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Home Of Nathan Hines



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION — Fireworks concluded Snyder's annual July Fourth celebration Saturday as a large crowd gathered in Towle Park and adjoining areas to watch the aerial display. There were many activities throughout the day in the park, including a dunking booth which sent Snyder High School baseball coach Roland Herrera into the tank several times. (SDN Staff Photos)

Insurance bids, budget on city council agenda

Consideration of bids for employee health insurance and equipment for the waste water treatment plant will be the main order of business when the Snyder city council meets this evening at 6:30.

Currently, the city is self-insured for employee health benefits and has been since 1990. The council will hear a recommendation for it to remain so.

The fixed cost for a self-insured program is $77,497, while a fully-insured program is tagged at $176,859.

Bids to be considered are for a waste sludge aeration unit.

The council will also consider several ordinances, including the first reading of an ordinance which would prohibit parking on Beaumont Ave. between the intersections of 37th St. and 38th St. on school days. Parking would be prohibited between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Other ordinances to be considered include the second reading of an ordinance allowing a zone change behind The Shack in the 1000 block of 24th St. for constructing RV spaces.

The first reading of ordinances involving zone changes for 711 26th St., and for the 1900 block of 16th Street will also be considered.

The council will also consider an ordinance annexing two small tracts of land adjacent to the south side of a planned senior housing development on South College Avenue.

The tracts of land run from Highway 350 to College Avenue and cover just over two acres.

Following the regular meeting, the council will hold a budget workshop as it continues work on the 1998-99 budget.

County okays audit report

Scurry County Commissioners approved the county's 1997 audit without comment this morning, and also set the penalty for people who violate the county's burn ban.

The county's audit was presented to the Commissioners Court two weeks ago, and it was considered to be a "clean" audit by the Abilene accounting firm of Condley & Co.

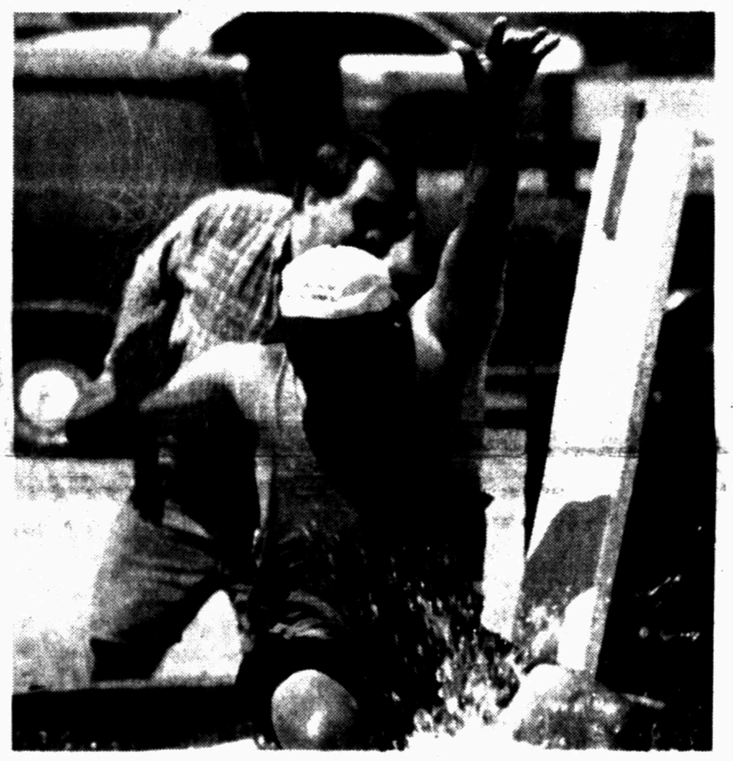
County Judge Ricky Fritz told the court that when the county adopted the most-recent burn ban, it did not provide penalties for violators.

The court voted unanimously to set the offense as a Class C misdemeanor with a fine up to $500.

"By setting the penalty, it will allow the sheriff to enforce the ban and allow the court to follow up on it," said Fritz.

The commissioners also approved line-item transfers for the county's maintenance department and for Precinct 1.

Fritz presided at the meeting and all commissioners were in attendance to include Howard Limmer, Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.



King of the Cowboys, Roy Rogers, died today

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roy Rogers, the singing "King of the Cowboys" whose straight-shooting exploits in movies and television made him a hero to generations of young fans and No. 1 at the box office, died today. He was 86.

His death at his home in Apple Valley was announced in a statement by his spokeswoman, Jane Hansen. He suffered from congestive heart failure, the statement said.

Rogers was a Depression-era truck driver and peach picker, then a successful country singer with the Sons of the Pioneers, before he landed a $75 a week job in 1937 as singing cowboy at Hollywood's Republic Studio.

Rogers, armed with a guitar, six-shooters and charm, rose in salary and popularity to "King of the Cowboys." For 12 years — 1943 to 1954 — he was No. 1 Western star at the box office in a magazine poll of theater operators.

Loaded with fights, always fair, and chases that corralled the bad guys, his 87 films, with names like "Under Western Stars" and "Song of Arizona," were especially popular in small towns. His television series, which ran from 1951 to 1957, and thereafter in reruns, had similar appeal.

Rogers preferred to play down violence, shooting the gun out of the villain's hand, rather than hurting the villain himself. He criticized other, more violent Westerns.

"When I was a boy, our parents taught us that hitting below the belt was a cowardly thing," he once said. "I don't believe this kind of thing is 'entertainment' no matter how you look at it."

In many films and in the television series, he co-starred with Dale Evans, whom he married in 1947. She was the cowriter of "Happy Trails to You," which became their theme song. Featured were his famous palomino horse, Trigger, his dog, Bullet, and her horse, Buttermilk. His sidekick in films was bewhiskered Gabby Hayes, in television Pat Brady.

Rogers' rodeo grossed $425,000 on a tour of state fairs, and he estimated it cost $30,000 in 1960 just to answer his fan mail.

"I'm an introvert at heart," Rogers once said. "And show business — even though I've loved it so much — has always been hard for me."

It made him a millionaire, though. His investments included real estate, a chain of restaurants bearing his name, and a TV production company.

"He came from nothing. He earned everything he ever had and remained a modest, simple man," film critic Leonard Maltin said.

"He portrayed himself as a good, honest man and that's what he was."

Rogers' success as both performer and businessman mirrored that of his great cowboy rival, Gene Autry. The two both said they were good friends.

In June 1967, he and Miss Evans opened an 18,000-square-foot museum in Victorville, near their Apple Valley home some 90 miles east of Los Angeles. On display are a variety of Rogers memorabilia — including Trigger, stuffed and mounted in a rearing posture after his death in 1965.

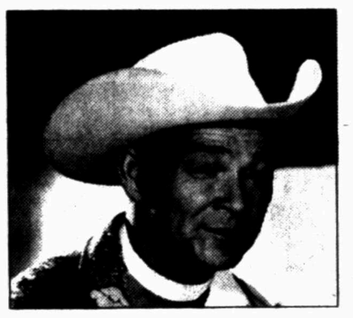
"So many people loved him through the years, that I just didn't have the heart to put him in the ground," Rogers said.

Rogers kept up his musical career in recent years, releasing an album of old and new songs, "Tribute," in 1991. The album featured country superstar Clint Black as a guest singer on one cut, "Hold On Partner."

The song garnered Rogers and Black a 1992 Country Music Association award nomination in the category, "vocal event of the year," which covers pairings of singers best known for solo work.

"I respect him immensely," Black said after working with Rogers. "He's just a great human being, very devoted to his family, and he has great appreciation and respect for his fans."

Rogers was born Leonard Slye



Roy Rogers

See Rogers, Page 10

Murder trial starts for former U.S. Air Force Academy cadet

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — Four months after his ex-fiancee was convicted of capital murder, former Air Force Academy cadet David Graham was in court today to face the same charge.

Graham, 20, faces life in prison if convicted in the slaying of 16-year-old Adrianne Jones, who was shot to death near a lake in Tarrant County in December 1995.

Some 250 prospective jurors arrived at the Comal County courthouse complex for questioning this morning, with the same number scheduled to arrive in the afternoon. A jury is expected to be seated and opening statements are scheduled to begin by July 15.

Graham's ex-fiancee, former Naval Academy cadet Diane Zamora, was convicted in February in Fort Worth and sentenced to life in prison. At the request of the victim's family, prosecutors are not seeking the death penalty in either case.

Defense lawyers argued Graham would not get a fair trial in the same city where Ms. Zamora's case attracted so much news media attention and where her defense team portrayed him as domineering, violent and solely responsible for killing Miss Jones.

"The publicity generated about this case has been so widespread, inflammatory, adverse and prejudiced as to raise a substantial doubt that the defendant can obtain a fair trial in Tarrant County, Texas," Graham's attorney, Dan Cogdell, argued in a court motion.

State District Judge Don Leonard moved the case to this Central Texas town of about 30,000 people more than 200 miles south of Fort Worth.

The judge also issued a gag order, and attorneys on both sides have said little publicly lately about Graham's trial.

Clearly, much of the same evidence presented in Ms. Zamora's trial will surface again.

Perhaps the most damaging item for Graham is a confession he spent two hours typing while detained in a military lockup in Colorado nine months after the Dec. 4, 1995, slaying.

According to the statement, Ms. Zamora hid in the back of her parents' car while Graham, her high school sweetheart, drove Miss Jones to an isolated lake. Then Ms. Zamora hit Miss Jones over the head with a dumbbell weight and Graham allegedly shot Miss Jones when she tried to flee.

Prosecutors contend Ms. Zamora became jealous after Graham admitted to having a one-time fling with Miss Jones and ordered him to kill the girl.

The two weren't arrested until the following September after they'd both left Texas to attend their respective military academies.

Confiding in another Naval Academy midshipman, Ms. Zamora admitted to the slaying and described Miss Jones as a "tramp" who "deserved to die," according to testimony.

Though Cogdell tried to exclude Graham's confession from the trial, the judge ruled in an April hearing it was admissible.

"This man must have had some clue when they started talking to him about Adrianne Jones' murder," the judge said. "He knew they must have been focusing on him."

Cogdell did not return telephone calls from The Associated Press. But he told The Dallas Morning News in a copyright story that he plans to present a two-pronged defense that will "attack the accuracy" of Graham's lengthy typed confession, as well as the methods that police used to obtain it.

Graham wrote that he and Miss Jones had sex when he drove her home from Mansfield High School after a November 1995 cross-country meet in Lubbock.

Casting doubt on that confession, Cogdell said, is a new prosecution witness and former teammate of Miss Jones who will testify that she — not Graham — drove Miss Jones home.

ASK US

Q.—Will there be any Turner cantaloupes this year?

A.-The crop is coming off, starting today. The popular melons will be in the north IGA store starting today and in the south IGA store by tomorrow, said producer Tony Turner of Colorado City.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 96 degrees; low, 73; high Sunday, 95; low, 74; 7 a.m. Monday, 76; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.57 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low around 75. SE wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. High, upper 90s. SE wind 10-20 mph.



Stephanie Castenada
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:45 a.m.
Of 186 days in 1998, the sun has shone 184 days in 1998.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I keep my ideals, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart.

Anne Frank

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Grasshoppers spelling trouble for gardens and crops

DALLAS (AP) — Farmers and green-thumbed gardeners alike are bracing for a bumper crop of plant-munching grasshoppers invading Texas.

The flying insects are indiscriminate in their eating habits, devouring everything from front-yard flowers to cotton to peaches.

It's enough to leave a gardener in the pits.

Johnson County Commissioner R.C. McFall said his pastures were first. Then came his peach tree.

