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Enjoying Bluegrass Festival...





IN THE SHADE – Although attendance at the first bluegrass festival was not as high as hoped, plans are well underway for next year's event at the Wagon Wheel Music Park. "We're not discouraged because the musicians told us attendance would be light the first year," said Gayla Leary, assistant promotions director at the Wagon Wheel. "We know that everyone who did attend did have a good time and we're already getting ready for the next one." On the right, Lost and Found performs Saturday afternoon. (SDN Staff Photos by Joyce May)

Lost and Found performs on the Wagon Wheel's outdoor stage

For Farmer's Design...

County okays tax abatement

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Scurry County Commissioners' Court this morning approved a four-year abatement plan for Farmer's Design Group, a local company that specializes in jewelry display cases for department and specialty stores.

Fran Farmer, owner, requested the abatement in light of revealed plans to expand the business. The firm currently employs some 32 people and has the heart of the business operation on a 30-acre tract of land off Round Top Road.

Following a public hearing in which no citizens showed, the court designated the tract of land as a re-investment zone, action required before a tax abatement can be given.

The appraised value of Farmer's property is $210,000, but the abatement is for planned improvements on the land only. It does not include the land or existing structures.

The first year of the plan, taxes will be abated 100 percent on improvements, while the second year's taxes will only be abated 75 percent. A 50 percent abatement will be given the third year followed by a 25 percent abatement the fourth.

The company will be responsible for full taxes the fifth year.

Included in the approved plan, Farmer must create and maintain at least 10 new jobs. She has until Jan. 1, 2001 to begin the improvements and must have them completed by July 1, 2001. If not, the county can be approached for a modification.

Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz said he did not think a modification would be necessary.

"They are ready to go," he said. "They like to keep the numbers conservative so they don't have to come in and ask for a modification."

The abatement plan does not include a specified payroll for the business, that would be at Farmer's discretion, Fritz added.

In a related item, the commissioners' first item of business was to re-adopt the county's guidelines on tax abatements. No changes to the plan were made.

In other business, the court also signed a proclamation declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

One line-item transfer and three budget amendments were also granted.

A line-item transfer in the amount of $9,152.98 was approved for the Scurry County Library, moving the funds from the maintenance department line to the library's repair line for two air conditioners that were replaced.

A budget amendment also was approved for the library, adding $5,000 into the budget for part-time help.

Also approved was a budget amendment for Precinct 4 in the amount of $11,000. The additional funds include $8,000 for fuel, oil and grease and $3,000 for repairs.

A budget amendment for $17,500 was granted to the Scurry County Airport for repairs to the terminal building and to replace a fence along the north side of the airport entrance.

The county's actual cost will only be $8,750 as the Texas Department of Transportation will reimburse the county one-half of the cost of the project.

The bills were also approved for payment.

Fritz presided and all commissioners were present to include Chloanne Lindsey, Howard Limmer, Roy Idom and Ralph Trevey.

Fund-raising event needs volunteer help

Persons wanting to help with the "Be Nice to Bryce" event on Oct. 22 will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the chamber of commerce.

The event is being held to raise money for Bryce Doty, a seven-year-old second grader at Stanfield Elementary, who is undergoing treatment for the effects of a stroke he suffered at birth.

The fund-raising event will be held from 12:30-5:30 p.m. on the Sunday afternoon and will feature a silent auction, a brisket dinner and entertainment.

Approximately $20,000 needs to be raised for Bryce's treatments because insurance does not cover them.

Also, donations are needed of briskets, chips, auction items and money to pay for expenses of band members who are otherwise volunteering their time for the event.

Bush encouraged as he heads to debate

AUSTIN (AP) — George W. Bush is heading to the first showdown with Al Gore, encouraged by news the two are tied in two traditionally Democratic-leaning states.

At his ranch in Crawford, Texas, a two-hour drive from Austin, the Republican presidential nominee and Texas governor said over the weekend that he sees the rest of the election campaign as a sprint.

"We've got five weeks to go," he said. "Three weeks of debates and two weeks of turning out the vote. I like to come here to this place to get my batteries recharged. It helps clear my mind."

Bush was stopping Monday in traditionally Democratic West Virginia on his way to Boston for the candidates' first debate, potentially the most influential of any presidential election since 1960. His campaign tried to keep expectations low by emphasizing Gore's years of experience debating in Congress.

"The governor has not been debating all his life, that's for sure," campaign chairman Don Evans said Monday. "The vice president spent the better part of his career debating ... while the governor's been leading."

After a weekend of rehearsal, Evans said Bush was ready to show that "he's prepared for this job, to lift and lead America." The debate audience will see "a man that's of total integrity, a man who has a great mind and a big heart, and an extraordinary leader," he predicted on NBC's "Today."

Gore's wife, Tipper, acknowledged that Bush was "a likable, engaging fellow" and said Gore's goal was to focus on issues that matter to working people and stay relaxed.

Illegal credit card use investigated

Another report of credit card abuse from the Best Western Motel has been filed with the Snyder Police Department.

Nelda Tillison of Athens contacted local police at 11:01 a.m. Sunday in reference to someone using her credit card number in order to make long distance telephone calls.

The incident is the latest in a number of similar reports.

Sgt. Brian Haggard said in September that he expected additional reports to be filed.

A former Best Western Motel clerk is suspected, but no arrest has been made. Sgt. Haggard said this morning that the case remains under investigation.

There have been at least four other reports. In all incidents, the culprit has used the motel guests' credit card numbers to make long distance calls.

Council will hear landfill bid prices

Snyder city council will review bids on additional cells to the city's sanitary landfill when it meets at 6:30 this evening.

Jeff Arrington, engineer with Freese & Nichols Inc., will present the bids.

It was expected the new cells would cost over $1 million, but BNC Environmental Services Inc., submitted a bid of $827,472,20.

In a letter to the council, Arrington said BNC has offices in Midland, Houston, Dallas and Austin and he believes the company is well-qualified to perform the landfill cell work.

The council will also hear from Development Corporation of Snyder executive director John DeLille on the DCOS' budget for 2000-01.

Other items on the agenda include the first reading of an ordinance related to the public's use of city right-of-ways, the quarterly investment report and a resolution granting Cox Communications authority to operate the cable TV company within the city limits for another month.

This action is necessary pending the renewal of the cable TV franchise agreement.

Also on the agenda is the discussion of goals and objectives of the city for the coming fiscal year.

ASK US

Q—What is Rep. Charlie Stenholm's phone number in Washington D.C.?
A— 202-225-6605.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 95 degrees; low, 60; high Sunday, 88; low, 52; 7 a.m. Monday, 60; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear; low, lower 60s; S wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, sunny, continued warm; high upper 90s; S wind 5-15 mph.



Andrew Collier
Sunny

Sunset:
7:28 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:39 a.m.
Of 275 days in Snyder, the sun has shone 272 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The worst use that can be made of success is to boast of it.

Texas lags behind in mental health funding

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas doesn't provide adequate care for children with mental illness, parents and mental health advocates say, leaving many families desperate and bankrupt as they try to find help for their children.

Texas ranks 43rd nationally in funding for its mental health system and many children must do without treatment, the Austin American-Statesman reported in Sunday's editions.

Parents, running out of options, sometimes file minor charges against their children so they will go to juvenile jail, making them eligible for more mental health services. Others give up care of their children to the state.

More than 655,000 Texas children suffer mental health problems, ranging from depression to schizophrenia, the newspaper said.

Many need intensive help, services like hospitalization or residential treatment. In Texas, only the bare necessities of medicine, therapy and some training are offered, and can take weeks to receive.

"I call it 'Solomon's choice,' " said Deborah Bradley Berndt, children's services director for the state Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. "Do you spend $50,000 to give one kid six to nine months in residential care? Or do you use that money to serve 30 kids in the community?"

Many mentally ill children end up in the state juvenile prison system. Of the 5,524 children in the Texas Youth Commission system in August 1999, 42 percent were diagnosed with high mental health needs, the newspaper said.

After years of trying to control her son's tantrums, Austin resident Mattie Dixon let police take 11-year-old David to juvenile jail last year.

"There is no help," Dixon said. "I didn't know what else to do."

Hospitalization isn't always an option, since 25 percent of the state's mental hospital beds, about 900, have been cut since 1992. In addition, many private psychiatric hospitals are closing because of financial problems, said Amanda Engler, spokeswoman for Texas Hospital Association. In 1998, Texas had 47 private psychiatric hospitals. Today, there are 34. Parents must often battle insurance companies to reimburse them for private care, said Melanie Gantt, director of public policy for the Mental Health Association in Texas.

Austin residents Sherri Gothart-Barron and her husband, Kevin, looked for years for help for their son, Chance, who has a disorder in the part of his brain that controls emotions, resulting in outbursts of rage. At 3, when he violently fought being taken to school day after day, his mother asked Chance what he wanted her to do.

"I want you to take me where I can be by myself and die," he answered without hesitation.

He celebrated his sixth birthday at the Austin State Hospital. By the time he was 8, he was a regular at psychiatric hospitals, and had been kicked out of 10 daycare centers.

His parents were financially ruined. They had defaulted on a $16,000 car loan and $4,500 in credit card bills. They decided to give their son to the state, making him eligible for federal money for long-term treatment. But a social worker told his parents that if they gave him up, they would be labeled as bad parents by the state and risk losing custody of their baby, Cheyenne.

Some states are seeking more money to help children like Chance. Others have developed community programs to help the entire family. In some cities, agencies pool money to address children's mental health needs.

Texas has not come up with funding or innovative programs for mentally ill children, said Christine Siegfried, senior director of justice programs for the National Mental Health Association.

Do other states have mentally ill children? Yes," she said. "Do other states have mentally ill children in detention centers? Yes. Have other states stepped up to the plate to answer these problems? Yes. ... But there is a lack of political will to invest in children in Texas."

Judge rejects 2nd attempt to reopen Davidian lawsuit

WACO (AP)— A federal judge has rejected a second attempt by plaintiffs in the Branch Davidian wrongful-death lawsuit to reopen the case regarding allegations that the FBI shot into the sect's compound outside Waco.

Attorneys David T. Hardy and Jim Brannon asked U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. to reconsider his ruling that rejected the notion that flashes picked up on FBI infrared video on the final day of the 51-day siege were muzzle blasts from FBI weapons.

In a ruling last week, the judge said the request was "without merit," the Waco Tribune-Herald reported.

