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Home Of Ray Jones

Maybe by seven feet....

Lake Thomas is on the rise

While beneficial rains have been falling in Snyder, perhaps the most beneficial moisture of all is what was recorded in the watershed of Lake J. B. Thomas.

A dispatcher with the sheriff's department in Gail said today that Gail itself has recorded 4.10 inches of rain this week, but more has fallen in the area of O'Donnell.

Unofficially, O'Donnell has recorded as much as six inches, and there have been reports of even more.

The in-flow of water is putting smiles on the faces of the staff of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

"We don't have any official rainfall totals in that area to report at this time," said Mike Myers, chief operator for the water district. "We've got people out checking totals right now."

Myers did say the in-flow into Lake Thomas has not leveled off.

"We've got some good water coming down. It's hard to tell what we're going to get out of this," Myers said.

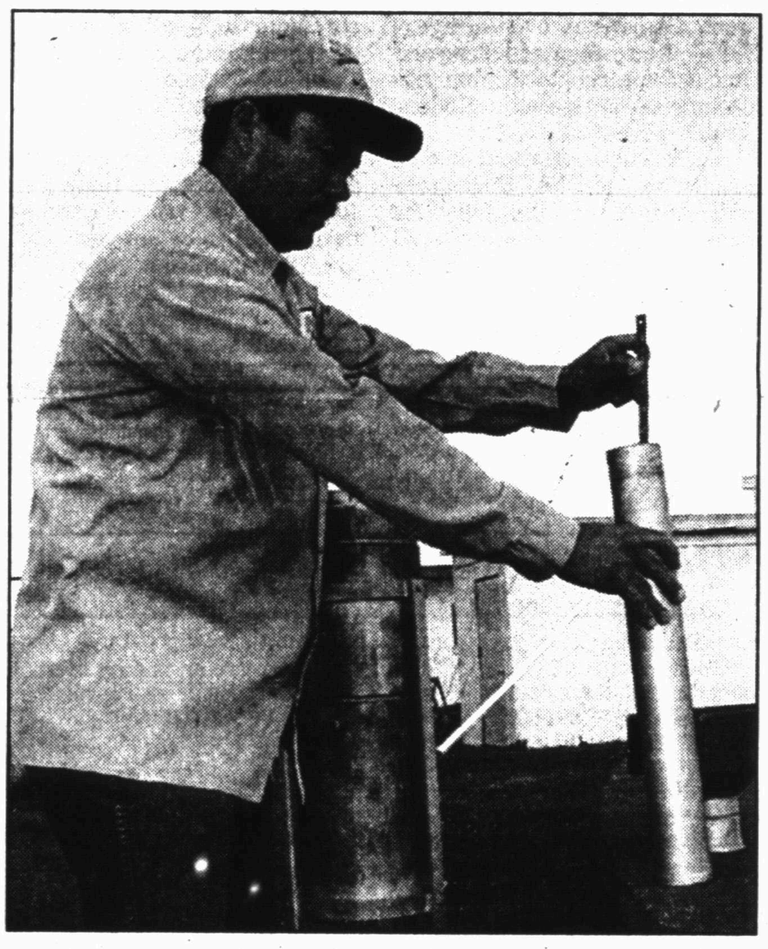
"We've had predictions about the lake rising up to 2½ feet, but I feel it will come up more than that. I'm guessing it will rise about seven feet," Myers added.

At 11 a.m. today, 1,420 cubic feet of water per second was flowing into the lake where FM 1205 crosses the Colorado River.

Myers said the water really began flowing into the lake around 9 last night.

Myers said where Highway 180 crosses Bull Creek, the water is about six feet deep and is flowing at a width of more than 350 feet.

ROAD REMAINS CLOSED — Through traffic on east 37th Street remains blocked as construction continues on the Deep Creek bridge and the rest of the road. TxDOT officials said this morning that the weather had slowed the project, and it hasn't been determined when the road would be open to traffic. (SDN Staff Photo)



RAIN GAUGE — City employee Ray Hernandez checks the rainfall total at the Bigham Water Treatment Plant on Avenue M. The plant has recorded 1.14 inches of rain in Snyder since the weekend. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rain slows down voting

The number voting early for the November general election dropped somewhat Wednesday as 270 votes were recorded in the third day of early voting.

County Clerk Joan Bunch said Wednesday's rains might have kept the voters away.

"But I think it will pick up again today," Bunch said.

And as of 11 a.m. today, 69 more ballots had been cast.

The rain was intermittent Wednesday – but it did fall heavy at times – and it kept some 33 less voters from casting ballots as compared to a high of 303 on Tuesday. On Monday, 279 early votes were cast.

This brings the total of early voting for the November general election – counting this morning's total - to 921.

In the 1996 general election, 2,537 voters cast early ballots.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.25
North of city	2.00
Lake Thomas	.20
Hermleigh	.50
Fluvanna	2.70
Polar	2.25
Camp Springs	1.00
Dunn	1.40
Ira	.85
Dermott	1.50
Union	.50
Gail	2.30

Totals as reported by area residents for Wednesday.

Security tightened after threat made in Yemen

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — Security was tightened today around the hotel housing U.S. investigators looking into the attack on the USS Cole after a bomb threat was received, Yemeni officials said.

The officials said the telephone threat from an unknown caller was received around midnight. Yemeni and U.S. security officials held an emergency meeting in the early hours of the morning and adopted new security precautions, including ringing the hotel with machine-gun mounted military vehicles and stopping civilian traffic from approaching any closer than about 500 yards.

The Oct. 12 attack on the Cole killed 17 U.S. sailors and wounded 39 others. Officials believe two suicide bombers maneuvered a small boat next to the destroyer and detonated it.

The bomb threat to the investigators came as the FBI technicians finished gathering evidence from the ship and were heading home. After some departures the day before, those remaining from around 80 technicians were to leave Thursday, said a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The technicians had been "steadily sending" evidence to the United States for analysis, the official said. The Cole is to be carried back to the United States on a special "heavy-lift" ship that is expected to reach Aden on Sunday. Other FBI agents with a more investigatory role remained, the official said.

Yemen's president said one of the two suspected bombers was identified by witnesses as an Egyptian and that a number of Arab veterans of Afghanistan's war against Soviet troops had been detained in connection with the blast.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh said the detainees were senior members of the Muslim militant group Islamic Jihad, including Yemenis, Egyptians and Algerians.

Terrorist suspect Osama bin Laden was prominently involved in the Afghan resistance and now lives in Afghanistan, but Saleh declined to say whether the attackers or detainees had any connection to bin Laden's Al-Qaida group. Saleh spoke on MBC television, a Saudi-owned satellite channel broadcast from London.

If terrorism is proved, the Cole bombing would be the deadliest terrorist attack on the U.S. military since 19 Air Force personnel died in a 1996 truck-bomb explosion in Saudi Arabia.

A representative in the United States of Afghanistan's ruling Taliban said that "if the U.S. government or any other government provided us evidence, we are willing to take (bin Laden) to trial, according to their desire and their demands."

But Abdul Hakim Mujahid — making a rare public speech at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Massachusetts on Wednesday — said he doubted there was any evidence tying bin Laden to the attack.

In Aden Wednesday, sources close to the investigation said authorities had detained a Yemeni carpenter who allegedly helped the Cole's attackers refit their boat to carry explosives and a woman who bought the car they used to haul it. No charges had been filed yet against either.

U.S. officials remain concerned about the threat of terrorist attacks. U.S. forces in Bahrain and Qatar were put on high alert last weekend after plans for terrorist attacks were uncovered, a defense official said Wednesday.

Meanwhile, U.S. senators said a Defense Intelligence Agency terrorism expert in the Gulf claims he warned of possible terrorist attacks on U.S. forces there before the bombing of the Cole but that higher-ups failed to pass the information to military commanders.

The expert, whose name was not disclosed, resigned in protest the day after the Cole attack, a senator said Wednesday.

Defense Department spokesman Kenneth Bacon said in a statement that the analyst told the DIA's director, Vice Adm. Thomas Wilson, on Wednesday that he "had some concerns about how the agency used his analytical views," but that he did not have information that would have provided "tactical warning of the attack on the USS Cole."

Defense witness testifies in U.S. espionage case

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian weapons specialist who testified Thursday in the espionage trial of U.S. businessman Edmond Pope said technical papers Pope is accused of trying to acquire illegally were not classified, the defense lawyer said.

Pope, 54, a retired U.S. Navy officer from State College, Pa., was arrested April 3 in Moscow on charges of trying to buy classified blueprints to a high speed torpedo used by the Russian navy.

Pope's supporters have said the plans were for a 10-year old technology that has already been sold abroad.

The Shkval torpedo that allegedly interested Pope glides on huge air bubbles it creates as it goes, and it can build up speeds of hundreds of miles per hour underwater.

Pope's lawyer Pavel Astakhov said he called a specialist on weapons systems as a defense witness in the closed-door trial.

Phi Theta Kappa...

Honors group sets informal induction

An informal induction for new members of the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa will be held 7 p.m. Friday at Western Texas College.

Refreshments will be served in room 109 of the 2B building.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for community colleges.

Membership in the society is by invitation, and students must achieve at least a 3.2 scholastic average.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Talking computers is like a second language, but we're still trying to master the first."

We're still amazed. We continue to have more questions than answers about computers, the Internet and the Snyder Daily News web site.

If we were undecided on the presidential election, one past campaign boast would turn the tide.

The campaign claim, although highly-exaggerated, that Al Gore invented the Internet is reason enough to vote for somebody else.

But it was interesting to receive an e-mail from a former Scurry County resident, now living in Singapore.

The electronic message came from Phil Ator, vice president for Unocal International Supply and Trading.

Phil and his wife, Pamela, came across the SDN Online edition and said that the electronic newspaper is now bookmarked in his home computer – some 15,000 miles from his former hometown.

Former Dallas Morning News sportswriter Blackie Sherrod, now a Big D editorial page columnist, h d some insight into the fast-approaching presidential election.

Sherrod recalled the wisdom of Eugene McCarthy who said, "Being a politician is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game and dumb enough to think it is important."

Sherrod won't reveal who he plans to vote for, but he did provide some insight into more than just the two leading candidates.

Blackie's wit observed: "Ralph Nader looks the sadder of the candidates, leading one to fear that he best understands the situation."

There has long been political implications concerning politics and the deceased.

All can recall stories where the dear-departed have been elected or re-elected to offices. But there is an upside to having those folks in office. They can't do much damage.

But during this presidential campaign, one fellow got the last word on the election – the last word in a political endorsement.

You have to admire the chap who died last month in Canton, Ohio. He proved that dying is the ultimate in political one-upsmanship.

A 71-year-old gentleman by the name of James E. Fete Sr. passed away. In his obituary in the Canton Repository newspaper, he included this little tidbit. "In lieu of flowers, vote Bush."

You can't help but admire Mr. Fete's flair.

ASK US

Q—I received an e-mail saying in order to vote for Gov. Bush for president, I had to mark the ballot twice - straight ticket and for George W. Bush. Is this true?
A—No.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 70 degrees; low, 61; 7 a.m. Thursday, 64; .25 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, 18.28 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, 40% rain chance, low upper 50s, S wind 10-20 mph; Friday, partly cloudy, 30% rain chance, high mid 70s.

Angelica Lopez
Rainy

Sunset:
7:01 p.m.
Sunrise:
7 a.m.
Of 299 days in 2000, the sun has shone 293 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Do ordinary things, don't just dream them.

Earn all-region choir recognition

Seventeen Snyder High School freshmen choir students auditioned for the Junior High All-Region Choir on Saturday.

The following SHS choir students were selected for the SSA All-Region Choir:

- Sarah Crawford, alto, daughter of Malcolm and Vickie Crawford;
- Kelby Drum, alto, daughter of Max and Valerie Drum;
- Rebecca Pavlovsky, alto, daughter of Donny and Lori Pavlovsky;
- Molly Haire, soprano I, daughter of Jerry and Rhonda Haire;
- Brooke Peterson, soprano I, daughter of Brian Peterson.

