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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Man is born naked, wet and hungry — then things get worse."

Things are starting to happen around the coliseum as the annual Scurry County Fair gets underway. Doors swing open tomorrow.

With the unusually heavy spring moisture, we had hoped fair officials would have a new division for careless weeds. We've seen some around town that are of the blue ribbon variety.

Fair officials this year are encouraging participation from surrounding counties, some of which don't have county fairs.

There will be judging of such things as canned foods, baked goods, vegetables, sewing, textiles, handicrafts and fine arts as well as the traditional flower show.

Competition for the adults includes dominoes along with horse shoe and washer pitching. Competition for the kids includes yo-yo contests, a tractor pull, hula hoop contest, fish pond, eggs and spoon race, stick horse rodeo, barrel ribbon race, three legged race and a limbo contest.

Throughout the fair, there's a wide variety of entertainment planned on stage. Go ahead and make plans to attend, Jack Denman isn't scheduled to perform.

Later this month, the Texas State Fair opens in Dallas, and a company with a former location in Snyder is playing a part in this year's wardrobe for Big Tex.

Big Tex will have a new look that will be familiar to Texans — his first pair of real Texas jeans.

Finishing touches have been put on a pair of 284 x 185 jeans and a size 100 x 180 western shirt.

Four Dickies Workwear pattern makers and 19 seamstresses took several weeks to create the jeans and shirts, which are more than 600 percent larger than the average garment sample.

Maybe the next time Big Tex needs a change of jeans, perhaps the denim can come from Lorber's mill in Snyder.

Speaking of fashions, we noticed that women are wearing clothes that look a lot like men's.

If a guy was smart, he'd plan on marrying a girl his own size.



HORTICULTURE PLACEMENT — Snyder Garden Club president Bonnie Fry began early today placing potted plants to be judged in the Scurry County Fair flower show. Following the judging Thursday, the fair will open to the public at noon, and will end at 10 p.m. Saturday. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Fair entries are arriving

Opens Thursday

Artwork and plants will be joined by handicrafts and agricultural exhibits this afternoon as the county coliseum takes on a colorful, down-home look today.

It's all in preparation for the 32nd Scurry County Fair, which opens Thursday.

Snyder Palette Club began accepting artwork Tuesday afternoon and entries for the garden club annual flower show were arriving this morning. Most other items — textiles, wood furniture, canned goods, handicrafts, sewn pieces, nuts, fruits, grains and vegetables — will be brought in this afternoon and evening.

A few of the more perishable items such as baked goods have entry deadlines of Friday or even Saturday.

Fair organizers allow just about anything to be entered in the fair, allowing visitors to see the many talents of Scurry County and surrounding area residents.

Along with homemade and handcrafted items will be entries for the Kiddie Barnyard. All types of barnyard animals and pets are accepted except for dogs and cats and any determined to be dangerous.

The barnyard is an attraction open throughout the three days of the fair.

In between looking at the exhibits, fair-goers can enjoy entertainment on stage. There will be everything from singing to taekwondo demonstrations.

Activities are planned on stage from from 7-10 p.m. Friday and from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday. These include the Ira Combo, the Hoss Clayton Band, Senior Center line dancers, a quilt and style show, the Kitchen Band, taekwondo exhibitions, Marcus Rios, the Deep Creek Cloggers, gymnastics and cheerleading.

Saturday's offerings are daylong, and include a series of events for young children, horseshoe and washer pitching for adults and the 22-event Scurry County Horse Show, which will be held at the area on Gary Brewer Road.

All during the fair, a carnival will be held in the coliseum's west parking lot.

Fair hours will be until 10 each night, with the doors opening at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is $1 per person per day.

House rejects testing plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top item on President Clinton's education agenda faces an uphill struggle after the House rejected standardized national tests for fourth-grade reading and eighth-grade math.

Clinton said the House vote Tuesday was "unacceptable and it will not stand."

Seventy-five Democrats joined Republicans in the 295-125 vote to halt funding for the voluntary tests. But the Senate had voted last week to let the tests go forward after the Clinton administration agreed to hand control of the tests to an independent board.

The differing votes mean the administration, House and Senate will have to work out a compromise. The testing votes were on amendments to major spending bills to carry the Education, Labor and Health and Human Services departments through the 1998 budget year starting Oct. 1.

The Senate passed its version of the spending bill last week. But before doing so, it also passed, 51-49, an amendment converting many Education Department programs into block grants, effectively stripping the department of much control over its budget.

The possibility of a comparable amendment being debated in the House today led Clinton to threaten a veto.

Clinton, who had made the tests his top educational priority during his State of the Union address earlier this year, said the House action on testing was a "vote for the status quo and against better schools."

"They have voted against a plan to improve our schools by raising standards, empowering parents and increasing accountability," he said in a statement released by the White House.

Board okays new tax rate

Taxpayers within the boundaries of the Snyder Independent School District will be paying the same tax rate in the coming year as last year.

Trustees voted Tuesday to set the rate at $1.50 per $100 valuation.

A hearing on the proposed rate was held Thursday and drew no comments from the citizenry.

Trustees adopted a $17.5 million budget on Aug. 14, but state law kept them from setting the tax rate until this month.

Board president Charles Anderson presided at the noon meeting, which lasted less than 90 seconds. Trustees present were Richard Chambers, Mark McCormick, Glenn Clarady and Mike Levens. Luann Burleson and Janet Stribling were absent.

Jury decides Thomas is guilty, sentence pending

It took a six-man, six-woman jury just 30 minutes this morning to find 34-year-old Richard Thomas guilty of aggravated assault.

132nd District Court Judge Ernie Armstrong sent the jury to lunch at noon. The punishment phase of the trial was to begin following a lunch break.

Witnesses have testified that Thomas threatened Darrell Holmes with a knife on March 20 at G&G Grocery, north of Snyder on the Clairemont Highway.

Thomas took the stand in his own behalf Tuesday afternoon and admitting pulling a knife, but only in self defense.

Thomas was the only defense witness called Tuesday as both the state and the defense rested their cases shortly after 4 p.m.

Under questioning by District Attorney Dana Cooley, Thomas told the jury he felt the charges were a result of a conspiracy between the Snyder Police Department, his ex-wife and his children.

Following Thomas' testimony Tuesday, Scurry County Sheriff Darren Jackson was presented as a rebuttal witness by the state.

Jackson told the court that he was transporting Thomas to the courthouse for an earlier hearing and Thomas told him, "To be quite honest with you, I was so messed up.... I'm not sure what happened (on March 20)."

Testifying earlier for the state were Thomas' ex-wife and two of his minor children.

The state and defense concluded their closing statements shortly before 11 o'clock this morning and the jury began its deliberations shortly thereafter.

Thomas is being represented by court-appointed attorney Isaac Castro of Snyder.

No key scientific evidence found linking breast implants to disease

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal researchers say there is no strong scientific evidence linking silicone breast implants with breast cancer or other diseases, although the devices do break often and allow silicone to leak into the body.

In a study published today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, two researchers say their review of scientific literature suggests the possibility that implants could even help protect against breast cancer, but more study is needed to confirm that conclusion.

But as far as being the clear cause of cancer or other diseases, the researchers said the silicone breast implants get a "clean bill of health" in the current literature. More study is needed, however, they said.

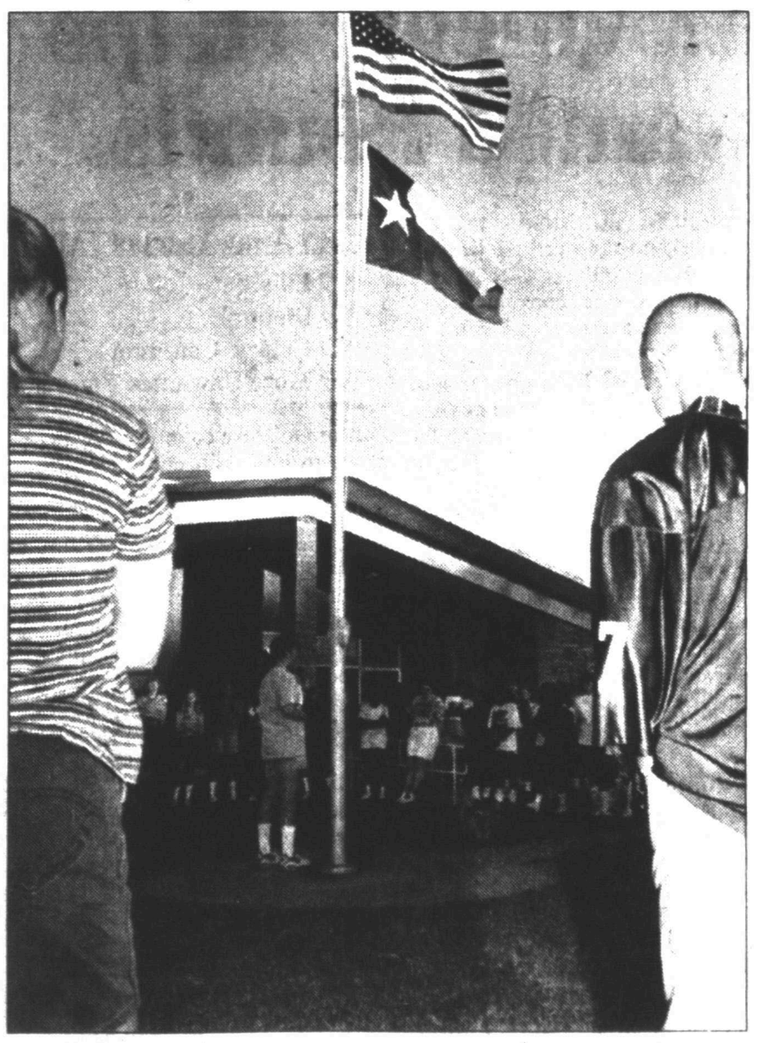
S. Lori Brown of the Food and Drug Administration, a co-author of the review, said there is some slight statistical suggestion linking some types of connective tissue disease to leaking breast implants, but she called it "a borderline result" that should be interpreted "very cautiously."