Brannon said Sunday that it was his impression that "the judge was not going to let anything get in the way of his ruling, incluing the facts. His mind was made up a long time ago."

The plaintiffs alleged that another gunfire test performed in early September near Fort Collins, Colo., shows flaws in how a March 19 test at Fort Hood was conducted. The test was in conjunction with the lawsuit and Special Counsel John Danforth's investigation.

The lawsuit arose from the standoff that started Feb. 28, 1993, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents attempted to search the Davidian compound for illegal weapons and arrest sect leader David Koresh. Four agents and six Davidians were killed in an ensuing gun battle that triggered the sect's standoff with the government.

Danforth, the civil jury in Smith's court and Smith's judgment in the case absolved the government of wrongdoing in the initial raid and in the April 19, 1993, fire that ended the standoff. Koresh and about 80 followers perished in the blaze that destroyed the compound hours after FBI agents began a tear-gassing operation designed to end the ordeal.

An infrared expert for the plaintiffs has said that the flashes on the forward-looking infrared (FLIR) videotape taken from an FBI surveillance airplane can be attributed to gunfire from government sniper locations.

Smith removed the gunfire issue from the trial because a court-appointed infrared expert from England was ill and couldn't testify at trial. Smith later ruled on the issue based on evidence previously submitted after an attorney for the majority of the plaintiffs said after the four-week trial that he no longer was willing to pursue the matter.

The court's expert determined that the flashes were sunlight reflecting off debris.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2000

The year ahead could be a pivotal one for you in clarifying your thinking and the direction in which you'd like your life to take. Defining your aims will put you onto a beneficial course.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It's okay to appoint others to take on some critical assignments today to accomplish a common goal, but don't relinquish the catbird seat. You're the one who can direct a winning team. 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.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Give your most significant financial matters the attention they need today and there's every reason to believe you can chalk up some solid numbers. Good fortune is in your corner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Rather than attempting to sway an entire group to your way of thinking today, isolate its key members, who can influence the rest. One-on-one talks will be more effective.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Now is the day to ask for the assistance you need to complete an intricate assignment. Chances are the response you're seeking will be forthcoming.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Through people with whom you're involved socially today several pleasant happenings could occur. This even goes so far as to endorse mixing business with pleasure.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Something rather significant might develop for you today that could contribute to your prosperity and well being. Stay on your toes so that you'll be able to take advantage of it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even though it is important to you to be your own person, today you will be luckier if you team up with a partner who can offer much input. A good union serves as a multiplier.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't leave any stones unturned today regarding ways to make or save money. Your financial prospects look especially promising for you at this time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What will help you significantly today is your ability to knit together bits and pieces of information concerning social issues that are important to you. Let this guide you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of listening to dissenting factions about how a critical matter should or should not be managed, rely more upon your own innate sense of what is right or wrong and act accordingly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today may offer you the chance to have a wish fulfilled, so don't put limitations on your hopes and drives. Someone who thinks on a grand scale could inspire you to strive for something big.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If something you hoped would make you money didn't work yesterday, try for it again. Today could bring you the luck denied you previously.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Raising child with disability is journey full of surprise

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, a mother of a disabled child sent you a moving essay, "Welcome to Holland." It became one of my most treasured pieces, but unfortunately I have lost my copy. Could you please reprint it for me and your readers? — A GRANDMA IN NASHVILLE

DEAR GRANDMA: With pleasure. I am frequently asked to reprint the essay written by Emily Perl Kingsley, a wonderful mother whose child had Down syndrome. October is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month, and this essay is dedicated to the parents and grandparents of all children who cope with disabilities.

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WELCOME TO HOLLAND
by Emily Perl Kingsley

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability — to try to help people who have not shared the unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this ...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip — to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum. Michelangelo's "David." The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The flight attendant comes and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!" you say. "What do you mean, Holland? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's been a change in the flight plan. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guidebooks. You must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around, and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills, Holland has tulips, Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy, and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life, you will say, "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain of that will never, ever, ever go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss.

But if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland.

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Readers, this is Abby again: For information about Down syndrome, and to be put in touch with local Down syndrome organizations, write to the National Down Syndrome Congress, 7000 Peachtree-Dunwoody Road NE, Building 5, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30328-1655. Its hotline — (800) 232-NDSC (6372) — also offers a wealth of information on any subject related to Down syndrome. A telephone call can provide you with that difficult-to-find information or assist you in establishing contact with other parents of children with Down syndrome. The Web site is: www.ndsccenter.org.

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Conjoined twins are separated by surgery

SEATTLE (AP) — After 23 hours in surgery, seven-month-old twins Charity and Kathleen Lincoln, who were born conjoined from the bottom of the breastbone to the hip, became separate beings on Sunday.

Both were in critical condition after coming through about seven additional hours of reconstructive work after the separation, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center spokeswoman Georgia Taylor said.

"It went extraordinarily well," said Dr. Richard Molteni, medical director at the hospital. "They're very stable and look well."

Molteni, who described the surgery as a highly complex separation, estimated that the girls had about an 85 percent chance of survival in the first month after surgery. Their prospects were expected to improve after that.

The procedure involved at least 10 doctors and began at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. Charity was out of surgery at about 1 p.m. Sunday, followed an hour and a half later by Kathleen.

When joined, the Lincoln twins shared one of three legs. It was removed, along with the hip from each girl. Reconstructive surgery, using bone from that shared leg, replaced about one-third of the pelvis on each girl.

"It may be possible that someday they may be able to walk with crutches and use a wheelchair part of the time," Taylor said.

The twins had also shared part of the large intestine.

Inmates work side by side with Wyoming firefighters

DEVILS TOWER NATIONAL MONUMENT, Wyo. (AP) — After a long summer battling wildfires that have burned millions of acres of Western forests, most firefighters are returning home. Not Dean Hyde.

His homecoming won't come until 2004, his scheduled release from prison for a drug offense.

Hyde, 51, is a member of the Smokebusters, a firefighting squad comprising low-risk inmates in the Wyoming Department of Corrections.

"I enjoy fighting fire," said Hyde, who has spent more than 700 hours on the fire lines this summer. "There's a different camaraderie and work ethic. Everyone seems to work together out there."

On a recent evening, Hyde and two dozen fellow inmates waited patiently outside the Crook County Saloon for a spaghetti dinner, a reward from residents for containing fires near Devils Tower.

"That program works," said Veronica Canfield, Crook County's emergency management coordinator, as she monitored fire reports from a makeshift command center at the saloon. "They are the nicest guys. They know how to fight fires. They've saved our butts."

Earlier this summer, the Smokebusters halted a fire four miles from the ranch of Bruce Zube.

"It's the best investment of taxpayer money I've ever seen," Zube said.

Zube, who volunteered to help feed the crew at the saloon, was taken aback by their politeness.

"Three of them told me 'sir' and I about slapped them," he joked.

Most Western states have prison firefighting teams. California has several thousand inmate firefighters.

The Wyoming Smokebusters are incarcerated at the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp in Newcastle, 70 miles from Devils Tower. They fight fires throughout Wyoming and in South Dakota's Black Hills.

Including the 38-member team, about 140 inmates are housed at the lower-security camp instead of the state penitentiary.

"We would not have any death-row type murderers," said Michael Mitchell, the camp warden.

Prisoners who opt for the camp forestry program and pass stringent training and fitness tests earn the chance to become Smokebusters.

The team is supervised by the Wyoming Forestry Division and has been around since 1966, program manager Rob Akers said.

"I've had every conceivable crime," he said of offenses committed by team members. "Everything from forgery to murder to drug deals to anything you can think of."

But in his 20 years with the program, there has never been an escape.

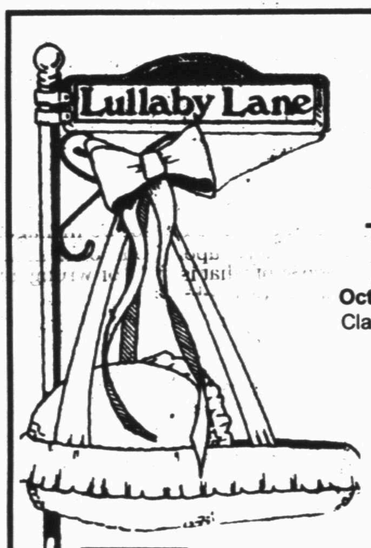
Whether on fire lines or performing mundane community work such as trimming weeds at the state fairgrounds, the crew is always supervised. As members sipped soft drinks on the saloon's wooden boardwalk — they are not allowed alcohol — a supervisor kept watch.

Team members are paid. Wages start at $1 an hour and can double after 25 fires. It's not the $8.71 that first-year national firefighters earn, but no one is complaining.

"Even if I wasn't paid, it's nice to get out of the camp, plus it's nice just to get out here and feel human and see how society's going," James Pasek, 21, of Gillette, said as he sat near the saloon's front door.

The inmates enjoy a special relationship with their forestry supervisors.

"I feel they've kept me out of some really tight spots," Warren Rathbun, 43, of Henry, Neb., said.



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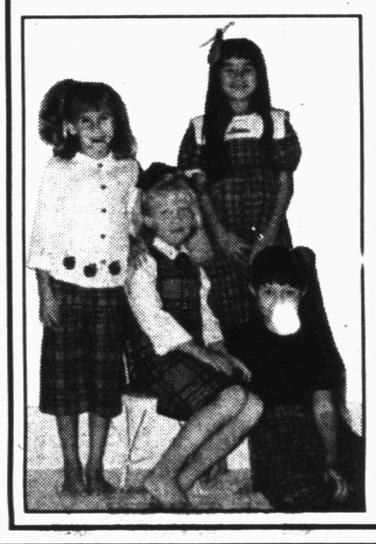
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OLYMPIC COVERAGE

Summer Games draw to a close

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — They are gone now, or at least leaving — more than 10,000 athletes, 20,000 journalists and millions of fans, the people who made the 2000 Summer Olympics come to life. Sydney, while hardly empty, can now take a breath.

Australia said goodbye to the games Sunday night with a city-wide explosion of light and a festive closing ceremony that delved into the nation's id with some very curious results.

Fireworks rolled east across the sky, an 8.5-mile "fuse" that carried the Olympic torch's symbolic light from the stadium along barges in Homebush Bay to a humanity-crammed downtown. There, the majestic Harbor Bridge exploded like a giant Roman candle in a fusillade of pyrotechnics.

