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THIS IS THE WAY WE BRUSH OUR TEETH — Human puppets (from left) Jim Shearer, Cliff Smith and Manny Rios seem to be having a little difficulty brushing their choppers. The trio, along with the helping hands of their wives, Mollie, Nancy and Frances, provided entertainment for a Snyder Chamber of Commerce volunteer appreciation dinner Monday night at the Scurry County Coliseum. The puppet show was directed by Max von Roeder. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

U.S. Senate approves Texas low-level waste disposal pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — Years after Texas, Maine and Vermont first proposed an alliance that would allow the two New England states to ship their low-level radioactive waste to Texas, Congress completed action today on the deal.

On a 78-15 vote this morning, the Senate approved the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, sending the legislation to President Clinton for his likely signature.

Approval of the compact, which paves the way for construction of a waste dump in West Texas, triggers payments of $55 million by Maine and Vermont to Texas for the long-term disposal of waste generated mostly from nuclear power plants.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush has said the state would not proceed with the dump's construction absent congressional approval. The House overwhelmingly ratified the compact in July.

The measure's leading Senate opponent, Democrat Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, implored colleagues to reject the deal, saying Sierra Blanca was targeted for the dump because it is a poor, predominately Hispanic town far from the power corridors of Austin and Washington.

"This is a fight for communities all across the country who don't have the political clout to keep this pollution out," Wellstone said today. "This is a fight for minority communities who are burdened with a disproportionate share of these sites."

But Senate backers said the legislation is fair, following the same dictates as previous compacts approved by Congress.

"In making the decision to consider the proposed site in Hudspeth County, Texas, there has been extensive public involvement as well as thorough environmental and technical review," said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Me.

A day before the vote, anti-dump activists rallied at the Capitol, urging Clinton to intervene.

"If this bill passes, President Clinton must veto it to stop the beautiful desert town of Sierra Blanca from becoming another chapter in this nation's sad, sorry history of racial discrimination," said Erin Rogers, executive director of the Sierra Blanca Legal Defense Fund.

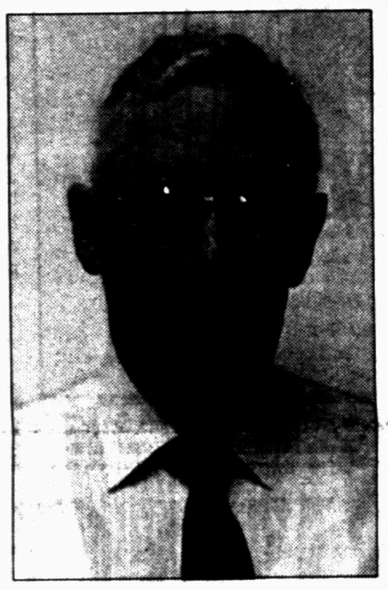
But a veto is "unlikely," a White House official said Tuesday, noting that the compact is silent on the question of the dump's location.

"We do have concerns about the site," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "But the compact itself doesn't select the site. It's Texas' decision and we're expecting the governor to take the concerns that have been raised seriously before they make a final siting decision."

But compact supporters say any issues about the dump's location, approved by the Texas Legislature in 1991, rest with Bush and other state officials.

Peveler to leave appraisal district at end of this year

Members of the Scurry County Appraisal District's board of directors conducted a budget workshop during its regular monthly meeting Tuesday and gave their tenative approval to the 1999 budget.



Ray Peveler

And for the first time in 18 years, the salary of chief appraiser Ray Peveler wasn't included in the district's budget.

Peveler told the board that he will be retiring from the district at the end of this year.

Peveler has been with the appraisal district since its inception, having served previously with the Snyder Independent School District as its tax assessor/collector.

He began with the school district in 1966.

Peveler is recommending that his assistant, Larry Crooks, be appointed as his successor.

Peveler said no time limits have been set to name his successor.

The district's proposed budget for 1999 is $538,145 — down from $558,125 this year.

Peveler said other cuts in the budget include a drop in attorney's fees and expenses for a computer system that has been paid off.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "When a habit begins to cost money, it's called a hobby."

Citing health studies, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, part of the National Institute of Health, last month expanded the official definition of overweight.

Previously, the overweight category on the BMI table began at 27.8 for men and 27.3 for women. Anything over 30 was considered medically obese.

Now, a BMI over 25 for both men and women falls into the overweight category.

Overnight, nearly 30 million Americans, such as someone who's 5-10 and weighs 180 pounds — went from being a "desirable" weight to overweight.

In all, 97 million Americans, or more than half of the U.S. population, exceeds the acceptable standard.

There's one interesting note concerning all of the above. Never once was the word "fat" used. We have to guess that such a term is politically incorrect for those of us who are slenderly challenged.

Now the National Weight Control Registry tracks individuals who are successful at long-term weight loss.

Here are the triggering events that led to substantial long-term weight loss.

Of those that started on a slimmer lifestyle, 34.2 percent said it was based on a medical factor — such things as varicose veins, sleep apnea, low back pain and fatigue.

Close behind was an emotional reason. Some 31.7 percent said someone like a spouse was politically incorrect and "said I was fat."

A lifestyle change accounted for 26.2 percent. Such a motivation would be preparing for a class reunion.

Ongoing discontent with self was responsible for 11 percent. Another 7.2 percent "just decided to do it."

Another 4.3 percent received impetus or inspiration from another person. A weight incident (like ripping your britches in public) accounted for 3.5 percent.

A total of 3.2 percent saw themself in the mirror and decided to make a change. And 1.3 percent were successful when a weight-loss program became available.

Just in case you noticed, the percentages are a little on the hefty side as well. They total 120.8 percent.

Oh well, it was Mark Twain who had weight loss figured out:

"The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not."

Dow regains ground; markets up in Asia

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street today extended its comeback attempt from August's scary selloff as the Dow industrials flirted with a move back into positive territory for the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average, down 512.61 on Monday and up 288.23 Tuesday, was up an additional 73.63 at 7,901.06 by late morning. At one point, the Dow was up 87.02 at 7,914.45, slightly above where it began the year, at 7,908.25.

Broader indicators also were rising, including the Nasdaq composite index, which added to Tuesday's record point gain.

Tuesday's rise was the second-biggest daily point gain ever and came on record trading of more than 1.2 billion shares on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading was active this morning but volume was running well behind Tuesday's frantic pace.

Even with the 3.8 percent gain Tuesday, the Dow still was 16.2 percent below its record of 9,337.97 set on July 17.

Wall Street's dramatic rebound Tuesday also sent Asian and European stocks rising today, but some analysts wondered whether the rallies could be sustained against a gloomy outlook in many economies.

New York traders were slow to recognize the serious potential fallout from the financial troubles in Asia and Russia, and uncertainty might hang on for some time in markets that now lack any firm sense of direction, said Jeremy Batstone, an analyst at NatWest Stockbrokers in London.

"Sentiment is finally beginning to crack," Batstone said. "The market is beginning to wake up."

President Clinton sought to reassure investors during a joint Moscow news conference today with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.



MORE PROGRESS — Snyder National Bank began work on its new drive-in facility Monday as the foundations from several former businesses were being removed from the half-block bounded by College Avenue, 24th Street and Avenue R. The $1 million project is expected to take nine months to complete. Also on Monday, United Supermarkets began work on a 41,000 square-foot store on College Avenue. (SDN Staff Photo)

For Texas coast...

Earl shifts eastward; hurricane watch ends

HIGH ISLAND (AP) — Texas coastal residents were in the clear today as Tropical Storm Earl powered into a hurricane and headed for Florida, prompting forecasters to end a hurricane watch for a small slice of the Lone Star State.

The watch had covered a strip of Texas coastline from High Island, about 30 miles northeast of Galveston, eastward to the Texas-Louisiana border.

Hurricane warnings were shifted to coastal areas from Pascagoula, Miss., to Florida's Big Bend, about 100 miles north of Tampa.

At 10 a.m. CDT, Earl was centered about 140 miles southwest of Destin, Fla., and moving northeast at 14 mph. Storm-force wind of 39 mph extended up to 175 miles outward, mainly east of the center.

Texas coastal residents such as Bill Desormeaux of High Island can feel some relief this morning because the storm is not going to provide any significant weather for the Texas coast.

Desormeaux's home sits about a mile from the Gulf of Mexico. He was concerned about the storm on Tuesday, but not enough to start boarding up and heading inland.

"There's not much we can do until we know where she'll go," said the 53-year-old, who was raised in High Island. "Hopefully she'll turn."

On Tuesday, coastal communities began making preparations just in case Earl took a turn toward Texas.

In Nueces County, trash cans and portable restrooms were removed from North Padre Island and parts of Mustang Island as tides climbed about a foot above normal, said Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Lawrence.

"Our actions so far have been to prepare the beaches for high tides," Lawrence said, adding that light flooding could occur. "It is possible that flooding will affect the causeway to and from Padre Island, but only for a very brief period."

"We're not even expecting much rain if it goes in where expected," said Mary Ann Burbidge, assistant emergency management coordinator for Jefferson County, on the Texas-Louisiana border.

ASK US

Q—Who is responsibile for watering the area between the junior high and West Elementary?

A—The school district owns it, but it is used by the local soccer association. If they association wants green grass, it will have to pay the water bill.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 96 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 64; no precipitation; total for 1998, 6.51 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows, upper 60s. Light E winds. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs, upper 90s. E winds 5-10 mph.



Rudy Martinez
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:06 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:21 a.m.
Of 244 days in 1998, the sun has shone 242 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The past should be a springboard not a hammock.

Edmond Burke

Administration officials detail missile strike strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the hours before President Clinton ordered a cruise missile strike on suspected terrorist strongholds last month, U.S. intelligence had information that the alleged mastermind of the recent embassy bombings would be in the line of fire.

Military planners had reason to believe that Osama bin Laden would be at a training camp in eastern Afghanistan on Aug. 20, the day the missiles flew, according to a senator who participated in a closed briefing Tuesday and a U.S. intelligence official.

"It was fully possible he would have been there," Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., said after the briefing for more than 25 senators by CIA Director George Tenet, Defense Secretary William Cohen and Air Force Gen. Joseph Ralston, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Administration officials have publicly sidestepped the question of whether bin Laden himself was a target of the strike, saying the cruise missile attack was meant to weaken bin Laden's suspected terrorist network.

Lawmakers have been less restrained. Lugar told the administration team that, having failed to eliminate bin Laden in the August strike, "he ought to be pursued instantly and found and his influence should be terminated. This has to do with the safety of Americans."

According to an attendee at Tuesday's briefing, information gained by the United States indicated that bin Laden was likely to attend a leadership meeting at the Afghan camps. Following the strike, bin Laden's followers announced that the Saudi multimillionaire was alive and well. U.S. intelligence was unable to confirm that bin Laden had, in fact, been at the Afghan camps.

