Hospital. She weighed four pounds, 13 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Colvin and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Scott, all of Snyder, and Mrs. Linda Scott of Abilene.

Arrests, thefts, burglary keep peace officers busy

Three people were booked into Scurry County Jail on Tuesday, including one person charged with a felony offense.

Deputies arrested 29-year-old William Eric Bailey, of 1914 Coleman Ave., #3, at 9:25 p.m. and charged him with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

At 8:23 p.m. Monday, officers arrested a 45-year-old male on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant from Nolan County for motion to revoke probation on a driving while intoxicated charge.

Officers arrested a 25-year-old male at 10:50 p.m. on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

In other activity Tuesday, a person came to the police department at 9:51 a.m. to report harassing telephone calls.

Harry Engel came to the police department at 1:21 p.m. and reported the theft of some items from his residence at 3709 Highland Drive.

Officers investigated a three-vehicle accident that occurred at 5:04 p.m. in the 1000 block of College Avenue.

Involved were a 1993 International truck driven by Joshua Bell, 538 Westover, Big Spring, and owned by General Beverage Corp. of Abilene; a 1985 trailer being towed by the truck; and a 1995 Ford, driven by Lawrence Hood, 3708 Ave. U, and owned by Tuboscope Vetco.

Officers were notified at 5:15 p.m. that an undetermined amount of cash was missing from the American Legion building. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

At 6:49 p.m., officers investigated an accident at 25th Street and Avenue R involving a 1985 Ford diesel truck driven by Bradley Hart, 3404 Irving, and a 1994 Buick driven by Patricia Dennis of 208 23rd St.

At 8 p.m., officers investigated a two-vehicle accident that occurred in the 900 block of 33rd Street. Involved were a 1992 Mazda pickup driven by Rick Gale of 3604 Irving and a 1994 Oldsmobile driven by Elizabeth Carrizales of 100 E. 37th St.

A report of family violence was submitted at 8:03 p.m.

At 10:34 p.m., officers investigated a report of an undetermined amount of cash being taken from Allsup's in Snyder. An offense report for Class A theft was submitted.

At 11:23 p.m., an offense report for theft of a vehicle was submitted in reference to a pickup being taken from the 250 Club.

At 4:33 this morning, officers investigated a report of an undetermined amount of cash being taken in a burglary at What-A-Burger. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

Women's forum organizers vow to ignore restrictions

BEIJING (AP) — The biggest-ever meeting of the world's women opened officially today, dogged by a dispute between activists and the Chinese government over freedom of expression.

"Look at the world through women's eyes — look and act," conference leader Supatra Masdit said. "The women's movement will go forward into the next century with higher spirits and ... will help create a new and democratic relationship for humankind."

A chain of women relayed to Supatra a peace torch that began its journey to Beijing a month ago in Durban, South Africa. As she held it aloft to the applause of nearly 18,000 women in a Beijing stadium, she declared the conference open.

The audience swayed and clapped as an all-women Chinese orchestra played Beethoven's "Ode to Joy." Women from around the world issued a call to gather in six languages, with the English speaker declaring, "Let us celebrate women's power — our strength."

The ceremony opens a 10-day meeting of more than 20,000 activists from private groups around the world. One of its main goals is to influence decisions made at the U.N. Fourth World Conference on Women, which opens in Beijing on Monday.

A few hours before the conference opened, organizers said they will defy Chinese restrictions on holding protests and allow freedom of expression throughout their gathering site.

The organizers' tough stand could put participants on a collision course with the Chinese government,

DCOS

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city council for consideration. They include one to change the annual report to coincide with the city's fiscal year; one related to budget information from the city; and one to allow by-law changes to be considered in meetings other than special meetings.

—Tabled a by-law revision that would have allowed the DCOS to retain legal services of its choice.

—Approved $710 in travel expenses.

—Tabled consideration of remedies on an outstanding loan to General Medical Products Corporation.

All - board members were present, to include Baze, Seale, Fagin, Roy McQueen and Jack Gorman Jr. Also present were Doug Hutchinson, DCOS executive director, and Laurie Graves, secretary.