Justin Stoker was selected to the SATB All-Region Choir. He sings bass 1 and is the son of Don and Roxanne Stoker.

The students will perform with others selected from the region in a concert to be given Nov. 11, in Lubbock. The two junior high choirs will perform along with the high school All-Region SSA and mixed choirs at Monterrey High School for a 4 p.m. concert.

Ninth grade choir students named to the junior high all region choirs are from left, back row, Sarah Crawford and Rebecca Pavlovsky; front row, Justin Stoker, Molly Haire and Brooke Peterson. Kelby Drum is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Panel: Earth will get hotter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The past five years has produced still stronger evidence that human activities are influencing climate and that the earth is likely to get hotter than previously predicted, a U.N. panel of climate scientists says.

The conclusions by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the most authoritative scientific voice on global warming, is expected to unleash new controversy as scientists and governments debate the earth's climate in the coming decade.

The report's summary, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, was distributed to government officials worldwide this week and will be fine-tuned at a meeting of world government representatives early next year.

While some wording will change, the panel's scientific findings cannot be altered, several participants in crafting the summary report said.

It is the first full-scale review and update of the state of climate science by the IPCC panel since 1995 when the same group concluded there is "a discernible human influence" on the earth's climate — the so-called "greenhouse" effect caused by the buildup of heat-trapping chemicals in the atmosphere.

While there remain uncertainties, studies of the last five years and more sophisticated computer modeling shows "there is now stronger evidence for a human influence" on the climate and more certainty that man-made greenhouse gases "have contributed substantially to the observed warming over the last 50 years."

"What this report is clearly saying is that global warming is a real problem and it is with us and we are going to have to take this into account in our future planning," said Kevin Trenberth, head of climate analysis section at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.

Equally significant, is the conclusion in the new assessment that if greenhouse emissions are not curtailed the earth's average surface temperatures could be expected to increase substantially more than previously estimated.

The panel concluded that average global temperature increases ranging from 2.7 to as much as 11 degrees Fahrenheit can be expected by the end of this century if current trends of concentration of heat-trapping gases continues unabated in the atmosphere.

Five years ago, the panel put the projected increases at a range 1.8 to 6.3 degrees Fahrenheit. The panel said the higher temperatures stem mainly from more sophisticated computer modeling and expected decline in sulfate releases into the atmosphere, especially from power plants for other environmental reasons. These sulfates tend to act as a cooling agent by reflecting the sun's radiation.

Michael Oppenheimer, an atmospheric physicist at Environmental Defense, said the new warming estimates pose "a risk of devastating consequences within this century."

A co-author of the full report, he said he could only discuss it in general terms since it has yet to be released.

The findings were the product of several hundred climate scientists including — like Oppenheimer — longtime proponents of global warming as well as skeptics who say there remain significant uncertainties.

Michael Schlesinger, a climatologist at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, who also contributed to the report, emphasized in an interview that there is still insufficient knowledge about natural climate variables such as solar radiation that could influence any assessment on human impact on climate.

Three years ago industrial nations tentatively agreed to curtail the release of greenhouse gases — mainly carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels — to below 1990 levels as a first step to address global warming. None of the major industrial emitters has yet to ratify the treaty.

The IPCC panel's 1995 summary represented the key scientific underpinning for the Kyoto accord. Likewise the new assessment, reflecting the most current scientific understanding of the climate system and potential for future warming, will be key to the coming decade's climate debate.

"An increasing body of observations gives a collective picture of warming world," the scientists determined.

On the Net: National Center for Atmospheric Research: http://www.ncar.ucar.edu

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 27, 2000

In the year ahead, you'll get ample opportunities to involve yourself in endeavors that stimulate new ideas. The products of your imagination could be profitable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Make allowances for personality variables when giving advice to anyone today. Ideas and concepts that work for you might not be tailored to the needs or position of another. Astro-Graph year ahead predictions make great Christmas stocking stuffers for all signs of the Zodiac. Mail $2 for each to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158. Be sure to state the Zodiac signs you desire.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone may tell you something in confidence today that is really juicy, but that doesn't give you license to broadcast it to others. Keep your word and zip up your lips.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be it small talk or weighty conversations, you'll enjoy all verbal communication today. Spend your time with people or projects that focus on dialogue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Put your brainpower to work today to fulfill your ambitious objectives. What you can't accomplish with brawn can be accomplished with your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's sensible to treat the immediate with the respect it deserves, but spend a little time contemplating and making plans for your tomorrows, as well. You're a good architect today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your mind is sharp enough today to be a nitpicker, so now is the time to spot all the missing bits and pieces that have been holding things back in an important business matter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The ability to see both sides of an issue will put you in a favorable position today, and you'll be able to arbitrate a delicate matter successfully.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you're the one in charge of an assignment at the office today, check everyone's work as an insurance against possible mistakes. Details that escape co-workers won't elude you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do something fun and enjoyable today, but make sure it is also mentally stimulating. Activities requiring mental gymnastics will be far more satisfying than those void of them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you don't make your voice heard today concerning a domestic issue, you may lose the opportunity to speak what's on your mind. Be vocal regarding your views.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Use today to allot some time to clearing up most of the paperwork cluttering your desk. If it gets past you now, it could get way out of control.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Unreasonable expectations could cause you to make a poor choice today. Be satisfied with making a small profit instead of holding out for an uncertain large one.

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Noninvasive colon cancer test studied

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Researchers at the Mayo Clinic have developed a new test that detects colon cancer without the invasive procedures so many people try to avoid, but it could be years before the test is widely available.

Rather than using a long scope to examine the colon, the new test measures genetic abnormalities in the patient's stool.

"From the patient's perspective, it's a very user-friendly kind of test that may help overcome some of the barriers to screening participation," said Dr. David Ahlquist, the Mayo Clinic gastroenterologist who led the study, published Wednesday in the journal Gastroenterology.

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 129,400 people are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year and 56,000 die from it.

It can be cured if detected early, but because of the uncomfortable procedures, only 30 percent of Americans over the age of 50 — the recommended screening age for people without risk factors — get tested, Ahlquist said.

Researchers at the clinic in Rochester and EXACT Laboratories in Maynard, Mass., used the new stool test in a study of 61 Mayo Clinic patients over the past year and a half. Of the 22 who were known to have colon cancer, the new test detected it in 20, or 91 percent. It also detected 73 percent of precancerous polyps in those with cancer and 11 others. It gave no false positive results in the 28 people with normal colons.

"The results exceeded our expectations," Ahlquist said. "Those are values much higher than detection rates by fecal blood testing and conventional sigmoidoscopy," which involves a flexible tube inserted in the rectum to examine the first 10 to 12 inches of the intestine.

The stool test works like this: DNA is contained in cells that are continuously shed from precancerous polyps and cancerous tumors in the colon. By examining the patient's stool in a laboratory, that DNA can be detected, Ahlquist said. No special diet or medication restrictions and no enemas or bowel preparations are needed.

Current tests for colon cancer include fecal blood testing, sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy. The first has an average 5 percent false positive rate, and the latter two involve invasive procedures.

"I think the study is very promising," said Dr. Sidney Winawer, an attending gastroenterologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York and principal investigator of the National Colonoscopy Study.

"The concept of checking the stool for DNA mutations in order to identify people with cancerous polyps is something that's been studied for several years and has been found to be not very sensitive," Winawer said.

The new test is more sensitive because it looks at a range of DNA mutations.

On the Net:
Gastroenterology journal: http://www.gastrojournal.org
Mayo Clinic: http://www.mayo.edu
EXACT Laboratories: http://www.exactgenomics.com

Date Book

Thursday, Oct. 26, 2000

Today is the 300th day of 2000 and the 35th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1825, the Erie Canal, which connects the Hudson River with Lake Erie, officially opened.

On this day in 1956, the SS Mariposa set sail from Los Angeles, bound for Australia. She was the first American ocean liner to be stabilized with gyroscopes.

On this day in 1970, Gary Trudeau's comic strip "Doonesbury" first appeared in print.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Primo Carnera (1906-1967), boxing great; Mahalia Jackson (1911-1972), singer; Francois Mitterrand (1916-1996), French politician; Bob Hoskins (1942-), actor, is 58; Hillary Rodham Clinton (1946-), first lady, is 54; Pat Sajak (1947-), television personality, is 53; Jaclyn Smith (1947-), actress, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1990, hockey player Wayne Gretzky scored his 2,000th point.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The last function of reason is to recognize that there are an infinity of things which surpass it." — Pascal

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Oct. 27).

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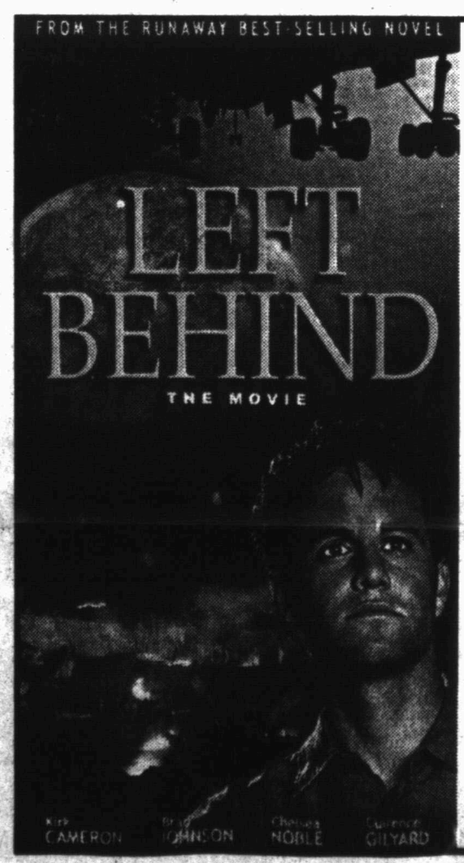

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Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

Play that tune

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I wonder if you can furnish me with the name of a source for a plain record player. My husband is 86 years old and really misses listening and playing all the 78- and 33-rpm records we've collected over the years. Our old record player has given up, and we were not successful in finding someone who could fix it.

Also, are your first two books still available? If so, did the same publisher issue them? I did not know that you had written two books before "Clean It, Find It, Fix It." I now wonder how I got along without it. I have already contacted several sources for hard-to-find products.

You are a blessing to all, and thanks again for your wonderful, helpful columns. If you do reply in the paper, please don't mention my name. My husband may see it, and I want the record player to be a surprise. — A READER

DEAR READER: It always surprises us when we get a cluster of letters about the same subject. In two weeks, we received letters from you and from Linda Evon of Elso, Pa., who is looking for a three-speed phonograph. The only three-speed phonograph we could find is at Garage-A-Records (888) 800-7597 at 10265 N. Turkey Creek Road, Syracuse, IN 46567. It's item No. 1010AV and sells for $169 plus shipping.

Linda Germany of Baton Rouge, La., is searching for a record player with a changer. We couldn't find this item, but we did find a mini-changer at Garage-A-Records. It can be used with another record player, but a request for stackable record player stumped us. Readers?

Jean Stewart of Warminister, Pa., and June Rempert of South Barrington, Ill., are both looking for children's three-speed record players. How well we remember the portable, inexpensive record players for kids. We couldn't find one, but the record player listed above will certainly fit the bill.

We found a two-speed (33 1/3 RPM and 45 RPM) Thomas Old-Fashioned record player with an AM/FM radio and cassette player in a cherry or oak cabinet (item No. E-20232) for $98.76 plus $12.97 for shipping and handling at QVC Inc. It must be ordered over the phone. If you don't want to use a credit card, you can send a money order, but you must first call in your order. The QVC number is (800) 345-1515.

You can also find a two-speed turntable with an amplifier and two speakers at The Vermont Country Store. It is item No. 28872 and costs $129.95. The Vermont Country Store is at P.O. Box 3000 Manchester Center, VT 05255-3000; (802) 362-8440.