The FBI investigation into the Aug. 7 terrorist bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania has turned up multiple alleged participants who have named bin Laden as the mastermind of the attack. Of greater concern were reports, including threats by bin Laden himself, of further terrorist action against the United States.

The briefing in a secure room on the fourth floor of the Capitol also addressed questions about the legitimacy of other target in the strike, the Shifa Pharmaceutical Plant in Khartoum, Sudan.

Several senators of both parties said they were satisfied with the evidence linking the pharmaceutical plant to bin Laden.

"The attack was justified both at the plant and the terrorist camp," said Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H.

"They made a compelling case," said Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I. "We all went in with questions in mind. I would describe it as a very thorough briefing which answered a lot of questions before they were asked."

Some remained skeptical.

"I am more satisfied with the rationale behind the Afghan site than I am with the pharmaceutical plant," said Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah.

Tenet described how a field operative recruited by the CIA got into the plant grounds in Khartoum, the Sudanese capital, evaded guards, went to a predetermined location and scooped up a soil sample from a specific part of the complex. That sample, when examined by a private U.S. laboratory that regularly works for the CIA, showed 2½ times what would be considered a "trace" presence of the chemical EMPTA, a substance with no known use other than as a key ingredient in the deadly nerve agent VX.

The operative, upon handing the sample over to the CIA, submitted to "repeated" polygraph tests to verify that he had performed the mission as outlined.

Most U.S. medical schools teach alternative medicine

CHICAGO (AP) — Driven by changing attitudes among patients, nearly two-thirds of U.S. medical schools now teach future doctors about alternative therapies, including chiropractic, acupuncture, herbal remedies and mind-body medicine, a survey found.

The survey of the nation's 125 medical schools found that 75 of the 117 responding schools offered elective courses in alternative medicine or included those topics in required courses. Less than two years before, an American Medical Association poll of the same schools found that only 46 were teaching such topics.

"There has been sort of a sea change," said Dr. David Spiegel, medical director of the Complementary Medicine Clinic at Stanford University Medical Center. "Traditional doctors are seeing that people are voting with their feet and with their pocketbooks."

The survey, conducted last fall, was published in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

A 1993 survey suggested that Americans spent $14 billion yearly on alternative care, much of it out of their own pockets.

Berry's World



"Guess who likes campaign funding just the way it is?"

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

How safe are ear-wash products?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes wax buildup in the ears? Are the new ear-wash products safe to use?

DEAR READER: Ear wax has a protective function. Although all people's ears make wax, it does tend to build up excessively on occasion. This is due both to the nature of the wax — hard or gummy — and to the anatomy of the ear canals. If the canal is angulated, the wax may tend to accumulate and not be expelled as easily as it is from straight canals. Also, in my experience, luxuriant hair growth in ear canals will impede the drainage of wax.

When used according to the manufacturer's directions, commercial ear-wash products are safe — and often are quite helpful in relieving the problem. Check with your doctor first, however, to make sure that there is no reason that you shouldn't use these products.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 71-year-old veteran of World War II and Korea, and have been taking steroids (prednisone) for about six months. I'm going blind from these drugs. My doctor tells me I can't stop the drug. He and my so-called eye specialist tell me I have the choice of going blind or quitting breathing. I don't believe this. Do you?

DEAR READER: I'm not sure. Prednisone and other cortisone drugs (steroids) can be of inestimable help in treating certain diseases, such as asthma, allergic conditions, some cancers, blood disorders and autoimmune diseases (including rheumatoid arthritis and lupus). I'd have to know why you are taking steroids before I could fully answer your question.

Apparently, you are having trouble breathing. This may mean your doctors believe that steroids are a necessary part of treating your asthma. If so, the drugs can be administered in ways that may not affect your entire body. For instance, steroids are available in hand-held nebulizers that deliver the medicine in inhaled form.

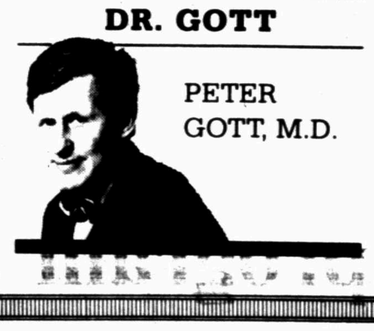
Prednisone and other steroids cause cataracts. Surely, loss of vision is too dear a price to pay when alternative therapy may be available. Ask your doctors if the medicine can be prescribed in reduced doses or by metered inhalers, or ask for a referral to a pulmonary specialist, who may determine that other, less dangerous drugs might be used for your problem.

Finally, ask your eye doctor if you are a candidate for cataract removal and lens implant in the unlikely event that the prednisone is, indeed, lifesaving, but has a negative effect on your vision.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicines." 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.

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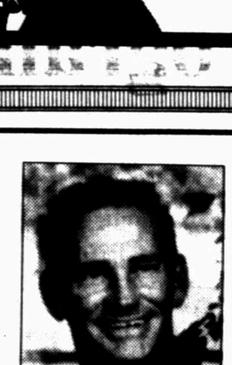
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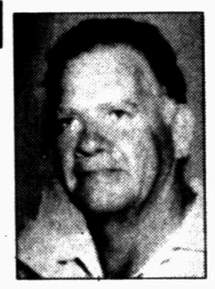
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Breast cancer prevention drug studied

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Government scientists have a major decision to make: Whether to recommend that healthy women take a powerful drug to try to prevent breast cancer later in life — even though the pills can cause serious side effects.

The drug, tamoxifen, made headlines last spring when the National Cancer Institute declared it could help prevent breast cancer in women at high risk of getting the disease. But in July, British research contradicted those findings.

Today, advisers to the Food and Drug Administration will sort out the controversy in recommending whether the FDA should approve tamoxifen as the first pill to prevent breast cancer. In another major development, the panel also will recommend whether the FDA should approve Herceptin to treat advanced breast cancer, the first in a wave of promising gene-based cancer treatments.

The FDA is expected to make final decisions on both drugs by November, but it typically follows its advisers' recommendations.

The tamoxifen question is particularly tricky, said FDA Acting Commissioner Michael Friedman, a cancer specialist.

"You don't expose potentially tens of millions of women to a powerful treatment with the assumption it's going to help them," Friedman said, stressing the need for scientific proof outlining which women should risk taking the drug. Tamoxifen "looks very promising, but the question is for which patients, and at what cost in toxicity."

An NCI study of 13,388 women released in April indicated tamoxifen cut by 45 percent the chances of breast cancer in high-risk women.

But tamoxifen also doubles the risk of getting uterine cancer and triples the risk of developing a potentially deadly blood clot in the lungs.

Women over 50 seemed at highest risk, says the National Women's Health Network: For every 1,000 women over 50 who still had a uterus, tamoxifen prevented 20 breast cancers but caused 22 life-threatening complications.

But two studies published in the British journal The Lancet in July further complicated the issue — because they found no protective effect in several thousand women who took tamoxifen.

Tamoxifen manufacturer Zeneca Pharmaceuticals says comparing the British and American findings is misleading, contending that the Lancet studies included far fewer women who didn't have as great a risk for breast cancer. That would make it much harder to see any benefit.

If the NCI is right and tamoxifen does help, doctors still don't know how long it's safe for women to take the drug, nor whether tamoxifen merely delays breast cancer's appearance instead of totally preventing it. A much larger study in Britain is continuing to try to answer such questions.

Tamoxifen has been sold for 25 years to treat breast cancer, and in cancer patients the side effects are considered a small price. But the NCI has always stressed that only high-risk women should consider using tamoxifen to prevent breast cancer.

White House denies Rep. Burton's tale of 'scandal story'

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The White House denied Rep. Dan Burton's claims that supporters of President Clinton are behind a "scandal story" Burton says Vanity Fair magazine is working on about him.

"We have been open in our criticism of the way Rep. Burton has conducted his committee, but as to private matters, no one has and no one will comment on his personal life," presidential adviser Rahm Emanuel said Tuesday.

Burton, R-Ind., is chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, which has been investigating Clinton's fund-raising practices. Burton has been one of Clinton's fiercest critics.

Burton, 60, acknowledged Monday night that his 38-year marriage has had some rough spots. He told about 50 constituents at a town hall meeting, "Anything you read in the paper that I should be accountable for, I apologize in advance."

Burton, who has represented his heavily Republican district in central Indiana since 1982, said a reporter from Vanity Fair spent seven weeks in the state talking to more than 200 people, including women he has known, relatives, and grade school classmates.

His brother, state Rep. Woody Burton, said the reporter asked him whether the congressman has had any extramarital affairs. Noting that Dee Dee Myers, Clinton's former press secretary, is on the staff of Vanity Fair, Woody Burton said the story is "nothing more than a witch hunt."

Beth Kseniak, a spokeswoman for Vanity Fair, said Ms. Myers didn't know about the Burton story, which is not in the next edition due on newsstands Sept. 9. Ms. Kseniak added, "It's totally ludicrous that the White House would orchestrate any story in Vanity Fair."

Lubbock's KJTV first to axe Stern's latest TV program

LUBBOCK (AP) — Television stations here and in Phoenix have had enough of Howard Stern's new TV show. Complaining that it was morally offensive and cruel, both stations canceled the show after a scant two weeks on the air.

Fox affiliate KJTV in Lubbock was the first to pull the plug on "The Howard Stern Radio Show," a half-hour program that made its debut Aug. 22 as competition to NBC's long-running "Saturday Night Live." The Texas station canceled the show Tuesday.

Later in the day, Phoenix independent station KTVK announced it too was canceling Stern.

In its brief run, the show prompted about 20 letters of complaint to KJTV.

One show featured a lap dance performed by a naked woman with her genitals blurred out of the picture. Another had Stern groping a female bodybuilder. Stern guest O.J. Simpson was asked to reveal his tips for removing blood stains.

"Simply put, he crossed the line," said Larry Landaker, KJTV vice president and general manager. "At some point you have to ask yourself, 'Does this have any value at all?' We're not trying to be moral gatekeepers of the community but this show is morally offensive and impossible to defend."

Landaker thought he knew what he was getting after listening to Stern's radio program and his television show on the E! Entertainment cable network but said Stern seemed to be even more offensive than usual.

"It was like he was daring people to not want to see it," he said. "He pushed it even further than his cable show and it was just unacceptable."

CBS spokeswoman Rosemary Keenan said neither Eyemark, which syndicates Stern's new show, nor Stern had any comment.

In Phoenix, a KTVK official said the show was cruel, particularly a segment called "Frankenstein makeovers," featuring a woman scarred from brain tumor surgery.