Among others present were Mayor David Holt and City Manager John Gayle; Judge Fritz and commissioners Jerry Gannaway, C.D. Gray Jr., Ralph Trevey and Roy Idom; Midwest Electric officials Dick Crill, John Ward and Vesta Orr; Board of County Development board members Pete Hester, Mark McCormick, Tim Riggan and Terry Hefner; Western Texas College President Dr. Harry Krenek and college board members Carl Williams, R.C. Patton and Lee Presswood; chamber board members Daryl Thomas, Rob Sanders and Pearlene Stewart-Nolan; former chamber board member Donna Gray; former DCOS board member Miller Robinson; and American State Bank Vice President Mike Tibbit.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	71⅛	69¼	69⅝— 1¼	
AT&T Corp	56⅜	55⅜	56¼+ 1	
AirTouch	32⅛	31⅞	32 — ⅛	
Albertsons	31⅞	31⅛	31⅛+ ¼	
Alldsignal	43¾	43¼	43⅜— ⅛	
Alltel	28⅛	27⅞	28⅛+ ¼	
AmStores	29½	29⅜	29⅝+ ¼	
Ameritech	50⅜	50⅛	50⅛— ⅜	
Amoco	63⅜	62¼	63¼— ⅜	
AndarkPtr	45⅛	45	45⅛+ ⅛	
ArmcoInc	6⅜	6⅛	6⅜+ ⅛	
AtlRichfld	110⅛	110	110⅛+ ½	
ATMOS Egy	20	19¾	20 + ¼	
Aviall	7⅜	7⅜	7⅜+ ⅛	
BakerHughes	21½	21⅜	21½+ ⅛	
BancTexas		⅞	⅞ ⅞	
BellAtl	59⅜	58¾	59⅛— ⅜	
BellSouth	68	67¾	68 + ⅛	
BethSteel	14⅜	14⅛	14⅜+ ⅛	
BritPet	89⅛	89⅜	89½+ ⅛	
Caterpillar s		67⅜	66⅞ 67	
CenSoWst	24⅜	24½	24⅜— ⅛	
Chevron	48⅜	48⅜	48⅛+ ⅛	
Chrysler	52⅞	52¼	52½— ⅜	
Coastal	32⅜	32	32⅛— ⅛	
CocaCola	64⅜	64¼	64⅜— ⅛	
ColgatePalm	67⅞	67¼	67½— ⅛	
CooperIn		38½	38 38⅛	
CyprusAmax	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛— ⅛	
DallSemicn	23⅛	23⅜	23⅜— ⅛	
DeltaAirl	76¼	74⅜	74⅝—1½	
DigitalEq	39⅜	39	39⅛+ ⅛	
Dillard		30⅞	30⅜ 30⅞	
DowChem	74⅞	74⅜	74⅞+ ⅜	
DresserInd	23⅛	22⅞	23⅛+ ⅛	
DuPont	65	64⅞	64⅞+ ⅛	
EastmanChem	65	64⅛	65 + ⅛	
EstKodak	58	57⅞	58 + ⅛	
EljerInd	5⅛	5	5⅛+ ⅛	
Enserch		16⅜	16⅛ 16⅛	
Entergy	24⅛	23⅞	24 + ⅛	
Exxon	69¼	68⅜	68⅝— ⅛	
FlowerInd	21	20⅝	20⅞+ ⅛	
FordMotor	30⅜	30⅛	30⅜+ ⅛	
GTE Cp	36⅜	36⅜	36⅜+ ⅛	
GenDynam	52¼	52	52⅛— ⅛	
GenElec		59	58⅞ 58⅞	
GenMills		52	51¼ 51¾	
GenMotors	47⅞	46¾	47 — ⅛	
GenMotors E	46	45⅛	45½— ⅜	