"These diseases are so rare that it may never be possible to clearly link them to silicone breast implants," said Brown.

The conclusion of the research review is in stark contrast to the statements in lawsuits by thousands of women who link silicone breast implants to a wide variety of diseases. About 100,000 women have settled lawsuits with manufacturers of the implants and about a half million others have reserved the right to sue. Thousands of suits are pending.

Some manufacturers are offering fixed settlements that range from $5,000 to $100,000 for women whose implants have ruptured. Manufacturers have won 16 of 21 lawsuits that have gone to trial and jury awards have ranged from $30,000 up. A Houston woman was awarded $25 million, but she settled later for an undisclosed amount.

Silicone implants were first introduced in 1962 as a means of augmenting breast size or for reconstruction after a cancerous breast was removed. Between 800,000 and 1 million women received the implants, many for cosmetic purposes.



AT THE POLE — Many Scurry County youth got up extra early today to attend a youth-led prayer service, See You At the Pole, at their schools. Snyder High School had 205, the junior high school had 108, Ira had 54 and Hermleigh had 29 attend the world-wide event to pray for their schools, peers, teachers, the leaders of our country and fellowship together. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

ASK US

Q—Is there a charge to hear Denise Brown speak at Scurry County Colliseum next Monday morning? Can anyone attend?

A—The assembly is not open to the general public. Only students and their sponsors may attend, and they will not be charged.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High, Tuesday, 92 degrees; low, 68; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 72; no precipitation; total for 1997, 21.90 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low, upper 60s. S wind 5-15 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. High, mid 90s. S wind 10-20 mph, gusty.



PARTLY CLOUDY
William Greenwood

Sunset: 7:47 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:30 a.m.

Of 259 days in 1997, the sun has shone 247 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Those who reach greatness on earth, reach it through concentration.

The Upanishads

Hermleigh School has school paper

Hermleigh journalism and yearbook students have begun publishing a twice-monthly school newpaper — The Cardinal Call — for the 1997-1998 school year.

Ron Roberts, journalism and computer teacher, is the adviser.

The first issue contained a variety of topics including TAAS test update, short biographies of new coaches: assistance football coach Randy Minter and head coach Juan Rios.

Other entries were gossip, advice column and recipes.

New students were welcomed and farewells to departing students and faculty were also included.

Since this is Hermleigh's 90th anniversary, Roberts said they are planning a special issue. Thus far they have secured some old photos, including the first graduating class.

Staffers include Miranda Terry, editor; Jennifer Roemisch, sports writer; Gilbert Rios, recipies and household hints; Elizabeth Beckham, advice column; Jake Alexander, biography of a faculty or staff member each issue; Casey Frizzell, general reporter and articles from both Superintendent Jerry Church and Clarence Spieker, principal; Ester Martinez, gossip and Michael Duhaine and Kenny Hancock, general reporters.



SCHOOL NEWSPAPER — Hermleigh journalism and yearbook students are publishing a twice-monthly school newspaper —The Cardinal Call. Shown working are from left to right, Elizabeth Beckham, Ester Martinez, Kenny Hancock, Michael Duhaime and Jake Alexander. Not pictured are Miranda Terry, Jennifer Roemisch, Gilbert Rios, Casey Frizzell, (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Abuse in jails reported

AUSTIN (AP) — A civil rights organization says it hears from two to three county jail prisoners a week who make allegations about excessive force by guards or have complaints about jail conditions.

"There is no question that there exists a systemic epidemic of physical force against prisoners in county jails throughout Texas," said James Harrington, legal director of the Texas Civil Rights Project.

In testimony prepared for a Senate Criminal Justice Committee hearing Tuesday, Harrington said he believes there's "no question that there is an officially sanctioned callous disregard for jail prisoners throughout Texas."

Harrington said his group had filed several lawsuits involving prisoner complaints that range from failure to separate violent prisoners from others to refusing to allow an HIV-positive prisoner to receive proper medication and treatment.

The committee's chairman, Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, called the hearing to take testimony on prison and jail safety issues.

The meeting follows a report by The Brazosport Facts about a videotape that showed guards beating Missouri prisoners who were being held under private contract at the Brazoria County Detention Center.

Missouri officials took their inmates out of Texas after viewing the videotape, which showed prisoners being attacked by dogs and kicked by jailers in September 1996.

Harrington said that no lawsuit alleging brutality against prisoners carried the impact of the Brazoria County videotape.

Harrington recommended several actions by the State Commission on Jail Standards and the Legislature, including:

Establishing an effective mechanism for inmates to lodge complaints; issuing annual county-by-county reports on complaints; referring complaints about individual police, sheriff and jail officers to state authorities; and setting up prompt administrative action for prisoners alleging excessive physical force or denial of medical treatment.

Last week, a jail standards commission official announced that the panel would consider requiring rules governing the use of force in county and private jails.

Reynolds Wrap turns 50; will go on display

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — For 50 years, Reynolds Wrap has sealed sandwiches, preserved leftovers and — twisted around antennas — even improved television reception.

The Smithsonian Institution today was to recognize the aluminum foil's golden anniversary by including an original box of it in its Domestic Life collection.

The idea for Reynolds Wrap was conceived just before World War II when Reynolds Metals executive Clarence Manning was asked by his harried wife to find a turkey pan she could use to roast Thanksgiving dinner.

Figuring he had little chance of finding a pan on a holiday, the executive pulled from his briefcase some sample foil the company was planning to market to commercial kitchens.

Mrs. Manning cooked the turkey to perfection, and Richmond-based Reynolds Metals began exploring foil's suitability as a household product. Reynolds Wrap was launched on Sept. 16, 1947, with an elaborate campaign to explain the thin, shiny metallic sheets to baffled retailers and housewives.

"Back in 1947 there weren't many supermarkets, so we had to go out into mom-and-pop stores," said Charles M. Mapes, 84, who was Reynolds' first foil salesman. "The reaction was wonderment. Cooking food with a wrapping material was a brand new idea."

Early boxes of foil came with a pamphlet containing instructions and recipes so homemakers would know what to do with it.

The loyal sales force made the brand one of the strongest in America. John Lowrie, vice president and general manager of Reynolds' consumer products division, said the foil can be found in 70 percent to 80 percent of America's kitchens.

Reynolds has donated one of those first rolls to the Smithsonian, which accepted it as part of its record on the lives of women in the mid-20th century, said Rodris Roth, a curator in the Smithsonian's Division of Social History.

"One facet of this woman was her place in the kitchen, and what people had on their kitchen counters and shelves," Roth said.

No exhibit including the roll is currently planned.

Duncanville school defends way SAT scores are reported

DUNCANVILLE (AP) — When Duncanville High School released its average composite score for its seniors on the SAT college entrance exam, the results weren't too shabby.

The reported score of 1,124 was the second-highest in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for 1996-97, behind only the Highland Park's 1,153 and ahead of Plano's 1,113.

The Dallas Morning News reported today that actually the school's average SAT score was 991, near the bottom among 29 Dallas-area school districts — ahead of only Fort Worth, Lancaster and Wilmer-Hutchins.

The higher score was achieved by statistics sleight of hand, the newspaper reported.

The Duncanville school district reported the average score achieved by the top 43 percent of its students, while the other districts' scores reflected all students taking the test. Of Duncanville's 648 seniors, 63 percent took the SAT.

Duncanville schools officials say they weren't trying to mislead anyone about the district's performance.

The scores of only the top 43 percent were used because that matches the percentage of seniors nationally who take the SAT, said Karla Oliver, a spokeswoman for the district.

Comparing Duncanville's top 43 percent with the national average gives administrators a better estimate of how seniors are doing in relation to college-bound students elsewhere, Ms. Oliver said.

"That's where the whole idea of comparative percentages came from," she said.

A spokesman for the College Board, the independent organization that oversees administration of the SAT and releases scores, said Duncanville's method of calculating the average is unusual.

"I don't know why they would have done that except that it might have put them in a better light," the spokesman, Jeffrey Penn, told The Morning News. "That sounds like new math to me."

Penn said the College Board simply releases the scores to the school districts. How the districts present the scores is up to them, he said.

But he said school districts shouldn't be ranked by SAT scores.

"The test wasn't developed for that purpose," he said, and such comparisons are often misleading. Test scores in some large districts, for instance, are drawn down by the larger number of students who take the test, Penn said.

Smaller districts in affluent areas may have more college-bound students, who typically score higher, he said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 18, 1997

The year ahead could be a very impressive one for you where personal achievements are concerned. There may be one of your efforts that is head and shoulders above the others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be discriminating today so that you don't waste too much emotion and energy on matters that don't warrant it. Use your vital forces with discretion. 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) Your mate might not share your enthusiasm for projects you want to do around the house at this time. Be prepared to tackle them unaided.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Lighter interests might command the better portion of your time and attention today. You will find ways to rationalize around your duties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you act upon your opportunities at this time, you'll have good chances for personal acquisition; if you're indecisive, it's another story.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In order to advance your self-interests today, there must be something in it for your associates. Everyone must have a stake.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Handling important matters as early in the day as possible enhances your probabilities for success. Delays tend to diminish prospects.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Guard against urges today to buy merchandise for which you'll have no real need, even though you might feel they are great bargains.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Spur-of-the-moment decisions could help you achieve your goals today, but if you waste too much time deliberating, you're not likely to take action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make an extra effort today to be as forthright as possible with all people involved in your dealings. If you attempt to scheme, it could misfire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your expectations are likely to be gratified today, provided you are single-minded about your objectives. Do not drift off on tangents.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, an associate might try to back out of an impulsive promise he or she made to you earlier. Give this person ample space to save face.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are an effective worker today, but you might not be as detail-conscious as you should be. Be alert for small impediments that could cause problems.