"They ate it right down to the seed and left them hanging on the tree," McFall said. "It's the craziest thing I've ever seen."

Denton County resident Joyce Nuckles said she has nearly given up on her garden after last year's invasion.

"I've got tomatoes and cucumbers, and that's pretty much it," Ms. Nuckles said. "The corn, beans and black-eyed peas were wiped out."

The two aren't alone among Texans fretting the situation. About every county in the state has been overrun. And the worse is still to come.

John Cooper, a Denton County extension agent, said grasshopper season won't peak for another two weeks. That's when each square yard of land is expected to be host to about 80 of the insects, far more than in an average year.

Entomologists say a mild winter and dry spring are to blame for the rash of grasshoppers. The warm winter enabled more of the bugs to hatch and reach adulthood.

The booming population is more obvious because grasshoppers are eating plants other than grass. Drought conditions, which translate to slower-growing grass, have forced that.

Kerry Bryan, a plant health director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said more adults hopping around now means more eggs later this summer.

Each adult female can lay anywhere from 200 to 400 eggs from now until early fall.

Bryan said the grasshopper explosion has been on a roll for about three years — with each year getting worse.

"It's building up to what we had in 1984 — when we had thousands and thousands of acres of range land that was being attacked," he said.

During that year, Congress appropriated money for one of the biggest spray campaigns in grasshopper history.

Since then, Bryan said, grasshopper outbreaks have not been as severe so lawmakers have stopped funding such domestic agriculture programs.

"We didn't have any big outbreaks after '84, '85, '86," Bryan said. "They thought we weren't using the money."

But it's time again to deal with the droves of gnawing pests. Residents across North Texas, where the problem seems most severe, say they're frustrated with barren landscape.

"We have to control these grasshoppers when they become an economic danger," Bryan said.

GOP, lack of money stymie domestic aqenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — With barely 40 voting days left this year, a Republican majority determined to set Congress' election-year course and the thwarting of White House plans for raising new revenue are stymieing much of President Clinton's domestic spending agenda.

Clinton's proposals to expand access to Medicare and child care, build thousands more classrooms and spur development of energy conservation and anti-pollution technologies are being ignored or cut dramatically on Capitol Hill. Instead, lawmakers are pursuing tax and spending cuts, home-district projects and other priorities.

Other initiatives the president planned to finance from boosting cigarette taxes all but perished on June 17 when a sweeping tobacco measure died in the GOP-controlled Senate. These included many anti-smoking programs, money to hire 100,000 elementary school teachers and grants to states for child-care assistance.

In addition, scores of tax and fee increases Clinton proposed on polluters, railroads, companies with foreign holdings and others have been tossed onto the legislative scrap heap. Together with the higher cigarette taxes and some spending cuts he wanted, more than $130 billion in new revenue the president proposed raising through 2003 is being ignored, raising the question: How does he pay for his priorities now?

"It's going nowhere fast," Sen. Don Nickles of Oklahoma, the Senate's second-ranking Republican leader, said of Clinton's domestic agenda.

White House officials and congressional Democrats said they are not finished.

"At the moment, we have a Congress that isn't in any rush to do anything," said White House adviser Bruce Reed. He predicted that Republicans will be in a more cooperative mood "as the election grows closer."

Indeed, Republicans intent on getting tax cuts this fall will have to give Clinton something in exchange — unless they want a campaign-season veto to create a political issue, which is possible. House and Senate GOP leaders say they are planning narrower tobacco legislation aimed at teenage smoking, and it could become the vehicle for tradeoffs.

Clinton supporters say some of their programs will be protected in the 13 government spending bills for fiscal 1999, which lawmakers are now writing.

The president already has won some battles, and he seems likely to claim other triumphs unless he is weakened severely by the investigation into his alleged affair with Monica Lewinsky. He is certain to claim credit in October when the government announces the first federal budget surplus since 1969. His proposal to extend food stamps to many legal immigrants who lost them in the 1996 welfare overhaul became law in June as part of a broad agriculture bill.

And on some Clinton proposals, House Republicans are outdoing him. They would spend $100 million, more than the $14.8 billion he sought for biomedical research at the National Institutes of Health. And they would raise the current $3,000 limit on Pell education grants for low- and middle-income undergraduates to $3,150 — $50 more than Clinton.

At the same time, lawmakers are primarily trying to stay within spending limits set in last year's budget-balancing agreement. Neither side is ready to propose spending much of the expected federal surpluses in view of Clinton's plea to use it to bolster Social Security.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, July 7, 1998

Material gratification is in the offing for you in the year ahead, provided you're willing to pay the price. Be patient, ambitious, and knowledgeable about your chosen field.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be afraid to experiment with new methods or materials today where your work is concerned, but make sure to have a back-up system available. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you do a favor for a pal today, do it with no strings attached. Be sure what you do doesn't earn resentment instead of gratitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually, you're reasonably sure of yourself in regard to events you manage personally. Today, however, your optimism may be a facade.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Before offering advice to your peers today, be sure they're suggestions you would adhere to yourself. Your friends are interested in examples, not blarney.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When it comes to bargain hunting, you're not usually a slouch, but today you might buy overpriced merchandise out of impatience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't place yourself too high above the needs of others today. It's a form of negative expression that isn't admired by your peers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may create problems for yourself today. Before reacting to developments, weigh the penalties that could be derived from erratic moves.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be more prudent than usual in your financial dealings today. Study situations carefully and don't put good money after bad if something looks like a bummer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't wait for opportunities to fall into your lap today. Get out and earn what you want; career goals are achievable with a little effort.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you feel something you're involved in isn't good for you, you could be right. It's best not to act in opposition to your inner feelings and emotions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is not a day to bank your ambitions on wishful thinking. Manage situations every step of the way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Allies and associates you usually bank on could let you down today. It's best not to look for others to help you out.

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Police catch inmate sought in cop killing

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — A phoned-in tip helped authorities arrest an inmate who escaped from a Mississippi sheriff and then evaded an eight-day manhunt in Alabama where he was sought in the killing of a police officer.

Mario Centobie was arrested on Sunday near the Mississippi-Alabama state line, 260 miles from where he had been sought by hundreds of authorities in the slaying of Moody, Ala., police officer Keith Turner. Turner was killed June 27.

Alabama state trooper Cpl. Damon Summers said Centobie, 32, apparently sneaked past searchers Saturday night and carjacked a motorist. Later the driver escaped with his car near the state line, Summers said.

Mississippi authorities received a phone call Sunday morning from someone who said Centobie was at the Mississippi Welcome Center. It was unclear if the driver made the call.

Meanwhile, police said Centobie talked a family of tourists into giving him a ride in their van to Gulfport. Police caught up with the van soon afterward and arrested him.

The family did not know Centobie was wanted.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Woman Wonders If This Man Is Really Worth Dyeing For

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Rick (not his real name) and I were attracted to each other the moment our eyes met. I am 24, Rick is 30. On our third date, we ended up in bed at his apartment.

Abby, I was so disappointed. He fizzled out in the middle of a very exciting moment. Then Rick explained that he has been unable to function with any woman who is not a redhead. He told me he liked me a lot, and asked me if I would dye my hair red. I am heartbroken. I like Rick very much, but I am very dark-complexioned and feel that my black hair is far more appropriate than a thatch of red hair.

Abby, do you think he's telling the truth? Are there really men who can function sexually only with women with a certain color hair?

NAMELESS IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR NAMELESS: Perhaps. From your description, it appears more like a case of first-night jitters than a hair color preference. An honest conversation about his needs and yours is in order. The question is less about whether you can conform to his needs, than can he conform to yours.

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DEAR ABBY: This letter is for "Hurting in Whittier, Calif.," who thinks that wrinkles on her face are keeping her from getting a second look from men. There is nothing that will make people respond to her more than a sincere smile. It will make her wrinkles essentially disappear. Not only will it make her feel good, it will brighten the day of everyone she greets.

Abby, there is no guarantee that having a man in her life will make her feel any better. Believe me, I have had more to smile about since my husband of 27 years left town with another woman. I look younger, feel younger, and my morale has improved 100 percent. I have the same wrinkles I had when he was here, but no one notices them because I smile so often.

To paraphrase a quote from Nathaniel Hawthorne: **"Happiness is like a butterfly – the more you chase it, the more it will elude you. But if you turn your attention to other things, it comes and softly sits on your shoulder."**

I hope "Hurting in Whittier's" shoulders will soon be loaded with butterflies of happiness. Sign me ...

ALONE BUT NOT HURTING NOW, DANVILLE, KY.

DEAR ALONE: I'm printing your letter because many readers can benefit from your uplifting message. As the lyrics from a song in the Broadway musical "Annie" say: "You're never fully dressed without a smile!"

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DEAR ABBY: What can I do when I am graciously treated to a restaurant meal by a friend or colleage, and when the bill comes, an inappropriate tip is left for the server?

I am embarrassed if we have received good or exceptional service and yet my dining companion leaves only a 10 percent tip, or less.

Whether it's an oversight, lack of appreciation for the 15 to 20 percent rule, or a lack of math skills, I feel compelled to supplement the tip out of my own pocket if I think the server deserves more. How can I do this without offending my host or hostess?

WELL-FED IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR WELL-FED: There is no need to offend or embarrass your host by calling attention to the small tips that shortchange a server, so as you leave the table, leave your tip as inconspicuously as possible.

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Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.

Date Book

July 6, 1998

Today is the 187th day of 1998 and the 16th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed in England for treason. He was sainted on May 19, 1935.

On this day in 1885, Dr. Louis Pasteur of France successfully tested an anti-rabies treatment.

On this day in 1964, the movie "A Hard Day's Night," starring the Beatles, opened in London.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Paul Jones (1747-1792), U.S. naval hero; Beatrix Potter (1866-1943), children's writer; Nancy Reagan (1921-), first lady, is 77; Merv Griffin (1925-), entertainer-businessman, is 73; Janet Leigh (1927-), actress, is 71; Della Reese (1931-), singer-actress, is 66; Ned Beatty (1937-), actor, is 61; Sylvester Stallone (1946-), actor, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1935, Helen Wills Moody won her seventh Wimbledon title.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have not yet begun to fight" — John Paul Jones

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1996, a high of 110 degrees was recorded in Oklahoma City, Okla., a record for the month of July.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (July 1) and full moon (July 9).