As for our two earlier books, "Ask Anne & Nan: Sensible Solutions to Practical Problems" (Whetstone Publishing, 1989) and "Dear Anne & Nan: Two Prize Problem Solvers Share Their Secrets" (Bantam Books, 1992) are out of print. A used book dealer might be able to help you find a copy of them.

STUMPED: OLD-TIMEY CANDY — Judi Copping of Manchester, Vt., is searching for this candy, which Nan remembers well. The candy was about the size of a 50-cent piece. It was smooth on one side and had ridges on the other. It came in flavors such as peppermint, clove, cinnamon and fruit. Judi remembers this candy coming in a long, narrow box and being readily available at Christmas time. Nan remembers it being sold at Ivy's in Minneapolis. Can anyone help us find these long-time favorites?

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Our new book, "Clean It, Fix It, Find It," is ready. The price is $14.95 plus $4 shipping and handling. Add $1 shipping and handling for each additional book ordered. Mail your order to Enfield Distribution, P.O. Box 699, Enfield, NH 03748. Or call toll-free (888) 216-7611.

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DKG hears program on vouchers

Delta Kappa Gamma members met Oct. 24 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club to hear a program on educational legislation vouchers by Rep. David Counts and David Holt.

Counts updated the women educators on the structure of education and funding and also covered topics of choosing private schools at public expense and charter schools.

Carmen Carpenter led the business session and Dixie Haggard gave the meditation. Dorothy Rosson and Dorothy Kayser served as program chairmen.

Hostesses were Bettie McQueen, Kay Hensley, Carla Allen, Connie Huddleston and JoAlyce McMullen.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Oct. 25-Petra Delao, Frances Doty, Tanner Huter, Jason Kenner, Veronica Medrano, Robert Prichard, Rayburn Byrom, Melissa Duran and Joe Hernandez.

DISMISSALS: Joe Hernandez, Russell Loyd, Consuelo Salinas and Ann Lord.

CENSUS: 38 (Med./Surg.12, Long-term Care-25 and OB-1)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 10-26-00
♠ 7
♥ K Q 10 5 2
♦ K 3
♣ 10 9 7 4 3

West
♠ 9 8 5 2
♥ 9 6 3
♦ A Q 9 6 2
♣ 5

East
♠ 4
♥ A J 8 4
♦ J 7 4
♣ A K Q 8 2

South
♠ A K Q J 10 6 3
♥ 7
♦ 10 8 5
♣ J 6

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			2 ♣
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 5

Thursday, Oct. 26, 2000

Save partner on defense

By Phillip Alder

This deal won the defense-of-the-year award from the International Bridge Press Association. East might have found the killing play, but West, Roger Lie, made sure that his partner, Terje Lie, couldn't err. The brothers come from Goteborg, in Sweden, and were playing in a local league match.

Look only at the North and East hands. Against three spades, your partner leads a singleton club. After taking the queen and ace, what would you do at trick three?

East's opening bid showed 11-16 high-card points with five or more clubs. And if, as here, he had exactly five clubs, he had to have a four-card major too. South bid cautiously; I know many people who would have jumped straight to four spades — and gone one or two down.

To defeat the contract, East must switch to a diamond at trick three. This is not an easy play to find, even if West discards an encouraging diamond at trick two. And Roger Lie realized that. So, he ruffed the club ace and switched to a low diamond.

After winning with the diamond king, declarer called for the heart king. But East won with the ace, put his partner in with the diamond queen, and the spade-nine return left South with five unavoidable losers: one heart, two diamonds and two clubs.

Suppose East wins trick two and continues with a third club. South ruffs high, draws trumps, and drives out the heart ace. The diamond king is still in the dummy as the entry to his ninth trick, the heart king.

Don't ruff your partner's ace — unless it is correct.

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Majority of teens would vote for female candidate

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — A nationwide survey of more than 1,000 eligible and near-eligible voters in battleground states reveals that 84 percent of teenagers would vote for a qualified female candidate for president if one were running today. Two-thirds of students believe the first female President of the United States will be elected in the next 20 years. The Junior Achievement survey on leadership, one in a series of surveys called the *Interprise Poll*, polled students from across the nation on issues surrounding business, government, the upcoming election and voting.

Fifty-three percent of student respondents believe that Republican candidate George W. Bush is the best candidate for continuing America's unprecedented economic success, while 41 percent believe Democrat candidate Al Gore would be best for the economy. Five percent of respondents support Green Party candidate Ralph Nader and two percent support Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan.

Eighty-one percent of the respondents who are eligible to vote (18 or older) would be willing to vote for a female presidential candidate. Nearly one in 10 respondents believe that a female candidate will be elected president in the next election in 2004, and almost a third believe it will happen in 10 years.

In an age when voter turnout continues to be of concern, use of the Internet might dramatically increase participation among the newest generation of voters. When asked if they would be more likely to vote if using the Internet were an option, 51 percent said probably.

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American journalist Terry Anderson was abducted on a Beirut street by the Shiite Muslim group Islamic Jihad on March 16, 1985.

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Actor Basil Rathborne was born in 1892.

Cinnamon rolls are delight for college students

"This recipe for cinnamon rolls went to college for nine years with Gary and Keitha," said Ann Walton, longtime member of First Baptist Church.

This recipe was taken from a cookbook compiled last year, "Angelic Delights," sponsored by the GAs of FBC.

CINNAMON ROLLS

Take ½ of the dough from Parker House Rolls. After dough rises, put on large floured cabinet top. Roll as thin as you can. You will have a very large circle.

Put small lumps of oleo (or butter) close together all over the dough. Sprinkle 1 ½ cups of sugar over that. Sprinkle cinnamon over the butter and sugar. (I like a lot). Break up pecans and put 2 cups of broken pecan pieces over the other ingredients.

Start at one edge and roll toward the other side. Dampen the edge of dough with water and stick to the top of roll. Carefully bring the 2 ends together and fasten together.

With help from someone, put the cinnamon roll on a large cookie sheet. Flatten with your hand as flat as you can get it.

Don't let it rise, but cook it in a 350 degree oven until very brown. As soon as it is done, turn up-side-down on large tray or on heavy foil. Pour powdered sugar icing and let it drizzle down the side. Put pecan halves on top, or small candies. Cut in small pieces across the rolls. It will be very crisp and yummy.

Icing: Take 1 lb. powdered sugar and 2 tsp. vanilla and add enough condensed milk to make a thin icing. Mix well.

GRANDMOTHER'S TEA CAKES

4 cups flour
4 eggs
2 ½ cups sugar
1 cup shortening
1 tsp. baking powder
½ milk
½ tsp. vanilla
pecans or coconut

Mix together all ingredients (except pecans or coconut). Then chill. Roll out with plenty of flour. Cut in squares. Place on greased cookie sheets. Sprinkle pecans or coconut on top. Bake 10-12 minutes at 350 degrees.

By Ann Walton

MAWC to kick off its holiday season with luncheon Sunday

Martha Ann Woman's Club board members have planned a fall luncheon Sunday to set the holiday mood.

The luncheon will include entrees of turkey and ham. The complete meal including drinks and dessert, is $8.50 and a child under 12 is $4 with no gratuity,. Tickets may be delivered by calling calling 573-6443 or 573-3427.

Serving begins at 11:30 a.m. and will continue until 1:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will be used for maintaining the clubhouse.

Man gets off light

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — It was an elementary approach to crime and punishment.

Jamie L. Vannostran, 22, got off light for obstruction of justice after writing — 100 times — "I will not lie to the police."

"It was stupid," said Vannostran, arrested Sept. 22 when he was found hiding in the attic.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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SPORTS

SHS netters set for regional tournament

When Brad Wikse took the reins of the Snyder High School tennis program this year, his first goal was to lead the Tigers to another district title.

With the 4-4A championship in hand, Snyder sets out Friday to accomplish its second goal — secure a berth in the state team tennis tournament.

When Snyder opens play Friday morning in the Region I-4A tennis tournament in Wichita Falls, it will be looking for success in the early rounds that has escaped the Tigers the past few years.

But, according to Wikse, the Tigers' route to success depends largely on tonight's draw when the 16 squads learn who they'll face in the opening round.

"The draw determines a lot in this tournament," said Wikse. "They only seed the top four teams, then the other 14 are just randomly placed in the bracket.

"If you get one of the top seeds, then you're guaranteed not to face another top team in the first few rounds. But if you don't get seeded, you could open up against one of the state's top teams."

As in years past, the favorites are perennial powerhouses Wichita Falls High and Wichita Falls Rider. But Wikse quickly adds not to count out his Tigers.

"Obviously the two Wichita Falls schools are good. They always are," the first-year Snyder coach stated. "But we can surprise some people. If we can get a good draw and get some confidence going, then we could upset some people in the later rounds."

Snyder will rely heavily on its top two boys players Ryan Gibson and Allen Smith.

Gibson advanced to the state tournament last spring with doubles partner Adrian Gonzales. Gonzales has since graduated, but the Gibson-Smith has been a formidable replacement.

"Ryan and Allen have played well in almost every event this year," Wikse remarked. "It's nice to have them at the top. You know that you always have a good chance to get three wins from them."

Also lining up on the boys' side for Snyder will be Horacio DePaz, Adam Rodgers, Alex Best, Charlie Gorman and Tyson Kubena.

On the girls' side, Snyder has relied on steady performances from all eight Lady Tigers this season.

Taking the court for Snyder will be Patricia Vargas, Jordan Hardin, Claire Cotton, Cozy Jones, Afton Sutter, Andra Dunham, Sara Cantu and Kara Brumley.

"The strength of our team this year has been the fact that these kids never give up," said Wikse. "Not matter what, they keep battling until the very end. And efforts like that will pay off at the regional tournament."

The regional event will continue with the final rounds on Saturday. The top two teams from each region advance to the state tournament in Austin.

Snyder's Pigskin Prognosticators

STANDINGS

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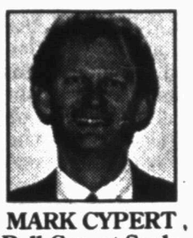
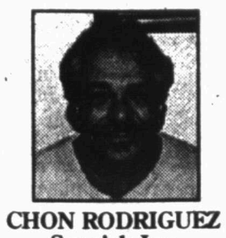
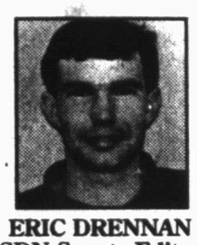
Cypert	90-70	.563
Rodriguez	99-61	.619
Drennan	98-62	.613

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Ira at Westbrook	Ira	Ira	Ira	Ira
Hermleigh at Borden County	Hermleigh	Hermleigh	Hermleigh	Hermleigh
Plainview at Andrews	Plainview	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews
Estacado at Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring
Frenship at Lake View	Frenship	Frenship	Frenship	Frenship
Nebraska at Oklahoma	Nebraska	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Texas Tech at Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
Kansas St. at Texas A&M	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Kansas St.
Ohio St. at Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue
Tennessee at South Carolina	Tennessee	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina
UCLA at Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona
Florida vs. Georgia	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
Georgia Tech at Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson	Clemson
Oregon at Arizona St.	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon
Green Bay at Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
NY Jets at Buffalo	NY Jets	NY Jets	Buffalo	NY Jets
Minnesota at Tampa Bay	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
Detroit at Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis
Jacksonville at Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Jacksonville	Dallas

Yankees take control of Series

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets are finding out what the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants learned long ago. The Yankees are hard to beat in a Subway Series.

What Derek Jeter started with a home run on the very first pitch, the bullpen finished off. The New York Yankees downed the Mets 3-2 Wednesday night and closed within one victory of their third straight World Series title.

"We're one win from where we want to be," Jeter said.

Game 4 marked the Yankees' third one-run victory of the Series.

A sellout crowd of 55,290 at Shea Stadium seemed much more subdued than for the Mets' 4-2 win in Game 3, possibly because of a much larger presence of Yankees rooters.

Also, the noise blaring from the center-field speakers was turned down, probably because Mets co-owner Nelson Doubleday complained about the volume.

The ballpark figures to be a lot louder — either way — on Thursday night when the Yankees try to become the first team since the 1972-74 Oakland Athletics to win three titles in a row.