GaPacif	90⅜	90⅛	90⅜+ ¼	
GlobalMar	6⅜	6	6¼+ ⅛	
Goodrich		60⅜	59⅞ 59⅞	
Goodyear s	39⅜	39⅜	39⅝+ ⅜	
GtAtlPac		28	27⅞ 28	
Haliburtn	41⅜	41⅛	41⅜+ ⅛	
Hanson ADS		17⅛	17 17⅛	
HoustInd	42⅜	42⅛	42⅛+ ⅜	
IBM	103⅜	102⅛	102⅛+ ⅜	
IntlPaper	82⅜	81⅛	81⅛— ⅛	
IntlPaperwi	41⅛	41⅛	41⅛+ ⅛	
JohnsnJns	69⅜	68⅜	68⅜— ⅛	
K mart	14⅛	13⅛	14 — ⅛	
Kroger		32⅛	32⅛ 32⅛	
Litton	37⅛	37⅛	37⅛+ ⅛	
Lowes Cos	35⅛	34⅜	35 + ⅜	
Lubys	19¼	19⅛	19¼+ ⅛	
MayDeptStrs	43⅛	42⅞	42⅞— ⅛	
Medtronic s	93	92⅛	92⅛— ⅛	
Mobil		95⅛	94⅛ 95	
Monsanto	95⅛	95⅛	95⅛— ⅛	
Motorola	73⅛	72⅛	73¼+ ⅜	
Nationsbk	61⅜	60⅞	61¼+ ⅛	
Navistar	13	12⅛	12⅛+ ⅛	
NoramEngy		7	6⅞ 7	
Nynex		44⅛	44⅛ 44⅛	
OryxEngy	13	12⅜	12⅜— ⅛	
PacTelesis	28⅜	28⅛	28⅛— ⅛	
PanhECp	25⅛	25	25 — ⅛	
Penney JC	45⅞	45⅛	45⅝— ⅜	
Pennzoil		44⅜	44¼ 44¼	
PepBoys	27⅞	27⅜	27⅛+ ⅛	
PepsiCo		45⅛	45¼ 45¼	
PhelpDodge	64⅜	63⅛	64⅜+ ⅜	
PhilipPet		33	32¼ 32¼	
Polaroid		44½	44⅛ 44⅛	
Praxair	26⅛	25⅛	25⅞— ⅜	
ProctGamble	69¼	69⅛	69¾+ ⅛	
PubSNwMx	15⅛	15	15 + ⅛	
RoyalDutch	119⅝	118¼	119 — ⅛	
SBC Comm	49⅞	49⅜	49⅞+ ⅛	
SFePacCp s		27⅞	27⅞ 27⅞	
SaraLee	27½	27¼	27½+ ⅛	
SearsRoebs	33⅛	32⅛	33 + ⅛	
SherwinW		36⅛	36 36⅛	
SmthBchADS	46⅜	46⅛	46⅜+ ⅛	
SmthBc eqt	44⅞	44½	44⅜+ ⅛	
SouthernCo		21⅛	21⅛ 21⅛	
SwstAirlines	26¼	25¼	25⅜— ⅛	
Sprint	36	35⅛	35⅞+ ⅜	
SterlingChm		10¼	10¼ 10¼	
SunCo		27⅛	27 27	
TNP Ent	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛+ ⅛	
Tandy	63⅜	63⅛	63⅜— ⅛	
TemplInl	52⅜	52⅛	52⅜+ ⅛	
Tenneco	49	48⅜	48⅝— ⅛	
Texaco	64½	64⅛	64⅛— ⅛	
TexasInd	48⅞	48⅜	48⅜— ⅛	
TexasInsts	74⅛	72⅛	74⅛+2⅛	
TexUtil	34⅜	34⅛	34⅛+ ⅛	
Textron	68⅛	67⅞	68⅛+ ⅛	
Travelers	48⅛	47⅞	47⅞— ⅛	
TrinityInds		32⅛	32⅛ 32⅛	
TritonEngy	51⅛	51⅛	51⅛+ ⅛	
Tyler		2⅜	2⅜ 2⅜	
US West	43⅜	42⅛	43⅜— ⅛	
USX Delhi	10	10	10 + ⅛	
USX-Marathn		20⅜	20⅛ 20⅛	
USX-USS	33⅛	32⅛	32⅛+ ⅛	
UnCarbde	35⅛	34⅛	34⅛— ⅛	
UnPac	65⅛	65⅛	65⅜— ⅛	
UnitedTech	83⅛	83	83⅛+ ⅛	
Unocal	28⅜	28⅛	28⅛+ ⅛	
WalMart		25⅜	25 25⅛	
WstnGasRs	17⅛	17⅛	17⅛+ ⅛	
WestghEl	14	13⅛	13⅛+ ⅛	
WinnDixie	58⅜	58⅜	58⅜+ ⅛	
Woolworth	13	12⅛	13 + ⅛	
XeroxCp	121⅞	120⅝	120⅝—1	
ZenithE	8⅛	8⅛	8⅛+ ⅛	