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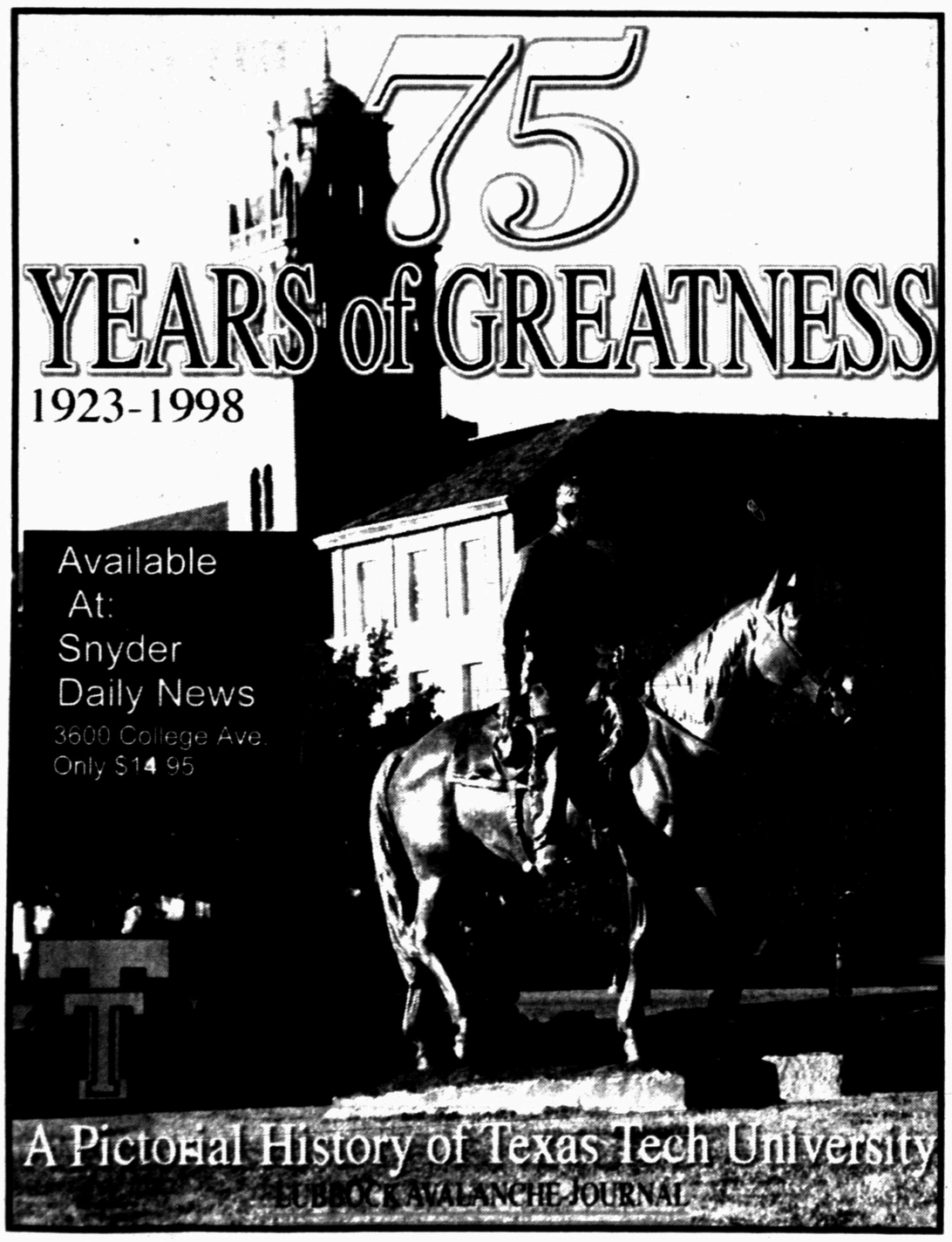
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Science being used to fight wildfires in Florida

DeLAND, Fla. (AP) — John W. Robertson Jr. of the U.S. Forest Service looks at the topographical map pinned to a wall at a command post in this bitter fight against flames consuming forest and swamp.

Blazes represented by dashes, crosshatches and multicolored lines dissect the map at every angle, as if a mad doctor has performed surgery on northeast Florida.

Robertson's job is to understand this maniac known as the wildfire, to make sense of his X-ray. "This is war," whispers the former forest firefighter from Pendleton, Ore., turned fire behavior analyst.

Robertson mathematically analyzes a hot spot — a "firehead" — and tells the fighters in the forest where it is going and how fast at any given time. He tells crews when they should fight and when they should run.

"I tell them where not to go," he said. "We are not in the business of throwing lives in front of anybody's home or resource. There's not an acceptable casualty rate in firefighting."

By using information derived by Robertson and other fire behaviorists, those fighting in the Florida forests have saved homes and lives. The wildfires consuming the state since Memorial Day have destroyed nearly a half million acres, but just 220 homes.

Predicting the fickle flame is not easy. Fire behaviorists are number junkies, crunching wind speed and direction, vegetation burn rates, humidity and land slope.

"If you understand the physics of it, then everything kind of fits together," Robertson said. "I suppose there's some truth to the fact that those that work in fire get a glow in their eyes. They are just controlled pyromaniacs."

These days fire behaviorists must teach out-of-state firefighters about Florida's unique fauna.

"Even with the high humidity, the fires are burning pretty well and that's extremely unusual," said Paul Mora, 29, a firefighter just arriving from Fresno, Calif.

Robertson knows the pine and palmetto trees may as well be soaked in gasoline. "All that green stuff out there is going to burn because it's full of oils, waxes and all sorts of chemicals."

And there's lots of fuel to feed on. Florida's wet winter has produced a bumper crop of shrubs and brush.

As he walks through a semi-burned out area of forest near DeLand, the vegetation pops and crinkles under Robertson's boots.

Despite a steady drizzle, the forest smolders with wispy smoke winding through the blackened trees. This measly rain certainly won't do much for land that went weeks without moisture. On an 800-point scale used to measure drought conditions, this area runs in the high 790s. That's why the fire is still burning in the swamps right now, threatening to lash out again.

Some experts have blamed El Nino for the dry conditions, but a meteorologist who works with the fire behaviorists blames the weather-producing phenomenon's sister: La Nina.

"El Nino caused the floods, but this drying is due to La Nina. It has switched over dramatically," said Brenda Graham, of the National Weather Service.

The Bermuda high that usually brings summer rain to Florida is stuck over Texas, and it has been replaced by dry winds.

"Usually they have wet summers. This is a 100-year drought," said John Stuchell, a fire behavior analyst from the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

But what can avoid such fires in the future? Prescribed burning.

Sick smokers seeking billions from cigarette makers in U.S.

MIAMI (AP) — In the first major tobacco trial since the collapse of a $516 billion tobacco control bill in Congress, smokers are getting their first chance as a group to present their case against the nation's cigarette makers.

A group of sick smokers charge the tobacco industry is "the king of concealment and disinformation" for spending billions to portray cigarettes as glamorous while hiding research about nicotine's addictive properties and the medical consequences of smoking.

Robert Heim, lead attorney for the nation's five biggest cigarette makers, sees the case much more simply.

"It's common knowledge that smoking is more risky than not smoking," he said last week, as attorneys made final arrangements leading up to jury selection, which was scheduled to begin today. "People can quit if they want to."

The case seeks $200 billion in damages for up to 500,000 sick Florida smokers. It is the latest challenge for the industry, which has settled four state lawsuits for nearly $37 billion and has let only individual smokers' cases go to juries, with mixed results.

"If they do take it to verdict, it becomes a critical case," said Gregory Joseph, chairman of the American Bar Association's litigation section. "Unless tobacco is exonerated, they could be bearing the brunt of that verdict for decades to come."

The smokers charge the tobacco industry made a defective product and conspired to deceive the public and government about smoking-related illnesses.

"Cigarettes are a product that when used as directed will inevitably cause death and disease to a large percentage of its users," the lawsuit claims.

The smokers are represented by Stanley and Susan Rosenblatt, a husband-and-wife legal team that won a $349 million settlement for flight attendants last year in a secondhand-smoke case against the same defendants — Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds, Brown & Williamson, Lorillard, Liggett Group and two trade groups, the Council for Tobacco Research and the Tobacco Institute.

Smokers covered by the lawsuit won't testify during the trial, but as spectators they can affect the jury. The sounds of their wet, throaty coughing and electronic voice boxes can be both distracting and unsettling.

As with other tobacco cases, the industry's own documents will be key evidence against the defendants.

With jury selection likely to take at least a month, the judge will have that time to review papers obtained by Minnesota in its tobacco trial.

Memos included in the Minnesota documents discussed slanting animal research to avoid showing a causal link between smoking and lung cancer, cleansing research files to protect against lawsuits and boosting nicotine levels.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; country club; tee time 9 a.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 57;3-8018; 6 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; central fire station; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

AA brown bag, open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; noon.

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Al-Anon brown bag, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.;.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome; for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Three support groups — Divorce Recovery, Cancer/Grief and Caring for aging Parents; First Baptist Church; for more information call First Baptist Church at 573-2631; anyone is welcome to attend and child care is provided.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 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.

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-8018; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Snyder Savings and Loan; no reservations necessary; for more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Association; The Shack; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 07-06-98
♠ A K Q 6
♥ A Q 9
♦ K 6 5 3
♣ J 4

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

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

South
♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ A Q 7
♣ 9 7 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	3 ♣	Dbl.	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	??	

Opening lead: ♣ K

You bid what?

By Phillip Alder

Everyone makes mistakes — especially me. One fights to avoid analytical errors, but there is a limit to the amount of time one can dedicate to that task. However, there is less excuse for bidding blunders. True, not everyone sees things in the same light, but I saw two quiz answers recently that caused a real mix of emotions, all bad.

Here's the first. Look at the North hand. West, on your right, opens three clubs. You make a takeout double. After East passes, your partner replies (a) three hearts or (b) three spades. What would you do, if anything?

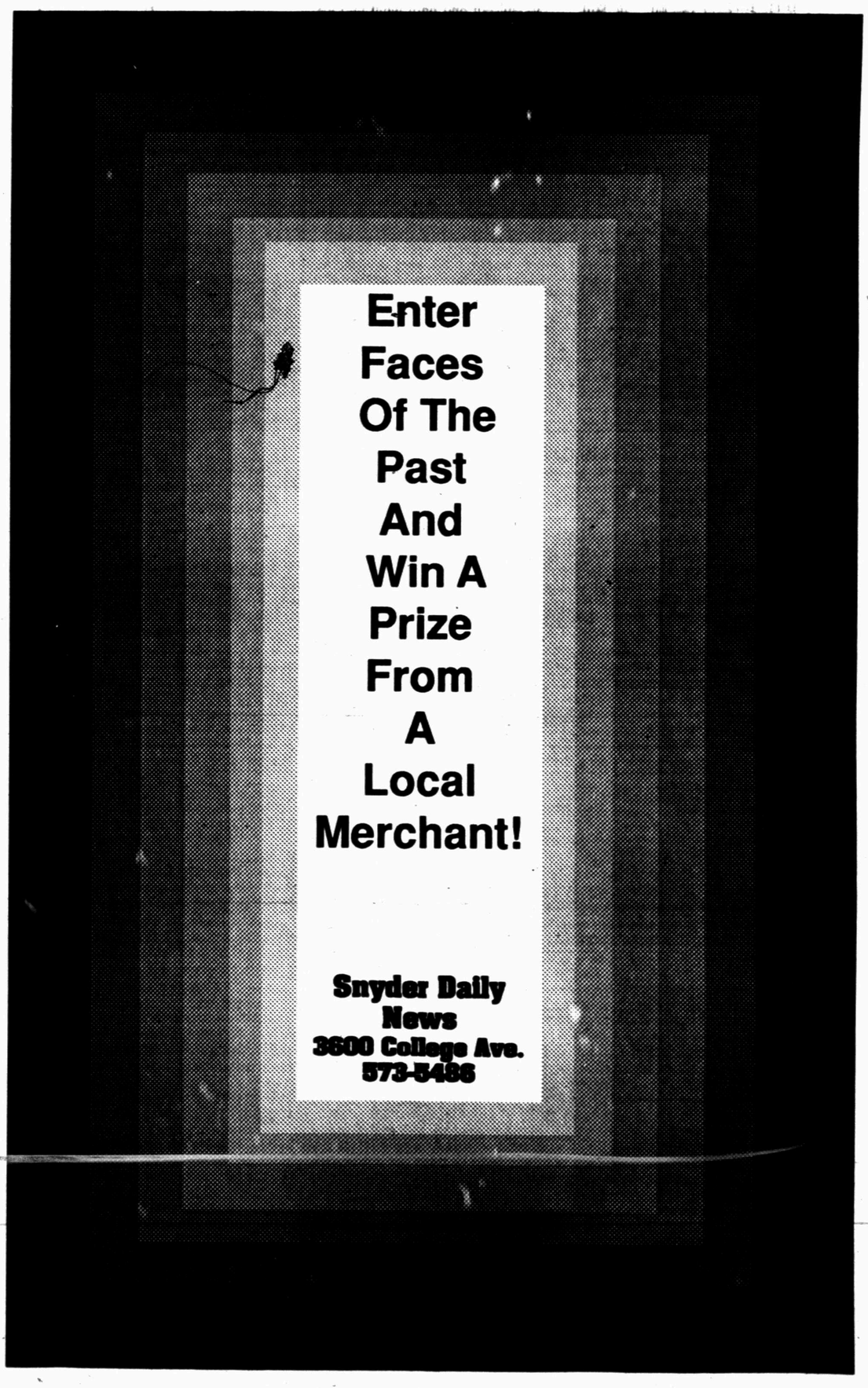
The author wrote, "Since (your partner) may have a few points or none, you'll have a tough guess whether to raise him to game." But if partner bids three spades, *you have no guess*. When competing against an opposing pre-empt, you bid on the assumption that partner has six or seven high-card points. So, with 19 points, it is automatic to raise three spades to four. You might not make it, but you must bid on.