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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Glimpse of Teen's Diary Opens Her Father's Eyes

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DEAR ABBY: The problem my husband and I face is probably not unique, but we desperately need some advice. His 16-year-old daughter is very loving and affectionate, but she's also easily led; consequently she's being taken advantage of by her so-called boyfriends.

"Stacy" visits us on weekends, so we have no control over her behavior during the week when the problems occur. She has been boy-crazy for a couple of years now, but I was shocked at what I read in an open notebook she left on her bed. Daddy's seemingly innocent little girl is not innocent at all. The notebook is a journal in which she has written her feelings and experiences — in shockingly vulgar language. According to the diary, she has had many sexual encounters with three boys.

When I revealed what I had read to her father, he was devastated. We have had talks with Stacy about sex, but apparently to no avail. We fear that if we confront her, she'll stop spending weekends with us.

Her father and I know that her mother must be told what's going on, but Stacy is sure to feel betrayed when we spill the beans. Also, we fear the potential consequences Stacy will face from her mother.

To further complicate the problem, my husband would rather eat glass than talk to Stacy's mother because of her temper and inability to set aside her personal feelings to focus on what's best for this child.

Abby, how do we advise her mother with the least possible risk to our relationship with Stacy?

NO NAME OR CITY, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME OR CITY: Calm yourselves. What you read in Stacy's diary may not necessarily be true. Teen-age girls have been known to engage in creative writing in filling the pages of their diaries.

You and her father need to discuss this with her, and determine how sexually experienced she is. Begin by saying, "You left your diary open on your bed, and we have reason to believe you have become sexually active. No one was trying to pry. What shall we tell your mother?"

If Stacy is sexually active, she needs birth control. And repeat what she needs to know about sexually transmitted diseases and how to protect herself from them.

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DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter signed "Caregiver in La Canada," I had to write. "Caregiver" stated that she has family members in nursing homes across the country and is "unable to visit them as I'd like, although they are always in my thoughts and prayers. I would be horrified to discover that a nursing home staff member had given the name of one of my relatives to a stranger."

Well, Abby, I worked in a nursing home for years and saw firsthand how much it meant to residents to have a "real-live" visitor. I have also just completed chemotherapy treatments and have felt firsthand appreciation for real-live visitors and personal letters of caring.

While thoughts and prayers are wonderful, nothing says "I love you" like a hug!

LINDA IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR LINDA: You're right on the money. Nothing teaches like personal experience. I wish you continued success in your recovery.

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Study: Doctors overprescribe antibiotics

CHICAGO (AP) — Doctors wrote 12 million antibiotic prescriptions in a single year for colds, bronchitis and other respiratory infections against which the drugs are almost always useless, a study found.

Such indiscriminate use of antibiotics has contributed to the emergence of drug-resistant bacteria, a growing problem in the United States, the researchers said.

More than 90 percent of upper respiratory infections, including bronchitis and colds, are caused by a virus and are therefore impervious to antibiotics, researchers noted in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Doctors usually know this, but studies have suggested they may yield to pressure from patients — or what they perceive to be the patients' expectations — to prescribe a drug, even if it is unlikely to help.

"Every time we use an antibiotic, we run the risk of promoting antibiotic resistance, or drug resistance, by bacteria," said the lead author, Dr. Ralph Gonzales of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver.

In the past 10 to 15 years, doctors have seen an epidemic of Streptococcus pneumoniae that is resistant to penicillin and penicillin derivatives, Gonzales said. The strain of bacteria is a leading cause of ear and sinus infections, meningitis and other common and potentially serious illnesses.

Drug resistance has been blamed on overuse of antibiotics and the failure of some patients to take their medicine properly. Some patients stop taking their medication once they feel better but before the infection has been knocked out, enabling the hardiest germs to survive and multiply.

In 1992, doctors prescribed antibiotics to two-thirds of bronchitis sufferers who visited them in their offices and half of common-cold sufferers and patients with other upper respiratory infections, the researchers found.

That amounted to 12 million prescriptions, or one in every five antibiotic prescriptions written for adults that year, the researchers said.

The 1992 figures were the latest available for the study, but the 1995 numbers have since become available and are similar, Gonzales said.

Doctors have been prescribing antibiotics for upper respiratory infections because until recently they thought that it wouldn't hurt, and that a very small chance existed that it might help, Gonzales said.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Benjamin Schwartz of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said "an immediate and aggressive response" is needed to combat inappropriate prescribing of antibiotics.

"We encourage all physicians to examine their own practices and identify where they can decrease unnecessary antimicrobial use," he said.

Patients can take the pressure off their doctors by putting up with the coughs that follow upper respiratory infections and can last for three weeks, Gonzales said.

"Give your body's own immune system enough time to clear the infection," he said. Also, any patient prescribed an antibiotic should consider asking the doctor: "Do you really think I need this?"

In the study, rural doctors were about twice as likely as urban ones to prescribe an antibiotic for a cold, bronchitis or other upper respiratory infection, all other factors being equal.

ABC still committed to offer 'some' HDTV, top executive reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Answering lawmakers' concerns that it is abandoning high-definition television, ABC is assuring Congress that it is fully committed to the super-sharp viewing technology.

"ABC still remains committed to broadcast some HDTV programming," ABC Television Network President Preston Padden said in testimony prepared for a Senate hearing today on the matter. The Associated Press obtained a copy of the testimony Tuesday.

Padden offered similar assurances in a private meeting with Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., who is holding the hearing, congressional sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

McCain wants to know exactly what ABC and other broadcasters intend to do with extra TV channels they're getting from Congress for free. The channels, worth billions of dollars, were given under the belief that they would be used to provide high-definition television to the public, McCain said.

"The record is clear," McCain said. "They made commitments for getting the spectrum free. In return for that, the American people would get this new technological marvel."

Any broadcaster who decides against offering high-definition TV will be breaking a promise to Congress, declared McCain. Padden, in his prepared testimony, rejected "the notion that broadcasters promised Congress HDTV and then switched their intentions."

Neither Congress nor the FCC requires stations to air a certain number of programs in the high-definition format, and a 1996 telecommunications law essentially gave broadcasters the right to use the extra channels as they see fit.

The current channel controversy grabbed Congress' attention when Padden, in August, gave a speech that focused on the possibility of using the extra channels to offer new programming services.

"ABC and many other broadcasters are beginning to evaluate multiple channel strategies," Padden said in the speech that only mentioned HDTV in passing.

Around the same time, Sinclair Broadcast Group expressed an interest in pooling extra channels to sell a cable TV-like service. A Sinclair executive is slated to testify at McCain's hearing to provide more information on the company's plans.

In his prepared testimony, Padden didn't offer details, including when and how much high-definition programming it will provide. McCain will press for answers, the sources said.

Padden's written testimony said only: "We are working hard to prepare three of our owned stations to begin digital broadcasts in just 13 months from now. We expect that these digital broadcasts will be a single channel replicating our current programming, including some HDTV programming to provide a fair market test."

"Consumers wants HDTV," insists Gary Shapiro, president of the Consumer Electronics Manufacturers Association, citing its research. The association, which represents television makers said new high-definition sets should be on retailers' shelves late in 1998.

Broadcasters say they haven't yet decided what to offer viewers. Options include digital, an improvement over existing analog television, and high-definition, which provides even sharper pictures and sound. Broadcasters also could use the extra channel space to offer multiple channels of programming or sports scores to laptop computer users, for free or for a charge.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., acknowledged that while broadcasters "clearly have a choice here" as to what they can offer, "broadcasters that choose to do HDTV are on the safest route, because Congress clearly meant to replace the analog spectrum of broadcasting with a digital broadcast and enough to do an HDTV signal."

The National Association of Broadcasters has predicted that most stations will air some high-definition programs.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; noon.

Noah Project (rescheduled meeting) will be at the MAWC; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