"What played on the radio, and perhaps might even be funny on the radio, once you added video, it took on the feeling of being cruel," said Sue Schwartz, KTVK's vice president of programming.

The Phoenix station received calls complaining about the show, but received roughly the same number supporting it.

"I'm sure tomorrow we'll be bombarded with even more calls from Stern fans that don't believe we should have canceled it," Schwartz said Tuesday.

A Toronto television station, Citytv, had bought Stern's TV show but decided last month not to air it. Chom Limited, which owns Citytv, also canceled Stern's radio program on the Montreal station it owns.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 09-02-98
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♥ 6
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West
♠ K Q 10 9 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ J 5
♣ K J 4

East
♠ A 6
♥ 10 4
♦ 8 6 4 3 2
♣ 9 7 3 2

South
♠ J 7 3
♥ A K Q 9 8 7 3
♦ A Q
♣ 8

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	Dbl.	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

spade, East discards a discouraging diamond two (or club two).

It's time for key play number two. West should realize that his side will not be scoring any minor-suit tricks. South has to have something for his jump to four hearts. And if the defenders have taken every side-suit trick they can get, it is usually right to concede a ruff-and-discard. So, West continues with another spade.

We have reached the final run. East must ruff with the heart 10. This effects an uppercut. South overruffs, but now West's heart jack will take the setting trick.

That's a beautiful defense, but if East falls overboard at the last stage and ruffs with the heart two, I hope West doesn't have a loaded harpoon nearby!

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In a rowboat made for two

By Phillip Alder

In yesterday's deal, one defender could see the killing defense. His problem was to make it clear to partner. In other deals, though, both defenders must work together, each having key plays to make. One crab — one botched stroke — and the contract succeeds.

On this deal, how should East-West steer their boat through the rapids to defeat four hearts?

North made a negative double, which showed length in both minors but insufficient values for a two-over-one response. Without the negative double, North must overbid slightly with two clubs or respond one no-trump without a spade stopper.

West leads the spade king, guaranteeing the king and queen. Here comes the first critical play: East must overtake with the ace to unblock the suit. Then he returns his remaining spade, allowing West to take two more tricks in the suit. On the third

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; salad luncheon to be at Billie Jean Sterlings home; 11:30 a.m.

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

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180; potluck supper; 6 p.m.

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

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

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 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 appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

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

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

State bust nets 23 pounds of cocaine

DALHART (AP) — U.S. Customs agents seized a plane after it landed at a local airport and confiscated 230 pounds of cocaine worth more than $9 million, according to officials.

Roman Pacheco, 24, flew a Cessna 421 aircraft into Dalhart airport Sunday to refuel the twin engine plane after flying from Imperial, CA.

Pacheco consented to a search and was arrested and charged with drug smuggling after the drugs were found in duffel bags. Another man on the plane was not charged.

Authorities then took one of the men and flew the confiscated plane to Kirksville, Mo., to "pursue a lead" in the investigation. No further arrests were made.

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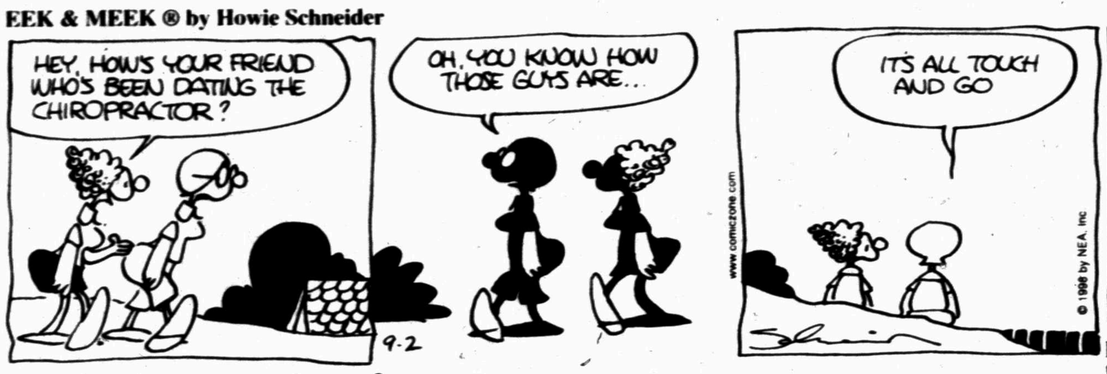
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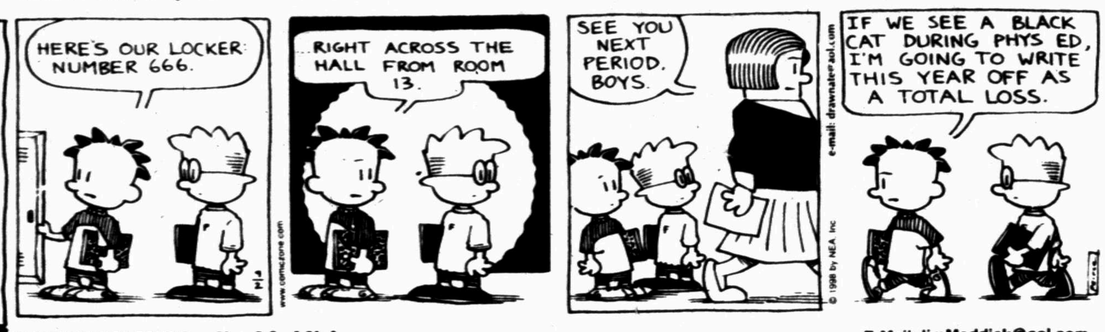
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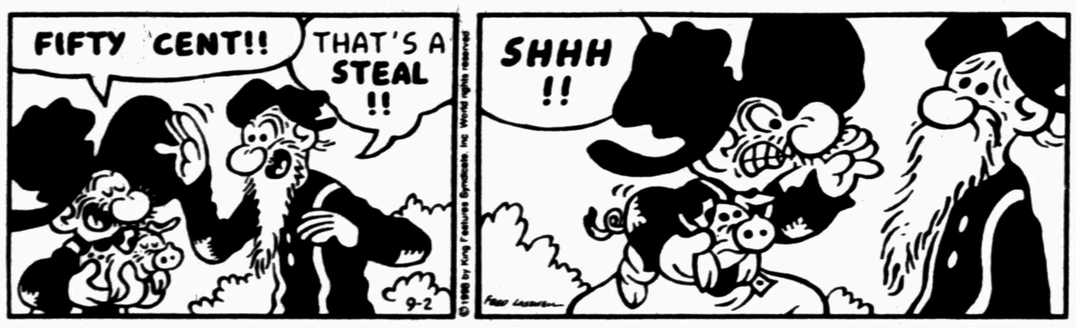
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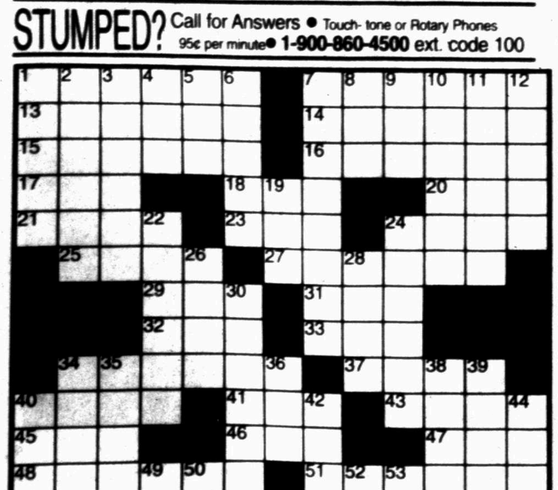
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26 Actor Bates
28 Words of denial
30 Emulates a teacher
34 Straw hat
35 Endured
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38 Last syllable of a word
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53 Even score

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SPORTS



LOCAL ROPER — Snyder's Tara Bynum works on her breakaway roping skills Tuesday at the WTC practice arena. Bynum, a standout in high school, is one of six new recruits on the Lady Westerner squad. (SDN Staff Photo)

Returning riders, recruits ready for WTC rodeo season

Western Texas College rodeo coach Greg Rhodes took the Lady Westerners all the way to the national finals in his first year at the helm of the program.

With a solid core of returning men and women, and a strong recruiting class, it seems pressure would be looming heavy on the shoulders of the WTC riders.

But that's not neccessarily the case.

"I don't think there's extra pressure to get back to the finlas," Rhodes said. "If the kids do what they know they can do, then we'll be fine. This team is going to go out and try to win at every rodeo, and as long as they are doing that, then the national finals will take care of themselves."

Talina Bird, national champion a year ago, heads the class of returning women, along with Sequin Downey and Shelley York.

The experience these three riders can bring to the squad is important. However, new members to the team are equally valuable, according to Rhodes.

"It's nice to have some experience back," the second-year coach stated. "But you have so much turnaround at a two-year school that recruiting is always a key to success."

If recruiting and success go hand in hand, then the Lady Westerners should be near the top in the standings once again.

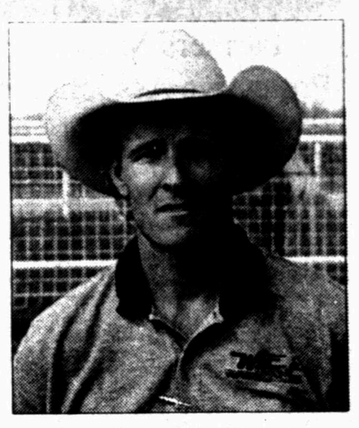
Local standout Tara Bynum, a '98 graduate of Snyder High, brings her talents to the WTC squad.

"Tara was probably the best three-event girl coming out of high school." Rhodes remarked.

The high expectations and hometown pressure don't get to Bynum, though.

"I don't think there's any pressure on us, because we have so much confidence," said Bynum. "It seems like every year WTC just keeps getting better and better. I just want to do my best and get out of the 'freshmanitis'."

Jill Childers of Calera, Okla. and Brandee Brock of Springtown are also expected to contribute for the Lady Westerners.



Greg Rhodes

"In breakaway roping and goat tying, Jill is as good as they come," Rhodes stated. "And talent wise, there's not much separating Jill and Brandee."

"I chose WTC because they have a good program down here and because the women's team should be really good this year," Childers said. "I do feel a little pressure to perform well and help the sophomores get back to the finals."

Rounding out the women's recruiting class are Kaci Henard of Tatum, N.M., Erin Kelly of Iraan and Lauren Middleton from Big Spring.

On the men's side, the Westerners return six riders from a year ago.

Joe Ross Jamison, Eric Greer, Kyle Bowers, Zane Runyan, Dee Bland and Luke Richards are all back to make a run at the finals.