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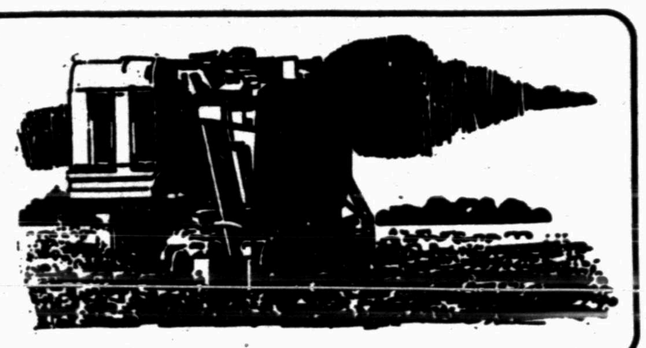
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Cotton growers face key decisions

LUBBOCK — With some six weeks until harvest, High Plains Cotton Growers are facing critical management decisions.

The area's three-million-acre cotton crop, relatively free from insect pests earlier in the season, is being hit by emerging boll weevils, heavy beet armyworm egglay, bollworms and aphids.

Many growers are having to treat fields for several kinds of pests, requiring different materials and procedures. Control costs have jumped to as much as $40 an acre for a single application and many of the needed insecticides are in short supply.

"This rapid increase in insect activity couldn't have come at a worse time," said Dr. James Leser, cotton entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service here.

"Our crop is shifting into high gear in maturing the bolls. Most fields are rapidly approaching or are past cutout," Leser said. Cutout is the stage of growth when the plant ceases putting on new bolls and expends its energy in maturing the fibber of existing bolls.

"We really only needed two to three more weeks of relatively pest-free conditions to make this generally late crop less vulnerable" to the pest onslaught, Leser said.

The heavy insect pressure and irrigated fields reaching cutout make it important that growers prevent late season vegetative growth, said Kater Hake, Extension Service cotton agronomist. "Such growth increases the plant's attractiveness to insects," he said.

The beet armyworm, which devastated cotton in the Lower Rio Grande and Concho valleys has begun movement into the High Plains. Heavy egg infestations of this pest have been reported from Friona and Silverton in the north to Roscoe and Seminole in the south. Many of these egg masses are as high as 28 to 100 feet of row. Eggs in each mass are as high as 100.

"This could mean worm infestations as high as 350,000 an acre or more," Leser said. He said that translates to a potential loss of over $300 an acre in yield. Up to three pesticide applications, each costing up to $20 an acre, would be required to reduce such infestations below the economic threshold, he said.

Management of that pest is especially difficult, the entomologist said, because of their sheer numbers, expensive cost and limited supply of insecticides and limited control from existing insecticides.

Beneficial insects are important in curbing the buildup of beet armyworms, especially early in the season, Leser said. He said beneficials are active in many parts of the South Plains, "but there aren't enough in our cotton fields to neutralize an egglay of 50,000 or more per acre."

Boll weevils have been escalating for the past three years in southern counties of the region. "Growers in that area are now seeing adult weevils in incredible numbers," Leser said.. Some growers have had to make as many as six insecticide applications.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock had a run of 739 head of cattle at the Saturday, Aug. 26 sale. The market was $1 to $1.50 weaker on all stocker and feeder calves and yearlings. Packer cows and bulls were $1 to $2 lower. The market was stong on young pairs and bred cows. We will be closed for Labor Day weekend. The next sale will be on Sept. 9.

Steer calves & yearlings 200 to 300 $80 to $97.50; 300 to 400 $68 to $84; 400 to 500 $65 to $77; 500 to 600 $63 to $69; 600 to 800 $60 to $66.

Heifers, calves & yearlings: 200 to 300 lbs. $75 to $84.50; 400 to 500 $60 to $77; 500 to 600 $55 to $65; 600 to 800 lbs., $55-$63.

Slaughter cows $28 to 39.50; Slaughter bulls: $43.50 to $49.25; 3 to 7 month bred cows $400 to $590; Pairs 3 to 7 year old calves 160 to 250 $610 to $780 on 65 head of good pairs.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,040 head of cattle for the Aug. 24 sale. Cows were steady and yearlings and calves were $2 cheaper. Trading was good and demand good.

Slaughter cows, (high dressing - cutters - utility) were 34.50 to 41.50; canners and low cutters, 28.50 to 34.50 and slaughter bulls 45 to 52.50.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 80 to 95; 400 to 500, 68.50 to 86; 500 to 600, 63.50 to 72.50; 600 to 700, 60 to 67.50; 700 to 800, 57.50 to 64.