If partner advances with three hearts, you do have a problem. But it would probably be best to raise to four hearts.

Suppose this is the layout. Against four spades, West will probably lead the club king; East will switch to a diamond or a trump. The simplest line is to draw trumps and try for a 3-3 diamond split. But when you see the bad break, lead dummy's fourth diamond and discard a heart. East must return a heart into dummy's ace-queen, giving you 10 tricks via three spades, two hearts, three diamonds, a heart ruff in hand, and a club ruff in the dummy.

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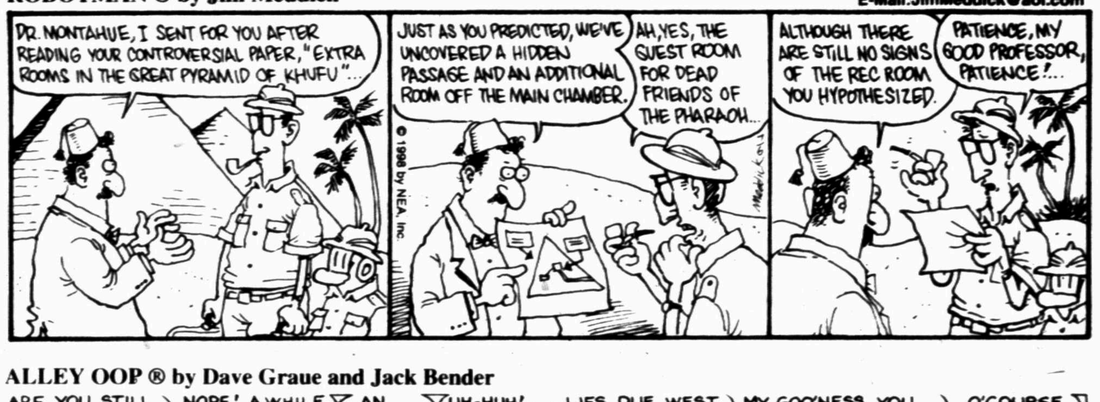
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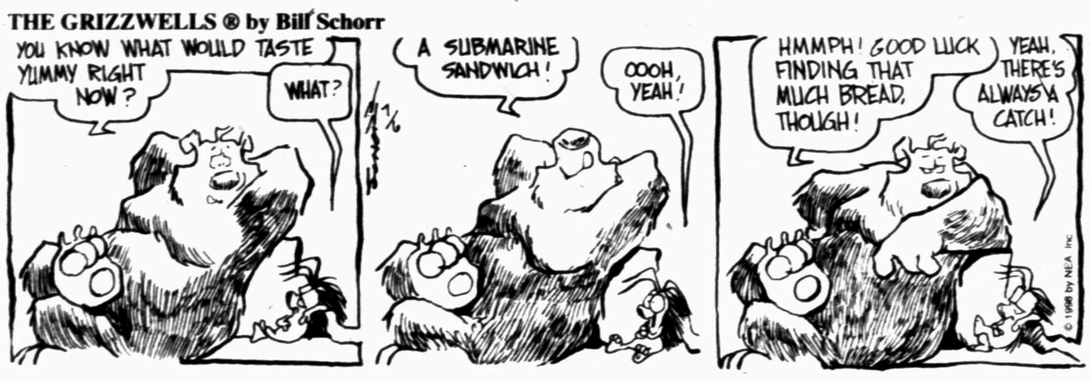
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ACROSS

1 Plant with cloverlike leaves
7 Showy feather
12 Actress Ryder
13 Communicates by mail
14 Actor Hal —
15 Houston team
16 Ums' relatives
17 Peg — — Heart
18 Sgt., e.g.
21 Famed inventor
23 Use a scissors
26 Goddess of the rainbow
28 Roman highway
29 Inflation-fighting org. of the '40s
30 Brazilian soccer great
31 Indefinite person
33 Emulated Picasso
36 October birthstone
37 Language suffix
38 Dry
40 Car
41 The (Ger.)
42 Room and —
44 — annum
45 Young flower
46 Canine cry
48 Used-car transaction
51 Away from the coast
55 Passable (2 wds.)
56 Terminated
57 Show scorn
58 Landed property

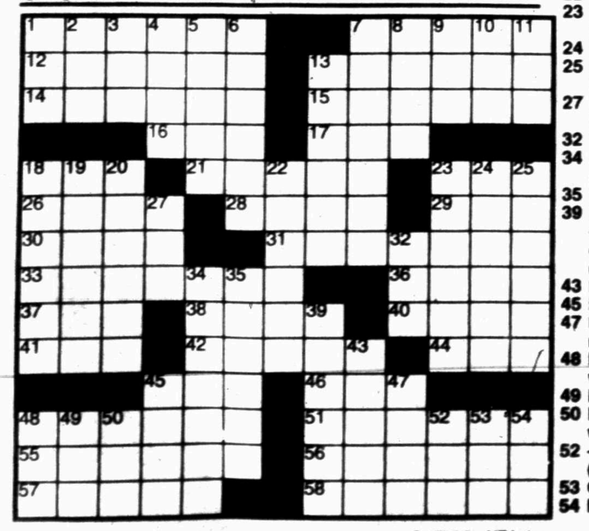
DOWN

1 Nocturnal bird
2 Roman dozen
3 Actress Jillian
4 Vein
5 Lethargic
6 Japanese-American
7 Elementary
8 Easter flower
9 Western Indian
10 Mal de —
11 Highway curve
13 Like winter jackets
18 Bit
19 Wrinkle
20 Greasier
22 Playing areas
23 Confine (2 wds.)
24 Make current
25 President Zachary —
27 Member of Cong.
32 Type of snake
34 Arranged in columns
35 Wore away
39 Frozen carbon dioxide (2 wds.)
43 Eats
45 Movie pig
47 Real-estate map
48 Hosp. workers
49 Long time
50 Fr. holy woman
52 — — rule (usually)
53 Court divider
54 Ike's inits.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Snyder rips Clyde in all-star opener

SWEETWATER — Snyder's 10-year-old All-Stars began tournament action on a winning note.

Tonight Snyder's other three squads will try to keep it that way.

Snyder's 10-year-old team blanked Clyde, 10-0, Saturday in Sweetwater. The lopsided victory advances Snyder into the second round of the winners' bracket Tuesday at 8 p.m. against Breckenridge.

Eric Martinez jump started the Snyder cause with a three-run blast over the left field fence in the first inning.

Holding a 3-0 lead, Snyder stayed on the offensive in the second. Cade Simpson, who went 3 for 3 on the day, slapped a double, as Snyder built its advantage to 7-0.

Snyder's offense continued clicking throughout the contest, which lasted only four innings.

Meanwhile on the mound, Dustyn Williams and Cade Simpson combined to surrender only four hits. Williams struck out two Clyde batters through three innings, while Simpson fanned two more in one inning of relief.

In other action at Sweetwater, Eastland pounded Dyess, 20-5; Abilene Western knocked off Hamlin, 14-2; and Lone Star downed Coleman, 12-1.

Two more local teams will be in action this evening at home, while Snyder Junior All-Stars travel to Abilene.

Moffett Field, host site of the senior bracket, will feature a Snyder-Coleman match-up at 6 p.m., followed by an Abilene Southwest-Eula showdown at 8:30.

Matthew Grimmett is the expected starter for Snyder on the mound.

At Logan Field, Snyder Major All-Stars will take to the diamond at 6 p.m. to battle Sweetwater. That contest will be followed by Tri-County vs. Colorado City at 8 o'clock.

A Snyder victory would move the squad into a winners' bracket game Tuesday at 8 against Rotan.

At Abilene's Redbud Park, Snyder Junior All-Stars square off with Sweetwater at 6 p.m. A win over Sweetwater moves Snyder into the next round against Merkel at 6 o'clock Wednesday.

10-YEAR-OLD ALL-STARS at Sweetwater

Snyder	3	4	2	1	—	10	10	1
Clyde	0	0	0	0	—	0	4	2

Snyder: Eric Martinez, home run and single; Cade Simpson, double and two singles; Domingo Luera, double; Barrett Bowlin, Cale Lancaster, Nicholas Martinez and Dustyn Williams, single.

6-man all-star teams feature 4 local athletes

For two Hermleigh graduates and a pair of ex-Coyotes, their six-man athletic careers aren't over just yet.

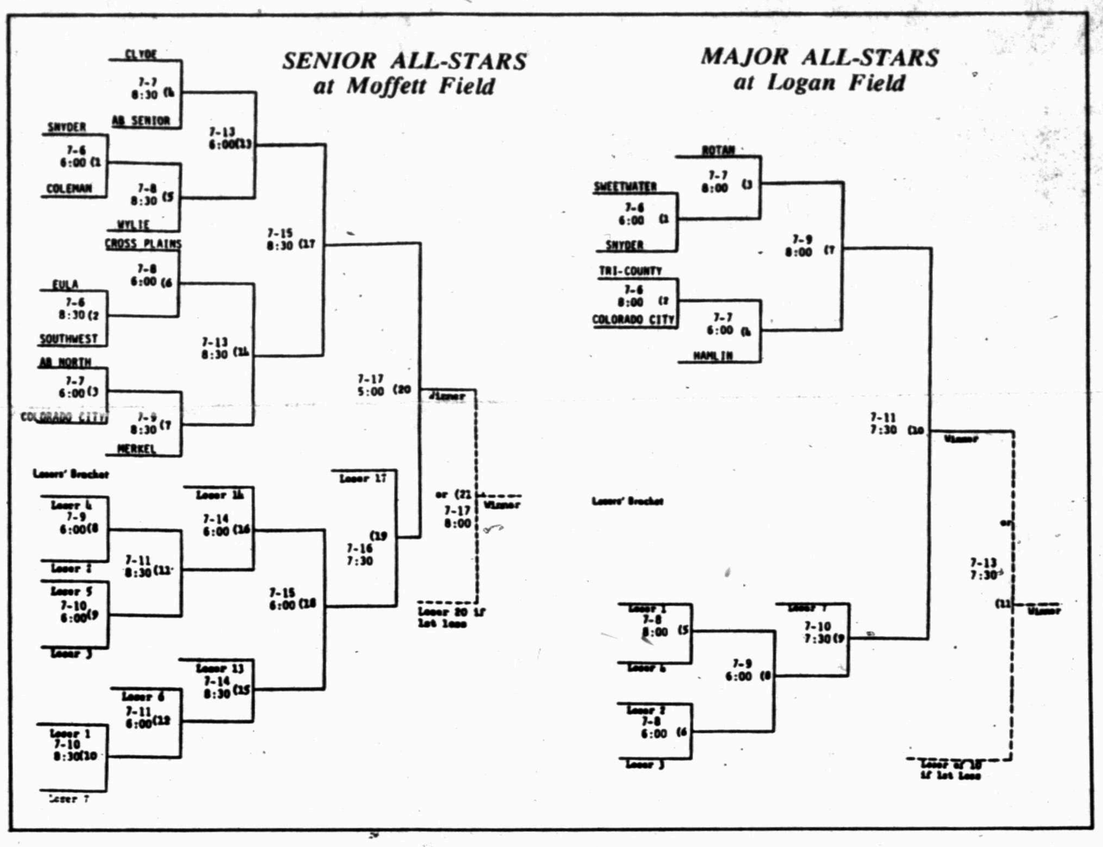
Cardinal basketball standouts Larry Lambaren and Jason Hernandez will suit up for the West All-Stars this week at Texas Six-Man All-Star Week in Lubbock.