"Seven years ago, I said, 'And the winner is Sydney,'" said Juan Antonio Samaranch, the retiring president of the International Olympic Committee. "Well, what can I say now? Maybe, with my Spanish accent, 'Aussie, Aussie, Aussie.'"

The crowd and more than 10,000 athletes thundered the response now known across the world: "Oi! Oi! Oi!"

Organizers wanted a relaxed closing show that let competitors and spectators send the games off in style. And a raucous, untethered, schticky party they got.

It veered oddly among comedy, ancient ritualism and scenes that seemed straight from a hallucinogenic reverie — dramatic testament to what choreography, technology and an arenaful of enthusiastic spectators can do.

The festivities began minutes after last-place finisher Elias Rodriguez of Micronesia ran into Olympic Stadium, ending the men's marathon. And if anyone worried these would be dubbed the "Drug Games," it didn't show Sunday night: The Olympic flame went dark, but the partying went on.

As with any Olympics, the 2000 Summer Games offered a dizzying selection of memorable moments to take home — and some that everyone wishes they could forget. From the pool to the track, the baseball field to the wrestling ring, athletes made the marks of a lifetime.

It was the Olympics of the Thorpedo. Of Cathy Freeman, the aboriginal sprinter who shouldered a nation's racial burden. Of Eric Moussambani, the swimmer from Equatorial Guinea who barely finished and captured the imagination of an underdog-friendly world.

It was an Olympics of whooshes — Ian Thorpe and Susie O'Neill and Jenny Thompson and Inge de Bruijn whooshing through the water. Marion Jones and Maurice Greene whooshing along the track. Stacy Dragila and Tatiana Grigorieva whooshing over the bar and claiming spots in pole-vaulting history.

It was an Olympics of surprises and unexpected twists: the U.S. softball team rallying for gold after a series of stunning losses; American wrestler Rulon Gardner defeating the most formidable foe of all, Russian Alexander Karelin; the U.S. men's basketball team nearly falling to Lithuania; Lance Armstrong losing the 33-mile time trial to his close friend Viacheslav Ekimov of Russia.

Finally, it was the Olympics of doping and cheating, showcased as never before thanks to more stringent IOC testing policies and punishments. Positive tests claimed five medals, including a gold captured by Andreea Raducan, the little Romanian girl whose doctor prescribed cold medicine that turned out to be banned.

For the closing ceremony, Olympics-giddy fans and volunteers packed a stadium that crackled with energy. It was a fun, festive — and decidedly weird — end to the games. If Salvador Dali held a homecoming parade, it might have looked like this.

First came the Greek priestesses and the shiny robots on stilts. Then the upended fish skeleton, the Frankenstein kangaroo and the evil egg-laying chicken put in appearances, stalking along the same track where Marion Jones won gold. And we won't talk too much about the giant shrimp on bicycles and the huge inflatable eyeball soaring through the stadium air.

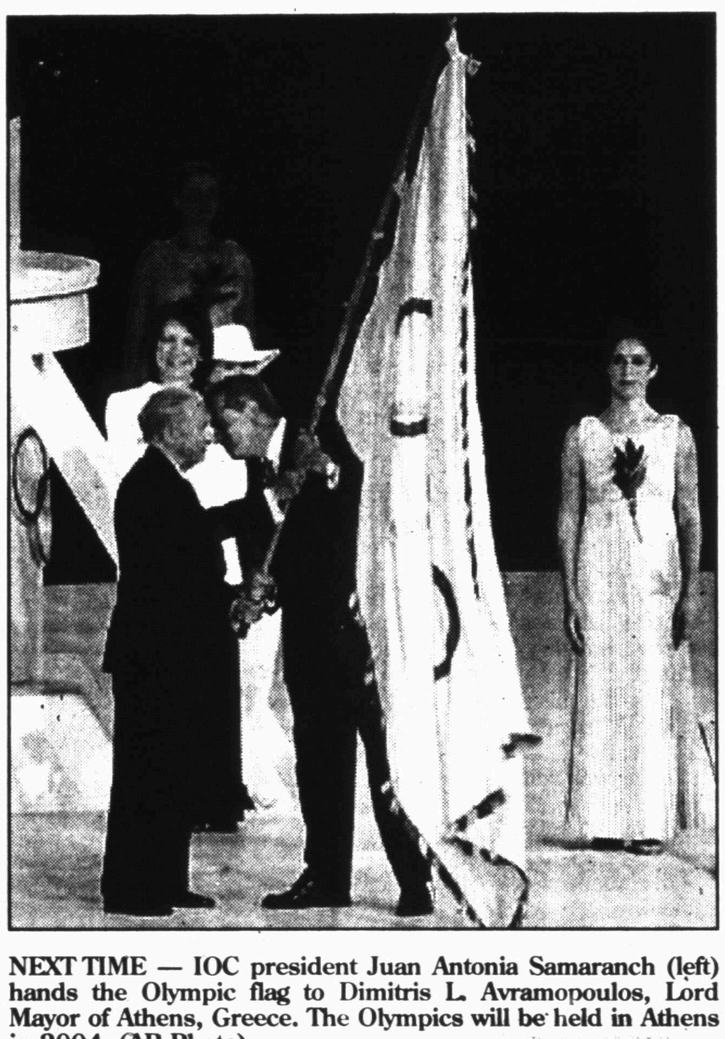
The ceremony featured 7,000 performers and a parade of "Australian icons" from Greg Norman (knocking fake golf balls into the stands) and Elle MacPherson (in a dress — barely) to country singer Slim Dusty and aboriginal rocker Yothu Yindi.

Also included, riding around on a giant brimmed hat: Paul "Crocodile Dundee" Hogan, a good-natured symbol of the struggle over the nation's changing image.

It was the final games for Samaranch, whose wife died hours after the opening ceremony. He went back to Spain to bury her and returned a day later. He has praised the Sydney Games throughout, and said Sunday they "could not have been better."

"I am proud and happy to proclaim that you have presented to the world the best Olympic Games ever," Samaranch said.

The stadium shook with cheers, and the 2000 Summer Games came to an end.



NEXT TIME — IOC president Juan Antonia Samaranch (left) hands the Olympic flag to Dimitris L. Avramopoulos, Lord Mayor of Athens, Greece. The Olympics will be held in Athens in 2004. (AP Photo)



CELEBRATION — Silver medalist Emily deRiel (left) and Mary Beth Iagorashvili celebrate after deRiel took second place in the modern pentathlon. (AP Photo)

Final Olympic Round-Up

— MEN'S BASKETBALL: The U.S. reasserted its Olympic superiority in a gold medal-winning 85-75 performance.

After staggering off with a two-point semifinal victory against Lithuania, the NBA all-stars sprinted to an early finals lead against France. The Americans faltered in the second half, when the lead was cut to four, but Vince Carter's double-pump dunk with 1:40 left sparked a 9-3 U.S. run.

While nowhere near as imposing as in the past, the U.S. team still went undefeated in Oz and brought home a gold for the third consecutive Olympics. Carter and Ray Allen led the Americans with 13 points apiece.

Lithuania, a two-point semifinal loser to the Americans, won its third consecutive bronze by beating host Australia 89-71 on Sunday.

— BOXING: The U.S. boxing team, which arrived in Sydney hoping to reverse its recent Olympic fortunes, wound up without a single gold medal for the first time since London in 1948.

U.S. boxer Ricardo Juarez lost Sunday to 125-pounder Bekzat Sattarkhanov of Kazakstan, 22-14, giving him a silver medal and leaving the American team with one last shot at winning its only gold in Australia.

Ricardo Williams wasn't up to the task. He was defeated 27-20 by Mahamadkadyz Abdullaev of Uzbekistan in his gold medal bout at 139 pounds.

— WRESTLING: Disaster struck quickly with four straight losses Sunday, dashing any hopes of a U.S. gold — the first time that's happened since Mexico City in 1968.

Ex-Iowa wrestlers Terry Brands and Lincoln McIlravy lost close semifinal matches; Brands and McIlravy won later to each take a bronze. Kerry McCoy and Charles Burton lost tight quarterfinal matches and were shut out of the medals.

— WATER POLO: A 10-8 loss to Italy left the U.S. squad with a sixth-place finish in Sydney — one spot up from 1996, but still a disappointment. The United States finished with a record of 2-5-1 in the competition.

— WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Talk about winning on the road.

The U.S. hoopsters faced host Australia before a rabid crowd eager to see the gold medal come home — and sent the locals home disappointed. The Americans, winners of the Atlanta Games, took their second straight gold with a 76-54 thrashing of Australia.

The Americans won with rebounding and defense, holding Australia to 31 percent shooting while winning the battle of the boards 48-27. Leslie and Natalie Williams led the Americans with 15 points each, while Yolanda Griffith added 13 points and 12 rebounds.

The U.S. team has now won the last two Olympics and the 1998 world championships. Australia's silver medal marked the nation's highest finish ever in women's basketball.

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SPORTS

WTC finishes strong at Sul Ross rodeo

ALPINE — Western Texas College competitors made the most of their appearances in the final round of the Sul Ross collegiate rodeo on Saturday.

Four WTC team members turned in first-place efforts in the short round, with two more notching runner-up finishes.

The strong showing propelled the Lady Westerners all the way up to second place in the final standings, while the WTC men finished fifth.

"We did about as well as we could in the finals," said WTC coach Greg Rhodes. "I'm really proud of the way our women's team finished. And I'm not worried about our men's team at all. We did things the way they needed to be done, and that's what counts."

For the Lady Westerners, Jamie Standifer posted a time of 3.2 seconds to split first place in the finals of the breakaway roping, and claim the top spot in the overall standings.

Cassie Mowrey's time of 15.99 was fastest in the short round and assured her of second place overall.

In the men's competition, Harper Sharpe won the saddle bronc short round with a score of 74, while Tyson Thompson was tops in the bareback event with a 77.

Trevor LaValley scored a 71 to take third in bareback, and Houston Hutto was third in the calf roping.

WTC will be back in the arena starting Thursday in Vernon.

Cowboys outlast Panthers in OT

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The way things are going for Dallas, the Cowboys might consider playing all their games on the road.

The Cowboys, winless in two games at Texas Stadium this season, picked up their second road victory Sunday, 16-13 in overtime against the Carolina Panthers.

"It seems like we play better on the road than at home, but maybe that's because we're getting booed at home," Emmitt Smith said.

Despite the victory, the Cowboys (2-3) likely would have been jeered for their performance had the game been in Dallas.