"I'd like to go back to nationals," said Jamison who made the trip a year ago. "It's just going to take a lot of practice and hard work to do it. We need to get a jump on the other teams in the first few rodeos."

As impressive as the women's recruiting class is, the new members of the men's team are equally impressive.

Casey Baize of Wall, Layne McCarsland of Amarillo and Bill Herbert from Marble Falls head the class.

"I looked at a lot of other colleges, but WTC seemed to have the best facilities and academics," said Herbert. "This team is headed toward a national championship in a year or two and I wanted to be a part of that."

Wes Stephenson, Leland Wood, Tanner Morrison and B.J. Scott also join the Westerners for this season.

One noticable difference is the size of the team. WTC will field a much larger squad than in year's past, according to Rhodes.

"Our numbers are way up," Rhodes said. "We had 35 in the program last year and we have 57 this year. The larger number of kids not only helps us a team, but should also help out the local economy."

Rhodes doesn't keep the key to his success a secret. It's setting goals and working hard.

"One reason we were successful last year was because I knew what I wanted to do when I got here," Rhodes remarked. "Then it was just a matter of putting in the hours and that's what I did.

"The biggest problem this year will be deciding who to put on the team for each rodeo. With so many talented kids, it's going to be a really tough decision."

WTC opens the rodeo season Sept. 17 at Portales, N.M. The final event of the fall semester will be Oct. 15 at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

After dropping a pair of matches...

Lady Tigers could modify scheme

MIDLAND — Frustration might best describe the Lady Tigers' feelings at this point in the season.

Snyder fell to 4-7 on the season, following a pair of setbacks Tuesday night against Midland High and Seminole in Midland.

"The girls are working hard and the effort is there, but for some reason we're just not getting the win in the end," said Snyder head coach Patty Grimmett. "I don't think we're staying focused throughout the entire match. We'll get ahead and then lose some of the focus that it takes to finish out a match."

Snyder started strong against Seminole, capturing Game 1 by a 15-3 tally.

But despite six kills from Alicia Peoples and five blocks from Ashley Delce, the Maidens responded with 15-8, 16-14 victories in the final two games to take the match.

"The girls admitted after the match that we weren't making the hustle plays," said Grimmett. "We weren't hustling to the ball."

Despite a lopsided score against Midland, 15-7, 15-2, Snyder battled the Lady Bulldogs throughout the contest.

The Lady Tigers went through four rotations, repeatedly forcing sideouts, but weren't able to put the ball away on their serve.

Peoples led the Snyder attack with six more kills, while adding four blocks to her total.

The Lady Tigers could expect some changes before traveling to Plainview on Friday for the Wayland Baptist tournament.

"I'm going to look at film and reevaluate how we do some things," Grimmett stated. "I might move some people a[illegible] bit. We've got to [illegible] combination before district starts."

Snyder will face Borger at 8 a.m. Friday, Denver City at 2 o' clock and Lubbock Monterey at 5 in pool play. Bracket play begins Saturday.

Seminole def. Snyder 3-15, 15-4, 16-14
Snyder service points: Brad[illegible] Johnson and Felsha Biggers, 9; Cara Best, 7; Christina Holder and Keila Helms, 5; Kristin Martinez, 2. **Kills:** Alicia Peoples, 6; Helms, 4; Holder, 3; [illegible]ssa Hildebr[illegible] and Kameron Kallemeyn, 2. **Blocks:** Ashley Delce, 5; Peoples, 4; Hildebrand, 1.

Midland def. Snyder 15-7, 15-2
Snyder service points: Martinez, 3; Helms and Johnson, 2; Holder and Biggers, 1. **Kills:** Peoples, 6; Helms, 4; Holder, 3; Kallemeyn, Hildebrand and Delce, 2; Erica Arellano, 1. **Blocks:** Peoples, 4; Hildebrand and Delce, 1.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division				
Atlanta	91	48	.655	-
NewYork	76	63	.547	15
Philadelphia	66	73	.475	25
Montreal	53	87	.379	38½
Florida	47	92	.338	44
Central Division				
Houston	87	52	.626	-
Chicago	77	62	.554	10
St.Louis	66	72	.478	20½
Pittsburgh	64	72	.471	21½
Cincinnati	65	74	.468	22
Milwaukee	64	74	.464	22½
West Division				
SanDiego	90	49	.647	-
SanFrancisco	75	64	.540	15
LosAngeles	69	70	.496	21
Colorado	64	75	.460	26
Arizona	54	85	.388	36

Tuesday's Games
Arizona 4 Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 7, Florida 1
Atlanta 6, Houston 4
Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 5
Colorado 12, Milwaukee 3
Los Angeles 3, Philadelphia 2
San Diego 9, N.Y. Mets 8
San Francisco 9, Montreal 7

Wednesday's Games
Cincinnati (Bere 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 14-7), 2:20 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 4-13) at San Francisco (Rueter 13-9), 3:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Mercker 8-11) at Florida (Sanchez 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Benes 11-13) at Pittsburgh (Dessens 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Johnson 5-1) at Atlanta (Maddux 17-6), 7:40 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 11-13) at Milwaukee (Roque 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Green 6-8) at Los Angeles (Perez 7-13), 10:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reynoso 5-1) at San Diego (Ashby 16-6), 10:35 p.m.

American League	W	L	Pct.	GB
East Division				
y-NewYork	99	37	.728	-
Boston	80	56	.588	19
Toronto	72	66	.522	28
Baltimore	69	69	.500	31
TampaBay	53	84	.387	46½
Central Division				
Cleveland	76	61	.555	-
KansasCity	64	74	.464	12½
Chicago	63	75	.457	13½
Minnesota	61	76	.445	15
Detroit	53	85	.384	23½
West Division				
Anaheim	76	63	.547	-
Texas	73	65	.529	2½
Seattle	63	74	.460	12
Oakland	63	76	.453	13

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Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 7, Oakland 0
Seattle 7, Boston 3
Chicago White Sox 9, Baltimore 5
Toronto 2, Kansas City 1
Detroit 12, Texas 8
Cleveland 7, Anaheim 6
Minnesota 6, Tampa Bay 5, 10 innings

Wednesday's Games
Seattle (Suzuki 0-0) at Boston (Avery 9-6), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Helling 16-7) at Detroit (Moehler 12-11), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Snyder 4-2) at Baltimore (Ponson 7-8), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Sparks 8-2) at Cleveland (Colon 13-7), 7:35 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cone 18-4), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Escobar 3-2) at Kansas City (Rosado 7-10), 8:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Alvarez 5-13) at Minnesota (Hawkins 7-12), 8:05 p.m.

SNYDER WGA RESULTS

Aug. 4 - most fours: Esther Guelker, 5; Suzy Reed, low putter, 13.
Aug. 11 - Nassau tourney: Peggy Hardin, low front nine, 33; Esther Guelker and Peggy Hardin, low back nine, 38; Peggy Hardin, low round, 71; Peggy Hardin and Donna Stehley, low putters, 31; Finnie Seale, chip-in.
Aug. 18 - queen of the hill: Finnie Seale, low gross, 92; Becky Knipe and Juanita Hester, low net, 79; Martha Fagin, low putter, 28; Martha Fagin and Becky Knipe, chip-in.
Aug. 25 - flag tourney: Anita Talbott, first place; Suzy Reed, second place; Suzy Reed, low putter, 29; Donna Stehley, chip-in.

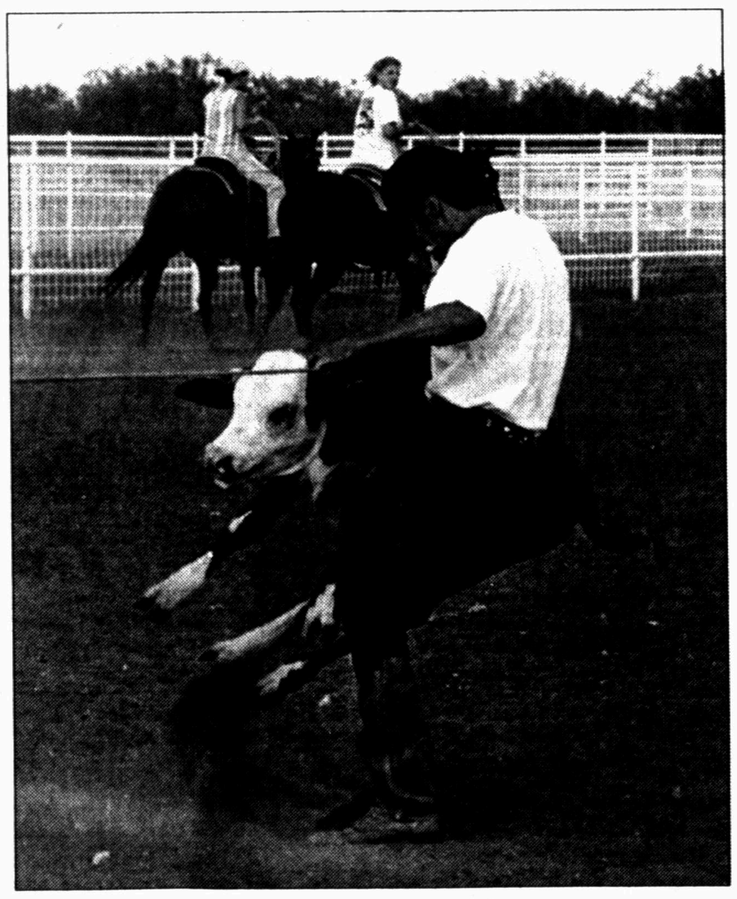
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Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Football: Littlefield at Snyder JV, 6 p.m.
Football: Snyder freshmen at Littlefield, 6:30.
Volleyball: Big Spring at Snyder 7th and 8th, 5:30.
FRIDAY
Football: Snyder at Littlefield, 8 p.m.
Football: Loop at Ira, 7:30.
Football: Highland at Hermleigh, 7:30.
Football: Wilson at Borden County, 7:30.
Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Wayland Baptist tourney, Plainview.
SATURDAY
Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Wayland Baptist tourney, Plainview.
Volleyball: Snyder JV and freshmen host Snyuder tourney.

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TOSS HIM & TIE HIM — New WTC team member Bill Herbert, of Marble Falls, practices calf roping Tuesday at the college's practice arena. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Grand slam tops Texas

DETROIT (AP) — Deivi Cruz broke a tie with his first grand slam as Detroit beat the Texas Rangers 12-8 Tuesday night a few hours after Tigers manager Buddy Bell was fired and replaced on an interim basis by coach Larry Parrish.

Will Clark and Ivan Rodriguez homered for the Rangers, who started the night 2½ games behind Anaheim in the AL West. Gonzalez raised his RBIs total to 145, tying the team record he set two years ago.