While Lambaren and Hernandez will be on the court, Borden County's Oscar Baeza and Bryce Dye will represent the West squad on the gridiron.

The week's activities consist of practice sessions for the all-star teams and a coaches clinic. The week wraps up with four all-star basketball games and the annual Texas Six-Man Football All-Star Game.

Lambaren and Hernandez will compete Saturday afternoon at 2:30 at Lubbock Monterey. Baeza and Dye will hit the field Saturday evening at 7:30 at Lowery Field.

Tickets are $5 per game, or a pass good for all sessions can be purchased for $8.



Rangers 8, Mariners 4...

Gonzalez blasts 2 HRs, 101st RBI

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez became the second player in baseball history with at least 100 RBIs at the All-Star break. And the Texas Rangers' right fielder accomplished his four-RBI night against Randy Johnson, still one of the toughest left-handers in the game.

Gonzalez hit a pair of two-run homers to boost his major league-leading RBI total to 101 as the Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 8-4 Sunday night.

"To have 100 RBIs at this point is amazing," Gonzalez said. "For this to come against a pitcher like Randy Johnson makes it even more special."

Gonzalez has the second-most RBIs before the All-Star break in major league history. Hank Greenberg of the Detroit Tigers had 103 in 1935 en route to 170.

He is also ahead of Hack Wilson's record pace of 1930 when Wilson drove in 190 runs for the Chicago Cubs. Wilson had 89 RBIs after 87 games.

"The record is not easy, but it's not impossible, either," Gonzalez said. "I need to continue to stay healthy and work hard."

Gonzalez homered in the first and seventh innings off Johnson (7-8), the 31st multi-homer game of his career. It was the 10th time this season he has driven in four or more runs in a game.

Following the second homer, Gonzalez received a standing ovation from the crowd of 38,053 at The Ballpark in Arlington.

"It was the best moment in my career," said Gonzalez. "That standing ovation was most special. This is just an exciting and happy time for me right now."

Rangers manager Johnny Oates said he is beginning to detect a growing bond between Gonzalez and the fans.

"Every once in a while you have a special night that comes around," Oates said. "There aren't too many guys who've driven in 100 runs by the All-Star break so it was a special night for Juan. He's developing a very special relationship with the fans."

Xavier Hernandez (3-1) pitched 3 2-3 innings of two-hit scoreless relief for the victory. Hernandez's relief was as important to the Rangers as Gonzalez's offense.

"They've got a very potent offense," Hernandez said of the Mariners. "You can't take anything for granted against them. I was pleased with the outcome tonight."

Bill Haselman's tie-breaking RBI single, scoring Mike Simms, in the sixth off Johnson gave the Rangers the lead for good, 5-4.

Simms also had a two-run homer in the fourth off Johnson, who has lost both his starts against Texas this season. Johnson had a career record of 13-3 against Texas prior to 1998.

Johnson allowed eight runs and nine hits in his third complete game of the season. He walked two and struck out 12, giving him 10 or more strikeouts for the 92nd time in his career and 10th time this season.

Texas extended its lead to 6-4 in the seventh on Will Clark's RBI double, and Gonzalez hit his 26th homer with Mark McLemore on second to make it 8-4.

"It's hard to believe Juan has 101 RBIs," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said. "It used to be a barometer for a very successful full season."

Rangers starter Rick Helling took a 4-1 lead into the fifth, but failed to join teammate Aaron Sele and the New York Yankees' David Cone as the AL's only other 12-game winners.

The Mariners cut the deficit to 4-3 on RBI singles by Alex Rodriguez and Ken Griffey. Helling was lifted with the bases loaded and one out, and Hernandez walked Jay Buhner to force in a run and tie the game at 4.

Seattle's David Segui made it 2-1 in the second with his 15th homer.

Astros top Arizona, 5-2

HOUSTON (AP) — Brad Ausmus drove in three runs, Moises Alou and Craig Biggio homered and Sean Bergman recorded his career-high eighth victory as the Houston Astros defeated the Arizona Diamondbacks 5-2 Sunday.

Bergman (8-4) pitched five innings, allowing five hits and two runs while walking five and striking out two. Willie Blair of Arizona suffered his major league-leading 12th loss.

Ausmus' two-run double gave Houston a 3-1 lead in the fourth. Carl Everett began the inning with a double to right and moved to third on Ricky Gutierrez' single. Ausmus' line drive down the third-base line scored both runners.

Ausmus added a RBI single in the seventh to give Houston a 5-2 lead.

The Diamondbacks had cut the lead to 3-2 in the fifth when Bergman walked David Dellucci, Travis Lee and Devon White in succession to force home Andy Fo... Bergman fanned Karim Garcia to end the inning.

Alou's homer, his 20th, came with one out in the seventh on a 1-2 pitch from Blair and increased Houston's lead to 4-2.

Sampras untouchable in title march

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — The only predictable thing about men's tennis these days is that Pete Sampras is untouchable at Wimbledon.

For the past 12 months, the world's No. 1 player had been pretty average. He lost to journeyman players, suffered from burnout and failed to get past the quarters of the U.S., Australian or French Opens.

So what happens when Sampras returns to Centre Court to defend his title at the All England Club?

He becomes Superman again.

"Now I guess I'm out of my slump," Sampras said after his 6-7 (7-2), 7-6 (11-9), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Goran Ivanisevic on Sunday, the American's fifth Wimbledon title in six years.

Two weeks on grass was enough to lift Sampras back to his dominant best and elevate him a notch higher on the list of greats.

He tied Bjorn Borg for the most Wimbledon titles in the modern era and moved within one victory of Roy Emerson's record of 12 Grand Slam championships, equalling Borg and Laver with 11.

If they played more Slams on grass, Sampras would surely be way ahead by now.

"I'm probably more comfortable on this court than any court in the world," he said. "With the surroundings, and the ball kids and everything, it just seems like it's comfortable. It's like my practice court. I've played a lot of big matches on that court and when you're comfortable playing somewhere, you're going to play well."

No kidding. Since 1992, Sampras has won 44 matches and lost two at Wimbledon.

"If there's one thing that elevates my tennis, it's this place, the court, the historical meaning that this tournament has to me as a kid growing up," he said. "It's not easy each week you play on the tour to get motivated, and I have no problem getting motivated for this one."

Sampras' victory further enhanced his status as the greatest player of his generation. Whether he is the greatest ever remains a matter of debate.

SDN Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 p.m. each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association has a 9-hole event. The Thursday format varies.

Summer league basketball

All incoming 7th-9th grade boys interested in playing summer league basketball should be at Travis Gym on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6 o'clock.

Referees and scorekeepers are provided. Cost is $20 for the four-week session.

Volleyball camp

The four-day Snyder Volleyball Camp for incoming 5th-9th grade girls will be held beginning next Monday at the SHS gym.

Cost is $40 per student, which includes a camp T-shirt. Registration deadline is Thursday.

For more information, contact SHS head coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Fast pitch clinic

A softball pitching clinic is held each Wednesday at Cates Field at 5:30.

Ages 8 & up are eligible to register. For more information, call Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Jr. golf clinic

The five-day WTC Junior Golf Clinic for ages 8-16 will be held beginning next Monday. Registration is limited to first the 45 entries.

Instruction on swing mechanics, putting, short game and vidoe analysis will be led by WTC pro Rick Kahlich and SHS coaches Matt Glenn and Primo Gonzales.

Cost is $75. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

WGA playday Tuesday

Women's Golf Association will host a playday starting at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club. Format is all irons-back nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play. Couples play is held at 5:30 p.m. each Friday.

SCC Memorial Partnership

The annual Golfers' Memorial Partnership will be held July 18-19 at Snyder Country Club. Entry for each two-man team is $150. Saturday's format is a scramble and Sunday is low ball. Shotgun starts each day are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	61	20	.753	-
Boston	52	33	.612	11
Toronto	46	42	.523	18½
Baltimore	38	50	.432	26½
TampaBay	34	52	.395	29½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	50	35	.588	-
Minnesota	40	46	.465	10½
KansasCity	38	48	.442	12½
Chicago	35	51	.407	15½
Detroit	34	50	.405	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	49	37	.570	-
Texas	48	39	.552	1½
Oakland	41	45	.477	8
Seattle	37	51	.420	13

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 3
Chicago White Sox 3, Boston 0
Toronto 8, Tampa Bay 0
Detroit 4, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 5, Cleveland 3
Texas 9, Seattle 2
Oakland 8, Anaheim 3

Sunday's Games

Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 1
Boston 15, Chicago White Sox 14
N.Y. Yankees 1, Baltimore 0
Cleveland 12, Kansas City 3
Minnesota 5, Detroit 4
Oakland 5, Anaheim 4
Texas 8, Seattle 4

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Game

All-Star Game at Denver, 8 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	59	29	.670	-
NewYork	44	39	.530	12½
Philadelphia	43	42	.506	14½
Montreal	34	52	.395	24
Florida	32	55	.368	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	53	34	.609	-
Chicago	48	39	.552	5
Milwaukee	43	42	.506	9
St.Louis	40	46	.465	12½
Pittsburgh	40	48	.455	13½
Cincinnati	39	50	.438	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	57	31	.648	-
SanFrancisco	52	37	.584	5½
LosAngeles	43	44	.494	13½
Colorado	37	52	.416	20½
Arizona	30	58	.341	27

Saturday's Games

Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 4
Los Angeles 9, San Francisco 5
Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh 4
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 1
Florida 3, Montreal 2
Arizona 7, Houston 4
Philadelphia 6, Milwaukee 5
San Diego 9, Colorado 1

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 2, 11 innings
Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 1
Florida 2, Montreal 1
Philadelphia 4, Milwaukee 3
Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 6
Houston 5, Arizona 2
San Diego 7, Colorado 2
San Francisco 3, Los Angeles 0

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Game

All-Star Game at Denver, 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	8	2	.800	-
Detroit	6	4	.600	2
NewYork	7	5	.583	2
Cleveland	5	4	.556	2½
Washington	1	10	.091	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	9	1	.900	-
Phoenix	7	3	.700	2
Sacramento	3	7	.300	6
Utah	3	8	.273	6½
LosAngeles	2	7	.222	6½

Saturday's Game

Charlotte 68, Phoenix 66

Sunday's Games

New York 62, Washington 61, OT
Sacramento 70, Utah 66

Monday's Games

Houston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.