Andy Pettitte will start Game 5 against the Mets' Al Leiter. Of the prior 40 teams to take a 3-1 lead in the World Series, 34 have gone on to win the championship.

The last team to blow a 3-1 deficit was St. Louis in 1985 to Kansas City.

"Well, it's someplace I've been before, but it's certainly not familiar and surefire stuff," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

If the Yankees win, they hope to have a dry clubhouse for a celebration. Severe flooding from a burst pipe soaked their locker room, including furniture that Yankees owner George Steinbrenner brought from Yankee Stadium, and forced players to conduct postgame interviews on the field.

"All of a sudden, the massage room and the weight area and the hot tub area, it was like Niagara Falls," winning pitcher Jeff Nelson said. "The ceiling collapsed, there was water everywhere. This green, gunky water."

The night certainly started out well for the Yankees.

Moved up to the leadoff spot for the first time in this Series, Jeter delivered. He became the first player to homer on the opening pitch of a World Series game since Pete Rose for Cincinnati in 1972.

"I've been known to swing at the first pitch," Jeter said. "When you play games like this, you want to score early. I got a good pitch to hit, and I hit it well.

"We're playing at Shea Stadium, and even though there are a few Yankee fans here, you want to take the crowd out of the game," he said.

Even though Torre calls his star shortstop a "kid," Jeter might soon be the owner of four Series rings at age 26.

Jeter's shot off Bobby J. Jones sent the Yankees on their way.

Said Jones: "I wasn't expecting him to swing."

"Putting a run on the board was the difference in the game," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said.

Mike Piazza's two-run homer closed the Mets to 3-2 in the third inning, and there was no more scoring as both managers made early moves to the bullpen.

Yankees starter Denny Neagle was pulled after 4 2-3 innings with a 3-2 lead, with David Cone coming in to retire Piazza on a popup to end the fifth.

Nelson pitched 1 1-3 innings, Mike Stanton struck out the only two batters he faced and Mariano Rivera pitched two innings for his first save of the series.

NBA hands down large fine

NEW YORK (AP) — The Minnesota Timberwolves learned what their penalty is for making a secret deal with Joe Smith, and it's a harsh one. What's more, NBA commissioner David Stern hasn't finished hammering them.

Stern came down hard Wednesday on the Timberwolves, voiding Smith's contract and forfeiting the team's next five first-round draft picks.

He also fined the team $3.5 million. Possible suspensions for owner Glen Taylor and general manager Kevin McHale won't be decided until a hearing is held to determine who had knowledge of the secret contract agreement.

"It's a tough penalty. I was reading across the page and the draft picks just kept going," Knicks general manager Scott Layden said. "The money is probably the least of the penalty, but collectively it shows that the commissioner is not soft on circumvention."

The Knicks and Dallas Mavericks were among the teams quickly indicating an interest in Smith. The Chicago Bulls, who can pay Smith more than any other team, said they would not comment until reviewing the situation with the league office.

Under an arbitrator's ruling announced Monday, Stern had the right to void Smith's one-year, $2.5 million contract. Stern went even further, voiding Smith's last two contracts and thereby stripping Smith of his Larry Bird rights, which would have allowed him to sign a lucrative extension with the Timberwolves next summer.

"They don't have the ability to do that. They're definitely trying to rewrite the arbitrator's ruling," said Smith's agent, Dan Fegan.

The NBA also asked the players association to "impose appropriate discipline" against Eric Fleisher, Smith's former agent.

All 29 NBA teams are now free to negotiate with Smith, but it seemed he was ready to re-sign with his current team. But Smith has no financial incentive to remain in Minnesota since he would have to play there for three more years to regain his Bird rights.

"Money has never been an issue for me. It's always been about playing basketball. It's never been about money," Smith said.

Stars win streak snapped, 6-2

DALLAS (AP) — Are the Vancouver Canucks emerging as a Western Conference power?

They got second-period goals from Brendan Morrison, Denis Pederson and Bryan Helmer in a span of 41/2 minutes Wednesday night, paving the way to a 6-2 victory over the Dallas Stars, snapping their five-game winning streak.

"This is a different team," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said of the Canucks, who failed to make the playoffs last season. "This is the best team we've faced by far."

Vancouver, 4-1-1 in its last six games, handed Dallas its first home defeat of the season after a 4-0-1 start.

"Maybe we came in a little overconfident," said Stars goalie Ed Belfour, pulled from the game late in the second period. "That happens sometimes when you're on a winning streak. You let up a little."

Morrison snapped a 1-1 tie, and Pederson scored 61 seconds later to give the Canucks a 3-1 lead.

The Stars have gone to the last two Stanley Cup finals and won the Cup two years ago, but they suffered a defensive meltdown against the Canucks.

"Dallas is a tough team to play against," Canucks coach Marc Crawford said. "They challenge you physically. We answered the challenge as the game wore on. Dallas doesn't give you much free ice, but we were getting to the puck with a purpose."

Brett Hull of the Stars notched his second goal of the night and 618th of his career at 15:05 of the second period to make it 3-2.

Then Vancouver defenseman Bryan Helmer beat Belfour, who was late returning to the crease after playing the puck behind his net. Trent Klatt came away with the puck and passed to Helmer, who made it 4-2 at 17:55 of the second.

"I went out to play the puck, but it wouldn't sit down for me," Belfour said. "We've got to put this behind us as a team and learn from our mistakes."

Hitchcock sent in rookie Marty Turco to replace Belfour, who gave up four goals on 12 shots.

World Series

All Times EDT
WORLD SERIES
Saturday, Oct. 21
N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 3, 12 innings
Sunday, Oct. 22
N.Y. Yankees 6, N.Y. Mets 5
Tuesday, Oct. 24
N.Y. Mets 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Wednesday, Oct. 25
N.Y. Yankees 3, N.Y. Mets 2, N.Y. Yankees lead series 3-1
Thursday, Oct. 26
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 19-9) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 16-8), 8:25 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 8 p.m., if necessary
Sunday, Oct. 29
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 8 p.m. EST, if necessary

NBA Preseason

All Times Eastern
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	7	0	1.000	—
New York	5	2	.714	2
Philadelphia	5	3	.625	2½
Boston	3	4	.429	4
Washington	3	4	.429	4
New Jersey	1	4	.200	5
Miami	1	5	.167	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	6	2	.750	—
Detroit	5	2	.714	½
Charlotte	4	3	.571	1½
Indiana	4	3	.571	1½
Toronto	4	4	.500	2
Chicago	3	4	.429	2½
Atlanta	2	6	.250	4
Cleveland	1	4	.200	3½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	6	1	.857	—
Houston	4	3	.571	2
San Antonio	4	3	.571	2
Minnesota	3	4	.429	3
Utah	3	4	.429	3
Denver	2	5	.286	4
Vancouver	1	7	.125	5½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	4	3	.571	—
L.A. Clippers	4	3	.571	—
Phoenix	4	3	.571	—
Sacramento	4	3	.571	—
Portland	3	3	.500	½
Seattle	3	4	.429	1
L.A. Lakers	2	5	.286	2

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 81, Boston 72
Minnesota 100, Charlotte 79
Detroit 107, Houston 103
Orlando 104, Miami 90
New York 90, New Jersey 81
Dallas 104, Denver 88
Philadelphia 94, Utah 89
Phoenix 88, Vancouver 75
Wednesday's Games
Toronto 94, Charlotte 88
Washington 87, New York 86
Milwaukee 100, Chicago 90
San Antonio 109, Philadelphia 86
Golden State 101, Vancouver 91
Seattle 113, Sacramento 109
Thursday's Games
Utah at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Indiana vs. Chicago at South Bend, Ind., 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix at 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Orlando at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland vs. New Jersey at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.
New York at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
END of Preseason

National Hockey League

All Times Eastern
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	4	2	1	0	9	27	20
Pittsburgh	4	3	1	0	9	27	23
N.Y. Rangers	3	4	0	0	6	24	25
Philadelphia	2	5	2	0	6	26	38
N.Y. Islanders	1	3	2	0	4	17	19

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	5	0	3	0	13	32	18
Toronto	5	3	0	0	10	20	17
Montreal	4	3	2	0	10	29	29
Buffalo	3	3	1	1	8	24	24
Boston	3	4	1	0	7	21	28

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	2	4	2	0	6	19	23
Washington	1	3	3	1	6	20	26
Tampa Bay	2	5	1	0	5	26	33
Atlanta	1	3	3	0	5	21	25
Florida	0	3	2	2	4	10	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	6	3	0	1	13	29	22
St. Louis	5	2	1	0	11	25	13
Nashville	4	2	2	1	11	20	19
Chicago	2	5	0	1	5	16	27
Columbus	1	7	0	1	3	14	34

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	7	0	2	0	16	30	13
Vancouver	6	2	1	1	14	39	30
Edmonton	5	3	2	0	12	28	26
Calgary	3	5	1	0	7	19	22
Minnesota	1	6	3	0	5	18	33

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	6	1	2	0	14	31	20
Dallas	6	3	1	0	13	28	23
San Jose	6	2	0	0	12	23	16
Los Angeles	5	4	2	0	12	44	35
Anaheim	4	3	1	2	11	28	35

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Wednesday's Games
Buffalo 4, Carolina 1
San Jose 3, Columbus 1
Toronto 6, Minnesota 1
New Jersey 2, Florida 1
Ottawa 3, Pittsburgh 2
Detroit 5, Tampa Bay 1
Vancouver 6, Dallas 2
Atlanta 3, Edmonton 1
Colorado 2, Nashville 1, OT
Los Angeles 6, Anaheim 2
Thursday's Games
Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Florida at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

Tigers hope to keep playoff chances alive against Lobos

After breaking into the district win column with a convincing victory over Lake View last week, the Snyder Tigers hope to keep things rolling Friday night at Levelland.

Snyder will look to keep its playoff hopes alive when it travels to Levelland Friday night for a 7:30 district match-up with the Lobos.

The Tigers (3-4) enter the contest with a 1-3 league mark, while the Lobos (4-3) are 2-2. With only three regular season games remaining, both squads understand the importance of Friday night's contest.

"We've got our work cut out for us," said Snyder coach David Baugh. "We have to win out to give ourselves a chance at the playoffs. So this is a big game that we have to win."

Snyder will be boosted by the return of four players. Stephen Ortegon, Adam Owen, Josh Mendoza and Michael Murphrey are all back in the line-up. R.J. Hernandez, who was expected to miss the remainder of the season, should be back on the field next week.

"It helps a lot to get those guys back this week," said Baugh. "Without them, we had a lot of guys who had to play a lot of downs last week. Now we can give those kids a breather, and make any adjustments that we need to make."

After toppling the Chiefs last week, Snyder will face a different style of team Friday night.

The Lobos, like the Tigers, are a predominantly run-oriented squad. Levelland operates from the wing-T set, but likes to run outside, rather than between the tackles.

"They don't throw it as much as Lake View does, but they will line up in a number of different formations," Baugh remarked. "Then they like to give the ball to (Jason) Tezeno, especially on the sweeps. They want to try to run outside."

Tezeno ranks third among the district's rushers, averaging 130 yards per game and 6.6 yards per carry.

"Tezeno is good like the Bueno kid was at Andrews, but he's a different style of runner," Baugh stated. "He's more of a slasher. I'd say he runs more like Tovares (Brandon)."

Brandon has been the offensive workhorse for the Tigers this season, and is sixth in the league in rushing.

The senior fullback is coming off a 104-yard, two-touchdown performance last week, in which he also caught a pass for a score.

"Tovares is the focal point of our offense, but he isn't the only weapon that we've got," said Baugh. "We've got some other kids that can run the ball, and some that can catch it.

"Our passing game has improved considerably since the season began. Our line is doing a better job of pass blocking. Our receivers are running better routes, and Jesse (Haines) is throwing the ball better."

Last week's win was a testament Baugh's words as the Tigers rolled up 169 yards on the ground and 207 through the air.