With one out in the seventh, Cruz hit an 0-1 pitch off Danny Patterson — the sixth Texas pitcher — that just got over the screen beyond the 365-foot sign in lower left field.

Cruz, who also tripled, drove in a career-high four runs to back Matt Anderson (3-1), the third Detroit pitcher.

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

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

WGA mixed foursomes

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold mixed foursomes play Sunday at 1:30.
The Labor Day ABCD Scramble will be held on Monday.
The club will be closed Tuesday, with the weekly play day being held next Wednesday at 9 a.m. Format will be least and most strokes to the green.

Flag football registration

Snyder Flag Football Association's season will begin Oct. 3. Anyone wishing to put together a team should contact Kirk Herrley at 573-3204.

Sinusitis

Sinusitis is one of the most common health complaints in the U.S., affecting as many as 30-50 million people a year.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

WTP Energy, Inc., P.O. Box 1403, Snyder, Tx. 79550 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Canyon Reef formation, E.C. Rollins Lease, Well No. 1AS. The proposed injection well is located 6 miles Southwest of Snyder in the Kelly-Snyder Field, in Scurry County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth Interval from 6000' to 7342 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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Pennzoil Exploration & Production Company, 4632 W. Hwy. 180, Snyder, Texas 79549, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject water, CO2 & hydrocarbon gas into the Canyon Reef formation, SACROC Unit Lease, Well No(s) 68-05 & 70-09. The proposed injection wells are located approximately 4½ miles North from Snyder, Texas in the Kelly-Snyder Field, in Scurry County. Water, CO2, and hydrocarbon gas will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6752' to 7250'.

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No. 5460

Estate of James Dois Simpson, Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JAMES DOIS SIMPSON

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the **ESTATE OF JAMES DOIS SIMPSON** were issued on **SEPTEMBER 1, 1998**, in **CAUSE NO. 5460**, pending in the **COUNTY COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS** to **CAROLYN SUE SIMPSON**.

The residence address of such Executrix is **4506 El Paso Street, Snyder, TX 79549**, and she receives her mail at **4506 El Paso Street, Snyder, TX 79549.**

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to be presented within the time and the manner prescribed by law to the Executrix in care of

Lealand W. Greene
Attorney at Law
2515 College Avenue
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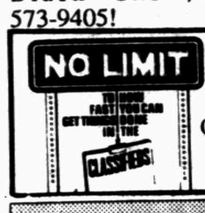
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Federal Reserve under new pressure to cut interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve is under new pressure to lower U.S. interest rates now that foreign financial troubles are starting to spook Wall Street.

"Why not go ahead and cut interest rates and get us through this bump in the road with the stock market?" said Daniel Guido, spokesman for the House and Senate's Joint Economic Committee.

The congressional panel's chairman, Rep. Jim Saxton, R-N.J., and the National Association of Manufacturers are among those calling for quick interest rate cuts after investors' worries about economic chaos in Asia and Russia dragged the Dow Jones industrial average down 512 points on Monday.

Even with a 288-point rebound Tuesday, the Dow had still given up all its profits for the year.

But despite the stock market jitters, some analysts note that the central bank has not traditionally changed interest rates in response to financial troubles abroad. And so far, the U.S. economy remains strong.

"There would have to be some substantial movement downward from here," said Daniel Bachman, an economist with the WEFA Group in Eddystone, Pa. "I don't think the market has fallen enough to constitute an emergency."

Competing domestic and international considerations have tugged at Fed policy-makers for months, and it's still uncertain what the central bank's Open Market Committee will do when it next meets on Sept. 29.

"We think we have a basically sound strategy that has proven itself with respect to the real economy," said Deputy Treasury Secretary Larry Summers.

American factories have been among the first to feel effects of foreign financial crises. Demand for U.S. products overseas has gone down and imports have become cheaper and more attractive to American consumers.

The reduced profit prospects for many U.S. corporations have rattled the investor confidence.

On the flip side, labor shortages and climbing wages caused by the lowest U.S. unemployment rate since the 1960s could argue for an interest rate increase to ward off inflation.

For that very reason, the last time the Fed tinkered with interest rates — in March 1997 — it raised them a quarter percentage point, to 5.5 percent.

But so far inflation has failed to materialize. During the first half of this year, consumer prices grew at a 1.4 percent annual rate — slower than last year.

Lower interest rates can encourage spending by making short-term credit easier to get.

Abroad, lower U.S. interest rates would give other countries a better chance of attracting foreign investment — including sorely needed dollars.

Sung Won Sohn, senior economist with Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis, who believes the Fed should cut rates, said it would also have a positive symbolic significance.

"It would be a signal that the Fed will do everything it can to prevent a global financial crisis," Sohn said.

Two arrests made Tuesday

Officers made two arrests Tuesday and filed one offense report early this morning for threatened suicide.

At 2:55 p.m., a 22-year-old female was taken into custody in the 5200 block of College on outstanding Williamson County misdemeanor warrants for bond forfeiture, motion to revoke probation and theft.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old male at 10:51 p.m. in the 3100 block of Muriel for violation of protective order.

At 12:35 this morning, a woman was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital due to her taking medication in excess and an offense report for threatened suicide was filed.

In other activity Tuesday, Martha Guerra requested an officer at 5:36 p.m. in reference to the theft of several items. An offense report for burglary of a building was filed.

'Most Wanted' fugitive captured

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) — Fugitive Charles "Crazy Charlie" Rodriguez ran out of escape routes when he pulled over at a highway rest stop and ran into an army of lawmen.

Police by the dozens were waiting Tuesday when Rodriguez pulled off the New Jersey Turnpike in a stolen car, accompanied by three heavily armed accomplices. A shootout ensued when they tried to escape.

But with nearly 100 law officers flanking the area in an elaborate sting, the suspects had nowhere to run, said state Police Lt. Col. Robert Dunlop.

One suspect was shot in the hip and a state trooper was injured by flying glass.

Rodriguez, 31, featured a year ago on the TV crime program "America's Most Wanted," had been on the run since the February 1997 shooting of a police officer in Camden. He was charged with attempted murder and unlawful flight.

Rodriguez managed to evade authorities at least a half-dozen times. An $11,000 reward was offered for his capture.

This time, authorities took no chances after receiving a tip that Rodriguez would arrive at the Walt Whitman Service Plaza at 9 a.m. FBI Agent Bob Conforti of Philadelphia would not elaborate.

Lanes were shut down to keep away motorists. Fifteen employees were herded inside, while plain clothes troopers posed as employees.

The suspects wore bulletproof vests and carried extra ammunition and a half-dozen high-powered weapons, including a .357-Magnum revolver, two 9 mm semiautomatic pistols and an M-16 rifle.

"It was clear to us that Mr. Rodriguez was looking for a gunfight," said Conforti.

Authorities gave no details on who fired first or how many rounds were fired.

Inside the rest stop, employees who huddled in the rest rooms could hear gunshots and glass shattering, said Rafael Rivera, who was ordered inside the building after dropping off his wife, Maria, a cashier. "I was freaked out — that's for sure," said Rivera.

Jane Pauley to receive top award

WASHINGTON (AP) — Good news for Jane Pauley: She's in line for a lofty award.

Pauley, the "Dateline NBC" anchor, has been chosen to receive the Paul White Award from the Radio-Television News Directors Association.

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AirTouch	58⅛	56	15-16 57 15-16	+ 1⅛
Albertsons	50⅝	49	15-16 50⅝	
AlldSignal	34⅜	34	34 5-16	— ⅜
Alltel	44	13-16	44	44⅛—11-16
AmOnline s	89½	86	88 11-16	+3 11-16
AmStores	29	5-16	28⅛ 29	5-16+ 3-16
Ameritech s	47¼	46	1-16 46⅝	— 1⅜
Amoco s	47¾		45⅞ 46⅝	— ⅛
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AtlRichfld	60⅜		58⅛ 59⅜	— ⅛
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Aviall	13	3-16	13¼ 13	3-16+ 3-16
BakerHughes	19⅜		19¼ 19⅜	+11-16
BellAtl s	43¾	42	1-16 42⅜	— 9-16
BellSouth	66	13-16	65 13-16	66 5-16+ ½
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Hanson ADS	25	13-16	25 9-16	25 13-16+ 1-16
HarteHanks s			21⅜	21⅛ 21⅜+ 1-16
HomeDepot	42⅜	41	1-16 41	7-16+ 3-16
HoustonInds	28	13-16	28 5-16	28 7-16— 7-16
IBM			122⅞	119⅞ 121⅞+3 15-16
IntlPaper			39 1-16	37⅜ 38 5-16+ ⅛
JohnsonJn			73 15-16	72⅞ 73⅛+ 1⅛
K mart			15	14⅛ 14 5-16+ 7-16
Kroger Co			49 9-16	47¾ 49 9-16+ 2
Litton	48	13-16	47 7-16	48⅛+11-16
LockhdMart			93	91⅜ 91⅜+1 13-16
Lowes Cos s			36⅜	35⅞ 36 — 1⅜
Lubys				16 3-16 15⅞ 16
LucentTech s			80⅞	78⅝ 80⅛+ 2⅛
MayDeptStrs			60⅜	58⅛ 59⅛— ⅛
MediaOne	45	15-16	44 7-16	45¾+ ⅛
Medtronic	56⅛	54	11-16 55	+ 3-16
Mobil			72⅛	71⅛ 71⅛— ⅛
Monsanto	55	1-16	53 13-16	54 7-16+15-16
MorganJP			99⅛	97⅞ 97⅛+ ⅛
Motorola	43	3-16	41⅛ 42	3-16— 5-16
NCR Corp	25	11-16	25 7-16	25 7-16— 3-16
NationsBk	58	9-16	57⅝	58⅛+1 9-16
Navistar			22⅛	21⅛ 22⅛+ ⅛
Norwests			31	30 5-16 30⅜— 1-16
OryxEngy	11⅜	11	7-16 11	7-16— 5-16
Penney JC			53¾	52 5-16 52⅝—13-16
Pennzoil			37⅜	36⅛ 37⅛+ ⅛
PepBoys	14	15-16	14 9-16	14 13-16+ 5-16
PepsiCo			32⅛	31 5-16 31⅜— 1
PhelpDodge	46	15-16	46¼	46 9-16— ⅛
PhilipPet			43⅜	42¼ 42⅛—1 3-16
PilgrmPrd B			19⅛	19⅛ 19⅜— 1-16
Polaroid			27⅛	25⅛ 26 3-16—15-16
Praxair			36	35⅜ 35 15-16— 5-16
ProctGamb			80	7-16 78⅛ 78⅜— 1⅛
PubSNwMx			20⅛	19 15-16 19 15-16— ⅛
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SBC Comm s	38	13-16	37⅝	37⅜—1 5-16
SaraLee			47	15-16 47 47 7-16+ 7-16
Scripps EW	45	13-16	45 5-16	45⅜— 1-16
SearsRoeb				48 11-16 47½ 48
SherwinW				26 25.25⅝
SmithklBchm			57	56⅜ 56 9-16— 5-16
SouthernCo			27⅛	27¼ 27 7-16— 9-16
SwstAirl s				19¼ 18⅞ 19⅛+ ⅛
Sprint			67	65⅛ 65⅞—13-16
SunCo	31	15-16	31⅛	31 9-16— ⅝
TNP Ent				29⅝ 29¼ 29⅛+ ⅛
Tandy s	54⅛	52	7-16 52	11-16— 9-16
TempleInland				45⅝ 45¼ 45 9-16
Tenneco				31¼ 31 3-16 31⅜
Texaco s	58	1-16	57 3-16	57 9-16— 3-16
TexInd			36	35⅞ 35 15-16— ⅛
TexasInst s			51¼	50⅝ 51⅛+ 1¼
TexUtil			42⅛	41¼ 41 5-16— 1
Textron	65	15-16	65 3-16	65 13-16+ 9-16
Travelers s			44⅜	43 3-16 44⅛+ 1
TriconGlbR n			39¼	39 1-16 39 1-16— ⅛
TrinityInds			29⅜	29 5-16 29 5-16— 7-16
TritonEngy			12	13-16 11⅛ 12 7-16+ ⅜
Tyler				7⅛ 7 7 + 1-16
US West Inc	50	13-16	50⅜	50 7-16— 7-16
USX-Marathn				27⅛ 27 27⅛+ ⅜
USX-USS				22⅛ 21¼ 21 15-16
UnCarbde	41	13-16	40⅝	41 —11-16
UnionPacif	40	7-16	40	40 3-16— 1-16
UnitedTech			78¼	77¼ 77⅛+ 1⅛
Unocal			32¼	32 32 1-16— 7-16
Venator Grp			9⅜	9⅜ 9 9-16— 1-16
WalMart			63	61⅜ 61 15-16+ 3-16
WstnGasRs				8¼ 8 8⅛— ⅛
WinnDixie	39¼	38	3-16 38	11-16+ 1-16
Xerox Corp			94⅛	90⅝ 93 5-16+ 2⅛