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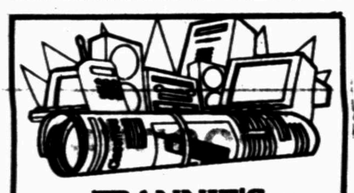
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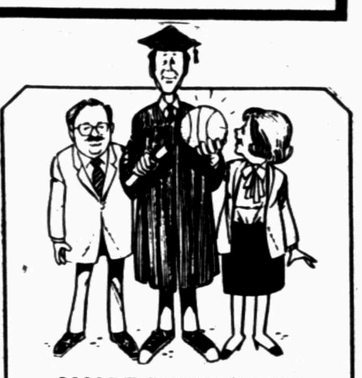
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AirTouch	60¾	60 5-16	60 9-16— 5-16
Albertsons	51⅞	51¼	51½— ⅛
AlldSignal s	44⅞	44⅛	44 9-16+ ⅛
Alltel	45 9-16	45⅛	45⅝— ⅛
AmOnline s	111¼	108⅜	110½+ 3-16
AmStoresa	23 15-16	23¾	23 13-16— 3-16
Ameritech s	45⅝	44⅛	45⅜+11-16
Amoco s	43⅝	42 13-16	43½+ 9-16
AndarkPtr s	35 5-16	34⅛	34¾— 1-16
Amcoinc	6¼	6 5-16	6⅜— 1-16
AtlRichfld	80⅜	80⅛	80 7-16— ⅛
ATMOS Egy	30 5-16	30	30 5-16+ ⅛
Aviall	14 5-16	14	14 5-16+ ⅜
BakerHughes	34⅜	33¾	33¾— 1
BellAtl s	47 5-16	46 9-16	47⅛+ ¾
BellSouth	68¼	67¼	67 11-16— ⅛
BethSteel	13 5-16	12 15-16	13 1-16— ⅛
BritPet	88 11-16	87⅜	88⅛— 1⅜
BurlNoSFe	100⅜	99⅞	100 — ⅛
CBS Corp	33⅜	33	33⅜+ ⅛
Caterpillar	54 9-16	54	54 5-16+ 3-16
CenSoWst	27¼	27	27⅛+ 3-16
Chevron	85⅛	84 9-16	84¾— ⅛
Chrysler	58¼	57 15-16	58 1-16+13-16
Coastal s	35¾	35⅛	35⅜+ 3-16
CocaCola	85 7-16	85	85 5-16— 1-16
ColgatePalm	89⅜	88	89 1-16+13-16
ComclMetals	32⅜	31½	32 + 7-16
Cooperin	55 15-16	55¼	55⅝— 3-16
CyprusAmax	13¾	13¼	13⅜+ 3-16
DallSemicn	30 5-16	30	30 3-16 30 5-16
DeltaAirl	134⅛	131⅛	134 + 2⅛
Dillards Inc	42 5-16	41 13-16	42⅛+ 1-16
DowChem	96⅝	96⅛	96 9-16— ⅛
DresserInd	44⅛	43 3-16	43 3-16— 1⅛
DuPont	77⅜	75 15-16	76 13-16+ ⅜
EastmanChem	62⅜	61⅛	62⅛— ⅛
EstKodak	73 5-16	72⅛	73⅜— 1-16
EDS Corp	37 15-16	37⅛	37 15-16— ⅛
Entergy	29	28 13-16	29 + 3-16
Exxon	73 3-16	72⅝	73 1-16+ 3-16
FstBksAm	18⅜	18⅛	18⅛— 1-16
Flowers	20 15-16	20⅛	20 13-16+ ⅛
FordMotor s	59⅛	57 15-16	58 15-16+1 1-16
GTE Cp	56 15-16	56 1-16	56 15-16+ ⅛
GenDynam s	47⅞	46⅝	47 5-16+ ¼
GenElec	91¼	90 7-16	91⅜+ 1
GenMills	68 3-16	68	68 1-16+ ⅛
GenMotors	70⅛	68 11-16	70⅛+ 1¼
GaPacGP s	60 1-16	59⅝	59 11-16— ½
GlobalMar	19⅛	18⅞	18⅞— ⅛
Goodrich	48⅜	47⅛	47⅝— ⅜
Goodyear s	66¼	64⅝	66 3-16+ 1¼
GtAtlPac	32⅞	32 7-16	32½— 3-16
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K mart	19⅜	19⅛	19 13-16+ 3-16
Kroger Co	45⅞	45	45⅜+ ⅜
Litton	60⅜	60⅛	60 11-16+ ⅛
LockhdMart	105⅛	104	105⅜+ ½
Lowes Cos s	42 7-16	42	42 7-16+ 9-16
Lubys	18	17 15-16	18 + 1-16
LucentTech s	84⅞	82⅝	84⅜+ 2⅛
MayDeptStrs	67⅝	66⅜	67 1-16
MediaOne	43 15-16	43 3-16	43 9-16— 5-16
Medtronic s	68	67	67⅝+ ⅜
Mobil	79 7-16	77 15-16	78⅛— 3-16
Monsanto	56⅛	55⅛	56 + 1-16
MorganJP	118 3-16	117⅛	117⅜— ⅛
Motorola	53⅛	52½	53 +15-16
NCR Corp	33 7-16	33 1-16	33⅜+ 5-16
NationsBk	82 5-16	81⅛	82⅛— ⅛
Navistar	29½	29 3-16	29 5-16+1 3-16
Norwests	38 5-16	38	38 3-16— ⅛
OryxEngy	22 11-16	22 7-16	22 11-16+ ⅛
Penney JC	73⅜	72⅛	73 5-16+ ⅛
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PepsiCo	43⅜	43	43 5-16— ⅜
PhelpDodge	56⅛	55⅜	56 7-16— 3-16
PhilipPet	49 5-16	49⅛	49⅛— 1-16
PilgrmPrd B	22⅛	22 5-16	22 5-16— ⅛
Polaroid	37⅛	36 13-16	36 13-16—1 1-16
Praxair	47	46⅛	46⅜— 3-16
ProctGamb s	92 15-16	92⅛	92 13-16+ ¼
PubSNwMx	23 1-16	22 13-16	22 15-16+ 3-16
RoyalDut	55⅜	54 15-16	55⅜— ⅛
SBC Comm s	40⅛	39 11-16	40 1-16+ 3-16
SaraLee	58 5-16	57⅛	57 15-16+ 3-16
Scripps EW	54 15-16	54 9-16	54 15-16+ 1-16
SearsRoeb	63⅜	61⅞	63⅛+1 3-16
SherwinW	33 11-16	33¼	33 11-16+ ⅛
SmthBc ADS s	62 3-16	61 7-16	61 15-16+ 7-1
SouthernCo	27 9-16	27⅛	27 7-16— ⅛
SwstAirl s	29 13-16	29¼	29 13-16+ 5-16
Sprint	70⅝	70 11-16	70⅝+ ⅛
SunCo	39 5-16	38 7-16	38 7-16— ⅛
TNP Ent	32 9-16	32 9-16	32 9-16+ 1-16
Tandy s	52 9-16	51 7-16	52 9-16+ 1⅛
TempleInland	54⅛	53⅜	54⅛+ ⅛
Tenneco	37 15-16	37⅜	37⅞+ ⅛
Texaco s	61⅛	61	61⅛— ⅜
TexInd	54 1-16	53⅜	53⅜— 3-16
TexasInst s	57⅜	56	57⅛— ⅛
TexUtil	42¾	41 13-16	42 3-16+ 7-16
Textron	73⅜	72¼	72⅝— 3-16
Travelers s	64 3-16	63¾	63⅞+ ⅛
TriconGlbR n	32 9-16	31 13-16	32 9-16+ ⅛
TrinityInds	44 5-16	43⅜	44 + ⅛
TritonEngy	36⅛	36	36⅛— ½
Tyler	9 13-16	9⅝	9 13-16+ 1-16
US West Inc	50	49¼	49⅝+13-16
USX-Marathn	36 3-16	35¾	36 1-16+ ⅛
USX-USS	33⅛	32¼	32⅛— 5-16
UnCarbde	54⅛	53 15-16	54⅛+ ⅛
UnionPacif	43	42¾	42⅞— 3-16
UnitedTech	95	94	94 13-16+11-16
Unocal	37 5-16	37 1-16	37 3-16— 1-16
Venator Grp	20⅜	20⅛	20⅛— ⅛
WalMart	60⅞	60¼	60 13-16+ ⅛
WstnGasRs	14 11-16	14⅛	14½— 3-16
WinnDixie	51⅛	51	51¼— ⅛
Xerox Corp	103⅛	102¾	103 3-16+15-16

NEA rejects unity with rival union

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The nation's largest teacher union will stay independent of its smaller rival and the AFL-CIO, at least for now.

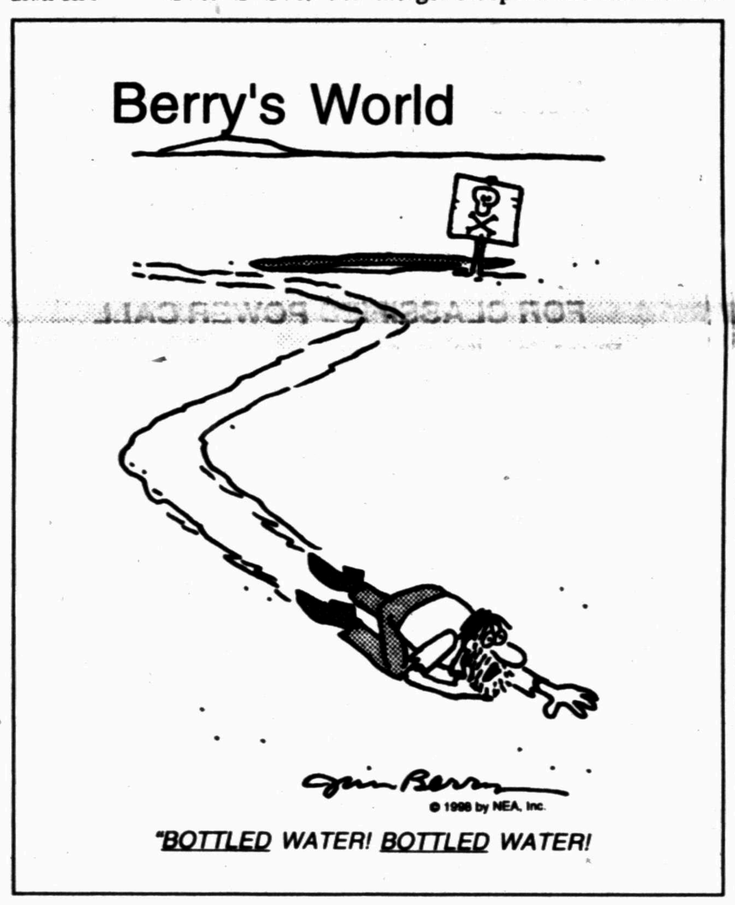
Voting Sunday, delegates representing the 2.4 million members of the National Education Association soundly rejected a merger with the 950,000-member American Federation of Teachers.

The merger would have created a super union of public employees and bring the now-independent NEA under the AFL-CIO umbrella. The AFT is part of the labor federation.

NEA President Robert F. Chase said the vote was against the merger blueprint and not the idea of unifying with the AFT to form a single voice for teachers.

The rejection was solid. A two-thirds vote of the 9,715 delegates was needed, but the margin was 58 percent against the merger and 42 percent for.

Delegates to the NEA's annual assembly were to decide today whether to continue negotiations on a more acceptable agreement or adopt an agreement to work together without merging.



Births

Cord Lane Welsh announces the birth of his sister, Tessa LeAnn Welsh, at 2:46 p.m. on June 23 in St. Mary Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed two pounds, 15 ounces.