"We had a good mixture of passing and running last week, and that's what we hope to do every week," Baugh stated. "Levelland is better defensively than Lake View, and they use a lot of zone coverages instead of man-to-man. But we think we can attack them with the run and the pass, and hopefully both will be equally effective."

Following Friday night's match-up with the Lobos, the Tigers return home next week to host district-leading Big Spring. Snyder wraps up the regular season Nov. 9 at Lubbock Estacado.

In Friday's other district match-ups, Frenship visits Lake View. Big Spring hosts Estacado, and Plainview travels to Andrews.

PROJECTED STARTERS
(Snyder in bold)

DEFENSE

ENDS
Max Blackwell, 5-11, 225, sr.
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Justin Lucas, 5-11, 240, sr.
Joseph Hutchinson, 6-2, 235, sr.

TACKLES
Tremaine Johnson, 6-0, 275, sr.
Diego Hernandez, 5-11, 200, jr.
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Kirk Noles, 6-0, 190, sr.
Andrew Villarreal, 5-10, 150, sr.

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Lawrence Johnson, 5-7, 140, sr.
Christian Coronado, 5-5, 135, soph.

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Steven Tucker, 6-3, 200, sr.

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Tommy Patino, 5-9, 275, sr.
Daniel Roberson, 5-11, 200, sr.

TACKLES
Diego Hernandez, 5-11, 200, jr.
Lance Foreman, 6-2, 280, sr.
Scotty Mitchell, 6-1, 295, sr.
Ross Thomman, 6-2, 245, soph.

District 4-4A Statistics

Offense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Frenship	1,669	1,757	3,426	489.4	301
Estacado	1,726	768	2,494	356.2	180
Plainview	1,281	936	1,217	316.7	177
Levelland	1,426	661	2,087	298.1	135
Lake View	1,182	837	2,019	288.4	152
Snyder	1,326	676	2,002	286.0	170
Big Spring	1,303	582	1,885	269.3	162
Andrews	1,578	250	1,828	261.1	131

Defense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Snyder	911	824	1,735	247.9	126
Andrews	1,220	619	1,839	262.7	126
Big Spring	1,198	743	1,941	277.3	125
Levelland	1,612	400	2,012	287.4	145
Plainview	1,118	1,176	2,294	327.7	205
Frenship	1,788	586	2,374	339.1	191
Estacado	1,870	606	2,476	353.7	196
Lake View	1,490	1,060	2,550	364.3	234

Rushing	Carries	Yards	Average	TDs
Jaime Bueno, Andrews	192	1,175	6.1	12
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	121	974	8.0	13
Jason Tezeno, Levelland	143	910	6.6	8
Jorge Rodriguez, Frenship	110	884	8.0	12
Jason Woodruff, Big Spring	116	635	5.5	9
Tovares Brandon, Snyder	104	623	6.0	4
Antoine Sheppard, Estacado	111	600	5.4	6
Jumar Hall, Lake View	112	598	5.3	2
Kendal Briles, Frenship	59	470	8.0	8
Jarod Parnell, Big Spring	95	468	4.9	6

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TDs
Kendal Briles, Frenship	71	119	1,697	3	19
David Lankford, Lake View	54	124	837	5	6
Kyle Miller, Plainview	46	108	769	4	5
Corey Morrison, Estacado	48	109	768	5	8
Jesse Haines, Snyder	45	88	676	5	5
Kevin Romero, Levelland	50	107	632	8	6
Jason Choate, Big Spring	42	89	582	6	4
Ryan Newbrough, Andrews	18	61	250	4	2

Receiving	Catches	Yards	Average	TDs
David Thomas, Frenship	24	585	24.4	4
Patrick Shelby, Frenship	13	529	40.7	6
Demetrick Hallman, Lake View	27	528	19.6	3
Bryan Moore, Frenship	28	475	17.0	5
Matthew Grimmett, Snyder	24	406	16.9	3
Adam Naron, Plainview	19	387	20.4	2
Clarence Wilkins, Big Spring	13	210	16.2	1
Pernell Upshaw, Estacado	14	206	14.7	2
Bryson Powell, Estacado	7	183	26.1	1
Lee Morrison, Lake View	16	179	11.2	1

Scoring	TDs	Points
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	13	80
Jaime Bueno, Andrews	12	74
Jason Woodruff, Big Spring	9	74
Jorge Rodriguez, Frenship	12	72
Jason Tezeno, Levelland	9	54
Kendal Briles, Frenship	8	50
Jarod Parnell, Big Spring	7	42
Antoine Sheppard, Estacado	6	40
Patrick Shelby, Frenship	6	36
Tovares Brandon, Snyder	6	36
2 others tied with	6	36

Defense	Tackles	Avg./Game
Bowe Butler, Big Spring	109	15.7
Heath Fries, Frenship	108	15.4
Mark Medley, Snyder	81	11.6
Justin Rushing, Plainview	79	11.3
Brad Burns, Frenship	70	10.0
Ocie Clark, Estacado	68	9.7
David Thomas, Frenship	68	9.7
Kirk Noles, Levelland	67	9.6
Billy Stiggers, Estacado	64	9.1
Justin Pechacek, Snyder	63	9.0

Bulldogs face key tilt against Westbrook

The Ira Bulldogs face their biggest contest of the season in Friday night's featured match-up of area six-man squads.

Ira travels to Westbrook, while Hermleigh visits Borden County in a pair of District 6 six-man tilts Friday night. Both games are slated for 7:30.

For the Bulldogs and Wildcats, the repercussion of this week's game is simple. The winner will have the upper hand in the playoff chase, while the loser will need some help in the end.

"There's no doubt that this week's game could decide who goes to the playoffs," said Ira coach Toby Goodwin. "Both teams are going to be ready to play, and I expect a good battle all night long."

Ira and Westbrook have both fallen to top-ranked Highland. The Bulldogs knocked off Borden County last week, while the Wildcats toppled Hermleigh in the district opener.

Hermleigh will be looking for its first victory of the season when it visits 1-6 Borden County.

The Cardinals have stayed healthy in their last two outings, but dropped both contests to Westbrook and Loraine.

In Friday night's other district game, Highland visits Loraine.

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Big Spring	4	0	5	2
Andrews	3	1	4	3
Frenship	3	1	5	2
Estacado	2	2	2	5
Levelland	2	2	4	3
Snyder	1	3	3	4
Plainview	1	3	2	5
Lake View	0	4	1	6

Last week's results: Snyder 43, Lake View 24; Andrews 36, Frenship 35; Big Spring 27, Plainview 26; Estacado 38, Levelland 28.

Friday's games: Snyder at Levelland; Plainview at Andrews; Estacado at Big Spring; Frenship at Lake View.

District 6 Six-Man Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Highland	2	0	7	0
Westbrook	1	1	5	1
Ira	1	1	3	4
Borden County	1	1	1	6
Loraine	1	1	2	5
Hermleigh	0	2	0	7

Last week's results: Ira 44, Borden County 20; Loraine 48, Hermleigh 7; Highland 46, Westbrook 0.

Friday's games: Ira at Westbrook; Hermleigh at Borden County; Highland at Loraine.

TODAY

FOOTBALL: Levelland at Snyder JV, at Travis Field, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Snyder freshmen at Levelland, 6:30

FOOTBALL: Snyder Black 7th grade at Colorado City, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

TENNIS: Snyder at regional tourney, Wichita Falls

FOOTBALL: Snyder at Levelland, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Ira at Westbrook, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Hermleigh at Borden County, 7:30

SATURDAY

TENNIS: Snyder at regional tourney

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder vs. Dumas, bi-district match at Plainview HS, 3 p.m.

Six injections aid Aikman's ailing back

IRVING (AP) — Troy Aikman avoided the needles as long as he could.

Aikman endured pain in his lower back for more than seven years, but felt so sore and stiff on Sunday that he finally was forced to take injections on Monday — six of them.

"It's just not something I wanted to get into. It wasn't real strongly encouraged by the doctors either," the Dallas Cowboys quarterback said. "Surgery is the last resort, but prior to that the shots are.

"I wanted to try to work through it, do some rehab and stretching, things of that nature, to see if that would help alleviate some of it, and it just hasn't been able to do it."

Aikman tested his back by working out at home Tuesday. He felt fine Wednesday and went through his first practice since receiving the medicine.

"It feels a lot better — a lot better — than what it has at any point in the last couple years," Aikman said. "The stiffness is not nearly where it was and the pain has definitely diminished."

Aikman said the only downside to the injections is that the medicine will eventually wear off, although he expects that to take several weeks.

He said he hasn't discussed another operation with doctors — and probably won't until after the season.

"It's not something that's going to go away," he said.

Aikman suffered a herniated disc in the lower left side of his back while lifting weights in 1993. He had an operation then to prevent serious damage, but fragments left behind have occasionally bothered him.

The pain became especially bad in recent weeks. It peaked before Sunday's 48-7 victory over the Arizona Cardinals.

Dallas coach Dave Campo said he's not worried about Aikman's status because he knows the quarterback is monitoring it closely.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball parents' meeting

Snyder High School volleyball parents will meet at 7 tonight in the girls' gym. Plans will be made for the Nov. 3 pre-game meal, prior to the Tigers-Big Spring game.

Ira raffle

Ira eighth grade is selling raffle tickets for an autographed Sammy Baugh football. Tickets are $1, and the drawing will be held Saturday at the Ira Fall Festival.

To purchase tickets, call Bubba Edwards at 573-2628 or 573-2227.

Three-person scramble

A three-person scramble will be held Saturday at Western Texas College. Proceeds will be used to send Western Texas GLT students to the national convention in Dallas.

Entry fee is $55 per person, with cash prizes awarded to the top three teams. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

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 blind nine.

Horseshoe pitching

Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club has league play at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the courts adjacent to the coliseum. For more information, call T.C. Nunn at 573-6710 or Terry Duncan at 573-5589.

Brodie hospitalized

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Brodie, the second-leading passer in San Francisco 49ers history, was hospitalized near Palm Springs following a major stroke.

The 64-year-old Brodie was taken to Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage on Tuesday morning. Hospital spokesperson Kim Cantieri said that Brodie was stable and improving.

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U.S. Representative District 15 (M)
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Cheney's company received assistance in foreign markets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Though Dick Cheney says the government played no role in his business success, internal State Department memos show U.S. diplomats lobbied foreign governments, banks and state-run companies to assist two business deals for the oil services firm once headed by the Republican vice presidential candidate.

The help for Dallas-based Halliburton Co. came from U.S. embassies in Angola and Bangladesh, according to embassy communications that provide a rare glimpse into common and widespread efforts by diplomats to help U.S. companies abroad.

The Associated Press obtained the State Department memos under the Freedom of Information Act.

The U.S. embassy in Angola minced few words in 1998 when detailing the assistance it gave Cheney's company. U.S. officials helped arrange financing from a reluctant Export-Import Bank, which provides credits and loan guarantees for U.S. businesses investing overseas, so that Angolans could sign an oil services contract with Halliburton.

"Our commercial officer literally camped out at the offices of the national oil company, petroleum ministry and central bank, unraveling snag after snag to obtain the transfer of funds," said an embassy cable to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. "The bottom line: thousands of American jobs and a foot in the door for Halliburton to win even bigger contracts."

That memo detailed how the embassy helped Halliburton "in tough competition with foreign firms" by allaying the Export-Import Bank's concerns and removing "barriers" to the $68 million loan package.

Diplomatic lobbying on behalf of U.S. companies is common. In fact, Warren Christopher, President Clinton's first secretary of state, stepped up such efforts.

"We do advocate on behalf of American business interests when it's appropriate," said Bill Wanlund, spokesman for the State Department's economic and business affairs office. "It's not unusual for an embassy to respond to a request from a U.S. company that feels it's being discriminated against."

Dave Gribbin, vice president of government affairs for Halliburton, said the helpful diplomat in Angola was "a guy who was enthusiastically doing his job. ... God bless him.