Births

Veronica Garza of Sweetwater announces the birth of her six-pound, five-ounce son. He was born at 8:40 a.m. on Sept. 1 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Veronica Garza of Sweetwater, Marissa Potter of Colorado City, R.V. Mott, W.N. Stone, Josie Guzman.

DISMISSALS: Jody Abell, Ordon Benbenek, Vernon Falkner, Marcus Medrano, Shonnah Miller, Ronnie Morris, James Northcutt, Herman Richburg, Morris Surratt.

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Coalition wants senators to oppose ATM surcharge ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — A coalition of big banks, retailers and other companies is raising the specter of widespread shutdowns of ATMs as it urges the Senate to oppose an effort to outlaw double-charging on teller machine transactions.

In a letter to all senators, the banks and other companies maintained that such a ban "will result in many ATMs closing, thus severely limiting future ATM deployment."

"This will reduce ATM availability to many communities and constituents, and end much of the convenience enjoyed by consumers today," said the letter, sent on Monday and released Tuesday. It called the proposed ban, pushed by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Alfonse D'Amato, anti-competitive and a form of government price controls.

D'Amato, R-N.Y., was stymied in July by his own panel in his bid to attach an ATM surcharge ban to a bill that would allow small businesses to collect interest on checking accounts. He promised to keep trying, saying he would attempt to piggyback the proposed ban onto other legislation.

The Senate, newly returned from its summer recess, will soon consider measures to overhaul the laws governing financial services and the personal bankruptcy laws.

"It's just a lot of nonsense. They are not going to intimidate me," D'Amato said Tuesday of the letter and full-page ad the companies took out in The Washington Post. The ad depicts a man in a winter coat trying to use an ATM. A bar with the words "closed by Congress" cuts across the picture.

D'Amato disputed the notion that a surcharge ban would shut down ATMs, noting that the majority of the machines were installed before the double charges came into use.

ATMs save banks money by reducing the need for human tellers, but those savings haven't been passed on to consumers, D'Amato contended.

Some consumer groups also oppose ATM surcharges, which are incurred when customers use an automated teller machine operated by a bank other than their own. The surcharges now average $1.27, with the most common at $1.50, and 64 percent of the nation's banks impose them, according to a study by congressional investigators.

Deirdre Cummings, consumer program director for Public Interest Research Group in Massachusetts, described the bankers' letter as "scare tactics."

Connecticut and Iowa, which have banned the surcharges, have not seen shutdowns of ATMs as a result, Ms. Cummings said.

Large banks oppose a surcharge ban, insisting that ATM fees are clearly disclosed and consumers enjoy having the 24-hour convenience. Some small banks, however, say they lose customers to bigger banks and their wider ATM networks because of the fees.

The Justice Department's Antitrust Division is looking into whether the nation's largest ATM networks are illegally preventing small banks from eliminating the double charges.

The two biggest networks are Cirrus, owned by MasterCard International, and Plus, owned by Visa USA Inc. Nearly all the nation's major banks are members of the MasterCard and Visa groups.

The 54 companies signing the letter to senators included some of the nation's largest banks, such as BankAmerica Corp., Citicorp, First Union Corp. and NationsBank Corp., as well as trade groups such as the National Retail Federation and the National Grocers Association, plus ATM technology firms.

Crackdown on sweepstakes law sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — An elderly Clearwater, Fla., man who suffers from dementia spent $30,000 in 18 months on magazine subscriptions in the false hope it would enhance his chances of winning the Publishers Clearing House sweepstakes.

In fact, the man's home was so full of magazines and other items he bought to enter sweepstakes that investigators had trouble moving around in it, Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth told a Senate subcommittee on Tuesday.

The man apparently was misled by advertising that appeared to say he had won multi-million dollar prizes, Butterworth told the Senate Government Affairs' Committee panel on international security, proliferation and federal services.

He and other law enforcement officials are asking Congress to raise penalties and toughen laws that regulate sweepstakes — laws which may be in technical compliance with the law, but mislead and entice victims to spend money on magazine subscriptions or other items in their quest for big prizes.

"It seems all too often it is the very people who can least afford it who are the ones who get sucked in by convincing yet false promises of certain riches," said Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, the Colorado Republican sponsoring a bill that would tighten sweepstakes law.

Consumers don't learn that there are conditions attached to prizes until they read the fine print, he said. Under Campbell's bill, sweepstakes sponsors would be required to prominently display warning labels on their envelopes and on promotional material inside.

"For example, one disclosure would simply read 'This is a sweepstakes. You have not automatically won,'" Campbell said.

Similar warnings would be required for advertising designed to look like checks or like mail from government agencies.

The Direct Marketing Association objected to the measure Tuesday, saying it would harm advertisers that run legitimate sweepstakes and do little to stop con artists.

Honest advertisers want to disclose sweepstakes rules to consumers, but the warnings could turn off consumers who might otherwise buy their products, said Richard Barton, the group's vice president for congressional relations.

He also said the trouble may lie with consumers who "respond inappropriately" to sweepstakes offers.

Barton said rigorous self-regulation within the industry and stepped up enforcement of existing law would be the best solution. His association also planned an education campaign that would emphasize the fact the law prohibits sweepstakes sponsors from requiring a purchase or charging a fee to people who enter sweepstakes. People who don't buy magazine subscriptions from American Family Publishers or Publishers Clearing House must have the same chance to win a prize as people who do buy.

Butterworth also told the Senate panel about how an 80-year-old Seattle woman who usually avoids sweepstakes postponed surgery so she could be home when American Family Publishers spokesmen Ed McMahon and Dick Clark arrived to deliver a $10 million check. They never arrived.

Mortuaries to pay millions for not scattering the ashes

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A pilot's failure to scatter the remains of thousands of people will end up costing a group of mortuaries $4.17 million.

The mortuaries agreed to settle a class-action lawsuit filed by the relatives of people whose remains were among more than 5,000 boxes of cremated ashes found in a locker in June 1997.

Pilot Allan Vieira had been hired by more than 150 Northern California mortuaries and funeral homes to scatter the remains. He committed suicide after they were found. Authorities later learned Vieira lacked a pilot's license and had been stockpiling the ashes for more than a decade.

Relatives of the dead sued, alleging the mortuaries failed to make sure Viera did his job.

The proposed settlement, announced Monday, covers remains that were supposed to have been scattered by Vieira since the early 1980s.

The case suffered a setback in June when an appeals court in San Francisco ruled in an unrelated suit that a mortuary that carefully selected a crematorium had no duty to supervise the cremation and no responsibility for the mishandling of the ashes.

That ruling affected settlement talks in the Vieira-related suit, said Richard Brown, a lawyer for more than 1,000 families involved. He said the settlement was still a victory.

"It's an acknowledgment by the funeral industry that they are responsible for letting Vieira hoodwink the public," Brown said.

But Brian Kindsvater, a lawyer for the mortuaries, noted that the settlement contains no admission of wrongdoing and said his clients decided it was cheaper to settle than go to trial.

The settlement also would require the mortuaries to scatter the remaining ashes and look more closely at the pilots they hire in the future. The agreement is subject to approval by Superior Court Judge John Lewis.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Golden Rule Is One Lesson Freshman Has Yet to Learn

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DEAR ABBY: My son, "Steve," is 18 and will be going to junior college this fall. He will commute back and forth to school and has a part-time job that pays very little.

Steve is basically a good kid. He's not into drugs or alcohol, but he is stubborn and bullheaded. Whenever he needs gas money, clothes ironed or lunches made, I'm usually there to help out. However, when the shoe is on the other foot and I need help with chores and things around the house, he always manages to wiggle out of it, dump the task on his younger brother, or be "too busy" with his friends to stop and help me.

When I try to talk to Steve about it, he gets an attitude and ignores me, or walks away from me, then runs off to be with his friends. If my husband or I try to discuss this with him, he says now that he's 18, he's a man.

Abby, I am thoroughly disgusted with Steve's attitude. What should I do to get him to help around the house?

TIRED MOM IN MANITO, ILL.

DEAR TIRED MOM: You've done more than enough for this new "man" in the family. I suggest that you make yourself unavailable when Steve needs gas money, clothes ironed or lunches made. Should he ask why, tell him in no uncertain terms that adults are supposed to live cooperatively with each other, and unless he's prepared to cooperate with you and his father, he can assume complete responsibility for his own needs.

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DEAR ABBY: This has bothered me for the past 12 years.