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



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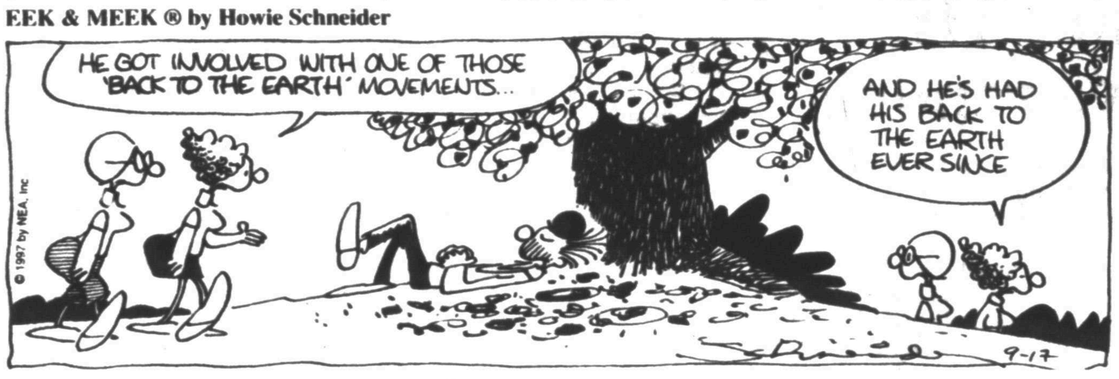
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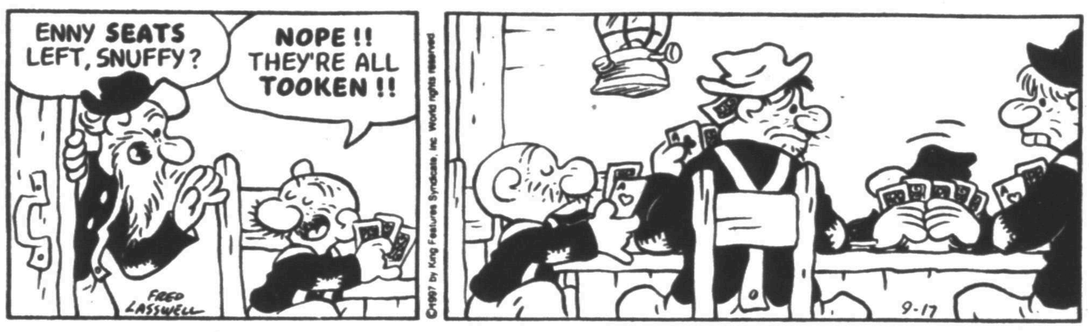
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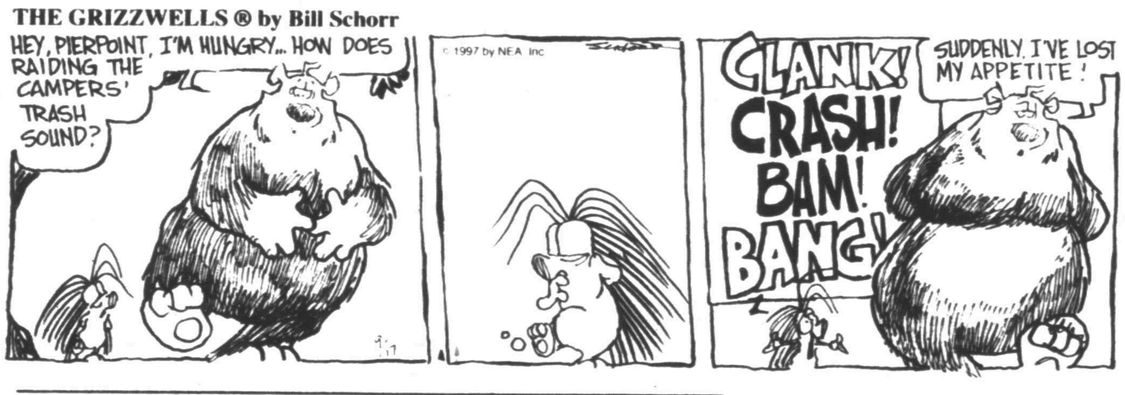
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22 Mil. grp.
24 Doll, e.g.
26 With much gore
30 Once — a time
34 Kerosene, e.g.
35 Wide shoe size
36 South American animal
37 Basketball player
39 Eggs
41 Table support
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47 Jackie's 2nd mate
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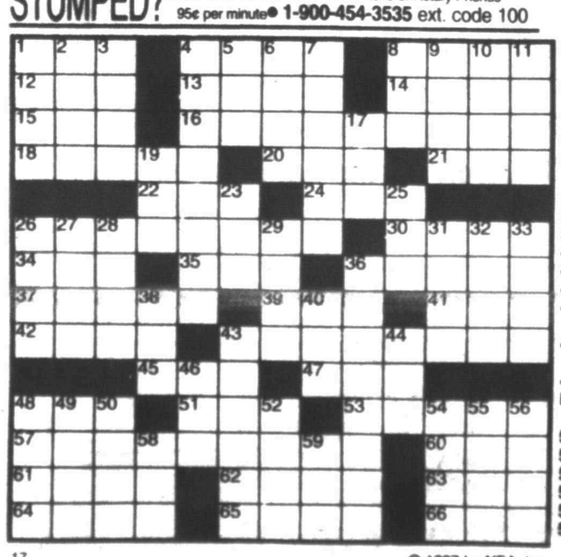
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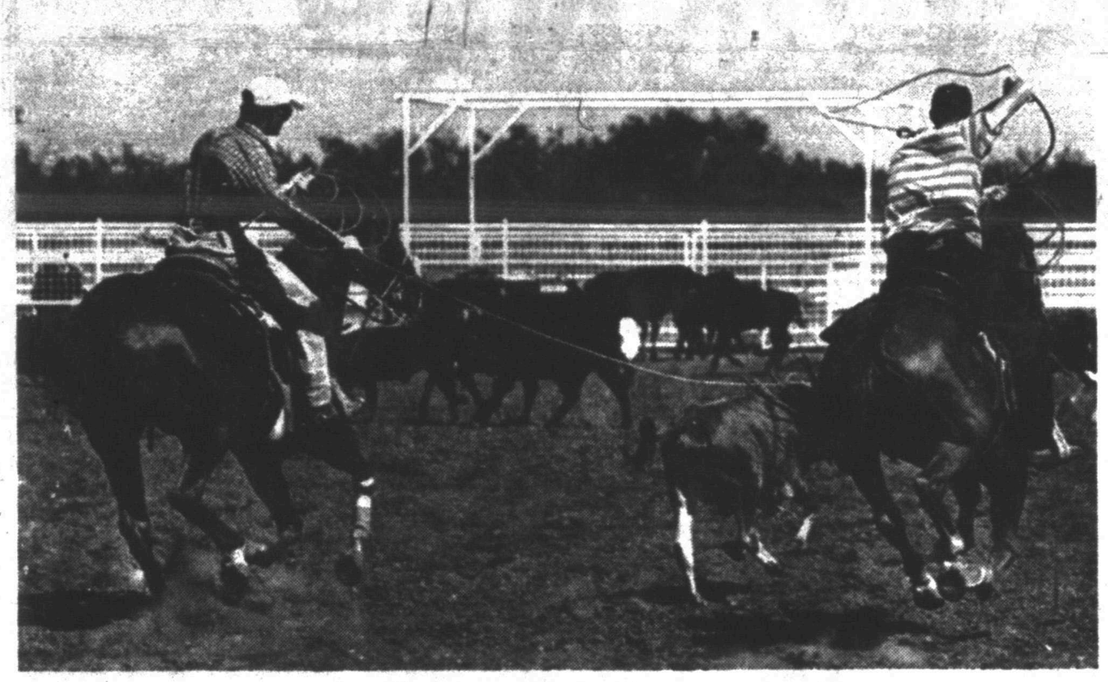


"Grannie's leg just fell off!"



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SPORTS



HEADIN' AND HEALIN' — Two members of the WTC rodeo team practice team roping recently at the college's agricultural complex. The Westerners are preparing for their first rodeo of the season, which begins Thursday in Portales, N.M. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rhodes has Westerners prepared for first rodeo

Western Texas College rodeo coach Greg Rhodes has worked many long hours in preparation for this weekend, and now thinks his team is ready.

"The girls' team should be really strong," Rhodes said. "The men's team is a little inexperienced and I'm not that familiar with them, but they should be fine. I expect a strong showing from WTC this weekend."

The Westerners open the chutes on their 1997 rodeo season Thursday at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

For three of the Lady Westerners, it will be somewhat of a homecoming.

Paige Burelsmith is a native of Tatum, N.M., while Amanda Wallin and Tona Wright both hail from Moriarty, N.M.

"I think the team is even better this year than we were last year," Wright commented.

As a veteran on the Westerner team, Wright could add some leadership to an otherwise young WTC team.

"I'll just tell everybody to relax and use their head," Wright remarked. "If we just do what we know we can do, we should come home with the team title."

The men's team doesn't have any entries from New Mexico competing this week. Instead, WTC will send an Australian and a Canadian into the arena.

Kyle Bowers of Brooks, Alberta, Canada and Luke Richards of Beaudesert, Queensland, Australia will be two of the six men representing the Westerners in Portales.

"We didn't have organized rodeo in our schools," Richards said. "So this is pretty exciting."

As for the toughest thing Richards has had to adjust to, "Texas is a lot like the part of Australia I'm from," he said. "So the biggest adjustment is probably driving on the right side of the road."

Also competing for the men will be Lance Gaillard of Texhoma, Okla., Joe Ross Jameson of Colorado City and Chad Maynard of Eastland, with the other ladies' entry being Talina Bird of Post.

The event, which begins Thursday and will run through Saturday, will be the first time Rhodes has been at the reins as WTC coach.

But he has confidence that his team will perform well.

"I've basically told them that we're going to be No. 1 so they better get used to it," Rhodes said. "I told them to just go in there and take care of business and let's bring back the title."

After Portales, the Westerners will be back in the arena Sept. 26-28 at West Texas A&M in Canyon.

SHS makes short work of Maidens

There was no marathon match this time.

The Lady Tigers, playing at home for the first time since their three-game victory over Big Spring last week, needed only 52 minutes to dispose of Seminole 15-10, 15-10 Tuesday night at the SHS gym.

"Our defense played well, our offense was better and our blocking was good," Snyder coach Patty Grimmett said. "Overall, the girls played very well."

Snyder jumped on the Maidens early in game one, as Keila Helms served six consecutive points to put the Lady Tigers up 12-3.

Seminole battled back to get within three points of the lead at 12-9, but the Lady Tigers defense held on for the 15-10 win.

Then, one rotation later, Bradi Johnson served up the final point of the game.

Game two started nothing like the first, as the Lady Tigers seemed out of rhythm.

Trailing 6-1, Grimmett called a timeout and gathered her team.

"I told them to get some confidence in themselves," Grimmett said about the timeout. "I told them we can do it if we just play together."

Her advice worked.

Snyder fought back from an 8-2 deficit to take the lead at 10-9, with Johnson serving five straight points.

Snyder then finished off the Maidens, aided by the serving of Lila King and the blocking of Alicia Peoples, to grab the 15-10 victory.

The Lady Tigers will be in action again Saturday morning at 11 against Plains.

Snyder def. Seminole 15-10, 15-10
Snyder service points: Keila Helms, 8; Bradi Johnson, 7; Amanda Huff, 6; Lila King, 4; Michelle Lewallen and Halea Huestis, 2; Traci Eicke, 1. **Kills:** Alicia Peoples, 4; Helms, 3; Huff, Huestis and Jill Willingham, 2; Leslie Daniell, 1. **Blocks:** Peoples, 6; Helms, 2; Huff and Huestis, 1.