Feeder heaifers choice: 300 to 400, 62.50 to 75; 400 to 500, 58.50 to 70; 500 to 600, 57.50 to 63.50; 600 to 700, 55 to 62.50; 700 to 800, 52.50 to 58.50.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 58.50 to 65; 700 to 800, 53.50 to 60.

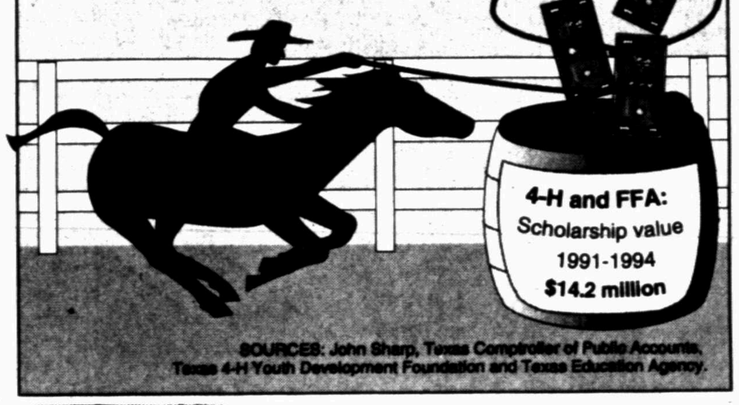
Cow and calf pairs: good 525 to 750; grade 400 to 550

Springers 325 to 550; baby calves 100 to 160; doodlers 100 to 210.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Students lasso college money

955 Texas college students will return to school this fall with scholarships provided by the Texas 4-H Club or FFA association. The bulk of scholarship money is raised during livestock shows and rodeos around the state.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation and Texas Education Agency.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

DEPRESSION IN AMERICA

Every year, over 17 million Americans suffer from depression. More than 80 percent of all cases can be successfully treated if such treatment is sought.

Clinical depression is a medical condition thought to be caused by biochemical disruptions in the brain. Chemical messengers, known as neurotransmitters, which relay impulses from one nerve cell to another are believed to be off balance in persons suffering from depression. Particularly three neurotransmitters, serotonin, norephinephrine and dopamine, have been shown to be altered in depressed persons. An insufficient amount of one or more of these chemicals is thought to lead to depression.

The very symptoms caused by depression, however, may make it difficult for a depressed individual to recognize or act on the problem. Watch yourself and your loved ones for any of the following symptoms. Consult you doctor if five or more of these symptoms (including at least one of the first two) persist every day for two weeks or more:

- Persistent feelings of sadness, hopelessness, or pessimism
- Loss of interest or pleasure in ordinary activities
- Inappropriate feelings of guilt, worthlessness, or helplessness
- Reduced interest in sex
- Sleep disturbances (sleeping too much or difficulty sleeping)
- Changes in appetite or weight
- Restlessness or irritability
- Thoughts of death or suicide
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering, or making decisions
- Frequent headaches, backaches, digestive trouble, or other chronic pains that do not respond to treatment or have obvious physical causes.

Keep in mind, depression is not a case of the "blues" or the grief of loss, which is accepted with time and causes periodic sadness. Rather, clinical depression does not improve over a short period of time or when circumstances change.



The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

Concho Valley Emu Ranchers have been instrumental in introducing emu meat to San Angelo area residents. Knowing that meat prepared the wrong way could result in a bad rap, they called in the professionals to give the public a taste of what emu is supposed to be like.

Several different groups of people were invited at different times to dine at Peasant Village restaurant. Jason Helfer, chef for the restaurant located at 23 S. Park, has been serving emu for more than a month now. At the tasting he was pleased to announce that no one who had ordered the dish had indicated he or she didn't like it.

Jason said the key to preparing emu is not to overcook it. A serving size of emu is cooked in as little as two minutes, he said. "You do not overcook emu. If you do, it will be like rawhide." The meat has a low fat content which makes a short cooking time essential.

The public was served emu prepared in a number of different ways. The chef prepared filets in a port wine and mushroom sauce, grilled emu sausage and browned ground emu burger seasoned with a little garlic. He said he was conservative with spices because "you don't want to take away the flavor of the emu. You want to taste the true flavor of it."