I have been married almost 43 years. After our last child moved out, my husband had a midlife crisis. To be specific, he had an affair with someone half his age. Abby, she was younger than two of our children. Out of this affair came a baby. We had DNA testing to be sure it was his.

My question: What is this child to me? What should she call me? She calls me by my first name, which irritates me. Please do not print my name or location.

IRRITATED

DEAR IRRITATED: The child is not related to you, and if there's a formal designation for someone in your situation, I'm not aware of it. Assuming there are warm feelings between the two of you, select a nickname for her to call you and ask her to please use it.

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DEAR ABBY: "Steamed in Boston" complained about food servers asking if he wanted his change back. In my opinion, asking customers if they want their change in order to save a trip back to the table is unprofessional.

My first job as a food server was in a restaurant where the owner forbade us to ask that question. A fellow server told me to say instead, "I'll be right back with your change." That way, the customer could reply, "OK," or, "Keep the change," with no toes stepped on and nothing left in doubt.

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DEAR EX: Many servers wrote to offer the same suggestion. One said that 90 percent of the time the customer will reply, "There's no need to return the change; it's for you."

Servers reported that the question is used to determine if a trip back to the table is necessary, because they are often swamped, and not having to return to the table saves them time for another customer. To that, I respond, "There are no shortcuts to quality service."

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(Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 3, 1998

In the year ahead, your enterprising qualities will be activated and enhanced. Though your awareness of opportunity will be heightened, do not scatter your efforts too thinly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Usually, you're good at juggling two situations simultaneously. Today, however, you may fail in both instances. Keep things simple. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This is not a good day to focus on financial risks in unfamiliar venues. Be cautious and prudent in all endeavors, even if others encourage you to behave otherwise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Family commitments should take priority over other obligations today. Do not disappoint loved ones who are counting on you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's been said that life is what happens to us while we're busy making other plans. If your schedule is disrupted, don't get upset — flow with the tide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't get involved in activities with friends today if you can't afford to. You won't enjoy your recreation if you have to worry about costs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you might have to deal with someone rather unpleasant. Don't let this person's mode of behavior cause you to react in a similar manner.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Unless you are earnest, it's best not to promise to do something for another. Impulsive commitments today could severely inconvenience you later.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Business and pleasure might not make a compatible mix today, so do one or the other, not both.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Support you're hoping for today might not be forthcoming unless you clearly define what you need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can do what you set your mind to today, provided you don't ignore small yet critical factors. Don't depend on a rabbit's foot; only reason and logic will work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try not to put material things above friendships today. If you do, you might lose what you hope to gain and end up with one less vote on the popularity poll.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Important associations require tactful management today, even those with people you get along well with. The air is thick with uncertainties.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

NW, union heads urged to resume talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Mediation Board today called an "exploration meeting" to bring Northwest Airlines officials and union leaders back to the table to identify areas of flexibility as the pilots' strike entered its fifth day.

Both parties indicated there was room for negotiation in their Tuesday meeting with Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, said mediation board spokesman Jim Armshaw. The purpose of the next session, he said, would be to identify the areas of flexibility.

Armshaw said that National Mediation Board member Maggie Jackson was contacting the parties to establish a time and place for what he said was "an exploration meeting, which could then turn into a negotiation session."

While Armshaw stressed that this was not a formal bargaining session, deciding to bring the two parties back to the table was a sign of progress.

Dispatchers and meteorologists were the first to go as Northwest began laying off other employees in the fifth day of the pilots' strike.

"Laying off flight attendants is only going to make it more difficult for the company to get back on its feet quickly," said Craig Merrilees, a spokesman for the flight attendants' 11,000-member Teamsters Local 2000.

The company laid off 177 workers Tuesday and was to decide today whether more would have to leave. Company officials said many of Northwest's 50,000 employees could be affected.

Robert Lattery, a meteorologist at Northwest's Twin Cities hub, said he received his notice after his overnight shift ended at 8 a.m. He wasn't surprised, since his job is to tell pilots where bad weather is located so planes can avoid thunderstorms and other turbulence.

The employees were told they will not be paid for time lost and they are not to report for work until called back by the airline.

"We had been expecting this," Lattery said. "I was there last night and there was little or nothing to do."

Yeltsin says...

Russia committed to free-market reforms

MOSCOW (AP) — Concluding his two-day summit with President Clinton, Russia's Boris Yeltsin said today his politically paralyzed nation is determined to stay the course to democracy and a free economy. Clinton held out hope for expanded western investments but emphasized "there is no short cut" for Russian reform.

The world stands ready to provide financial help so long as Russia remains on a democratic track, he said.

Yeltsin, in the throes of a full-throttled political crisis, was asked in a wrap-up news conference what he would do if the Russian parliament refused to confirm his choice of Viktor Chernomyrdin to return as prime minister. Would he dissolve parliament in that event? Yeltsin took several seconds and then said, speaking in Russian, "We will witness quite a few events for us to be able to achieve all those results."

As Clinton and others waited for more, he added, "That's all."

Clinton was asked whether he had struck the right tone in his TV appearance regarding Monica Lewinsky. After Yeltsin's reply he grinned and quipped, "That's my answer, too."

Regarding the brief TV remarks, criticized by many as too grudging and not apologetic enough, he said, "I read it the other day again and I thought it was clear that I was expressing my profound regret to all who were hurt."

A reporter also asked Clinton whether he thought the reaction to his admission of an affair had hurt his ability to lead the country.

"I have acknowledged that I made a mistake, said that I regretted it, asked to be forgiven, spent a lot of very valuable time with my family in the last couple of weeks, and said I was going to back to work," he said. "I believe that is what the American people want me to do and, based on my conversations with leaders around the world I think that's what they want me to do, and that is what I intend to do."

Both presidents described their meetings as successful, and Yeltsin told reporters he and Clinton discussed ways to intensify U.S.-Russian economic relations to pull Russia out of its economic tailspin.

There are limits to protections for Americans living overseas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sometimes it's rowdy behavior that gets them in trouble. Sometimes trouble comes to them.

But with some 3.1 million Americans living abroad, there's no doubt that many face tough situations: arrests, civil unrest, terrorism, police abuse and kidnapping, to name a few.

Each day, another 300 Americans living abroad register with U.S. embassies, guaranteeing more troubles. Thousands of others travel abroad as tourists or on business.

They encounter everything from lost passports to death. Indeed, some 6,000 Americans die abroad annually.

Recent headlines from East Africa have highlighted the risks that Americans representing the U.S. government encounter, but ordinary Americans have needs as well. The State Department does what it can to help, but often there is not much it can do.

Lori Berenson is well aware of those limits.

A New York native, Berenson was convicted of treason by a Peruvian military court in 1996 on charges she helped leftist rebels plan an assault on the national Congress. The Clinton administration, contending that military trials in Peru lack due process, has asked that Berenson be tried in a civilian court. The Peruvian government has refused.

About all the State Department can do for Berenson, officials say, is to send a consular officer to check on her well-being. That involves a trek to a frigid prison high in the Andes mountains, 525 miles southeast of Lima. Officers have checked on her 30 times since 1996.

Sometimes trouble takes the form of a cross-border conflict or a local disturbance. If a situation gets out of hand, the U.S. military may be called into evacuate Americans — as in the Congo, Guinea-Bissau and Eritrea just this year. In Indonesia, the State Department chartered two planes to help Americans escape from unrest this past spring. Last year, Americans were evacuated from Liberia, Albania, Zaire, Sierra Leone.

In an increasingly chaotic post-Cold War world, the Pentagon has been making adjustments to meet the needs of U.S. citizens. Nowadays, warships set sail with diapers and baby bottles in case an evacuation is called for. The Navy and Marines incorporate evacuation missions into standard training for expeditionary units.

Sometimes, Americans are endangered by potential terrorist activity. This was the concern earlier this month when, in the aftermath of the East Africa bombings, the State Department advised 6,700 Americans living in Pakistan to depart the country.

Obituaries

J.W. Love

1910-1998

J.W. Love of Goldthwaite, a former Snyder resident, died early today in St. David's Hospital in Austin after a lengthy illness.

Services for Mr. Love, 87, are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on Oct. 7, 1910 in Cottle, Tex., he married Minnie Alma McMahon on Dec. 24, 1932 in Bandera. Mr. Love was a retired pumper.

He was preceded in death by a son, Billy Love.

Survivors include his wife, Minnie Alma Love of Goldthwaite; and a daughter, Towana Webb, also of Goldthwaite.

Annie Cornelius

1900-1998

Annie Cornelius, 97, died Monday, Aug. 31, in Snyder Healthcare Center following a lengthy illness.

Service is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born Dec. 20, 1900 in Brazos County, she married Jessie Todd in 1919. He preceded her in death. She married Lacy Cornelius in 1933. He died in 1984.

Others preceding her in death include two daughters, Jessie M. Ewing and Willie R. Todd; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Survivors include six grandchildren, Thomas R. Davis and Mendia D. Hunter, both of Snyder; Cornelius R. Davis of Richmond, Va., Frances Davis-Banks of Los Angeles, Howard W. Todd of Irving and Don O. Williams of Dallas; many great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Moody Ward

1926-1998

COLORADO CITY — Moody Ward, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Sept. 1, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Ward, 72, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. David Ramey will officiate and burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Aug. 19, 1926 in Colorado City, he married Sarah Chitsey on May 7, 1946 in Colorado City.

Mr. Ward was a retired oilfield worker. He lived in Snyder from 1949 to 1986 when he moved to Colorado City. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Ward of Colorado City; a son, George Ward of Colorado City; two daughters, Juanita Pilgrim of Longview and Lajuana Ward of Snyder; two sisters, Ollie Deese of Colorado City and Katherine Reed of May; a brother, Willie Ward of California; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Wildfire survivor: 'It looked like hell'

NUEVO, Calif. (AP) — When the flames came, they fled from their homes with only the clothes on their backs. Some didn't even have shoes. Adored family pets were left behind.

Residents of the Juniper Flats area near this rural Riverside County town have fought brush fires before, but they've never seen anything like this.

"There was no battling this one," said Christopher Meade, who fled with his wife and daughters. They returned Tuesday to find the house still standing, but a storage shed stuffed with antique furniture and appliances burned to the ground.

"It was all about running," he said. "It looked like hell."

Thirty-nine homes and 35 other structures were destroyed in the blaze, one of dozens of wildfires across California that charred about 34,000 acres of brush. In San Diego County, flames threatened a Navy napalm depot before they were beaten back by fire crews Tuesday.

Heat, humidity, erratic wind, El Nino-thickened vegetation and a bumper crop of bugs and snakes worked against the nearly 6,000 firefighters on the fire lines across the state.