Freshman volleyball team making a habit of winning

The terms youthful and inexperienced certainly apply to Snyder's freshman volleyball team. But the most important word that describes them is victorious.

The 9th grade Lady Tigers improved their season record to 8-2 Tuesday night with a 15-2, 15-5 victory over Seminole at the SJHS gym.

"These girls really want to win and they show it on the floor," freshman coach Brent Parr said. "Everybody is contributing and that will only make us better as the season progresses."

Snyder had 11 players register service points Monday and Parr said they can still play better.

"The scary thing is that these girls are playing tremendous, but yet I think they can still perform at another level," he said.

On a night when the majority of scoring was equally distributed, Cameron Mackey, Missy French and Jennifer Newman served for five points each.

Snyder will play again Saturday morning at 10 in the Denver City Tournament against Levelland.

Snyder def. Seminole 15-2, 15-5
Snyder service points: Cameron Mackey, Missy French and Jennifer Newman, 5; Lisa Hall and T'Leah Eicke, 3; Rina Geiger, Cary Brown and Whitney Webb, 2; Brooke Williams, Cara Hurley and La'Crystal Brooks, 1.

SHS spikers top Maidens in junior varsity action

Snyder's junior varsity volleyball team took a page from its varsity peers Tuesday night, going three games before topping Seminole 15-10, 14-16, 15-10 at the SHS gym.

"We were a little sluggish at the beginning," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said. "But we woke up for the third game and our defense really pulled us through."

After taking the first game, Snyder dropped the second and Bohannon took the oppotunity before game three to huddle her team together.

"I told them that we needed to pull together as a team," Bohannon said. "I told them if they would believe in each other, then they could pull it out."

Tessa Hildebrand paced the Lady Tigers from the service line with seven points, while Ashley Delce led the Snyder attack at the net. Delce finished the match with nine kills and two blocks.

The victory pushes Snyder's record to 9-6 on the year, heading into the Denver City tournament.

Snyder will begin the tourney Saturday morning at 10 against Levelland.

Snyder def. Seminole 15-10, 14-16, 15-10
Snyder service points: Tessa Hildebrand, 7; Lindsey Nicholson, 6; Cara Best, Christina Holder and Courtney Rinehart, 5; Leslie Rollins, D'Ann Hager and Kristin Martinez, 4; Callie Bane, 2; Erin Kirk and Kameron Kallemeyn, 1. **Kills:** Ashley Delce, 9; Rinehart, 6; Nicholson, 5; Best, Holder and Hildebrand, 4. **Blocks:** Hildebrand, 4; Delce, 2; Rinehart, 1.

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday

Football

Snyder 8th A at Wylie, 5 p.m.
Snyder 7th A at Wylie, 6:30.
Wylie at Snyder 9th and JV, 5:30 and 7:30, Tiger Stadium.

Rodeo

WTC at Eastern New Mexico, Portales, N.M. (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

Friday

Football

Snyder at Wylie, 7:30.
Klondike at Hermleigh, 7:30.
Rule at Ira, 7:30.
Borden County at Southland, 7:30.

Saturday

Golf

Snyder Lady Tigers vs. Highland Park, Bridlewood Country Club in Flower Mound.

Tennis

Frenship at Snyder (district opener).

Volleyball

Snyder varsity at Plains, 11 a.m.
Snyder JV and freshmen at Denver City tourney.
Snyder 7th and 8th at Seminole tourney.

Sunday

Golf

WTC at High Country Shoot-Out, Ruidoso, N.M. (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday)

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Preseason At A Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	1	0	0	2	4	1
Philadelphia	1	0	0	2	3	1
Florida	1	1	0	2	4	5
N.Y.Rangers	1	1	0	2	5	6
TampaBay	0	0	1	1	5	5
N.Y.Islanders	0	1	0	0	1	4
Washington	0	1	0	0	1	4

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	2	0	1	5	11	8
Carolina	2	1	0	4	7	4
Ottawa	1	1	1	3	6	6
Boston	1	1	0	2	5	4
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	2	3	3
Buffalo	0	0	1	1	3	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	2	0	1	5	14	8
Phoenix	1	0	0	2	7	6
Toronto	0	2	1	1	8	10
Chicago	0	1	0	0	2	5
Detroit	0	1	0	0	0	2
St.Louis	0	1	0	0	1	4

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
LosAngeles	2	0	0	4	7	4
Calgary	1	1	0	2	10	10
Edmonton	1	1	0	2	7	5
Vancouver	1	1	0	2	7	7
Anaheim	0	1	0	0	1	4
Colorado	0	1	0	0	1	3
SanJose	0	1	0	0	3	4

Tuesday's Games
Carolina 3, Ottawa 1
Pittsburgh 2, Detroit 0
Montreal 2, Toronto 1, OT
Dallas 5, Tampa Bay 5, tie
Calgary 4, Vancouver 3

Wednesday's Games
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Washington vs. Tampa Bay at Lakeland, Fla., 7:30 p.m.
Boston vs. St. Louis at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Anaheim at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Washington vs. Florida at Tallahassee, Fla., 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	93	57	.620	-
Florida	87	62	.584	5½
NewYork	82	69	.543	11½
Montreal	74	76	.493	19
Philadelphia	61	89	.407	32

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	76	74	.507	-
Pittsburgh	73	78	.483	3½
Cincinnati	69	81	.460	7
St.Louis	69	81	.460	7
Chicago	64	87	.424	12½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	84	67	.556	-
SanFrancisco	82	69	.543	2
Colorado	78	73	.517	6
SanDiego	71	80	.470	13

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 6, San Francisco 4
Houston 15, San Diego 3
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Pittsburgh 8, Montreal 2
Florida 9, Colorado 6
Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 0
Los Angeles 7, St. Louis 6

Wednesday's Games
St. Louis (Morris 10-8) at Chicago Cubs (Batista 0-4), 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Stephenson 6-6 and M.Leiter 10-15) at Florida (Hernandez 9-1 and Saunders 3-6), 2, 5:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 7-10) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 9-7), 7:35 p.m.
Montreal (Valdes 4-4) at Cincinnati (Remlinger 7-8), 7:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Jones 14-8) at Atlanta (Maddux 18-4), 7:40 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 7-8) at San Diego (Ashby 8-11), 10:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 13-7) at San Francisco (Rueter 12-6), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games
St. Louis (Lowe 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 7-11), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Candiotti 10-6) at San Francisco (Gardner 12-9), 3:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Grace 3-1) at Florida (Brown 14-8), 4:35 p.m.
Colorado (Bailey 9-9) at San Diego (Hitchcock 10-9), 5:05 p.m.
Houston (Kile 18-6) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 10-8), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 8-5) at Cincinnati (Schourek 5-8), 7:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Isringhausen 2-1) at Atlanta (Neagle 20-3), 7:40 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Baltimore	92	58	.613	-
NewYork	87	63	.580	5
Detroit	74	76	.493	18
Boston	73	78	.483	19½
Toronto	71	79	.473	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	80	68	.541	-
Milwaukee	73	75	.493	7
Chicago	73	77	.487	8
KansasCity	61	87	.412	19
Minnesota	61	88	.409	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	84	67	.556	-
Anaheim	78	73	.517	6
Texas	71	80	.470	13
Oakland	61	90	.404	23

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Tuesday's Games
Cleveland 4, Baltimore 2, 1st game
Baltimore 7, Cleveland 2, 2nd game
N.Y. Yankees, 2, Boston 0, 1st game
N.Y. Yankees 4, Boston 3, 2nd game
Texas 4, Kansas City 2
Chicago White Sox at Milwaukee, ppd., rain
Minnesota 9, Anaheim 3

Wednesday's Games
Toronto (Hentgen 15-9) at Boston (Suppan 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 11-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 6-6), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (D'Amico 8-6) at Baltimore (Erickson 16-6), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 7-3) at Minnesota (Miller 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 11-14) at Kansas City (Rosado 9-12), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 15-9) at Texas (Burkett 7-12), 8:35 p.m.
Oakland (Ludwick 1-2) at Anaheim (Watson 11-10), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Oakland (Telgheder 3-5) at Anaheim (Dickson 13-7), 4:05 p.m.
Toronto (Clemens 21-6) at Boston (Wakefield 11-15), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Keagle 2-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 6-7), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 10-12) at Baltimore (Mussina 14-7), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Hershiser 13-6) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 6-12), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Drabek 10-11) at Kansas City (Pittsley 4-7), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Johnson 17-4) at Texas (Oliver 12-11), 8:35 p.m.

Astros pummel Padres behind Berry, Bagwell

HOUSTON (AP) — Sean Berry hit a three-run double when Houston blew the game open early and Jeff Bagwell hit his 40th homer as the Houston Astros beat San Diego 15-3 Tuesday, eliminating the defending champion Padres from the NL West race.

The Astros entered play Tuesday leading second-place Pittsburgh by 3½ games in the NL Central. The Pirates hosted Montreal Tuesday night.

The Padres, last year's NL West champs, fell to 71-80, 12½ games behind NL West-leading Los Angeles with 11 games left.

Bagwell's two-run homer came in the fourth inning and broke his single-season season club record of 39 homers in 1994. It came in a six-run inning for the Astros, who led 13-1 after four innings.

By the seventh inning, Houston was ahead 14-1 and some of the Astros were playing with a plastic mouse in the dugout.

Houston had 16 hits — eight for extra bases — in setting a season-high for runs.

The Astros gave Ramon Garcia (7-8) a comfortable 7-0 lead against Sterling Hitchcock (10-10) after the first two innings, highlighted by Luis Gonzalez's two-run double in the first and Berry's three-run double in the second. Gonzalez also had an RBI double in the fourth.