Dallas managed little offense — only 291 total yards — and Troy Aikman had a poor outing by going 15-of-23 for 131 yards with two interceptions.

The only bright spot was Smith, who rushed for a season-high 132 yards and the 150th touchdown of his career. It was Smith's first 100-yard rushing game of the season.

The Cowboys got a 24-yard field goal from Tim Seder in overtime to beat the struggling Panthers (1-3).

"I don't know why we're better on the road, but I think the home thing will come," Aikman said. "This team is developing a personality like it had many years ago, and right now we feel we can go on the road and win some games."

The Panthers remained in the game despite a disappointing outing from Tshimanga Biakabutuka. Carolina's running back, who hoped to feast on Dallas' NFL-worst rushing defense, was held to 86 yards on 20 carries.

He also lost two of three fumbles to end drives and was flagged for pass interference late in the fourth quarter.

"It's hard to swallow and I've got to find a way to shake it off," Biakabutuka said. "I'm supposed to be one of the main weapons on the team. In order for the coach to trust you with the ball in your hands, you've got to hold on to it, and I'm not doing a good job of that right now."

Carolina also gave Dallas a safety — the Panthers' second straight game allowing one — when punter Ken Walter muffed a snap and had to fall on the ball in the end zone.

Tied at 13 with 6:25 to play, Carolina had a fourth-and-1 at the Dallas 30. Instead of sending in Richie Cunningham — who had already kicked two field goals — the Panthers decided to go for it. But Steve Beuerlein's pass fell well short of intended target Isaac Byrd, and the Cowboys took over on downs.

"From the standpoint of going for it, I can chalk it up to arrogance," Carolina coach George Seifert said. "I thought we could make the play."

They didn't, and Dallas got the ball back with a chance to win it in regulation. But that failed when Seder missed a 45-yard field-goal attempt with 1:06 to play.

Dallas then won the coin toss to start overtime and Aikman and Smith went to work.

Aikman threw a 19-yard pass to James McKnight, and Smith gained 10 yards on two carries to move Dallas to Carolina's 44.

On the next play, Aikman spotted tight end Jackie Harris in heavy coverage and zipped the ball toward him just as Carolina's Dean Wells grabbed Harris. Dallas got the pass interference call to move to the 36.

Aikman then threw a short pass to Jason Tucker, Smith gained 3 yards, and Aikman converted a third-and-3 with a 23-yard pass to Chris Warren that moved the Cowboys to the 6.

Seder kicked the winning field goal on the next play.

Junior varsity downs Lobos

Snyder got rolling early and never looked back to record a 15-4, 15-7 victory over Levelland, in Saturday's junior varsity volleyball action.

Lori Chesser served up seven points to pace the Lady Tigers.

Shelley Fisk tallied six service points, while Chaelyn Robinson and Aaryn Stewart notched five apiece.

Amber Alexander and Dara Chambers posted three points each, and Loryn Brown chipped in one.

Snyder will be in action again at 6 p.m. Tuesday when it takes on Lake View at San Angelo's Lincoln Junior High.

Lady Tigers roll over Levelland

In the second half of the district volleyball race, the Snyder Lady Tigers got the start it was looking for.

Snyder strolled past Levelland, 15-9, 15-9, Saturday to maintain its share of second place in the district standings.

The Lady Tigers improved to 6-2 in league competition, as did Andrews. Snyder and Andrews remain two games behind San Angelo Lake View in the standings.

"This is how we needed to start the second half of district," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett. "Now we have Lake View and Frenship up next, the two teams that beat us. Our girls have been waiting to get another shot at those two teams."

The Lady Tigers' offense overpowered the Lady Lobos.

Snyder registered 34 kills on Saturday, led by Kameron Kallemeyn's 12. Ashley Delce posted nine.

"Our hitting was really good," said Grimmett. "Overall, I think we played pretty well. There were times when we couldn't score behind our serve, and we just kept on getting sideout after sideout.

"That's something we'll have o do a better job of against Lake View. We have to score behind our serve, and not miss out on opportunities to score when we have them."

Snyder def. Levelland
15-9, 15-9

Snyder service points: Whitney Webb, 9; Katie Voss, 7; T'Leah Eicke and Laura Billingsley, 4; Rina Geiger, 3; Kameron Kallemeyn, 2; Cameron Mackey, 1. **Kills:** Kallemeyn, 12; Ashley Delce, 9; Voss, 6; Geiger, 5; Mackey and Kallie Billingsley, 1. **Blocks:** Delce, 6; K. Billingsley, Voss and Kallemeyn, 1.

Saturday's Major College Football Scores

EAST
Delaware 42, Northeastern 0
Fordham 17, Georgetown, D.C. 10
Harvard 42, Lafayette 19
Hofstra 51, Massachusetts 36
La Salle 35, Catholic 10
Miami 64, Rutgers 6
Penn 48, Dartmouth 14
Penn St. 22, Purdue 20
Princeton 27, Columbia 24, OT
Robert Morris 63, St. Francis, Pa. 0
Sacred Heart 13, Monmouth, N.J. 7
St. Peter's 23, Siena 13
Syracuse 42, BYU 14
TCU 24, Navy 0
Virginia Tech 48, Boston College 34
William & Mary 31, Maine 28
Yale 33, Holy Cross 27

SOUTH
Alabama 27, South Carolina 17
Alabama A&M 26, MVSU 12
Alabama St. 37, Southern U. 33
Appalachian St. 30, ETSU 13
Auburn 33, Vanderbilt 0
Bethune-Cookman 42, Morgan St. 6
Clemson 52, Duke 22
E. Kentucky 48, SE Missouri 24
Elon 45, New Haven 41
Florida A&M 43, Howard 0
Furman 38, W. Carolina 14
Georgia Southern 56, VMI 3
Georgia Tech 42, North Carolina 28
Hampton 54, Delaware St. 28
Jacksonville 28, Austin Peay 24
James Madison 24, New Hampshire 13
LSU 38, Tennessee 31, OT
Liberty 50, Wingate 26
Louisville 41, Connecticut 22
Marshall 47, Buffalo 14
Mississippi 35, Kentucky 17
Mississippi St. 47, Florida 35
N. Carolina A&T 16, Norfolk St. 0
Northwestern St. 57, Gardner-Webb 17
SW Texas 27, Louisiana-Monroe 0
Samford 28, Nicholls St. 10
South Florida 20, Troy St. 10
Southern Miss. 24, Memphis 3
Tennessee Tech 46, Tenn.-Martin 6
The Citadel 45, S. Carolina St. 16
Tulane 24, Cincinnati 19
UAB 47, Louisiana-Lafayette 2
Virginia 27, Wake Forest 10
W. Kentucky 48, Murray St. 38
Wofford 41, Chattanooga 33

MIDWEST
Akron 37, Miami (Ohio) 20
Bowling Green 18, Kent St. 11
Dayton 43, Butler 26
Drake 52, San Diego 12
Indiana 45, Iowa 33
Michigan 13, Wisconsin 10
Minnesota 44, Illinois 10
Morehead St. 28, Valparaiso 24
N. Illinois 43, Ball St. 14
N. Iowa 34, Illinois St. 28
Nebraska 42, Missouri 24
Northwestern 37, Michigan St. 17
Toledo 41, Cent. Michigan 0
UCF 31, E. Michigan 10
W. Illinois 49, Indiana St. 7
W. Michigan 23, Ohio 10
Youngstown St. 19, SW Missouri St. 13

SOUTHWEST
Ark.-Pine Bluff 32, Alcorn St. 10
Georgia 38, Arkansas 7
Grambling St. 47, Prairie View 7
Houston 17, SMU 15
Iowa St. 31, Baylor 17
Oklahoma 34, Kansas 16
Richmond 30, Arkansas St. 27
Texas 42, Oklahoma St. 7
Texas A&M 33, Texas Tech 15
Texas Southern 45, Langston 14
UTEP 41, New Mexico St. 31

FAR WEST
Arizona 27, Stanford 3
Colorado St. 45, Nevada 14
Idaho 56, Montana St. 7
Idaho St. 31, CS Northridge 30, OT
Kansas St. 44, Colorado 21
Montana 41, E. Washington 31
New Mexico 45, Wyoming 10
Oregon 23, Washington 16
Oregon St. 31, Southern Cal 21
S. Utah 42, Cal Poly-SLO 13
Sacramento St. 35, Weber St. 7
San Jose St. 29, Rice 16
Tulsa 24, Hawaii 14
UC Davis 55, St. Mary's, Cal. 14
UCLA 38, Arizona St. 31
UNLV 34, Air Force 13
Utah 35, Utah St. 14
Washington St. 21, California 17

National Football League

All Times Eastern

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	4	0	0	1.000	88	66
Miami	4	1	0	.800	90	38
Indianapolis	3	1	0	.750	119	82
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	73	76
New England	1	4	0	.200	79	91
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	110	55
Tennessee	3	1	0	.750	81	64
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	64	104
Jacksonville	2	3	0	.400	103	113
Pittsburgh	1	3	0	.250	64	75
Cincinnati	0	4	0	.000	23	105
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Oakland	3	1	0	.750	109	80
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	93	76
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	74	82
Denver	2	3	0	.400	152	130
San Diego	0	5	0	.000	86	156

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	88	85
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	121	70
Washington	3	2	0	.600	87	82
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	112	148
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	71	108
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Minnesota	4	0	0	1.000	95	71
Detroit	3	2	0	.600	84	96
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	.600	127	67
Green Bay	2	3	0	.400	93	80
Chicago	1	4	0	.200	75	130
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
St. Louis	5	0	0	1.000	217	145
Atlanta	2	3	0	.400	95	159
San Francisco	2	3	0	.400	142	159
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	78	73
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	55	82

Sunday's Games
Dallas 16, Carolina 13, OT
St. Louis 57, San Diego 31
Indianapolis 18, Buffalo 16
Minnesota 31, Detroit 24
Tennessee 28, N.Y. Giants 14
Baltimore 12, Cleveland 0
Pittsburgh 24, Jacksonville 13
Miami 31, Cincinnati 16
New England 28, Denver 19
San Francisco 27, Arizona 20
Chicago 27, Green Bay 24
Washington 20, Tampa Bay 17, OT
Philadelphia 38, Atlanta 10

Monday's Game
Seattle at Kansas City, 9 p.m.