Helfer said, emu is a red meat that resembles and tastes a little like beef, but it is richer. A smaller serving goes further than beef or chicken in a dish.

Prices for the meat compare with beef on the menu at the other local restaurants. Emu promoters have no desire to take over the beef industry, they said, but rather they want to offer an alternative.

It would be a good idea to call ahead when you want to dine at Peasant Village on delicious emu meat, due to the fact that occasionally they are without it for a day.

You will be able to have a taste of this meat in Abilene, Oct. 10 at the Taste of Abilene, Oct. 14 in Odessa at the TEA Zone 7 seminar, also on that same date in San Angelo at Octoberfest, and Oct. 17 for Taste of San Angelo. For further information call, Pate Emu Farm, 573-5340.

Heat units vital to cotton crop

LUBBOCK — Most of us don't mind the cool temperatures in the spring and the fall, but for local farmers it can mean the difference between a bumper cotton crop and one that's not.

Dr. Norman Hopper, an associate professor of agronomy at Texas Tech University and a cotton research scientist at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station here is studying cold tolerance of cotton under grants funded by Cotton Incorporated and the Texas State Support Committee. In addition, he is looking at a seed coating which may improve seedling emergence under cool conditions.

The high elevation in this area of over 3,000 feet above sea level means that this area may experience very cool temperatures during the spring and fall of the year.

"One of the problems we face in this area is that we have a short growing season. It is not particularly short in terms of the number of days from last frost in spring to first frost in the fall. We have an adequate number of days in terms of our growing season," Hopper said.

"When we talk of a short growing season, we are talking about it in terms of total heat units that are available to mature the crop. Because we often have these low spring and fall temperature conditions, this narrows us in on the number of heat units available," he explained.

In order to use as much of the heat units as possible to grow and mature the crop, we have to plant early. When planting early, we often run into cool spring temperatures, especially at night, Hopper said.

Cotton is basically a crop of tropical origin, and it likes warm temperatures.

When cotton is planted under cool conditions, it slows germination, emergence, establishment, and growth.

Hopper and his research team are trying to improve the emergence of cotton under cool conditions.

"There are several ways to approach this, and one is through genetics. We try to select lines that have what we call cold tolerance. That means they can germinate and emerge under cooler temperatures than say, other lines and we can use those in a breeding program," Hopper said.

The second way is to look at some kind of physical method that will enhance germination and emergence.



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Doctors: antacid overuse may be dangerous

CHICAGO (AP) — Mindlessly downing antacids could put your life at risk from magnesium poisoning.

Fourteen deaths, 31 hospitalizations and four cases of disability were linked to magnesium-containing products from 1968 to 1994, says a report by Food and Drug Administration doctors.

"Maalox and Mylanta — people just drink them like water," said Dr. Man C. Fung, the report's lead author. "They don't even think about it."

Consumers and physicians often underestimate the danger and may not recognize the symptoms of magnesium poisoning, Fung and Drs. Michael Weintraub and Debra L. Bowen wrote in the August issue of the American Medical Association's Archives of Family Medicine.

Symptoms can include clumsiness, weakness, paralysis, drowsiness, confusion and coma.

Magnesium is an important nutrient in foods and drinking water. It is common in over-the-counter antacids, laxatives and pain relievers. Taken as directed, such products are safe, Fung said by telephone from the University of Pennsylvania Cancer Center, where he is now on staff.

But excessive use, especially by susceptible people, can lead to magnesium poisoning, he said. Susceptible people include the elderly, long-time diabetics, people who have had digestive surgery and anyone taking medications that slow the digestive system, such as narcotics and tricyclic antidepressants.

Elderly people are susceptible because their kidneys, which rid the body of magnesium, are not as efficient. Longtime diabetics sometimes suffer nerve damage to the bowel, which allows more magnesium to be absorbed by the body.

Relatively high levels of magnesium are found in laxatives containing citrate of magnesia, milk of magnesia, and epsom salts, Fung's team said.

Lower but significant amounts of magnesium are in many antacids, including products marketed under the brand names Maalox, Mylanta, Gaviscon, Di-Gel, Gelusil and Rolaids, the authors said.

Some antacids contain no magnesium, including calcium-based formulations sold under the brand names Maalox, Mylanta, Tums and others. Since some calcium-based products have the same name as magnesium-based products, consumers who are interested need to check active ingredients on the label.

"If you're concerned, consult a doctor," Fung said.