Their parents are Chad and Michelle Welsh. Grandparents are Jim and Kathy Brooks and O.L. and Sandra Lane. Great-grandmothers are Avanell Keller and Earline Brooks.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: July 3: Ruby Holt, Donna Pruitt, Bolena Garcia, Alberto Hernandez, Robert Payne; July 4: None; July 5: Jose Salazar of Colorado City, Anthony Castro of San Angelo, Sanjuanita Guzman and Lupe Morin.

DISMISSALS: July 3: Margie Pinkerton, Opal Sorrells, Rube McKinley, Herman Richburg, Glena Roggenstein; July 4: Mary Hall, Alberta Hernandez, Kabrina Keener, Donna Pruitt, Thelma Ford, Bolena Garcia, Irene Saucedo; July 5: Don Jones, Robert Payne and Harold Malone.

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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Why do bagels go stale in the fridge?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I enjoy bagels and use them for my lunchtime sandwiches. I don't have a chance to buy fresh bagels every day, so I tend to buy a few at a time and store them at home. To keep my bagels fresh, I have tried storing them in the refrigerator, but I found that once I do that, they never taste the same. I am reluctant to leave them out, as I don't want them to go stale. To see if it was only bagels that have this problem, I tried the same with a loaf of bread. Same result: They get hard! What is it about refrigeration that ruins bagels and bread? — S.Q., Newark, N.J.

DEAR S.Q.: It seems altogether reasonable to think of refrigeration as a way to keep bread fresh. After all, many bacteria and molds — all spoilers of bread — tend to grow slower at cooler temperatures. Unfortunately, refrigerator temperature has a unique effect on bread that actually works at cross purposes to what you are trying to accomplish. There is a better way, but first let's find out why the refrigerator is ruining your bread.

Bread goes stale when its starch undergoes a change in structure. There are actually two different types of starches in bread. Over time, each starch changes from a random to a more rigid arrangement. The first starch becomes rigid as the freshly baked bread cools from oven temperature to room temperature. If you have baked bread, you may have noticed that right-out-of-the-oven bread has a soft, almost marshmallow-like texture that makes it difficult to slice. If allowed to cool a bit, though, the first starch sets up, the bread gets structure and the loaf slices normally.

The settling of the second starch takes up to a week. As this starch changes, the texture of the bread shifts from soft to hard, or, as we call it, stale. Although stale bread has a dried-out appearance, loss of moisture is not the complete explanation — a loaf will turn stale even in a well-sealed, unopened package. Time and temperature, it turns out, are the key.

Refrigerator temperature (40 degrees Fahrenheit) causes the second starch to settle faster. That makes storing bread via refrigeration a mixed blessing. Your bread doesn't get moldy because the cool temperature slows the growth of spoilage micro-organisms, but the bread loses its softness and goes stale in about a day.

Freezing may provide a solution. Freezer temperatures not only inhibit mold, but the settling of the second starch comes to a halt. If you are unable to get through your bagels, consider putting them in the freezer. If it is bread you are concerned about, split the loaf after purchase and store half in the freezer. Whatever you store, always make sure the package is well sealed.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Please forgive the indelicacy of this question, but is there something in asparagus that makes my urine smell? My husband and I eat it every now and then and I always seem to notice a telltale odor the next time I visit the bathroom. I only notice it after asparagus. My husband doesn't have the same problem. — G.A., Nashville, Tenn.

DEAR G.A.: Asparagus, garlic and onion are members of the lily family. These vegetables all have sulfur-containing compounds that can give rise to distinctive odors. In the case of asparagus, though, the peculiar odor isn't noticeable in the raw vegetable. Rather, it comes from metabolic byproducts that are present in the urine after the asparagus is eaten. Consider it a sign of distinction, as these harmless, yet malodorous, compounds do not appear to be produced in everyone.

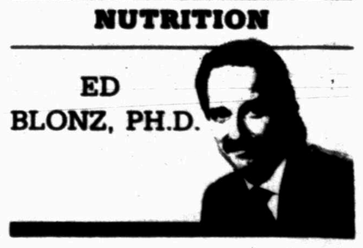
Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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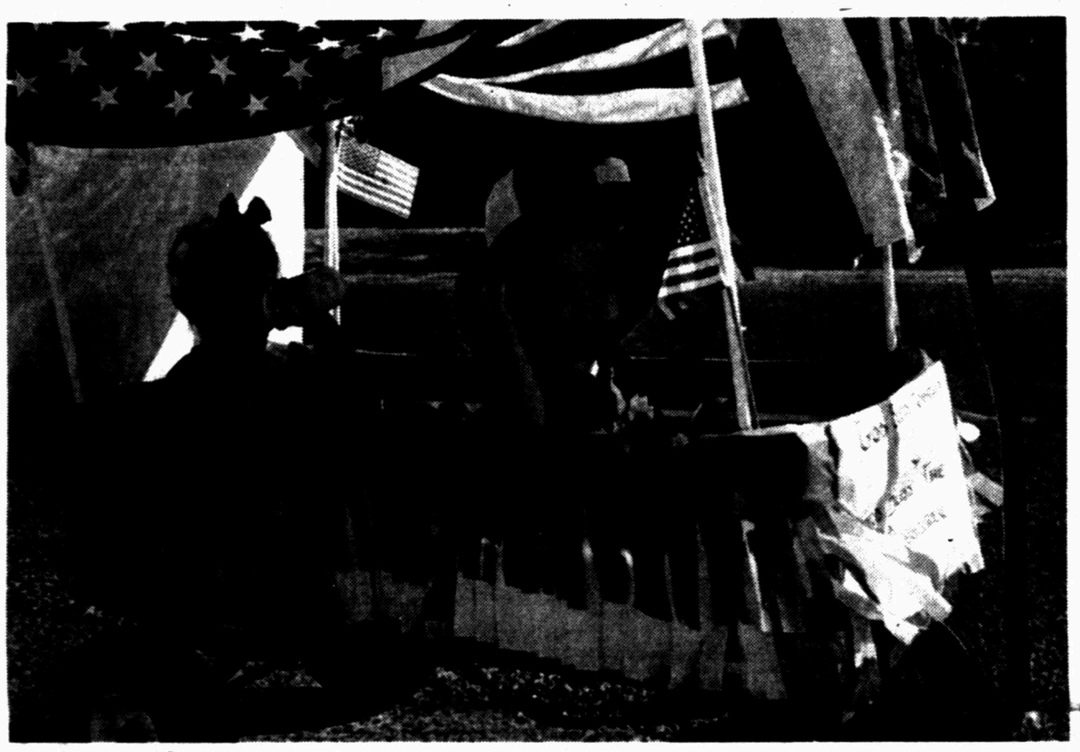
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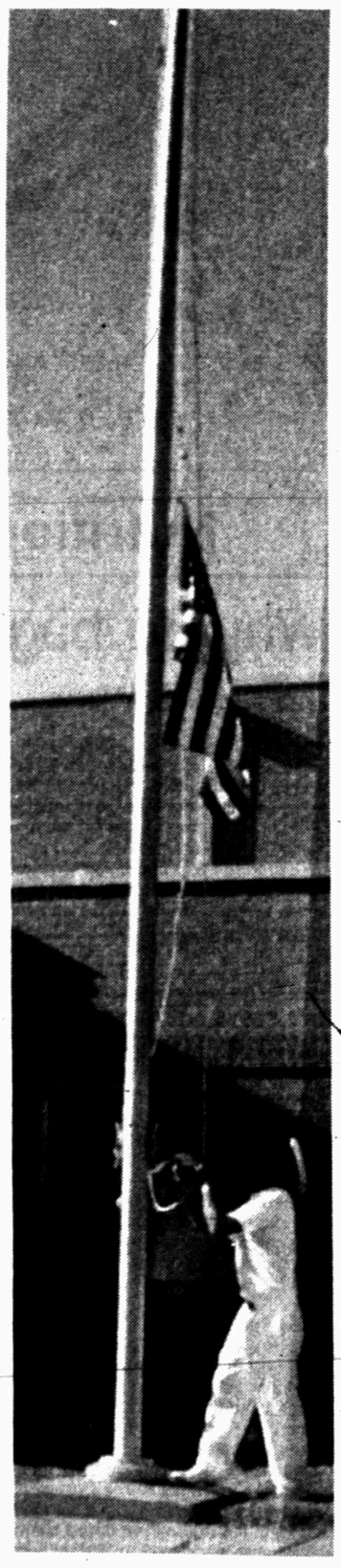


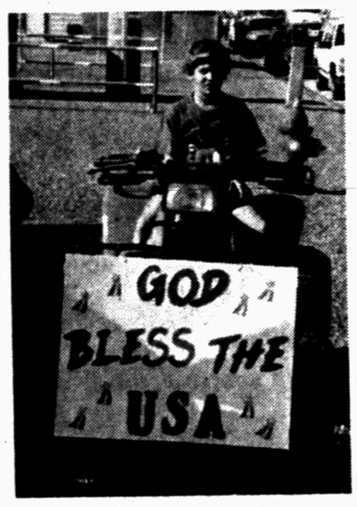


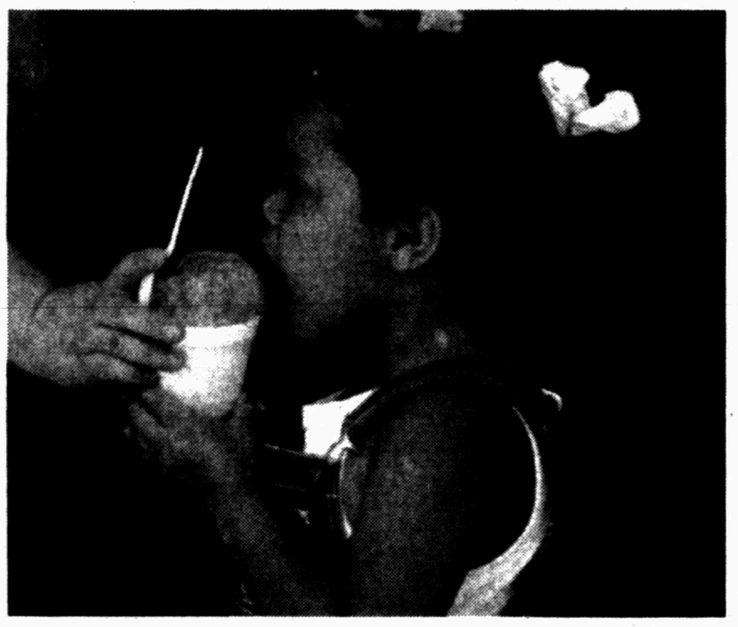


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Mystery of outlaw's life and death may be unearthed

DALLAS (AP) — The body of thrice-hanged Texas outlaw Bloody Bill Longley, whose burial site has long been missing, could be unearthed in central Texas this week.

Scientists are set to excavate an unmarked grave on Saturday in Giddings, the town 180 miles south of Dallas where the outlaw was finally executed. The plot is one of dozens they've explored in their lengthy search for the bones of the missing and storied gunslinger.

"It's promising," University of Texas at Arlington researcher Brooks Ellwood told The Dallas Morning News in a story for Sunday's editions.

Samples taken from the suspected grave suggest that it is more than a century old. And research based on old photos indicates the site is where Longley's grave should be, the newspaper reported.

Born in 1851 in Austin County, Longley was first hanged by anti-rustling zealots in Arkansas, but somehow lived through it. Legend holds that he was either cut down after the lynching broke up, or that one of the departing vigilantes fired a parting shot that by chance cut the rope from which Bloody Bill dangled.

The crime that got him officially sentenced to death was the fatal shotgunning of Wilson Anderson as he plowed on his Lee County farm in 1875. Longley apparently suspected the farmer had slain his cousin, Cale Longley.