Major League Baseball

National League East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Atlanta	95	67	.586	—
y-New York	94	68	.580	1
Florida	79	82	.491	15½
Montreal	67	95	.414	28
Philadelphia	65	97	.401	30
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
x-St. Louis	95	67	.586	—
Cincinnati	85	77	.525	10
Milwaukee	73	89	.451	22
Houston	72	90	.444	23
Pittsburgh	69	93	.426	26
Chicago	65	97	.401	30
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
x-San Francisco	97	65	.599	—
Los Angeles	86	76	.531	11
Arizona	85	77	.525	12
Colorado	82	80	.506	15
San Diego	76	86	.469	21

x-clinched division title
y-clinched wild card

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal 2
Cincinnati 8, St. Louis 4
Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 2
Atlanta 5, Colorado 2
Houston 7, Milwaukee 6
Arizona 5, San Francisco 1
Los Angeles 10, San Diego 2

Sunday's Games
Colorado 10, Atlanta 5
N.Y. Mets 3, Montreal 2, 13 innings
St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 2
San Diego 4, Los Angeles 0
Florida 7, Philadelphia 5
Chicago Cubs 10, Pittsburgh 9
San Francisco 11, Arizona 4
Houston 6, Milwaukee 1

American League East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-New York	87	74	.540	—
Boston	85	77	.525	2½
Toronto	83	79	.512	4½
Baltimore	74	88	.457	13½
Tampa Bay	69	92	.429	18
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
x-Chicago	95	67	.586	—
Cleveland	90	72	.556	5
Detroit	79	83	.488	16
Kansas City	77	85	.475	18
Minnesota	69	93	.426	26
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
x-Oakland	91	70	.565	—
y-Seattle	91	71	.562	½
Anaheim	82	80	.506	9½
Texas	71	91	.438	20½

x-clinched division title
y-clinched wild card

Saturday's Games
Cleveland 6, Toronto 5
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 2
Oakland 23, Texas 2
Seattle 21, Anaheim 9
Detroit 6, Minnesota 5, 11 innings
Chicago White Sox 9, Kansas City 1
Baltimore 9, N.Y. Yankees 1

Sunday's Games
Cleveland 11, Toronto 4
Tampa Bay 3, Boston 2, 10 innings
Baltimore 7, N.Y. Yankees 3
Kansas City 6, Chicago White Sox 2
Detroit 12, Minnesota 11
Oakland 3, Texas 0
Seattle 5, Anaheim 2

Postseason Baseball

All Times EDT
DIVISION SERIES
American League
Chicago vs. Seattle
Tuesday, Oct. 3
Seattle (Garcia 9-5) at Chicago (Sirotka 15-10), 4:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Oct. 4
Seattle at Chicago, 1:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Oct. 6
Chicago at Seattle, TBA
Saturday, Oct. 7
Chicago at Seattle, TBA, if necessary
Sunday, Oct. 8
Seattle at Chicago, TBA, if necessary

Oakland vs. New York
Tuesday, Oct. 3
New York (Clemens 13-8) at Oakland (Heredia 15-11), 8:08 p.m. (NBC)
Wednesday, Oct. 4
New York (Pettitte 19-9) at Oakland (Appier 15-11), 8:18 p.m. (FOX)
Friday, Oct. 6
Oakland (Hudson 20-6) at New York (Hernandez 12-13), TBA
Saturday, Oct. 7
Oakland at New York, TBA, if necessary
Sunday, Oct. 8
New York at Oakland, TBA, if necessary

National League
San Francisco vs. New York
Wednesday, Oct. 4
New York (Hampton 15-10) at San Francisco (Hernandez 17-11), 4:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Oct. 5
New York (Leiter 16-8) at San Francisco (Estes 15-6), 8:18 p.m. (FOX)
Saturday, Oct. 7
San Francisco (Ortiz 13-12) at New York (Reed 11-5), TBA
Sunday, Oct. 8
San Francisco at New York, TBA, if necessary
Monday, Oct. 9
New York at San Francisco, TBA, if necessary

St. Louis vs. Atlanta
Tuesday, Oct. 3
Atlanta (Maddux 19-9) at St. Louis (Kile 20-9), 1:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Oct. 5
Atlanta (Glavine 21-9) at St. Louis (Stephenson 16-9), 4:07 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Oct. 7
St. Louis (Ankiel 11-7) at Atlanta (Ashby 12-13), TBA
Sunday, Oct. 8
St. Louis at Atlanta, TBA, if necessary
Monday, Oct. 9
Atlanta at St. Louis, TBA, if necessary

Sports Briefs

WGA weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be fairway everywhere on the front nine. A luncheon and business meeting will follow play.

Turkey shoot

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder County Club will have a turkey shoot for couples (members only) at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Sign up at the pro shop. A Ladies Tournament of Champions will be held Saturday and Sunday.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	33	13	32 19	32.81 + .06
AT&T Corp	29	50	28.75	28.88 — .25
Albertsons	21	38	21.06	21.25 + .25
Alltel	52	63	52 00	52.25 + .06
AmerOnline s	54	74	54.00	54.48 + .73
AmEl Pw	39	19	38.06	38.50 — .56
AndarkPtr	68	25	67.40	68.21 + 1.75
ATMOS Egy	20	81	20.31	20.63
Aviall	6	38	6.31	6.31 — .13
BP Amoco s	54	00	53.75	53.81 + .81
BakerHughes	37	88	36.38	36.38 — .75
Bank of Amer	52	63	51.81	52.44 + .06
BellSouth	41	00	40.00	41.00 + .50
Beth Steel	3	06	2.88	3.00
BurlNoSFe	21	50	20.94	20.94 — .63
Caterpillar	34	19	31.00	34.13 + .31
Chevron	86	75	85.88	86.44 + 1.19
Citigroup s	54	50	53.56	54.38 + .31
Coastal	76	00	74.38	75.88 + 1.75
CocaCola	56	44	55.25	56.25 + 1.13
ColgatePal	47	25	46.56	46.90 — .30
ComclMetals	25	50	25.38	25.50
CooperIn	35	13	34.50	34.88 — .38
DaimlrChry	45	50	44.88	45.11 + .72
DallSemicn s	33	25	32.81	32.88
DeltaAirl	44	25	43.19	44.00 — .38
Dillards Inc	10	69	10.44	10.63
DowChem s	25	38	24.81	24.94
DuPont	41	94	40.56	41.25 — .19
EastmanChem	37	38	36.44	36.44 — .50
EstKodak	41	31	40.13	40.38 — .50
EDS Corp	43	81	42.63	43.69 + 2.19
Entergy	37	81	36.56	37.69 + .44
ExxonMobil	90	81	89.38	90.44 + 1.31
Flowers	20	00	19.69	19.75 — .25
GenDynam	63	19	62.56	62.88 + .06
GenlElec s	58	88	57.81	58.38 + .56
GenMills	35	69	35.00	35.50
GenMotors	66	94	65.19	66.88 + 1.88
GaPacGP	23	75	22.56	22.69 — .81
GlobalMar	31	31	30.25	30.31 — .56
Goodrich	39	81	38.31	38.31 — .88
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Abortion opponents eye safety of new pill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion opponents contended Sunday that the new abortion pill may be unsafe and raised the possibility of government action to limit its use.

Reform Party presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan called RU-486, the early-abortion method approved Thursday by the Food and Drug Administration for use in the United States, "a human pesticide."

As president, "I would use all the power of my office, including appointments at the FDA, to prevent its being put on the market," Buchanan said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, also on NBC, countered that use of the drug is "up to the woman, not the government."

"This is a pill that's been shown to be safe in Europe for numerous years," Nader said. "And it's preferable to surgical procedure."

Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., said on ABC's "This Week" that there are "a lot of questions" surrounding the safety of the pill — and that the outcome of next month's election will determine whether Congress has enough votes next year to put limits on its use.

Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, also on ABC, said the drug had undergone "tremendous review" by the FDA.

"They can protest as much as they want," she said of abortion foes. "This is a safe, effective method."

One lawmaker, Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., said after the FDA's decision that he would promote legislation calling for severe limits on which doctors could administer mifepristone, the pill's chemical name.

The Christian Coalition's Pat Robertson said on CBS's "Face the Nation" that the drug's approval was a "political ploy" by Democrats to corner Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush on the subject.

Bush, whose father's administration banned RU-486 imports in 1989, opposes abortion. Vice President Gore supports the pill option.

Robertson said the pill should be reviewed to determine if it's a "danger to women."

The pill blocks action of a hormone essential for maintaining pregnancy. It has been used by millions of European women since it was approved nearly a decade ago. Anti-abortion advocates have fought hard to keep the drug out of the United States since it first appeared in France.

Cloning goes commercial with auction of copied cow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Her chest is broad, her legs and back straight, and she has "an excellent mammary system," her owner says. Mandy may be one of a kind, but not for long.

An exact copy of the champion Holstein cow will be auctioned this week in what is believed to be the first time a farm animal has been cloned for commercial sale.

The first calf clone or clones — several now are growing in the wombs of surrogate cattle — are expected to fetch $50,000 to $100,000 at Friday's auction at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis., the dairy industry's biggest trade show.

The cloning is a project of Infigen Inc., an international leader in cloning technology. Infigen, based in DeForest, Wis., owns its own herd of cloned cattle, which are used to produce genetically engineered proteins for pharmaceuticals. Until now, no one has tried to clone the animals for commercial use by farmers and breeders.

"The reason it hasn't been done before is that the technology hasn't been there to do it," said Kenneth Olson, a specialist in animal genetics with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Cattle embryos have been cloned before, but no one has made an exact duplicate of an adult cow and put it up for sale, said Xiangzhong Yang, director of the Transgenic Animal Facility at the University of Connecticut.

"The efficiency and cost is a major obstacle," he said. Research in cloning animals for agricultural purposes has been slow because funds have gone toward pharmaceutical and medical uses of the animals, he said.

Infigen's process involves activating an unfertilized egg by removing the nucleus, fusing the egg with a cell from the same animal's ear, and then using a chemical compound to trigger a release of calcium that causes the egg to divide and grow; the resulting embryo is implanted in a surrogate cow.

The vast majority of the embryos do not develop properly. So far, the company claims a success rate of no more than 5 percent but believes that is good enough to take it commercial.

Given that success rate, dairy industry experts say the process still costs too much to attract broad demand.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 10-02-00
♠ 8 3
♥ Q 5 4
♦ K J 2
♣ Q J 10 9 8

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

East
♠ Q 9 7 6
♥ J 10 9 6
♦ 8 4 3
♣ K 6

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 4

The anniversary he did not reach

By Phillip Alder

Today would have been the 50th anniversary of the Peanuts cartoon by Charles Schulz. As you know, sadly he died late last year. Earlier this year, the cartoonists had a Celebrate Peanuts day, but unfortunately I didn't know about it; otherwise I would have run this column then. Still, this isn't such a bad day for my own "thank you" to Schulz for so many laughs over the years.