There were several other fires, including three in Orange County and one in Northern California. Fire officials hoped to get the last of them under control later today. One of the Orange County fires, in Santiago Canyon, threatened homes.

There was only one fire-related death, an inmate firefighter killed when the fire truck he was riding in crashed Monday in Los Angeles County.

Firefighters also battled blazes in a number of other Western states, including Washington, Montana and along the Nevada-Idaho border.

The most destructive fire was the one that burned about 6,000 acres of brush in Juniper Flats, about 85 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Officials estimated the damage at almost $3 million, and said four people suffered minor injuries.

It was 75 percent contained early today. Firefighters expected to have it fully contained later in the morning.

Residents raced from their homes just steps ahead of the flames. In their rush to escape, the Meades left their three kittens behind.

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Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes begin today in Room 209 in the library at Western Texas College. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m. and from 6-8:30 p.m. There are no Wednesday classes. For more information call 573-8511, Ext. 322.

White Buffalo Festival meeting

The White Buffalo Festival planning committee will meet at noon Thursday in the chamber board room.

Satellite Bible study

Sunset Inernational Bible Institute will present a study of "Historical Christian Evidences" by Ed Wharton. The 12-week class, meeting from 7-9 p.m each Thursday, begins this week at the Christian Student Center on the WTC campus. There is no tutition charged.

SHS volleyball beanie baby

Tickets for a "Glory Bear" beanie baby are being sold by the SHS volleyball team for $1 each. Proceeds will benefit the volleyball program. The beanie baby was donated by Timber and Threads. Call 573-9416 for more information.

Enchilada dinner

A enchilada dinner to raise funds for Queen candidate Crystal Rascon will be held from noon until 7 p.m. Friday at the Latin American Center. Tickets, $5 each, are available by calling 573-6943. No tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds will go to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Christian concert

First Baptist Church will hold a Christian concert featuring Sam Perry and "Soul's Desire" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charged.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Coming to God, followed by "Faith and Change."

Support group ministry

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

Chicken spaghetti supper

The Snyder High School and junior high tennis boosters will host a chicken spaghetti supper starting at 5 p.m. Sept. 11 in the SHS cafeteria prior to the Frenship football game. Tickets are being sold by tennis players for $5 each or by calling 573-2400 or 573-2801. Takeouts will be available.

Fajitas and football

First Christian Church will host a fajita supper prior to the football game with Wylie on Sept. 18. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for ages 12 and under. Order tickets by calling 573-6115 and leaving a message. Eat and walk to the homecoming game.

F.A.C.T. meeting

A F.A.C.T. (Fast Action for the Children of Texas) meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 3 p.m. at Snyder Savings and Loan. Former employees of the Texas Attorney General's office will speak.

Historic Scurry County

Historic Scurry County is selling $1 donation tickets for an oil painting by Jess Everett. The painting, "Caprock Country," will be given away Sept. 19 at the county fair. Proceeds will go to maintaining the Dodson House and Dermott School. Call 573-0538 or 573-0770 for tickets.

Therapy group for women

A therapy group just for women is being formed. If you or someone you know has been sexually abused or assaulted, this group may be what you're looking for. For more details call 915 236-6235. All calls confidential.

Band selling Tiger Paws

Snyder Band Boosters are painting Tiger Paws to show support for the Snyder Tigers. Call 574-1454 or contact any band student.

Road to Recovery program

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

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
7-8-3
(seven, eight, three)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:
2-8-12-24-32
(two, eight, twelve, twenty-four, thirty-two)

Protein may reveal aggressive prostate cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Measuring a certain protein in cancer cells may identify prostate cancer patients who need aggressive treatment and help spare others from unnecessary surgery and radiation treatment, researchers say.

In a study published today, scientists said they found there are two types of prostate cancer -- fast and slow -- and that the difference may be signaled by the level of a protein called p27.

Researchers from the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in New York published the study in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Protein p27 is abundant in normal prostate glands and acts as a tumor suppresser, said Dr. Carlos Cordon-Cardo, a Sloan-Kettering researcher and first author of the study.

"P27 is like a brake on a car," he said. "It stops cells from proliferating."

The p27 marker is different from prostate specific antigen or PSA, which is a protein in the blood used to help identify prostate problems. Elevated PSA counts suggest that a prostate gland is enlarged, but does not give definitive evidence of cancer.

Prostate cancer, however, does directly affect the level of p27, Cordon-Cardo said. Some cancers have near-normal levels of the protein and others have low to undetectable levels.

"Some cancers seem to chew up and destroy the expression of p27. We see it being destroyed by some mechanism that we don't yet understand," he said.

In an analysis of 130 prostate cancer specimens, Cordon-Cardo said his team found that those cancers with little or no expression of p27 were very aggressive, growing and spreading rapidly.

But in cancers where the p27 was still being expressed, the cancer was less dangerous, he said.

"Normal levels of p27 seems to suggest that the chances for a benign course of disease is very high," said Cordon-Cardo. "If that is the case, then these patients could be given a better quality of life by being less aggressive in the therapy."

Treating prostate cancer with surgery or intensive radiation often can cause impotence and incontinence.

Dr. Richard G. Middleton of the University of Utah, co-chairman of a committee developing prostate cancer treatment guidelines for the American Urological Association, said that finding biological markers that will identify aggressive prostate cancers would be "enormously important."

But Middleton cautioned that developing enough confidence in such markers to actually influence treatment decisions "will be very difficult and may take a long period of time."

"I hope they are on to something," Middleton said of the Sloan-Kettering study. "There is a lot of effort under way in the field to find ways to identify patients at risk of the aggressive carcinoma."

Prostate cancer often develops late in life and can be very slow growing. In many cases, patients die of other causes long before the prostate disease becomes life threatening. This means that for some patients just "watchful waiting" or mild radiation can be the appropriate treatment.

But in other cases, prostate cancer can move very rapidly, seeding into other organs and leading to death. Control of these types of cancers requires surgery followed by radiation and chemotherapy.

Americans contemplate truth, consequences

YORK, Pa. (AP) — A dozen ordinary Americans file into a conference room pretty satisfied with their president and dismissing the Lewinsky affair as a private matter. Two wrenching hours of discussion later, and things are more murky.

They refuse to separate Clinton's private dealings from his presidency, and condemn his conduct. Yet after drawing a firm line on what would warrant his resignation, they start gingerly backing away from it.

"If he resigns because of this little thing on the side ... it's just going to be people finding more scandal over and over again," worries Barbara Jean Smith, a 34-year-old photographer and a Democrat. "We're feeding it. And then they're just going to find something else about the next president."

In earnest talk over pretzels and chips, 12 Pennsylvanians of all political persuasions opened up to Democratic pollster Peter Hart as part of a focus group this week designed to look beyond public opinion polls that give the president high approval ratings and poor marks personally.

The focus session turned out to be a journey of sorts.

Participants started out generally satisfied with Clinton and wishing the Lewinsky affair would go away.

Asked what would be the turning point for them, what would warrant the president's resignation, most settled on lying under oath.

There was lots of talk about upholding the Constitution and the rule of law.

"I feel he should be man enough to resign if he has actually committed perjury," said Karen Schaale, 39, a fiscal officer and a Democrat. "All politicians know what perjury is."

Marvin Anderson agreed. "He doesn't deserve to be there if he lied," said the 40-year-old quality manager who describes himself as a strong Democrat. "He's the ultimate leader and he's the one who sets the example."

Before long, it came out that most participants thought Clinton had in fact lied under oath.

And then the backpedaling began. Should the president really be forced from office in the fallout over his dalliances with a young woman? A pall descended. Eyes got watery.

"I'd be shocked." "Unbelievable." "I'd be disheartened."

Jodie Tierney, a 27-year-old insurance agent and a Republican, tapped an index finger on her lips. Her eyes got misty. Her voice dropped. "I'm at a loss," she whispered.

Finally, she summed up her thoughts this way: "I'd be upset that he was forced to resign for something that I feel has been blown out of proportion. It's just gone too far."

"To me, it would mean that the reactionary forces in this country had won," said Jeff Kirkland, a 49-year-old youth counselor and a political independent.

Hart said the talk in this focus group shows how the nation "needs a lot more time" to sort out the ramifications of the Lewinsky investigation.

"When you start to talk to them about the consequences about what might happen, they turn from a group that seems ready for action and they stop," Hart said. "They clearly stepped back."

Store offers to edit video to G rating

AMERICAN FORK, Utah (AP) — For $5, a video store here promises to take your recently purchased copy of "Titanic" — rated PG-13 — and transform it into a shorter film that's rated G.

Sunrise Family Video offers customers the option of cutting the scene in which Kate Winslet poses nude and another which suggests Leonardo DiCaprio's and Winslet's characters have sex.

For an additional $3, employees will edit out any other scenes that customers find objectionable from the joint Paramount Pictures and Twentieth Century Fox release.

"I'm thrilled," said customer Connie Paxton, a mother of five. "My husband and kids haven't seen it" because of the sex scenes. "My teen-age daughter is excited. She's going to invite her friends over to watch it."

More than 50 customers dropped off personal copies of the Academy Award-winning film for editing Tuesday — a four-day backlog for the store's employees who require about 35 minutes to edit one copy.

"It's not with Paramount's blessing and it's illegal," Paramount Studios spokeswoman Dorrit Ragosine said Tuesday. She said she would check with Paramount's legal staff but could not say what action the company would take.

Datebook

Sept. 2, 1998

Today is the 245th day of 1998 and the 74th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1930, Captain Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte of France completed the first nonstop airplane flight from Europe to the United States.

On this day in 1944, Navy pilot George Bush was shot down by the Japanese as he completed a bombing mission in the Bonin Islands.

On this day in 1978, George Harrison married Olivia Trinidad Arias.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Cleveland Amory (1917-), writer, is 81; Marge Champion (1923-), dancer-actress, is 75; Terry Bradshaw (1948-), football great-commentator, is 50; Mark Harmon (1951-), actor, is 47; Jimmy Connors (1952-), tennis star, is 46; Eric Dickerson (1960-), football star, is 38; Keanu Reeves (1964-), actor, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, American runner Dave Wottle won the 800-meter race at the Munich Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "What a teacher doesn't say... is a telling part of what a student hears." — Maurice Natanson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1935, a catastrophic hurricane hit the central Florida Keys with gusts of 150-200 mph and waves 30 inches above mean sea level. Four hundred people died, mainly by drowning.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Aug. 30) and full moon (Sept. 6).

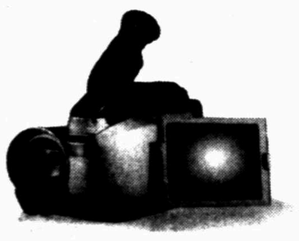
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