Bill Longley got away, but was captured two years later in Louisiana and brought back to Giddings, where he was convicted and sent to the gallows.

At the Oct. 11, 1878, proceedings, the condemned man, who once boasted of killing more than 30 deserving people, told the crowd that he had miscounted.

Not easily, however. When the trap door fell from under his feet, Longley dropped all the way to the ground and collapsed in a very-much-alive heap.

Officials quickly hoisted Longley and launched him into eternity — or myth — making it the third time he danced on air.

From there, his body was reportedly buried in the town's cemetery.

A piece of petrified wood was placed on the Longley plot as a marker. But it was carelessly moved about the cemetery, and the grave was lost.

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MOST PATRIOTIC FLOAT — The annual spectacular July 4 celebration was opened with a prayer breakfast, a flag raising ceremony and a parade, all in Towle Park. First place for the Most Patriotic float went to the VFW, shown above. Other winners included Best All-around, Stars "R" Us, and the Most Original float went to Western Texas College. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

9 arrests keep officers busy

Continual reports of fireworks and nine arrests kept area law enforcement personnel busy over the Fourth of July weekend.

Officers arrested a 23-year-old male at 3:01 p.m. Friday in the 2700 block of Towle Park Road on city warrants for no liability insurance and failure to appear.

A 35-year-old male was taken into custody by officers in the 1200 block of 22nd at 1:03 p.m. Saturday for assault and family violence.

At 6:58 p.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 20-year-old male at 37th Street and Avenue E for capias pro fine out of city court.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers arrested a 28-year-old male at 8:13 p.m. Saturday for Class C possession of drug paraphernalia.

A 36-year-old male was arrested by officers at 11:24 p.m. Saturday in the 600 block of 25th for outstanding county warrants for assault and family violence and failure to appear.

At 11:28 p.m. Saturday, officers took a 26-year-old male into custody in the 2500 block of Towle Park Road for Class C assault and family violence.

A 26-year-old female was arrested by officers at 2:53 a.m. Sunday in the 1800 block of Scott Street for assault and family violence.

DPS Troopers took a 30-year-old male into custody on U.S. 84 at 7:48 p.m. Sunday on a warrant for speeding out of Nolan County.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old male at 8:43 p.m. Sunday on F.M. 1609 for assault and family violence and transported the subject to Big Spring State Hospital.

In other activity, a citation for discharging fireworks in the city limits was issued at 9:46 p.m. Friday in the 700 block of 30th Street.

At 12:13 Saturday morning, a second citation for fireworks was issued at the intersection of Smith Street and Avenue O.

Officers issued another citation for fireworks at 9:04 p.m. Saturday in the 700 block of 28th.

Following a report of a prowler in a vendor booth in Towle Park at 4:27 a.m. Saturday, officers filed an offense report for burglary of a habitation.

An offense report for dog bite was filed at 9:38 a.m. Saturday in the 3000 block of 39th.

At 7:18 p.m. Sunday, officers filed an offense report for state jail felony theft in reference to the theft of rings from a vehicle while it was parked in Towle Park.

Three juveniles were transported to the police department from Wal-mart at 6:30 p.m. Sunday for shoplifting and later released to their parents.

Obituaries



Dixie Glass

Dixie Glass

1909-1998

Dixie Lee Glass, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died Saturday, July 4, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Glass, 89, was held at 10 a.m. today in the East Side Church of Christ. Tom Holcomb, minister, officiated. Burial followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 13, 1909 in Snyder, she married E.B. "Pete" Glass on Dec. 3, 1932 in Snyder. He died in 1985.

The Glass family farmed in the Inadale, Pyron, Lone Wolf and Crowder communities. In the 1940s, they operated a combination grocery, service station, feed store and produce depository in Fluvanna.

Mrs. Glass was a homemaker and a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

She was also preceded in death by one sister and two brothers.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Peggy Glass of Midland, Wayland and Huanna Glass and Wayne and Margaret Glass, all of Snyder; two sisters, Mozell Hall and Loree Klutts, both of Snyder; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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Alvin Jones

1923-1998

SEMINOLE, Okla. — Alvin Wayne Jones, the father of David Jackson of Snyder, died Wednesday, July 1, at his home in Seminole, Okla.

Funeral service for Mr. Jones, 74, was held this morning in the Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel.

Born Dec. 7, 1923 in Flippen, Ark., he married Betty Lou Davis on April 18, 1982. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Highway Baptist Church and VFW in Sweetwater.

Mr. Jones had owned Jones Garage in Sweetwater for 28 years before moving to Seminole where he worked for Power Transmission, the city and the county.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Jones of Seminole; three other sons, Wayne Jones of Sweetwater and Danny Jackson and Dennis Jackson, both of Seminole; three daughters, Jennifer Green of Sweetwater, Donna Cooper of Abilene and Debbie Winn of Seminole; three brothers, Howard Jones of Orange Grove, Cecil Jones of Nixia, Mo., and Jimmy Greggs of Oklahoma City; three sisters, Edna Knight of Greenbay, Wis., Mary Joe Davis of Oklahoma City and Sharon Admire of Nacona; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

GM and UAW resume talks

FLINT, Mich. (AP) — General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers resumed negotiations today in efforts to end strikes at two of GM's parts plants that have idled thousands of workers.

Negotiations during the weekend were "somewhat constructive" but yielded no agreement, GM spokesman Pete Ternes said.

"I think it's just the sense that both sides see the urgency" of ending the strikes, Ternes said. "But we haven't made any progress."

Separate talks between top-level negotiators were also planned today, said Norm McComb, first vice president of UAW Local 659. UAW Vice President Dick Shoemaker and GM labor chief Gerald A. Knechtel have met previously to discuss a framework for a settlement.

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Rogers

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(some references say Sly) on Nov. 5, 1911, in Cincinnati, of part-Indian ancestry. The family moved to California in 1930.

He made his first mark as a singer in the mid-'30s, co-founding the group the Pioneer Trio, soon renamed the Sons of the Pioneers. The group, which continued for many years with various changes in personnel, was popular on radio and for hit records such as "Tumbling Tumbleweeds" and "Cool Water."

Rogers' first film appearances were as a member of the Sons in films such as "Rhythm on the Range." He left the group in the late '30s as his film career prospered.

"I heard a rumor they were testing for singing cowboys out at Republic," he once said. "I guess you could say it was fate." He recalled that the only way he was able to get in the studio was by waiting until the workers began returning from lunch and sneaking in with them.

Wrote Variety of one of his early pictures, 1938's "Under Western Stars": "In Roy Rogers producers present a cowboy who looks like a wrangler, is a looker, an actor and a singer. Pushed into a quick starring spot after only a couple of appearances as supporter, he lives up to every expectation and then some."

Rogers replaced Autry as Republic Studios' top cowboy when Autry took time out to serve as a flier in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

He was teamed with Miss Evans, a radio singer and sometime actress, in "Cowboy and the Senorita," 1944.

They married in 1947, 14 months after his first wife, Arlene, died. Miss Evans, born Frances Octavia Smith in Uvalde, Texas, became known as "Queen of the Cowgirls."

After they left Republic, Rogers got locked in a legal dispute with the studio's longtime chief, Herbert Yates, over whether actors had the right to share in the profits when their films were sold to television. Rogers won a lower court decision but lost in the U.S. Supreme Court.

He later blamed the battle for drying up movie offers after 1953. But his and Miss Evans' television show kept them in the spotlight.

The couple became well known for their Christian beliefs and spoke at many religious gatherings, including some of evangelist Billy Graham's. She wrote several inspirational books.

Family tragedy tested their faith more than once. They had nine children — two born to Rogers and his first wife, one adopted by Rogers and his first wife, one born to Miss Evans and her first husband, one born to Rogers and Miss Evans, three adopted by Rogers and Miss Evans, and one by foster parenthood.

Rogers' and Evans' daughter Robin, who was retarded, died of complications of the mumps shortly before her second birthday in 1952. Dale wrote her first book, "Angel Unaware," about Robin.

Korean-born Debbie, one of the couple's adopted children, was killed with seven others in a 1964 church bus crash, and the following year, their adopted son John choked to death while serving in the Army in Germany.

"In the Bible, it doesn't say you're going to get by without having troubles," Rogers once said. "I'm not a fanatic about religion. I think it's a practical way of life."

"People say, 'How can you be in the motion picture business and be a Christian?'" he once said. "I say, 'Why not?' If the good Lord hadn't wanted me in the picture business, I wouldn't be in it."

Rogers is survived by Miss Evans; his son by his first marriage, Roy Rogers Jr.; daughter by his first marriage, Linda Lou Johnson; adopted daughter by his first marriage, Cheryl Barnett; adopted daughter of Rogers and Miss Evans, Dodie Sailors.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Avenue D Baptist VBS

Vacation Bible School at Ave. D. Baptist Church is being held daily from 9 a.m. until noon through Friday for grades K through 6. Theme is "Star Quest: A Galactic Good News Adventure."

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "What Happens After Death," followed by "Surviving Prosperity?" is set for 7 this evening.

Masons to meet

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706 will have a stated meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. followed by Snyder Chaper and Council meetings.

Bond issue kickoff breakfast

Persons in support of the proposed bond issue for Snyder ISD improvements are invited to a breakfast starting at 7 a.m. Wednesday at Rudy's.

Workforce Education classes

Western Texas College is offering two workforce education classes through its continuing education division: Introduction to the Internet and Microsoft PowerPoint 97, Basic, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 14, 16, and July 21, 23. The Internet course's LRC Computer Lab will be from 2-4 p.m. Microsoft's Workforce Computer Lab, LRC 101, will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Terri Racher will be the instructor. Each course will cost $49. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

National MS Society sets meeting

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has set a fact-finding meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday at East Elementary School. Persons in the Snyder area who have MS are encouraged to attend and share their ideas and suggestions as well as questions about the organization, it programs and operations. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT MS.

New programs at FBC

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

'Furry Tails! Funny Tales!'

Registration for summer reading and read-to-me programs for children is underway at Scurry County Library. There are two age groups — preschoolers and non-reading children and youngsters who have completed K through 6th grade. Registration will continue through July 24 during normal library hours.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval by the American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ACS Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Oil photographs needed

Old photographs of oil scenes or events in Scurry County are wanted by the Scurry County Museum in conjunction with an Oil Appreciation Day observance on Oct. 17. The photographs will be copied and returned.

Support group ministry

Support groups for divorce recovery, cancer/grief and caring for aging parents are avalable to adults and will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at First Baptist Church. L.I.F.E. (learning to improve the family experience) is for teenagers and parents. Child care will be provided.

Pick 3

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

7-4-8

(seven, four, eight)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 16-14-39-42-10-34.
Estimated jackpot: $25 million.
Number matching six of six: 1
Winning ticket(s) sold in: Dallas, Texas.
Matching five of six: 160. Prize: $1,621.
Matching four of six: 8,683. Prize: $107.
Matching three of six: 165,160. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

Man hospitalized for more than 6 years

NEW YORK (AP) — A man beaten and left for dead on a street in 1991 has been in a hospital ever since, racking up a $3.9 million bill in the process, the New York Post reported today.

Ahsan Raja, a Pakistani immigrant in his 40s with no known family in this country, has been kept in a postsurgical ward of Elmhurst Hospital Center since doctors removed a blood clot from his brain more than six years ago.

"He has been tied up for almost seven years and has been treated worse than an animal and worse than a prisoner of war," said attorney Robert Abrams, an expert on the court-run guardian system. "The hospital has gotten paid for strapping a man to a bed."

Abrams accused the hospital of using Raja to run up a huge Medicaid bill.