"I'm sure probably a lot of our folks, when they are working in these countries, will get to know the commercial attache and vice versa," Gribbin said. "You can call any company that is a global business, and they will tell you this."

During the vice presidential debate, Cheney said the government "had absolutely nothing to do with" his financial success since leaving his job as defense secretary under President Bush.

Cheney's campaign deferred comment Wednesday to Halliburton. Gribbin said the embassy cables don't necessarily confli, and that's what I think he meant."

Cheney made millions on salary and stock as chief executive officer of Halliburton.

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Markets
Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	29.06	28.25	28.88	—.19
AT&T Corp	23.31	21.63	21.88	—1.50
Albertsons	22.94	22.69	22.88	+ .13
Alltel	57.31	55.56	55.56	—1.44
AmerOnline s	47.80	46.55	46.74	—.26
AmEl Pw	38.38	37.75	37.81	—.63
AndarkPtr	64.50	61.25	63.59	+ 1.56
ATMOS Egy	21.31	20.94	21.13	—.06
Aviall	5.69	5.56	5.56	—.06
BP Amoco	52.19	51.69	51.81	—.13
BakerHughes	34.88	32.63	32.88	—.56
Bank of Amer	44.88	43.25	43.25	—.81
BellSouth	43.25	42.56	42.75	—.19
Beth Steel	2.63	2.44	2.56	+ .13
BurlNoSFe	23.13	22.88	23.06	—.19
Caterpillar	32.00	31.06	31.88	+ .56
Chevron	83.13	82.06	82.19	+ .69
Citigroup s	51.31	49.50	49.63	—1.00
Coastal	74.00	70.06	70.38	—1.63
CocaCola	57.56	56.44	57.38	—.56
ColgatePal	56.00	54.75	55.95	+ .40
ComclMetals	23.25	22.88	22.88	—.19
Cooperin	35.88	34.81	35.44	+ .44
DaimlrChry	43.94	43.46	43.50	+ .07
DallSemicn s	34.63	31.88	33.88	+ 1.56
DeltaAirl	41.31	41.00	41.19	—.38
Dillards Inc	10.13	9.94	10.00	
DowChem s	27.44	26.25	26.38	+ .44
DuPont	42.44	41.31	41.50	—.88
EastmanChem	39.31	38.13	39.06	+ 1.00
EstKodak	41.50	40.31	41.31	+ .63
EDS Corp	46.19	45.00	45.44	—.50
Entergy	36.63	35.56	35.56	—.50
ExxonMobil	88.94	87.56	88.00	+ .81
Flowers	19.13	18.38	18.81	+ .25
GenDynam	68.38	67.50	68.13	—.06
GenElec s	53.38	52.13	52.31	—.38
GenMills	39.13	38.06	38.44	—.69
GenMotors	57.31	56.25	56.63	+ 2.38
GaPacGP	24.81	23.25	24.50	+ 1.00
GlobalMar	28.50	26.81	27.00	+ .19
Goodrich	38.63	37.06	38.31	—.19
Goodyear s	17.50	16.51	17.04	+ .29
GtAtlPac	9.44	9.38	9.44	—.06
Halliburtn	38.00	36.06	36.38	—.69
Hanson ADS	22.50	22.31	22.38	—.13
HarteHanks	26.09	25.00	25.19	—2.19
HomeDepot s	39.25	38.44	38.69	+ .44
HoneywellIntl	52.81	51.63	51.75	—.50
IBM	90.38	87.63	88.69	+ 1.69
IntlPaper	33.19	31.81	33.00	+ 1.00
JohnsonJn	94.50	93.06	94.50	+ .50
K mart	5.81	5.69	5.81	
Kroger Co	21.38	21.00	21.00	—.25
Lifton	52.00	51.06	51.63	+ .13
LockheedM	35.78	34.95	35.01	+ .61
Lowes Cos	41.00	40.50	40.56	+ .06
Lubys	5.38	5.19	5.38	+ .06
LucentTech	21.19	20.25	20.44	+ .19
MayDeptStr	22.94	22.50	22.81	—.06
Medtronic	52.06	50.94	51.31	—.69
MorganJP	149.25	143.50	144.19	—2.78
Motorola s	21.94	21.25	21.38	+ .13
NCR Corp	42.63	42.19	42.31	—.06
Navistar	35.19	34.63	34.94	+ .13
Penney JC	10.31	10.06	10.25	+ .19
PepBoys	4.56	4.44	4.56	+ .06
PepsiCo	46.81	46.13	46.38	—1.88
Pharmacia	57.19	56.94	56.88	
PhelpDodge	43.44	42.81	43.38	+ .31
PhilipPet	63.25	61.81	61.81	—.50
PilgrmPrd B	6.69	6.50	6.63	
Polaroid	9.56	9.38	9.44	+ .06
Praxair	34.88	33.50	34.00	+ .69
ProctGamb	75.25	73.56	74.75	—.38
PubS NwMx	25.88	24.69	24.88	—1.19
RadioShack	56.44	54.31	54.50	—1.31
ReliantEngy	40.75	39.44	39.75	—.88
RoyalDut	59.06	58.44	58.81	—.63
SBC Comm	54.88	54.38	54.69	—.13
SaraLee	20.31	20.00	20.25	—.06
Scripps EW	58.06	57.69	57.94	+ .19
SearsRoeb	28.82	28.26	28.26	—.34
SherwinW	19.94	19.25	19.69	
SmithklBchm	66.75	66.13	66.63	+ .25
SouthernCo	28.63	27.88	28.25	—.31
SwstAirl	26.75	26.31	26.69	+ .13
SprintFON	25.94	24.81	24.94	—1.00
SprintPCS s	37.50	31.81	31.81	—5.94
Sunoco Inc	29.00	28.38	28.94	+ .81
TXU Corp	35.94	34.63	34.88	—.38
TempleInland	40.94	39.50	40.50	+ 1.00
Texaco	59.69	58.88	59.38	+ .94
TexInd	22.50	22.25	22.25	—.25
TexasInst s	43.75	42.06	42.63	
Textron	46.31	45.31	46.31	+ .19
TriconGlbR	26.88	26.25	26.38	—.44
Trinity Inds	22.75	22.31	22.69	+ .13
TritonEngy	31.13	29.50	29.88	—.63
TylerTech	2.50	2.38	2.50	+ .13
USX-Marathn	27.06	26.69	26.75	+ .25
USX-USS	14.38	13.94	14.06	
UnCarbde	34.50	32.25	34.00	+ 1.75
UnionPacif	42.75	42.38	42.56	
UnitedTech	65.19	64.38	65.00	+ 1.00
Unocal	34.31	33.63	33.94	+ .31
Venator Grp	13.50	13.31	13.38	—.13
VerizonComm	49.88	49.13	49.63	—.31
WalMart	45.94	44.63	44.69	—1.25
WellsFargo	42.88	41.88	42.06	—.38
WstnGasRs	23.13	22.50	22.69	—.06
WinnDixie	18.56	18.31	18.38	—.06
Xerox Cp	8.50	8.06	8.13	—.25

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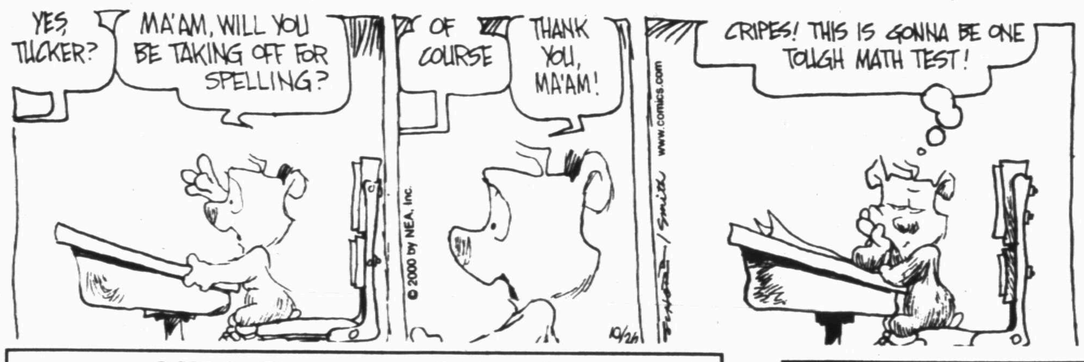

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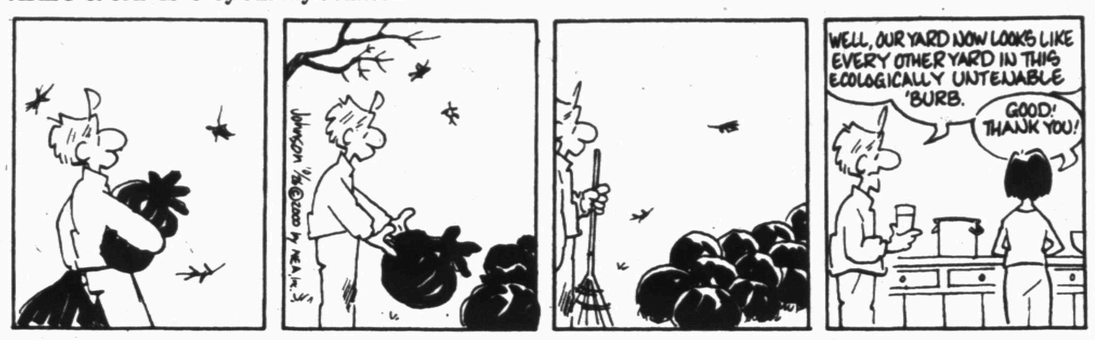

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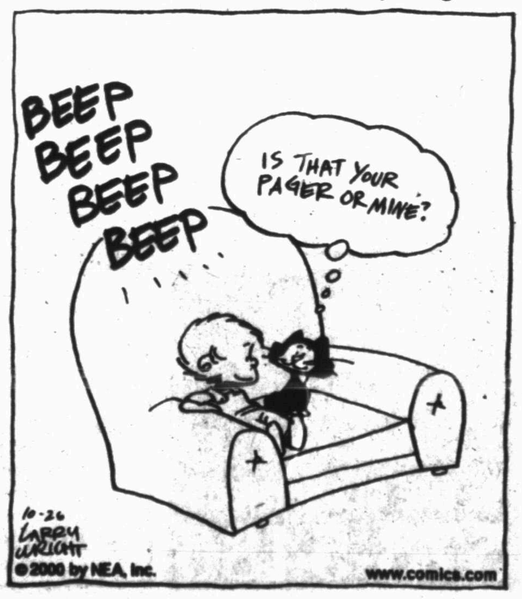

NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Asian animal
7 Actor Henry —
12 Work on the road again
13 — Tower
14 Squalid
15 International org.
16 RR depot
17 Acquire
18 Jazz player Kid —
21 Land measures
23 Whale
26 Spike and Peggy
28 Wine casks
29 Afternoon party
30 Author Dinesen
31 Poorer
33 Class
36 Starlet's quest
37 House addition
38 Loafer, e.g.
40 Employs
41 "The Bridge of San Luis —"
42 Copper coins
44 Hesitation sounds
45 "Bali —"
46 Brit. Navy abbr.
48 Girl Scout units
51 Swimming
55 Fate
56 Certain compound
57 Caravan stops
58 Talkative

DOWN

1 Conjunctions
2 "Classic" start
3 Fourth mo.
4 Roams about
5 Madonna movie
6 Edit
7 Diplomatic maneuvering
8 "Think nothing — —"
9 Gridder org.
10 Actress Ruby —
11 TV alien
13 Playwright O'Neill
18 Director Stone
19 Secondhand transaction
20 Annually
22 Author Damon —
23 Futile
24 Thread-winding machine
25 Sign of affection
27 Enjoy Aspen
32 Actress Joanne —
34 Gets away
35 Believer in the existence of god
39 Like some food
43 Shatter
45 It's where the heart is!
47 Greek colonnade
48 Boxing-victory abbr.
49 River inlet
50 Forerunner of the CIA
52 Total (abbr.)
53 Court divider
54 Give it a go

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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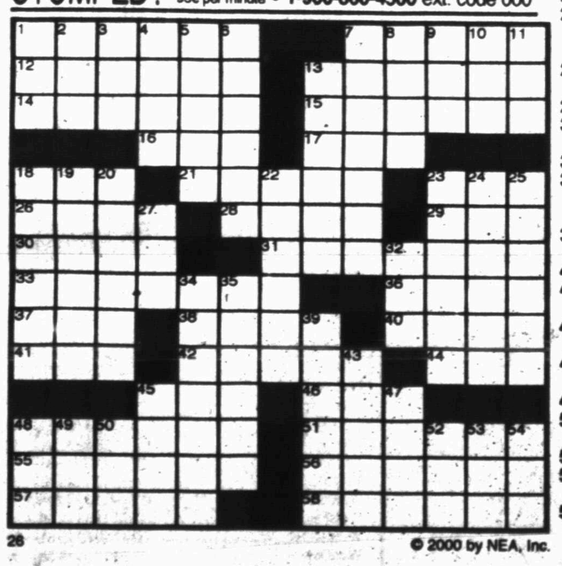

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"WHEN I GROW UP, WILL I STILL BE ME?"