There was a feel-good feeling in the Astros dugout as Derek Bell and Gonzalez playfully tied a string to a fake mouse and moved it along the top of the dugout.

The mood extended into the locker room after the game.

"That was really a pick-me-up game," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "It's nice to get ahead and let everyone pitch and have a good day. Now we've got to go in there (Pittsburgh) and win one game. We can come away and be on course."

Steve Finley doubled in the third inning and scored on Ken Caminiti's sacrifice fly off Garcia, who allowed six hits and struck out eight in six innings. Finley wasn't that impressed with Garcia and his slow style.

"We call him rain-delay," Finley said. "But I guess it's better to take your time."

The Padres knew their title defense ended long ago.

"We've been eliminated for awhile," Finley said. "If you're looking at catching one team, it might be different but when there are three teams ahead of you, mathematically you might still be in it, but realistically we haven't been in it for awhile."

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(s) Tom Valentine
Building Inspection Department
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ATTENTION: Amado and Anna Guzman; I have surveyed the property located at 2308 Avenue N, (S43'L2 & N15' of W/2 L3, Block 55, Original Town Addition to the City of Snyder). I declare this structure to be unsafe as defined in Ordinance 324 and intend to order the removal of the structure on or about October 6, 1997.

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NOTIFICATION

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Sam Sheppard's remains exhumed for DNA testing

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Cemetery workers used a backhoe today to exhume the remains of Dr. Sam Sheppard as the son who hopes to prove his innocence stood by cradling 27 white daisies.

The man whose life inspired the television series "The Fugitive" was buried 27 years ago. Sheppard was convicted of killing his pregnant wife, served 10 years in prison before being acquitted in a retrial, and died nearly penniless at age 46.

He always claimed to be innocent, saying a bushy-haired intruder knocked him out and killed Marilyn Sheppard at their suburban Cleveland home.

The exhumation began before dawn and took about an hour and a half. As the steel coffin was revealed, Sam Reese Sheppard, 50, approached and placed a hand on it. He tossed a few daisies into the empty grave and placed the bouquet on the coffin as workers removed it. A minister conducted a brief service.

"Finally it will provide him the opportunity to grieve for his parents," said Sheppard's attorney, Terry Gilbert.

The remains were being driven to Cleveland, where the casket will be opened and DNA samples taken to compare with the genetic makeup of blood found at the crime scene. Then the remains will be cremated and placed in the crypt Thursday where Mrs. Sheppard is entombed.

Dr. Mohammad Tahir, a forensic expert from Indianapolis who will conduct the DNA testing, said the results could take two weeks to two months.

The older Sheppard couldn't rebuild his life after he was freed from prison. A second marriage failed and Sheppard began drinking and became a professional wrestler before dying of liver disease.

"Coming to Columbus means to me a dark and damp dungeon where I visited my dad for 10 years," Sheppard said at a news conference Tuesday. "My dad died in despair. My dad was crushed. ... His heart was broken."

Sheppard, of Oakland, Calif., also annonced that he will make a trek on foot across Ohio to protest the death penalty. The 220-mile walk — from Cleveland to Cincinnati — was to begin Thursday at the grave of his mother.

A trial is scheduled for January in the lawsuit, which could provide Sheppard more than $2 million in compensation.

Sheppard hopes that tests will rule out his father as source of the blood, boosting the theory that an intruder killed his mother. He suspects a former window washer at the Sheppard home, Richard Eberling, who is in prison for a 1984 murder. Eberling has denied killing Mrs. Sheppard.

Prosecutors said too much time has passed and too much evidence was lost to reach a conclusion about the killer.

Shelters seeking homes for 40 dogs saved from experiments

EATONTOWN, N.J. (AP) — No room for 101 Dalmatians? How about 40 beagles — or maybe just one?

Nine shelters are looking for homes for the dogs, handed over for adoption by a laboratory that was targeted by animal-rights activists, including actress Kim Basinger, who claimed the dogs' legs were to be broken for osteoporosis research.

"We want them to have a good life, to be a family member, to be loved," said Ursula Goetz, executive director of the Monmouth County SPCA in Eatontown, where eight beagles were brought Tuesday.

The 40 beagles, all in good health and 2 years old or younger, were given to the American Humane Association. It is distributing them to the shelters, which promised to spay and care for the dogs until homes are found for them.

The dogs were given to the AHA by Huntingdon Life Sciences Inc., where an animal rights worker secretly videotaped alleged mistreatment of research animals. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals complained to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Basinger tried unsuccessfully to adopt the dogs.

The lab filed suit against PETA, claiming its investigator illegally taped co-workers and disseminated trade secrets, and a hearing is set for Friday in federal court in Norfolk, Va.

Alan Staple, president of the laboratory in East Millstone, said Tuesday the dogs had been given an experimental compound intended to strengthen osteoporosis patients' bones.

The drug maker, Yamanouchi Pharmaceutical Co. of Japan, canceled the safety trial, which is the last step before testing in humans.

"They had a lot of threatening phone calls to their offices around the world," he said.

The laboratory has denied killing beagles or selling them to other researchers, but it never directly responded to allegations the dogs' legs would have been broken if the research project had continued.

Markets Midday Stocks

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AMR Corp	114 3-16 112 7-16 113⅜+ 1⅜
AT&T Corps	44¼ 43 43¼— 1¼
AirTouch	36½ 35 13-16 35 13-16—11-16
Albertsons	34¼ 33⅜ 33⅜— ½
AlldSignal s	44 7-16 43 13-16 44½+ 9-16
Alltel	33 5-16 32¾ 33 + ⅜
AmerOnline	75 15-16 15-16 73 1-16—1 5-16
AmStoress	25 3-16 24 11-16 24½— ⅛
Ameritech	65 7-16 64¾ 65 — 3-16
Amoco	99 97 7-16 97 7-16—11-16
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ArmcoInc	5¼ 5 13-16 5 13-16— 1-16
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Aviall	16 15 7-16 15½— 7-16
BakerHughes	45¼ 44 44¼
BellAtl	80 7-16 79¼ 79 5-16— 7-16
BellSouth	46½ 45 13-16 45 13-16— 9-16
BethSteel	12 5-16 12 3-16 12 3-16— 1-16
BritPet s	87 3-16 86 13-16 86¼+1 1-16
BurlNoSFe	98¼ 97 1-16 98¼+ ⅛
Caterpillar s	5¼ 54¼ 54¼—1 7-16
CenSoWst	21¼ 20¾ 21 13-16+15-16
Chevron	87 1-16 85¾ 85¾—1 3-16
Chrysler	37 15-16 37 9-16 37 9-16+ ½
Coastal	61¼ 60 9-16 60 9-16— 7-16
CocaCola	59 15-16 58 13-16 58 13-16— 7-16
ColgatePalm s	69¾ 68¼ 68½— 7-16
ComclMetals	31 15-16 31¾ 31½— 3-16
CooperIn	54¼ 53¾ 54 — 1-16
CyprusAmax	22¼ 22¼ 22¼— 9-16
DallSemicn	41 15-16 41½ 41 15-16+13-16
DeltaAirl	101¼ 101¼ 101¼+ 3-16
DigitalEq	43¾ 42¼ 42 13-16+11-16
Dillards Inc	44¼ 43¼ 44 3-16+ ⅛
DowChem	90¼ 89 5-16 89¾— 7-16
DresserInd	44 9-16 44 44 7-16+15-16
DuPont s	63¾ 62½ 62 11-16+ ⅜
EastmanChem	61 60¼ 60¾
EstKodak	57 1-16 55¾ 56½— ½
EDS Corp	35¾ 35 35 — ¾
Entergy	25 11-16 25 3-16 25 3-16— 7-16
Exxon s	65 3-16 64¾ 64¾— ¼
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Flowers s	20 9-16 20 7-16 20 7-16+ ⅛
FordMotor	45 15-16 45 5-16 45⅜+1 1-16
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GenDynam	87 11-16 86¾ 87 5-16+ ⅛
GenElecs	69¼ 68 9-16 68 13-16+ 9-16
GenMills	68 9-16 68¼ 68 7-16+ 7-16
GenMotors	69¾ 69 69 + ⅛
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GlobalMar	33 15-16 33¾ 33½+ ½
Goodrich	45¾ 45¼ 45 3-16— 9-16
Goodyear s	65¼ 64 15-16 64 15-16— ⅜
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HomeDepot s	53¾ 53 5-16 53 7-16
HoustonInds	21 3-16 21 1-16 21⅛— ⅛
IBM s	101¼ 99 99¼— ¼
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JohnsonJn'	58 15-16 58 58¼— ½
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Kroger s	30 5-16 30 30 — ¼
Litton	55 9-16 55¼ 55¼— ¼
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Lowes Cos	39 13-16 39 7-16 39½— 1-16
Lubys	20¾ 20½ 20 9-16
LucentTech	80½ 78¾ 78 15-16+1 3-16
MayDeptStrs	56⅛ 55¾ 56 1-16+ 1-16
Medtronic s	49¼ 48 1-16 48⅛— ⅛
Mobils	77 7-16 76 9-16 76 9-16— ⅛
Monsanto	41¼ 40¾ 40⅝+ 5-16
MorganJP	112½ 111½ 111⅞— ½
Motorola	69 68¼ 68 5-16— ⅛
NCR Corp n	36¼ 36 3-16 36 11-16+ ⅛
NationsBk s	59 9-16 59¼ 59½+ 7-16
Navistar	28¼ 27 15-16 28 1-16+ ⅛
Norwest	63 5-16 62½ 62 15-16+ 3-16
OryxEngy	26 1-16 25¾ 25⅞— 1-16
Penney JC	63⅜ 62¾ 63¾+ 1¼
Pennzoil	78¼ 77 13-16 77 13-16+ 3-16
PepBoys	27 13-16 27 9-16 27 9-16— ⅛
PepsiCo	38¼ 38 38¼— ⅛
PepsiCo wi	36 35 5-16 35¾
PhelpDodge	78¼ 77 13-16 77¼+ ⅛
PhilipPet	50¼ 49¾ 49 13-16— 3-16
PilgrmPrd	13¾ 13½ 13 9-16
Polaroid	52 5-16 51¼ 52¼+ ⅛
Praxair	54¼ 53 5-16 53 5-16— 5-16
ProctGamble	143¾ 141½ 141¾— 1¼
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SunCo	43¼ 42¾ 42 13-16— 7-16
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TexasInds	40¼ 38¾ 39 15-16+1 7-16
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TexUtil	36 3-16 35 13-16 35 13-16— 5-16
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Travelers s	71 69 11-16 69¾— 7-16
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TrinityInds	42 3-16 41 15-16 42 — 3-16
TritonEngy	40 3-16 39 15-16 40 3-16
Tyler	3½ 3 7-16 3½+ 1-16
US WestCm	38¼ 37¾ 38 1-16+ ⅛
USWstMda	21 5-16 21 21 + 3-16
USX-Marathn	34 15-16 34 11-16 34¼+ 1-16
USX-USS	39 3-16 39 39 1-16— ⅛
UnCarbde	54¼ 53 3-16 53 9-16+ 3-16
UnPac s	66 65 9-16 65 9-16+ ⅛
UnitedTech s	82½ 81¼ 81¼+ 1
Unocal	43¾ 42 9-16 43 +1 1-16
WalMart	38¼ 38 5-16 38 5-16+ 3-16
WstnGasRs	20 19 13-16 20 + 3-16
WestghEl	26¼ 26 9-16 26¼
WinnDixie	35 13-16 35½ 35 9-16— ⅛
Woolworth	22¼ 22 9-16 22⅜+ ⅛
Xerox Corp	78¼ 77¼ 78¼— ⅛
ZenithE	10 9-16 10 5-16 10⅜— 1-16