Schulz enjoyed bridge and used it a few times in his cartoon. This was the final deal he included, on Sunday, November 7, 1999.

How should Snoopy have declared three no-trump after West led the spade four?

Schulz took his deals from a Culbertson book. That author opened one no-trump with 16-18 points and would never add more than one distribution point with a balanced hand.

Snoopy won the first trick, then led a club. Suddenly play was interrupted because he had to fly his Sopwith Camel in an air battle against the Red Baron. Despite his plane being hit, Snoopy got back to base safely. He reported to his commanding officer about not only the battle but also the deal, pointing out that he went one down in three no-trump. On returning to the bridge game, Snoopy told Woodstock and his two friends, "He said I should have led a low heart to the queen."

Correct! Snoopy had eight top tricks: two spades, one heart and five diamonds. When he played on clubs, the defenders established their spades first, winning three spades and two clubs. Instead, Snoopy should have hoped that West held the heart king; then the heart queen sets up as Snoopy's ninth trick.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Try going alcohol-free for a while

DEAR DR. GOTT: I drink two six-packs of beer a night. I'm 32 years old and in good health, but occasionally, I feel faint and cannot remember a weekend's activities. Could this be caused by the beer?

DEAR READER: Two six-packs of beer a day is certainly enough to get a buzz on. While I hesitate to make an offhand judgment about your drinking habits, this amount of beer certainly has the potential to cause health problems — if not now, later.

To begin with, the alcohol in beer is just as potent as the alcohol in liquor; it's simply more dilute. Over time it will affect your brain, heart, pancreas, liver and stomach.

I sense from your question that you — or someone close to you — are concerned about a potential drinking problem. You may be interested to learn that alcoholism is not a disease confined to skid-row bums or daily drinkers. Many alcoholics control their drinking for years, may abstain for months, and then predictably over-imbibe in binge drinking.

Therefore, alcoholism comes in many forms. In some people, the pattern of drinking is important; in others, the reason for drinking is key. But for every alcoholic, the alcohol causes problems of one kind or another: poor health, inappropriate repetitive behavior and an attitude that the drug is necessary for normal living. Alcohol monopolizes the alcoholic's life, unlike the normal social drinker who can take it or leave it without a thought.

Your symptoms could well be due to alcohol. I suggest that you stop drinking for a few weeks to determine if your habit is the cause of your symptoms. If it is, abstinence will make you feel better. Pay attention to what your body is telling you. If you cannot stop drinking, you have an alcohol problem that should be addressed by medical professionals. Likewise, if, when "clean," your symptoms persist, medical intervention is necessary. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 25-year-old sister has had diabetes since early childhood. She has followed a diet, watched her weight, taken her insulin and exercised regularly. A neighborhood nurse recently gave her a very negative outlook, quite different from the doctor's. What's your prognosis?

DEAR READER: If your sister has carefully followed medical advice concerning her diabetes and if the disease has been well-controlled, I believe her prognosis is quite favorable. However, not knowing more about your sister's case, I cannot comment on the nurse's observation. In instances such as this, where there appears to be a disagreement between health professionals, I would side with the doctor — or better yet, seek an opinion from a diabetes specialist.

Your sister may be showing early complications of diabetes, such as retinal disease or kidney damage, which would alter the favorable prognosis. Nonetheless, I believe her doctor is the best resource to resolve the apparent discrepancy. Nurses are often uncanny in their assessments of patients' health, but the ultimate responsibility and final word should be the doctor's.

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Oil Patch News

Borden County

Sharp Image Energy has completed the No. 1 Eicke in the Hood field, 14 miles northeast of Gail. The well was finaled to produce 120 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 8,144-209 feet, and location is in Section 2, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Devon Energy will drill the No. 1225 Canon Ranch unit in the Jo-Mill field, 14 miles east of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 40, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

Devon will drill the No. 629 Canon Ranch unit in the Jo-Mill field, 15 miles south of Gail. Also planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, drill site is in Section 34, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

Apache Corp. will drill the No. 43-A T.J. Good in the Jo-Mill field, 12 miles northeast of Ackerly. Planned depth is 8,007 feet, and location is in Section 37, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Mitchell County

First Permian has completed the No. 8-F Morrison in the Westbrook field, three miles northwest of Westbrook. The venture was completed to produce 23 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 2,433-442 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum Management will drill the No. 115 Westbrook southwest field unit, four miles west of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 29, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 2309 Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. The venture will be drilled to a depth of 3,200 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 1050 Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 3414 Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,200 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 721 Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Also set for 3,200 feet, drill site is in Section 33, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 1052 Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Also set for 3,200 feet, location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 1059-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,200 feet, and location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 1058-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Scheduled for a depth of 3,299 feet, location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 1055-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. The venture is set for 3,200 feet, and location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 1054-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 1053-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, drill site is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 1057-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 13 miles southwest of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 41, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 2310-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Planned depth is 3,200 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 3515-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. The well will be drilled to 3,200 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 626-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 11 miles west of Colorado City. Also set for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

First Permian will drill the No. 623-W Westbrook southeast field unit, 12 miles west of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 3,200 feet, location is in Section 28, Block 28, T1N, T&P survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 1 Jeff in the Happy field, 10 miles south of Post. Contracted for a depth of 8,980 feet, location is in Section 18, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 21-S John unit waterflood in the Happy field, 13 miles south of Post. Planned depth is 5,210 feet, and location is in Section 19, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Roger D. Hair will drill the No. 13 Stoker in the Garza field, three miles southeast of Post. Planned depth is 3,000 feet, and location is in Section 50, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Howard County

Nes Permian will drill the No. 3 Big Spring Brine, two miles west of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 1,302 feet, drill site is in Section 46, Block 31, T1N, T&P survey.

Nolan County

R.L. Adkins has completed the No. 1 Joe Kilgore in the Group west field, three miles southeast of Maryneal. The well was finaled to produce 58 barrels of oil and 96 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,902-970 feet, and location is in Section 115, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Sinclair Oil Corp. has completed the No. 2 Brooks in the Sunlight II field, 18 miles southeast of Sweetwater. The well was finaled to produce 52 barrels of oil and 82 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,630-706 feet, and location is in Section 163, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Chisholm Exploration will drill the No. 8 Texaco Fee in the Mulberry Canyon field, six miles northeast of Nolan. Planned for a depth of 4,999 feet, location is in Section 69, Block 5, T&P survey.

Ampak Oil Co. will drill the No. 2 Bridgeford in the Group west field, four miles southeast of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, drill site is in Section 103, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 2-69 Ranch, three miles northeast of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 5,400 feet, location is in Section 100, Block X, T&P survey.

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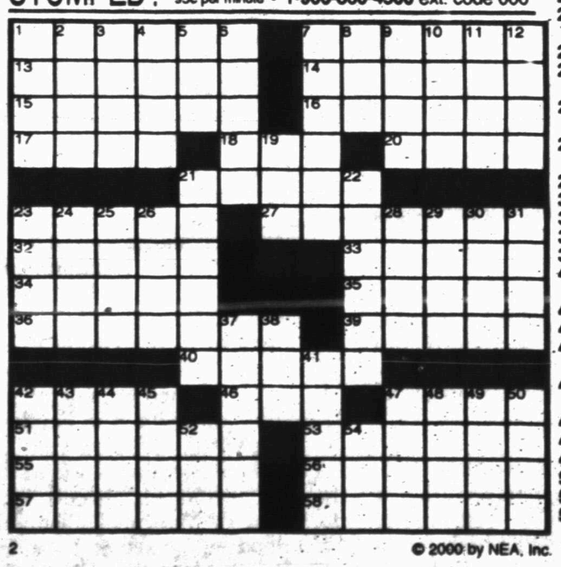
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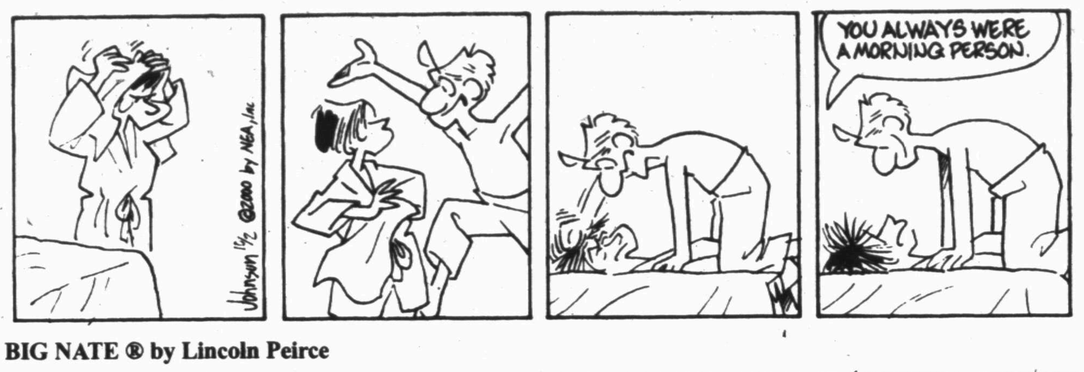


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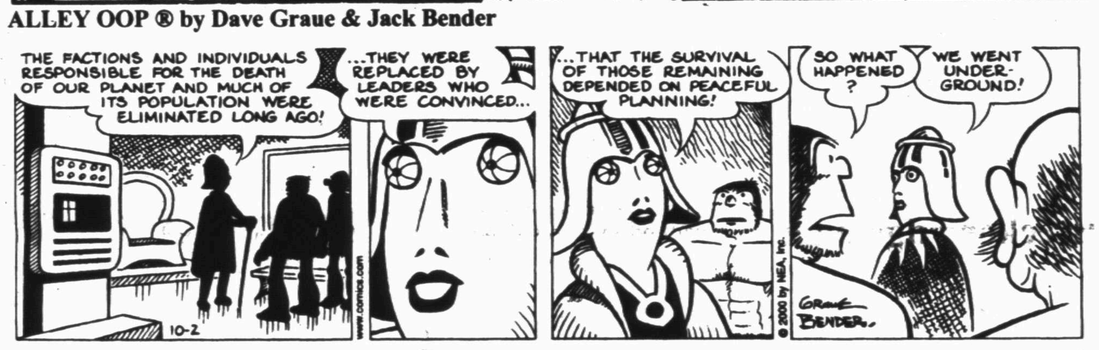
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Supreme Court lets Exxon ruling stand

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court refused to free Exxon Mobil Corp. from having to pay $5 billion in damages for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska, the nation's worst ever.