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Parents who play scary jokes are no laughing matter to kids

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "Concerned in Phoenix," about the friend whose husband scares the 2-year-old. Tell "Concerned" to lighten up! This kid isn't getting traumatized. I have been scaring my three kids since they were 6, 3 and 1. The 3-year-old was looking for me and I decided to hide and scare him. Yes, he did turn white and jump a mile — but the laughter and hugs and kisses that followed more than made up for it. All three kids and my husband joined in the game and have spent the last 10 years scaring me back.

Everyone is happy and healthy, and we share a great sense of humor. It's all in fun. My only rules are never to do it to be evil, and don't scare anyone over 50. I don't want anyone dying of a heart attack. — **SCARED AND HAPPY IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR S AND H: Scaring a young child is an act of sadism, and I couldn't disagree with you more emphatically. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My father was sadistic and did the same things to my brother, my mom and me. He also thought it was funny. When we were toddlers, he would put on masks and chase us around the house. He once held my brother out the window of a two-story apartment just to see Mom's reaction. My entire life I've had nightmares of being chased, caught and killed.

Finally, after intensive therapy, the dreams have stopped. But to this day, if my husband impulsively comes up behind me to give me a hug, I cringe and get sick to my stomach. Not only does that father need counseling, but the mother does, too. — **N.L.O. in L.A.**

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DEAR ABBY: My dad thought it was "fun time" when he caught mice in a trap. They would still be alive, and he'd put them on our feet while we were in bed, either sleeping or awake. To this day, I become very upset and shake like a leaf when I see a mouse.

I agree with you, Abby. That dad is sadistic. Even after all these years, my father's scare tactics have left me damaged. — **STILL TREMBLING IN FLORIDA**

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DEAR ABBY: My grandmother took joy in repeatedly scaring me half to death. She'd put on a scary mask and jump from behind doors or from dark corners. She thought it was funny when I shook and cried so hard I couldn't catch my breath.

Because of the emotional scars I received, I grew up afraid of my own shadow. I have a terribly strong fear of the unknown. I'm still battling those childhood demons. Abby, please print this. That child will become like me if his father doesn't stop. — **FEARFUL IN VIRGINIA**

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DEAR ABBY: Because my father delighted in scaring me when I was only 2 — I am 57 now — I am afraid of deep water, heights and also nighttime. I will not walk down an unlighted country road, let alone go into the basement of a house at night. Although the streets in my neighborhood are well lighted, I avoid walking past homes with a hedge extending to the main sidewalk. If a car is parked in the driveway, I walk near the curb. If anyone comes unannounced to my home at night, I will not answer the door.

When I was in the service, one of my roommates thought I was joking when I told him about my fear of the dark. One night he put his arm on my shoulder. I was so badly frightened, I flipped him over my head. He was 6 feet 2 inches and weighed more than 250 pounds. I'm just 6 feet tall and weighed 170. It took seven men to haul me off him. They tell me I was using his head for a football. He was hospitalized for more than two months.

I wish my dad had gotten counseling when I was 2. I wonder why he didn't — and why he refused to grow up. — **AFRAID OF THE DARK**

DEAR AFRAID: At this point, so do millions of other people — including me.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "CAN'T STOP TALKING IN CLASS": Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your mouth is moving. Learn to button your lip and listen to your teachers. Once you master the art of listening, your grades should vastly improve.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Dentist who filed suit under scrutiny

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — It began as a product liability lawsuit by a dentist who claims his pregnant wife was killed by a deploying air bag. But the case has since taken a new twist, bolstered by allegations of adultery, conflicting medical reports and suspicious telephone records.

Now, the prosecutor's office has reopened the investigation into her death.

Dr. Eric Thomas, of Cape May County, maintains his first wife, Tracy, was killed by a deploying air bag when she drove their Ford Explorer into a pole on a snowy night in 1997. He has sued Ford Motor Co., alleging wrongful death.

But the automaker, citing forensic experts the company hired for the case, contends Tracy Thomas, 37, was strangled.

Ford alleges the 35-year-old New Jersey dentist was having an affair at the time of his wife's death. Company lawyers William J. Conroy and Glenn A. Zeitz say telephone records show Thomas received more than 140 calls from his high-school sweetheart in Austin, Texas, in the three months before his wife died Feb. 9, 1997. At least seven of the calls came the day of the accident, the lawyers say.

Eric Thomas married Stephanie Arrington, 34, a year and a half later.

Urged by Tracy Thomas' family, prosecutors reopened the investigation last week, when the phone records came to light. Acting Prosecutor David Blaker said he wants to review the records.

According to court records, Eric Thomas' actions after his wife's death caused her parents to become suspicious. He had asked them not to talk about Tracy and to take down any photographs of her when the couple's daughter, Alix, went to visit them at their home on Cape Cod, Mass.

Ford's lawyers have asked U.S. Magistrate Joel B. Rosen to let them re-interview Thomas. But his lawyers on Wednesday asked the judge for more time, saying they needed to review records.

"It's a large case, there are a lot of documents," said John Eastlack, one of Thomas' lawyers.

The judge scheduled a hearing for Nov. 9.

Lawyers on both sides declined to comment after Wednesday's court session, saying the judge had barred them from speaking about the case.

Rosen on Oct. 11 ordered that depositions by Eric and Stephanie Thomas be postponed because the case could become a criminal matter.

Eric Thomas also is suing the automaker for defamation for implying that he killed his wife. Thomas insists he had nothing to do with her death.

"I can honestly tell you that I did not kill my wife," he told The Philadelphia Inquirer in a story published last month. "I can tell you the air bag did."

Thomas said he sued the automaker to highlight the dangers of air bags.

About an hour after the accident, a passing motorist stopped but Tracy had no pulse. Both mother and unborn child were pronounced dead at the scene. Eric Thomas was unconscious; their daughter was not seriously injured.

Two months later, Dr. Elliot Gross, Cape May County's medical examiner, said Tracy Thomas' death was caused by blunt force trauma consistent with a motor vehicle accident.

But forensic pathologist Dr. Michael M. Baden, one of several experts retained by Ford, said hemorrhages in her eyes and neck were inconsistent with air bag injuries, but consistent with the manual compression of the neck.

Dr. James V. Benedict said an exploding air bag would generate force to the victim's body for "less than the blink of an eye" while the pressure needed to cause the injuries found on Tracy Thomas' body lasted at least 30 seconds.

"This case began as any other product liability lawsuit, and we hired experts to identify the cause of the accident and injuries," Ford said in a statement.

Statistics show children are safer at school

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite headline-making occurrences of school violence recently, the number of such incidents is falling, and children are most likely to be hurt off-campus, the government reported today.

Schoolchildren were twice as likely to be victims of serious violent crime away from school, the report by the Education and Justice Departments said.

In the 1997-98 school year, 42 of the 3,000 children who were murdered or committed suicide, or 1.4 percent, died at school, the report said. In the same year, 253,000 students ages 12 to 18 were victims of serious crimes like rape and robbery, compared with 550,000 children who were victims of such crimes away from school.

"Students also seem to feel more secure at school now than just a few years ago," says the report, which uses information reported by students and principals to conclude that crime declined in the nation's schools in the 1990s.

The report released today is drawn from a variety of government statistics, and much of the data had been reported piecemeal in earlier studies.

Worries about school violence were raised anew just this week with an incident Tuesday at Pioneer Elementary School in Glendale, Ariz.

Nobody was hurt or killed when a 14-year-old boy carried a loaded 9 mm handgun into his former school and began a standoff in a classroom full of seventh- and eighth-graders that lasted about an hour.

13-year marriage of Bruce, Demi over

HAILEY, Idaho (AP) — The 13-year marriage of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore is officially over.

Citing irreconcilable differences, the actors' divorce was filed last week at a courthouse near Sun Valley. The two separated in 1998.

Willis and Moore lived on a $6 million estate in Hailey with their three young daughters. The children still attend school there.

Willis, 45, has appeared in nearly 50 movies, including "Die Hard," "The Sixth Sense" and "Pulp Fiction." He also starred in TV's "Moonlighting."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Eat more, gain weight

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 5-foot-7-inch woman who weighs 110 pounds. I'd like to gain some weight, but most of the literature concerns people who want to slim down. Any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Thinness and fatness are, to a large degree, genetically determined. However, we can modify our inheritances by under- or overeating.

You are slim by any criteria. If you consume a regular diet and don't have an eating disorder, such as bulimia or anorexia, you should be able to put on a few pounds by increasing your portions, snacking and consuming more starches, such as potatoes, rice and pasta. As your caloric consumption rises, it will exceed your metabolic demands; the excess calories will then be stored as fat, and you'll gain weight.

Because some diseases — notable cancer and hyperthyroidism — are commonly associated with inability to gain weight, you might want to have a medical checkup to make sure that you are in good health and don't have a hidden or undiscovered ailment. If everything is OK, feel free to "pig out" until you reach a weight at which you feel comfortable.

Some experts recommend regular exercise during weight-gain programs, so that excess calories will be utilized for muscle development, rather than simply stored as fat.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Eating Right For a Healthy Heart." 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: I'm a 50 year-old diabetic. The disease is well controlled, with Glucophage, Glucotrol and regular exercise. But could the medicine be the cause of my impotence?

DEAR READER: I doubt it. Your medications are not usually associated with erectile dysfunction.

As you know, diabetes accelerates premature arteriosclerosis, age-related arterial blockage. The effects are more pronounced when the diabetes is poorly controlled. Nonetheless, even with reasonable control, as in your case, ED may be a troublesome problem.

You could probably be helped by Viagra, a medication that can compensate for the circulatory deficiencies of diabetes — and other diseases as well. Ask your physician about this. Viagra is a safe drug that should, however, be avoided by men with heart disorders that require nitroglycerine therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that feeding honey to an infant can be dangerous?

DEAR READER: Some types of honey have been found to contain spores from microorganisms called clostridium botulinum. Although these spores rarely cause disease in adults, they can multiply in the developing intestines of very young infants (less than three months old), and there manufacture a toxin. This toxin causes a disease (infant botulism) that is marked by initial constipation, followed by a progressive paralysis that is permanent unless treated.

The diagnosis depends on demonstrating toxin or botulinum organisms in the stool. Therapy with anti-toxin is ordinarily successful but carries risks because it is made from horse serum.

The best treatment is prevention. Therefore, most pediatricians prohibit the use of honey in infants less than a year old.

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1996 Lincoln Town Car $13,595
Executive, power windows, power locks, leather, extra clean
1996 Ford Explorer XLT REDUCED $12,995
V-6, power windows/locks, alum. wheels, cassette, cruise, extra clean

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First body from Russian sub recovered

MURMANSK, Russia (AP) — Divers who entered a sunken Russian nuclear submarine found a note with the body of a sailor who wrote that 23 crewmen survived explosions that ripped through the vessel and described their desperate plans to escape, military officials said Thursday.