Revisits decision

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Gerald Ford went back to school and revisited one of his most vexing political decisions: his pardon of Richard Nixon.

Ford, who succeeded Nixon after he resigned the presidency over the Watergate scandal, fielded questions with his wife, Betty, during a visit Tuesday to their granddaughter's private school.

"Why did you pardon Mr. Nixon?" one pupil at Bosque Preparatory School asked.

The 84-year-old former president said his early weeks in office were plagued with questions about how he would settle the issue.

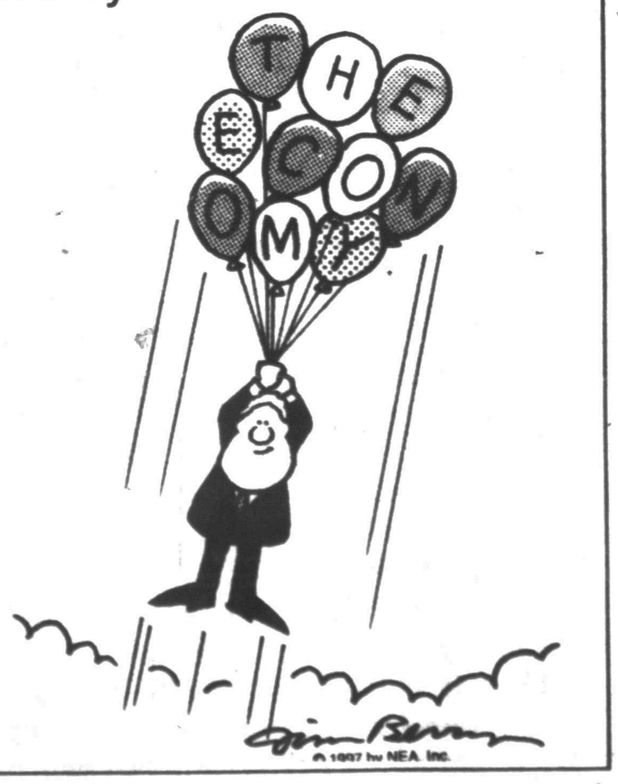
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Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts,
County Extension Agent

Balancing work & family

It's the end of another busy day. You plop down on the sofa only to look up to see a cobweb in the corner. Taking a deep breath you get up and remove the visitor's home. On the way to the garbage can you see several other tasks that need to be completed. An hour later you hit the bed exhausted, frustrated and overwhelmed. Awakening the next day you feel exhausted, frustrated and overwhelmed at the prospect of what lies before you.

Much of our time is spent this way — reacting; responding to chance events or the requests of others. When you react you are not recognizing you have choices. You could remove the cobweb immediately, choose to get it at a future time or ignore it altogether. People who spend their days reacting get a lot of tasks done, however many of them are insignificant and the result is a feeling of aimlessness.

Acting on the other hand, that is, setting goals and making decisions based on them, results in feelings of control, satisfaction and meaning in life. If, for example, you had a goal to sit down and relax at least 15 minutes each evening, when you saw the cobweb you would remind yourself that this was your fifteen minutes to relax and you could decide about the future of the cobweb after that time.

Conscious decision making requires thought on who and what is important in your life. To start you will need some index cards. On the top of each card list a role you fill. Our roles describe our relationships with people in different settings. Some examples of roles include spouse, parent, homemaker, friend, child (to our parents), employee, volunteer, etc. Label one card personal/individual to list what you want for yourself. On each card answer the following questions.

1. What are my current commitments?
2. Am I reacting or do I have some goals in place directing my actions?
3. What do I want?

Now write goals that will help you get to where you want to be. If you desire to improve your fitness level, a short term goal might be to walk the dog three mornings a week before work. To provide real direction, goals need to be specific, measurable and attainable.

Take your goals and hang them in a prominent place. Each night at the end of the day, review how you used your time based on your goals. Put a check by those that you acted on. Plan to act on other goals that were not instituted. If after several days you find a goal not being accomplished you can take it off the list. Remember you do have choices.

The state bird of South Dakota is the ring-necked pheasant.

Patton named director of boll weevil foundation

ABILENE — Texas Boll Weevil Foundation board members have selected Lindy Patton as executive director.

Patton is a district representative for U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm and was former executive director of the Rolling Plains Cotton Grower's Association.

"The board is happy to have Mr. Patton join the Foundation," said Woody Anderson, chairman of the Foundation board. "We believe he will bring experience in cotton production and grower relations as well as leadership to the Foundation and its employees. We have an excellent group of employees and we feel Mr. Patton will be a welcomed addition."

"I am very pleased to have the opportunity to work with cotton producers throughout Texas to eliminate this destructive pest," said Patton. "Many producers and industry supporters have invested a tremendous amount of time, energy and money to help make this program happen.

"I look forward to working with the board of directors, program director Osama El-Lissy and the rest of the staff as partners in making sure the growers receive a great return on their investment."

Sweet potatoes good quality, but are small

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — It looks like small potatoes for some Texas yam producers, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

County extension agent Bryan Cummins of Van Zandt County said sweet potatoes are of good quality this year but they are smaller than they were last year because the area has had little rain since spring.

"Sweet potatoes went a long time without a drink of water this summer," Cummins said. "In some counties, crops have endured up to 48 days without rain."

However, he said, yields for 1997 look better than last year due to abundant rainfall in the spring when potatoes were setting.

Sweet potato plants will set five to six potatoes per hill during a normal year, he said. Last year, potatoes got little moisture when they were setting, resulting in one to two potatoes per hill, he said. Rain late in the season caused the few potatoes that were there to grow larger than grade one specifications.

This year, sweet potatoes will likely be smaller, and the market price decreases when potatoes drop in grade, he said.

He predicted that if the weather remains dry, producers will have more to sell this year but will receive a lower price.

TPWD Report

By Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist,
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Improved range conditions resulting from adequate rainfall have contibuted to rebounding bobwhite quail populations in 1997.

The 1997 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department quail surveys in the Panhandle regulatory district have averaged 18.66 birds per route. Although still short of the long term average, the 1997 survey results show a substantial increase over the 1996 average of 8.24 birds per route.

Quail hunters can expect a good year for bobwhite hunting. Though not a banner year like 1987, considering poor hunting over the past couple of years, there should be quite an improvement.

Drought conditions during the mid-nineties contributed to a sharp decline in bobwhite numbers. In 1994 quail surveys indicated a drop in numbers to 13.64 mean birds per route from 30.68 mean birds per route in 1993. Numbers continued to decline in 95 to 9.86 mean birds per route and to a low of 8.244 mean birds per route in 1996, before beginning to rebound in 1997.

This year is not the first time that bobwhites have indicated their ability to rebound after adverse conditions. This statement can be supported by taking a look back at the 1950s. In 1950, quail numbers were high in the Rolling Plains. However, by 1953 with a drought in full swing, bobwhite numbers had plummeted. Numbers began rebounding with an end to the drought and by 1958 bobwhite populations had peaked, resulting in an excellent year for quail hunting.

Fluctuations in bobwhite quail populations are normal and will continue as long as weather patterns change and habitat conditions deteriorate and improve.

During lean quail years such as those recently experienced, remedies for the low numbers are often entertained by landowners and hunters. Among these are saving birds for next year of "stockpiling" and releasing pen raised birds. The solution for low quail numbers does not lie in stockpiling birds. Studies have shown that annual turnover in bobwhite populations averages around 80 percent, regardless of hunting.

The idea that pen-raised quail released into the wild will bolster the population is quite popular when numbers are low. Several studies have indicated the futility of this practice.

Pen-raised birds are much more susceptible to predation and starvation than wild birds, and have even exhibited an inability to recognize natural food sources. Although adequate rainfall during the right times of the year is essential, providing quality habitat that provides for all of the food and cover needs can have a significant impact on bobwhite populations on your property.