The nation's highest court, acting without comment Monday, let stand the award stemming from the tanker spill that polluted more than 1,000 miles of shoreline, killed tens of thousands of birds and marine mammals and disrupted fishing.

Lawyers for Exxon Mobil had urged the justices to throw out the punitive-damages award on grounds of irregularities during jury deliberations.

The Exxon order was among dozens released by the court on the first day of its new term. Among the highlights:

—The court refused to block the marketing of a generic chewing gum to help smokers give up cigarettes, rejecting an appeal in which the manufacturer of Nicorette gum said the marketing violated its copyright.

—It turned aside the argument of a Kansas youth suspended from school for three days after he drew a picture of a Confederate flag. Attorneys for seventh-grader T.J. West had maintained that the disciplinary action violated his constitutionally protected free-speech rights.

—The court refused to throw out a lawsuit in which actors George Wendt and John Ratzenberger, who played endearing barflies in the "Cheers" television show, say two robots stole their old act.

—It refused to allow some 30 members of Congress to sue President Clinton for ordering the military to join last year's NATO bombing of Yugoslavia. The lawmakers had argued that Clinton violated the War Powers Act of 1973.

—The high court refused to reinstate the California fraud convictions of financier Charles Keating, who became a symbol of the savings and loan scandals of the 1980s.

—The court rejected the appeal of a married couple who say they were sexually harassed at work by the same supervisor, letting stand a ruling that said a key federal law does not apply to bisexuals who harass others.

In one of several challenges to the $5 billion award imposed by a federal jury in 1994, Exxon Mobil attacked the behavior of Don Warrick, a court bailiff who escorted the jury and served food to its members during five months of trial and deliberations in Anchorage.

Warrick admitted that in a conversation with one of the Exxon Valdez trial jurors he pulled out his gun and removed one of its bullets before saying another juror should be put "out of her misery."

Warrick was fired. He died in 1996.

Demonstrations against Milosevic continue

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Truck and taxi drivers blockaded roads and bridges, students stayed home and factories closed throughout Yugoslavia on Monday as opposition forces launched a drive to force President Slobodan Milosevic from office.

The protests represented the most extensive strikes ever waged against Milosevic, with no corner of the country untouched. Participation appeared strongest in the industrial heartland south of Belgrade, where the government's failure to extinguish independent media permitted the opposition to coordinate actions.

Protests were less effective in Belgrade, where steady rain and lack of an independent media may have discouraged people from going to the streets.

"I don't like to use the word revolution, but what is happening now is a revolution — a peaceful, nonviolent, wise, civilized, quiet and smart democratic revolution," said opposition leader Vojislav Kostunica. "People are ready to start building a new country."

Less than a week remains before Sunday's scheduled runoff election. Milosevic says Kostunica failed to achieve an outright victory in Sept. 24 elections and a second round is needed. The opposition, backed by the West, insists Milosevic rigged the voting.

Russia on Monday resisted Western pressure to call on Milosevic to concede electoral defeat.

President Vladimir Putin said he was willing to receive both Milosevic and Kostunica in Moscow to "discuss ways of resolving the situation." But Putin left Monday for a four-day visit to India, suggesting no meeting was likely before the runoff.

In Yugoslavia, road blockades snarled traffic on one bridge in the capital, Belgrade, for about three hours, while city transit workers staged a two-hour walkout. At one intersection, protesters stood in pouring rain to link hands and form a human chain after police broke up a blockade of four trucks.

The blockade appeared stronger in cities and towns outside Belgrade, bringing life to a virtual standstill.

Breckenridge man involved in rollover

A 44-year-old man was treated and released from Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a one-vehicle rollover Saturday some six miles east of Snyder on Highway 180.

Alan Tracey Waldorp, 44, of Breckenridge was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital following the mishap around 1:40 p.m. Saturday.

According to Department of Public Safety trooper Terry Snyder, Waldorp was eastbound in a 1993 Ford Ranger pickup when he had a blowout.

"This caused him to skid out of control, and he rolled over approximately two times," Snyder said.

Two subjects assault man Sunday

• ***Assault***

A 19-year-old man was treated and released from Cogdell Memorial Hospital Sunday evening after he was reportedly assaulted by two subjects in the 2600 block of Avenue U.

Sgt. Brian Haggard said that the man was apparently hit in the head with something, but said he was not sure what type of weapon was used.

He said the case is under investigation and is being considered a Class A misdemeanor. He said, however, it could be upgraded to aggravated assault. No arrests have been made.

• ***Thefts reported***

Jason Kincaid notified officers at 9:44 p.m. Saturday that someone had stolen money and a skateboard from his 1989 Toyota pickup while it was parked at Snyder Lanes, 1910 35th Street.

At 11:35 a.m. Sunday, Cindy Martini reported the theft of her mobile phone from 2308 32nd Street.

Brian Moffett contacted a deputy at 4:15 p.m. Sunday to report that someone had stolen a saw from his porch at 3352 Gary Brewer Road.

A report for theft was taken at 7:23 p.m. Sunday at 2211 41st Street in reference to a backpack being stolen from a Chevrolet van. Jeff Mason reported the theft.

Jason Highfield told officers at 8:23 p.m. Sunday that his bicycle was stolen from 1205 28th Street.

• ***Disciplinary problems***

A woman spoke to an officer at 6:54 p.m. Sunday in reference to having problems with her 11-year-old daughter. A report for family violence was filed.

• ***Criminal mischief***

A man spoke to police at 1:51 p.m. Sunday in reference to someone shooting his vehicle with a shotgun while it was parked in the 300 block of 32nd Street. The man did not wish to file a report, but he requested a close patrol of the area.

• ***Felony arrests***

Joshua Todd Poindexter, 19, of 2210 87th Street in Lubbock was taken into custody at 3:39 p.m. Saturday on a Lubbock County felony warrant for retaliation.

At 12:17 a.m. today, Roy Cecil Singleton, 42, of 904 40th Street in Galveston was arrested on an Austin Board of Pardon & Parole warrant for parole violation.

• ***Other arrests***

A 22-year-old man was arrested at 10:49 a.m. Saturday in the 2700 block of Avenue Q for driving a motorcycle without a Class M endorsement, expired motor vehicle inspection and no liability insurance.

A Lubbock County warrant for theft landed a 19-year-old woman in jail at 7:40 p.m. Saturday.

At 9:39 p.m. Saturday, a 35-year-old woman was arrested on an Ector County warrant for theft by check.

An 18-year-old man was taken into custody at 10:58 p.m. Saturday at the Latin American Center for public intoxication by a minor and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

A charge of driving while intoxicated sent a 40-year-old woman to jail at 12:04 a.m. Sunday. She was taken into custody by officers in the 2400 block of Avenue H.

Public intoxication landed a 19-year-old man in Scurry County Jail at 12:40 a.m. Sunday.

An 18-year-old man was arrested at 1:35 a.m. Sunday in the 1900 block of 15th Street for no driver's license.

At 1:55 a.m. Sunday, police took a 22-year-old man into custody in the 100 block of East 37th Street on outstanding warrants for no liability insurance, failure to appear and violating his promise to appear.

Driving while license suspended landed a 19-year-old man in jail at 1:48 p.m. Sunday.

• ***Border patrol***

Two male subjects, ages 17 and 20, were escorted from four miles southwest of Snyder on U.S. Hwy 84 to the Scurry County Jail to be detained for Border Patrol.

• ***Accident***

City police worked a two-vehicle accident at 9:50 a.m. Saturday in the 3000 block of 25th Street. Involved were a 1995 Ford pickup driven by Dorthy Walters Wright, 75, of Dallas and a 1999 GMC Yukon driven by Robert Val Reynolds, 59, of 3108 Gary Brewer Road.

Obituaries

Dorothy Hall

1913-2000

VICTORIA — Dorothy Hall, a native of Snyder, died Saturday, Sept. 30.

Graveside service for Mrs. Hall, 87, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Life Oak Cemetery in Fannin with the Rev. Mike Swearingen officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Rosewood Funeral Chapels.

Born Jan. 5, 1913 in Snyder, Mrs. Hall was married to Frankie Hall who preceded her in death. She also was preceded in death by her parents, E.L. and Minnie Squires Darby; three sisters; and two brothers.

Mrs. Hall, a homemaker, attended Texas Tech University and was a member of the Eastern Star and the First United Methodist Church in Fannin.

Survivors include two daughters, Ann Papadakis of Austin and Jane Bailey of Houston; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two nieces; and three nephews.

Gary Abney

1946-2000

ANDREWS — Gary Lynn Abney, the brother of Virginia Lee Brim of Snyder, died Saturday, Sept. 30, in Permian General Hospital in Andrews.

Funeral service for Mr. Abney, 53, is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the McNett Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Mike Henson will officiate, and burial will follow in the Andrews North Cemetery.

Born Nov. 14, 1946 in Foreman, Ark., he married Lupe Bermea on June 30, 1989 in Andrews.

A longtime resident of Andrews, Mr. Abney was employed by Basic Energy Services.

Survivors include his wife, Lupe Abney of Andrews; a son, Larry Abney of Atlanta, Ga.; two daughters, Gina Bunch of Austin and Lori Abney of Andrews; a stepson, Ricky Saldana of Santa Rosa, N.M.; his mother Rosalie Abney of Andrews; a brother, James Robert Abney of Andrews; another sister, Dorothy Jean Burton of Baton Rouge, La.; five grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

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Births

Jaime and Robin Valadez of Snyder announce the birth of their six-pound son at 8:55 a.m. on Sept. 23 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 29: Joey Fitzgerald and Parnell Robertson.

DISMISSALS: William Hibbs, Oleita Mitchell, C.J. Thornton of Rotan, Betty Hatfield and Nancy Vasquez and baby girl.

CENSUS: 32 (Med./Surg.-7 and Long-term Care-25)

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ADMISSIONS: Sept. 30: None; Oct. 1: Mendia Hunter and Samantha Smith.

DISMISSALS: Sept. 30: Melissa Duran, Mildred Merritt, Joe Michie, Joey Fitzgerald, Roy Rivers; Oct. 1: None.