"None of us can get to the surface," read the note found in the pocket of a seaman identified as Lt. Dmitry Kolesnikov, said Russian Navy chief Adm. Vladimir Kuroyedov.

It was the first sign that anyone had survived the initial blasts that tore apart the submarine and sank it in the Barents Sea, killing all 118 men aboard. And it again raised the question of whether there might have been any chance to save some of the crew if Russia had not balked for days at accepting foreign aid.

The note provided no clues to the cause of the catastrophe.

"All the crew from the sixth, seventh and eighth compartments went over to the ninth. There are 23 people here. We made this decision as a result of the accident," Kuroyedov quoted the note as saying, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

The note was written between 1:34 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. local time Aug. 12, the day of the disaster, said Vice Adm. Mikhail Motsak, chief of staff of the Northern Fleet. Foreign and Russian ships in the area registered two powerful explosions around 11:30 a.m.

The note "also said that two or three people might try to escape the submarine through the emergency escape hatch located in the ninth compartment," Motsak said.

Water that gradually flooded the ninth compartment could have thwarted that escape attempt, he said. After the Kursk sank, Russian submersibles were unable to latch onto the hatch, but Norwegian divers who followed managed to open it a week after the tragedy and determined that there were no survivors.

Kolesnikov, a 27-year-old son of a submariner from St. Petersburg, was commander of the Kursk's turbine section.

Islamic Jihad suicide bomber strikes post

JERUSALEM (AP) — An Islamic militant riding a bicycle detonated explosives Thursday at an Israeli army outpost in the Gaza Strip, killing himself in the first suicide attack in a month of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

The assailant was tentatively identified as Nabil Araeer, a 24-year-old kindergarten janitor from Gaza City. In wall graffiti near his home, the Islamic Jihad group claimed responsibility for the blast that lightly injured an Israeli soldier.

Israel's Army radio said that Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement sent to a Western news agency.

After the explosion, an Israeli tank blocked the main north-south thoroughfare in Gaza, backing up Palestinian traffic for several miles. The tank crew kept guns pointed at the street from behind sandbags piled up atop the tank.

Thursday marks the fifth anniversary of the assassination of the Islamic Jihad leader, Fathi Shekaki, in an operation attributed to Israel.

The explosion came as President Clinton tried to bring Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to Washington for separate meetings on how to rescue Mideast peace-making. The response to Clinton's new initiative has been muted.

"No one said Ehud Barak is going to Washington," Barak's chief policy adviser Danny Yatom told Israel army radio. "What is important now is to stop the violence and that hasn't happened yet."

Barak has said he was taking a time-out from peace talks after a month of rock-throwing clashes and gun battles in which 127 people have been killed, most of them Palestinians.

Palestinian negotiators said the United States could no longer be the sole mediator, and that the European Union, Russia and others should be asked to join the talks. The West Bank head of Arafat's Fatah movement, Marwan Barghouti, went a step further, saying the uprising should continue to extract concessions.

In spite of veto threat, GOP wants to pass spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defying a White House veto threat less than two weeks before elections, Republicans said they would try pushing a spending bill through Congress today that falls short of President Clinton's demands for liberalizing immigration laws.

The $38 billion measure, covering the departments of State, Commerce and Justice, is the next to last of the 13 annual bills for the new fiscal year still being held up by controversies. GOP leaders hope Congress will finish its budget work so it can adjourn for the year by the weekend.

In response to Clinton's insistence that restrictions affecting hundreds of thousands of immigrants be eased, Republicans included a provision for judicial review for 400,000 immigrants who have been in the United States since the mid-1980s and have been embroiled in disputes over their legal status.

GOP lawmakers also would ease restrictions on about 600,000 close relatives of permanent residents.

Clinton wants a far broader approach, favored by many Hispanic activists, including amnesty for all illegal immigrants who arrived before 1986. He also would allow permanent residence for political refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Haiti.

The GOP decision raised the possibility of a veto battle with Clinton less than two weeks before an election in which Hispanics form a crucial voting bloc. Republican aides said a veto fight would play well with their party's conservative base, which is strongly against amnesty for illegal aliens.

In a written statement Wednesday, Clinton said he would veto the entire bill "if these issues are not resolved." But speaking to reporters, Clinton sounded more accommodating.

Obituaries

Rufus Hart

1917-2000

Funeral service for Rufus Hart, a native of Scurry County, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Miller Robinson, interim pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Rufus Hart

Mr. Hart, 83, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, in Lubbock's University Medical Center following a brief illness.

Born Oct. 8, 1917 in Scurry County, he married Faydean Norred on Nov. 14, 1953 in Lovington, N.M.

A lifelong Scurry County resident, Mr. Hart was a retired stock farmer and a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Sidney and Cora Davis Hart; two sisters, Era Galyean and Mary Frances Hart; and three brothers, Henry "Boy" Hart, J.D. Hart and W.C. Hart; and also by two brothers who died in infancy.

Survivors include his wife, Faydean Hart of the home; seven sisters, Bird Wade, Lena Crenshaw and Patty Jean McCormack, all of Snyder, Hattie Lee Prather of Vinita, Okla., Bennie Prather of Earth, Johnnie Lee Hart of Big Spring and Vera Nell Harless of Abilene; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers.

The family will greet friends from 6:30 to 7:30 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to the First Baptist Church Bereavement Fund, to the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center or to a favorite charity.

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Stephanie Rendon

1930-2000

Stephanie Rendon, 68, died early today at her home in Snyder following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Rosary is set for 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

She was born Sept. 2, 1932 at Three Rivers. She married Alejandro Rendon in George West. He died in 1984. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Mrs. Rendon was preceded in death by a child and two brothers.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy Candanoza and Oleta Guerrero, both of Snyder, and Evelia Lara of Lubbock; two sisters, Jenny Justice of Lubbock and Aurelia Sifuentes of Crosbyton; four brothers, Prudencio Sifuentes, Fidel Sifuentes, Amador Sifuetes and Juan Sifuentes, all of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Bryan Costillo, Joe Costillo, Fernando Candanoza, Carlos Guerrero, Jeremy Everett and Steven Acosta.

Beatrice Fuller

1906-2000

LAMESA – Beatrice Fuller, the mother of Christine Wood of Snyder, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Fuller, 94, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Branon Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Clifton Igo will officiate, and burial will follow in the Plainview Cemetery.

Born July 31, 1906, she was married to Milton Fuller who died in 1963.

A homemaker, Mrs. Fuller had been a resident of Borden County for 52 years before moving to Lamesa. She was a member of the Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include four other daughters, Launey May VanDyke of Abilene, Velma Lee Stork of Mannsville, Okla., Lucy Bell of Lubbock and Gloria Jean Meier of Cameron, La.; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Billy Haney

1924-2000

MENARD – Billy Joe Haney, Menard County sheriff for 24 years, died Tuesday, Oct. 24, in San Antonio.

Funeral service for Mr. Haney, 76, is set for 3 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Suzanne Brantley and Gordon Johnson, past executive director of the Sheriffs Association of Texas, will officiate. Burial will follow in Rest Haven Cemetery.

Born July 31, 1924 in Menard, he married Mary Minton on June 15, 1946 in Snyder. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

Mr. Haney served as president of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas from 1980-81 and was Menard's citizen of the year in 1994. After retiring from law enforcement, he ranched and hauled cattle for area ranchers.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Haney of Menard; two daughters, Rayna Haney of Menard and Wendy Wood of Vancouver, Wash.; and three grandchildren.

Fund established

Donations are needed to help offset the cost of the funeral expenses for Johnny Ervin Jr., who was killed Sept. 8 in a shooting accident north of Snyder.

A fund has been established at West Texas State Bank.

Laptop computer reported stolen

• ***Theft***

Brian West with the Mental Health and Mental Retardation office at 909 25th Street contacted officers at 3:19 p.m. Wednesday to report the theft of a laptop computer.

• ***Runaway***

A report was taken at 11:14 p.m. Wednesday in reference to a 12-year-old running away from home.

• ***Property found***

An officer patrolling the area in the 1900 block of 25th Street located a bicycle Wednesday afternoon and carried it to the police station for safekeeping.

A television was located in front of Snyder Electronics at 411 Coliseum Drive at 3:53 a.m. today. It was also taken to the police station.

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ONGOINGS

Northeast family reading night

Northeast Elementary will have a family reading night at 6:30 this evening. There will befamily fun, plus pizza and soft drinks for everyone. Childcare will also be provided.

AARP open house

AARP Chapter 2063 will have an open house at the Senior Center from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday. Val Vicente from Wichita Falls, the associate state community coordinator, will attend.

Saturday trash-off

All Boy and Girl Scouts will conduct a Trash-off from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday on the road by WTC that runs from the Big Spring to the Colorado City Highway. For more information, call 573-3310.

Stanfield fall festival

The annual fall festival at Stanfield Elementary will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday. The parent council invites all Stanfield students and their families to enjoy the fun. There will be games, food booths and raffle drawings donated by local merchants.

Snyder Healthcare spook house

Snyder Healthcare Center will sponsor a Halloween spook house from 7-9 p.m. Saturday. Everyone is welcome.

Church of the Hills

Sam Soleyn will be at the Church of the Hills at 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. The church is located on Highway 84, 13 miles on U.S. 84 at the Fluvanna turn off. For directions, call 573-7794 or 573-9879.

Fall Celebration

Snyder First Church of the Nazarene, S. Hwy. 208 (across from Big Country Autoland) will have a Fall Celebration Sunday. A candy hunt for children is planned after the morning service. A special prize will be given to the child who brings the most children to Sunday School.

First Baptist fall festival

The First Baptist Church fall festival will be from 4-6 p.m. Sunday in the Family Life Center. Suggested donation is one bag of candy per child.

MAWC's fall luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club's fall luncheon is set, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Turkey and dressing and ham will be served. Tickets are $8.50 for adults and $4 for children under 12. For tickets call 573-3427 or 573-6443.

WTC brown bag lunch

A brown bag lunch and cultural exchange will be hosted by Western Texas College from noon until 1 p.m. Monday. Jim Clifton, dean of student services, will tell details and show a video about his experiences of smuggling Bibles into China. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and eat during the presentation. For more details, call 573-8511, ext. 394.

Quilt-a-thon at Hermleigh

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club is sponsoring a quilt-a-thon Friday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Hermleigh Community Center. All quilters are welcome to volunteer what time they can. Mrs. Fred Castillo donated the quilt top. The quilt will be donated to Scurry County Museum, where it will be auctioned. Proceeds will benefit Western Texas College's distance learning program.

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.

Genealogical Society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library. Dot Campbell will present the program on South Carolina research. Visitors are welcome.

Red Ribbon Halloween

In honor of Red Ribbon Week, merchants on the square are "tying one on" for a safe and drug-free Halloween. Red Ribbons on the doors of the merchants will identify those who will have "trick or treats" between 4 and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Sponsors say being drug free is a treat.

Fall carnival

North College Avenue Baptist Church will have its fall carnival on from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. Admission is free and there will be games, door prizes, a concession stand and all items are 25 cents. Wear your Halloween costume and join the fun.

Vocational nurse program testing

Testing for the next class of the vocational nursing program at WTC will begin at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, and continues on Nov. 15 and 29 at 1:30 p.m. Testing will also be at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 6 and 9 a.m. on Jan. 5. An extended application process will allow students to take the exam at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 31, or 9 a.m. on Feb. 9. Classes begin March 1. To schedule an appointment, call the counseling center at 573-8511, ext. 313.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered at Western Texas College Friday, Nov. 3, and again Friday, Nov. 17. For more information calls Emily Hataway at 574-2112 or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Overtime

A cooperative youth activity of Snyder churches will be held Friday, Nov. 3 at Scurry County Coliseum. The event will follow the Tiger football game and continues until 1 a.m. Admission is $1 and there will be three large inflatable games, plus free soft drinks and free popcorn. The event is for grades 7-12.

Pick 3

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

3-5-8 (three, five, eight)

Lotto Texas

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $18 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 3-17-42-14-50-25.Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $22 million.