Pain relievers containing magnesium include Doan's caplets, Arthritis Pain Formula, Ascriptin and Bufferin, the doctors said, and magnesium dietary supplements contain significant amounts of the mineral.

Robert Kniffin, a spokesman for Mylanta's manufacturer, Johnson & Johnson-Merck Consumer Pharmaceuticals Co., said, "Our product is safe when used in accordance with the package labeling, which is quite clear."

Mark Ryan, a spokesman for the makers of Maalox, Ciba-Geigy Corp., declined comment.

In one case reported by the FDA researchers, a 69-year-old woman with a history of heart disease, diabetes and digestive surgery developed slurred speech and weakness. She was taken to a hospital, where she rapidly fell into a coma and nearly died.

Her symptoms suggested a stroke. But a lab test revealed the woman's blood-magnesium level was more than five times higher than normal. Doctors treated her for magnesium poisoning, and she recovered completely.

Later, the woman said she had been consuming up to two large bottles of Maalox daily for indigestion and constipation.

Consumers could see lower rates

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer will hold two days of hearings this week to begin a process he says could lead to cheaper rates in a dozen major lines of insurance.

Bomer said Tuesday that the hearings are an important first step in the rate reduction process resulting from lawsuit reforms approved by the 1995 Legislature.

This will be the first of five annual hearings to determine how much money insurance companies will save as a result of "tort reforms" designed to reduce the number and size of lawsuits in Texas.

Lawmakers gave Bomer the job of determining those savings and making certain they are passed on to customers buying liability coverage in Texas.

"One thing I am sure of is my commitment to this process and to the consumers and businesses of Texas who will benefit from it. I will make sure they receive every dollar of savings they have coming from the new tort reforms," he said.

Bomer will receive recommendations from the Texas Department of Insurance staff at the hearings, which begin Wednesday, and over two days will listen to testimony from insurers, consumer groups and businesses.

Under the new law, Bomer must decide on rate reductions by Oct. 1. He said Tuesday he plans to issue a decision sometime in late September after reviewing evidence presented at the hearings.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Aug. 31, 1995

In the year ahead, you might have a chance to become closely involved with an individual whose endeavors are usually successful. Don't let this opportunity slip past you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Seriously consider suggestions offered by a close companion today. This person's practical advice can be used beneficially if followed properly. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Developments might present themselves today that enable you to enhance your financial position. They may start thin-waisted, but will grow in girth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You may have unusually good luck today in an arrangement where others struggle. Make the most of these developments while your luck holds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A confidential family matter can conclude satisfactorily today outside of the earshot of others. Work it out among those directly involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not hesitate to request advice today from an older, more experienced friend if you're baffled by a new assignment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Compensation is in the offing for you for something you have earned on your own merits. Your rewards will be in proportion to the effort you expend.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you promote something significant today, speak to others in a direct and purposeful manner. They will be more receptive if they see you're serious.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stay alert for an opening today that might enable you to collect something owed you which is long overdue. It could be something material or a favor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) To maintain harmony in a cherished relationship, it might prove necessary to make certain concessions to a friend today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Conditions will be conducive today for doing something unique with your career. However, it will require boldness and tenacity on your part.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) To further your ambitions today, it might be necessary to give away something that is of little value to you but of considerable value to another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A commercial matter can be concluded to your advantage today. There will be a nominal amount of profit attached to the victory, but that won't be its primary benefit.

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DATE BOOK

Aug. 30, 1995

Today is the 242nd day of 1995 and the 71st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1893, first lady Frances Cleveland became the first presidential wife to give birth while her husband was president.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley (1797-1851), writer; Huey Long (1893-1935), U.S. politician; Roy Wilkins (1901-1981), U.S. civil-rights leader; Fred MacMurray (1908-1991), actor; Ted Williams (1918-), baseball great, is 77; Deborah Kerr (1921-), actress, is 74; Jean-Claude Killy (1943-), skiing great, is 52; Tug McGraw (1944-), baseball star, is 51; Robert Parish (1953-), basketball star, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Arthur Ashe became the first black male elected to the Tennis Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nothing contributes so much to tranquilize the mind as a steady purpose — a point on which the soul may fix its intellectual eye." — Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1979, Hurricane David reached its lowest pressure (924 mb) and highest winds (173 mph) south of Puerto Rico.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Aug. 26) and first quarter (Sept. 2).

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