CENSUS: 29 (Med./Surg.-4, Long-term Care-25)

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ONGOINGS

SHS football boosters

The Snyder High School football booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the student center.

VFW elections

VFW Post 8231 will meet at 7:30 tonight to elect officers to vacant positions.

Weigh Down registration

It's not too late to join the Monday night class for Weigh Down at the Word is Life fellowship hall. The class begins today at the church, 312 Coliseum Dr. Call Claudia Sanchez at 573-9615 to register.

SHS choir concert

SHS choirs will host its fall concert at 7 this evening in the Worsham Auditorium.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "The Prophet Joel," followed by "All That Glitters is Not Gold."

Author to visit Stanfield

Texas author Herb Marlow will visit Stanfield Tuesday. The first storytelling session begins at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Snyder Lions meeting

A member of the Snyder Police Department will present Lions Club program at noon Tuesday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Guests are invited to call David Holt at 573-3255 for reservations. Cost of the meal is $7.

Lord's Acre fish fry

The sixth annual Lord's Acre fish fry will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church Wesley Hall. Tickets are $3 for six years and under, and $6 for everyone else. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at the church office.

East Elementary reading night

East Elementary will host a family reading night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Cookies and soft drinks will be served. All parents are encouraged to attend with their children and childcare will be provided for pre-school age.

FFA boosters

Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet Tuesday in the SHS ag building to discuss the trip to Louisville, Ky., and the fundraiser. Officers will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the club will meet at 7.

SHS choir boosters

The SHS choir boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the choir room to paint signs for freshman students. All choir parents are invited.

Hermleigh booster club

The Hermleigh parent booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Hermleigh school cafeteria.

Ira booster club

The Ira booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria.

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, and 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

Weigh down registration

Registration continues at Colonial Hill Baptist Church for the Weigh Down Workshop. The classes will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday. For more information call Debbie Hicks at 574-1061.

Chicken spaghetti supper

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is selling tickets for a chicken spaghetti supper to be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday in the SHS cafeteria prior to the Snyder-Frenship football game. $5 tickets may be obtained from any tennis player, at the door or by calling 573-2700 or 573-1730. Carryouts will be available. Proceeds will be for the building fund.

His Joy Ministries Conference

The seventh annual His Joy Ministries Conference will be Friday and Saturday at Word is Life Church. Barbara Murrell from Canton will speak for the third time. Music by Far Above Ministries and His Joy Ministries. Call 573-8401 for registration.

Country and gospel music

A country and gospel music program will be held on the second Saturday of each month at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. The first one will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Everyone is invited and there is no charge. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Tiger Times yearbook

The 2000-01 Tiger Times yearbook are on sale at the junior high until Nov. 21 in room 110 or the office. The full $14 may be paid now, or a deposit of $7 may be paid with the balance due in the spring. Checks must be made out to Snyder Junior High School. No extra copies will be available.

Museum needs holiday quilts

It's beginning to look like the holiday season, and the Scurry County Museum is starting to develop its holiday theme. For 2000, the theme is holiday quilts. If you have a holiday quilt, which means any holiday of the year, the museum would like to display the quilt, or any other quilted items, such as a pillow or wall hanging, from Nov. 1-Dec. 8. The items are needed by Oct. 23. Call the museum at 573-6107 if you have a quilt to lend.

Pick 3

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

2-7-7

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket would have been worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 3-13-20-37-48-52.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Environmentalists: Contributions affect Gov. Bush's enforcement of regulations

HOUSTON (AP) — Campaign contributions received by George W. Bush from petrochemical companies are spurring questions about the governor's. track record on enforcement of state pollution regulations.

"It's a lot cheaper to invest in a politician's campaign than it is to clean up their act," said Andrew Wheat, of the activist group Texans for Public Justice. "It's pennies on the dollar."

But Bush spokesman Ken Bartlett said Saturday the governor has a strong environmental record, has acted impartially toward contributors, and levied some of the largest fines in history against petrochemical companies.

"The governor makes decisions in Texas based on what's best for Texas," Bartlett told the Houston Chronicle.

The issue has come to the forefront after the announcement Thursday of Wichita, Kan.-based Koch Industries' indictment on allegations of illegally releasing cancer-causing pollutants into the South Texas air and hiding the problem from state regulators.

The 97-count indictment from a federal grand jury accuses Koch and four managers of allowing illegal benzene emissions from a Corpus Christi refinery in 1995.

Bush, the Republican presidential nominee, has received $32,200 in presidential campaign contributions from Koch coffers, according to the newspaper.

And on the state level, Bush and other politicians, mostly Texas Republicans, received $144,000 in campaign contributions from Koch in 1998. Company-affiliated contributions to the national Republican Party totaled $325,000, and since 1995, Koch has put $28,500 into Bush's state political account, according to Texans for Public Justice.

But the Bush camp denied the governor had shown any favoritism toward the company or its subsidiary, Koch Petroleum Group.

Explorer dies in fall within limestone cave

OZONA (AP) — Searching for new water sources and passages deep within a limestone cave in Southwest Texas, an explorer fell from a climb within a high room and died during a weekend trip.

The 35-year-old caver's body was recovered Sunday from 0-9 Water Well by members of the Texas Speleological Association.

Joe Ivy was attempting to climb to a promising lead in a domepit Saturday night when he fell, according to explorers and Crockett County sheriff's officers.

His body was taken to the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. Investigators there declined to comment Monday.

The cave, listed as Texas' seventh deepest at more than 300 feet, is located on isolated ranchland in northern Crockett County, about 50 miles southwest of San Angelo and 300 miles southwest of Dallas.

Ivy of Manchaca, Texas, fell about 40 feet onto a small ledge as he was using climbing equipment to scale the wall of the domepit.

A member of the caving group who was downstream in the cave overheard Ivy moaning and climbed onto the ledge where he had fallen. The victim was still alive but died about 30 minutes later, Sheriff Shane Fenton said in a prepared statement.

Sixteen TSA members were exploring near the bottom of the cave about 7:30 p.m. Saturday when the accident occurred.

Cavers from Austin, San Antonio and other parts of Central Texas assisted in the body recovery, using a stretcher to haul the remains to the surface.

Investigators said an equipment failure may have been a factor in the death. But an investigation was continuing.

Ivy, who began caving in 1982, was an instructor for the National Cave Rescue Commission and a former officer of the Austin-based TSA, an internal organization of the National Speleological Society. The Huntsville, Ala.-based NSS is the country's largest organization for exploration, conservation and scientific study of caves.

The cave, located on a dry divide between the Devil's and Concho rivers, contains almost a mile of stream passages and has been known since cattle-drive days as a water source. A windmill has been located at its entrance, which served as a stage stop as well as a watering hole for Kansas City-bound herds.

Date Book

Monday, Oct. 2, 2000

Today is the 276th day of 2000 and the 11th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1799, the Washington Naval Yard was established.

On this day in 1889, in Washington, D.C., the first Pan-American political conference held in the United States began. The talks led to 10 American nations signing an arbitration treaty.

On this day in 1990, in a 90-9 vote, the Senate confirmed David Souter's nomination to the United States Supreme Court.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Richard III (1452-1485), English king; Nat Turner (1800-1831), slave-revolt leader; Mohandas K. Gandhi (1869-1948), Indian leader; Wallace Stevens (1879-1955), poet; Groucho Marx (1890-1977), comedian; Graham Greene (1904-1991), writer; Maury Wills (1932-), baseball star, is 68; Rex Reed (1938-), film critic, is 62; Don McLean (1945-), singer-songwriter, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, the Yankees capped an incredible comeback by defeating the Boston Red Sox 5-4.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To furnish the means of acquiring knowledge is ... the greatest benefit that can be conferred upon mankind." — John Quincy Adams

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Sept. 27) and first quarter (Oct. 5).

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Woman stung by bees 500 times

LAKE FOREST, Calif. (AP) — Bees stung a 77-year-old woman 500 times while she walked in an Orange County retirement community Sunday, leaving her in critical condition, authorities said.

The woman, whose identity was withheld, was attacked when a hive was disturbed by workers at Freedom Village retirement community, said Liz Bear, a spokeswoman for Saddleback Memorial Medical Center.

"She's having an allergic reaction due to the number of stings," Bear said. She said the woman remained conscious while hundreds of stingers were removed and was expected to remain hospitalized for several days.

Paramedics who responded had to don bee veils and protective clothing to treat the woman, said county fire Capt. Paul Hunter.

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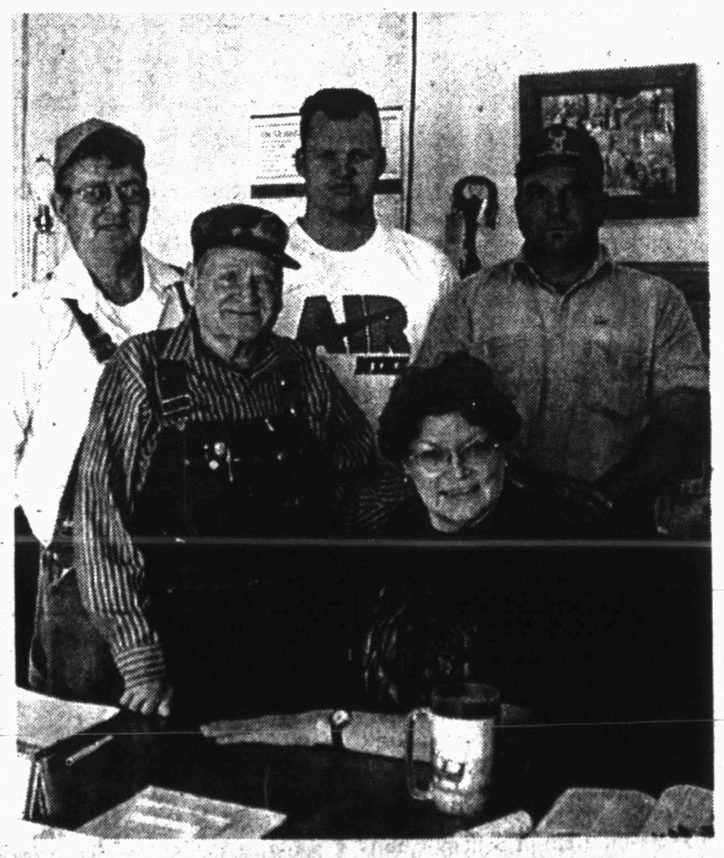
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