Technical assistance with your wildlife conservation efforts is available through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Private Lands Enhancement Program. In the Snyder area, contact Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist at 915-863-2755. In the Permian Basin and Western Rolling Plains, contact Calvin Richardson, technical guidance biologist in Midland at 915-694-0680. In the Panhandle contact Gene Miller, technical guidance biologist at 806-655-3782 or Danny Swepston, district wildlife biologist at 806-655-3782.

Crop Report

PANHANDLE: soil moisture short. Pasture, range conditions fair to good, but very dry. Cattle in good condition. Dry conditions have slowed wheat planting. Cotton is rated fair to good. Corn harvest under way.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges received some rain. Cotton bolls slowly opening. Corn harvest is under way. Wheat planting continues. Sorghum harvest beginning. Sunflowers continue to be harvested.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture short. Pastures, ranges in need of moisture. Stocker cattle will be arriving soon. Cotton crop continues to have significant boll weevil damage; rain will not make a significant amount of yield increase. Peanut crop fair.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture very short to short. Pastures burning up due to heat. Cattle market extremely strong. Above average corn yields. Soybeans in need of rain; late soybeans being harvested. Peach harvest complete. Sweet potato harvest continues.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures fair. Cattle in good condition. Good sweet potato yields being reported. Fall vegetable planting under way. Excellent pecan yields reported, but some scab problems persist.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in very poor to good condition. Livestock in good condition. Cotton maturing fast; some aphid and bollworm pressure. Sorghum harvest under way. Spider mites increasing on vegetables.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture very short to short. Pastures, ranges in need of rain. Livestock in good condition; some livestock being supplemented. Cotton suffering heat stress; overall crop still looks good. Some wheat has been planted. Pecan outlook is good.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture short. Crops suffering from lack of rainfall. Most small grain fields need moisture. Corn harvest complete with above average yields. Sorghum harvest complete. Cotton making good progress.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture short. Pastures, ranges are brown. Livestock remain in good condition. Cotton harvest continues; excellent yields, quality reported. Peanut harvest is beginning. Pecan harvest gaining momentum; good yields reported.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 755 head of cattle for the Saturday, Sept. 13 Sale. Stocker and feeder steers and heifers were $1 to $2 lower. Young pairs and stock cows were steady with red limousine cows higher by $200. Packer cows and bulls were $2 to $3 lower. Demand was good and market active.

Steers:
200 to 300: 91 to 112
300 to 400: 81 to 108
400 to 500: 80 to 95
500 to 600: 78 to 95
600 to 800: 72.50 to 81.
Heifers:
200 to 300: 80 to 98
300 to 400: 78 to 94
400 to 600: 75 to 84
600 to 800: 66.50 to 76.50
Young bred cows: 575 to 810.
Medium age to older bred cows: 375 to 550.
Young cows and calves: 650 to 1,075.
Medium age to older cows and calves: 400 to 600.
Packer cows: 27 to 38; few 41.50.
Packer bulls: 46 to 51.50.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,070 head of cattle for the Thursday, Sept. 11, Sale. Cows were $ cheaper. Yearlings and calves were $1 better. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows: 34 to 41; canners and low cutters: 28 to 35; slaughter bulls 45 to 51.25.
Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 85 to 110; 400 to 500; 85 to 100; 500 to 600, 75 to 85; 600 to 700, 74 to 83; 700 to 800, 72 to 78.
Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 75 to 90; 400 to 500, 74 to 77.50; 500 to 600, 72.50 to 77; 600 to 700, 70 to 76; 700 to 800, 68 to 73.
Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 70 to 80; 700 to 800, 65 to 75.
Cow and calf pairs, good: 550 to 775; grade, 425 to 575.
Springers: 350 to 600; baby calves: 110 to 175; doodlers: 150 to 200.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Obituaries

Jim Wadleigh, 80, left Snyder mark



Jim Wadleigh

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1917-1997

James L. "Jim" Wadleigh, long-time Snyder businessman, died at 3:43 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, at his home in Snyder after a lengthy illness. He was 80.

Funeral Mass is set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. Fr. Gerald Latham will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Wadleigh was born on a farm 12 miles from Denver, Colo., on Jan. 1, 1917. After graduation from high school in Indiana, Mr. Wadleigh and his brother moved to Amarillo and he found work putting up billboards.

He then went to work for Wirtz Construction, following construction jobs all over the country. The firm sent him to Hermleigh in the fall of 1936 to help build St. John's Catholic Church. It was there that he met his wife of 60 years. They were married on June 28, 1937 in Hermleigh.

In 1941, the family moved to Denver and then to Vallejo, Calif., the day Pearl Harbor was attacked. Disqualified from military service because of the loss of a finger, Mr. Wadleigh worked in the shipyards building submarines during World War II.

In 1950, the family returned to Amarillo and then moved to Snyder in 1952 where he founded, owned and operated Wadleigh Construction. The metal building company had offices in Snyder and Odessa until illness forced his retirement in October, 1988.

The company built commercial buildings all over West Texas, and developed the business park along U.S. 84 where Wadleigh offices were located.

In a 1988 interview about his career, Mr. Wadleigh said, "I loved every minute of my work and I wouldn't change any part of it."

Mr. Wadleigh was preceded in death by an infant son and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Wadleigh of the home; three sons, Lanny Wadleigh of North Richland Hills, Pete Wadleigh and Tom Wadleigh, both of Snyder; a daughter, Polly Echols of Snyder; six grandchildren; three step grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Ethel Mullins of Scotland, Ind.

At 7 tonight, the family will meet family and friends at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. At 7:45, there will be a prayer service led by Fr. Latham.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to a favorite charity.

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Carl Stokes

1928-1997

Carl E. Stokes, a long-time Scurry County resident and retired postal employee, died at 11:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. He was 69.

Service has been set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Northside Baptist Church. The Rev. Bob Rhodes, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 23, 1928 in Lamesa, he married Doris "Dot" Camp on Dec. 27, 1947 in Snyder.

A lifelong resident of Snyder, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1946-47. He worked as a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for 33 years, retiring in 1982. Mr. Stokes was treasurer for Northside Baptist Church for many years. He was active in the Senior Center Band and other bands in the area. He was also active in the Bowling Association and an avid fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Stokes of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Bob Fowler of Snyder; three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Darlene Stokes of Snyder, Larry and Judy Stokes of Shreveport, La., and Daryl and Susan Stokes of Estes Park, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

G.W. Joplin

1910-1997

ROTAN — G.W. Joplin, 87, died Monday, Sept. 15, in Fisher County Hospital.

Funeral service was set for 5 p.m. today in the Rotan First Baptist Church. The Rev. Werth Mayes was to officiate, and burial was to follow in the Rotan Cemetery.

Born in Clay County, Mr. Joplin graduated from high school in Hope, N.M., and moved to Fisher County in 1933. He married Annis Cleveland in 1940 in Pleasant Valley.

A farmer and mechanic, Mr. Joplin directed the music at Royston and McCaulley Baptist churches for 45 years. He was a member of the Fisher County Singers and the Rotan First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Annis Joplin of Rotan; two sons, Harold Joplin of Abilene and Robert Joplin of Colorado City, formerly of Snyder; two daughters, Sue Novak of Lubbock and Lisa Brown of Rankin; seven grandchildren, including Donna Dupree of Snyder; and six great-grandchildren.


Tri-State Carnival
Scurry County Fair
Sept. 18-19-20
Thursday night is family night
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All the rides you can ride - $6


FDA urged to approve irradiation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Following the nation's biggest food recall over an E. coli scare, some members of Congress say it's about time the Food and Drug Administration approved irradiation to destroy harmful microbes in beef.

"There is ample evidence that it kills pathogens and promotes health," said Rep. Greg Ganske, R-Iowa, who is a surgeon.

Ganske introduced legislation Tuesday aimed at forcing the FDA to approve use of irradiation in red meat, which the agency has been mulling since 1994.

The recall of 25 million pounds of Hudson Foods Co. ground beef last month because of potential E. coli contamination has renewed interest in irradiation, which the FDA has already approved for poultry, pork, spices and seasonings.

It is of particular importance to the food industry, which opposes Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman's proposal for authority to make mandatory recalls of food products suspected of contamination and to issue more civil fines.

"The makers of America's leading brands of food products strongly support the use of best available science and technology in the ongoing battle for food safety," said Mary Sophos, senior vice president for government affairs at the Grocery Manufacturers of America.

Local man arrested for theft of a pickup

Officers arrested a 34-year-old Snyder man Tuesday at his residence at 3732 Austin for the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Taken into custody at 8:28 a.m. was Freddy Diaz Espinoza. The vehicle involved was a 1992 GMC pickup, reported stolen from Corsicana.

Officers were called to Century Fuels at 8:43 p.m. in reference to a subject behind the store. Officers arrested a 68-year-old male on several outstanding warrants from other counties including DPS warrants out of Baytown for no driver's license, no valid vehicle registration and failure to appear, plus Medina County warrants for driving while license suspended and failure to appear.

In other activity Tuesday, Miguel Quiros requested to speak to an officer at Landes Storage Buildings on 37th Street at 9:24 a.m. in reference to some items that were missing. An offense report for burglary of a building was submitted.

A report of a gas drive-off was made from McD's at 10:59 a.m. in reference to someone not paying for $6.47 worth of gas.

An offense report for assault/family violence was submitted at 9:15 p.m.

Officers located a 16-year-old male in the 300 block of 28th Street at 12:29 this morning who had been reported as a missing person from Dublin. The subject was taken to the police station and authorities in Dublin were notified.

Officers responded to a report of a possible prowler at 1:21 this morning from the 2700 block of 32nd Street.

A person called the Law Enforcement Center at 3:16 this morning in reference to hearing gun shots. Officers responding did not locate anyone with a gun.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 4:13 this morning from the area of 25th Street and Avenue Y.

At 6:20 p.m. Tuesday, Snyder Fire Department was dispatched to a reported house fire at the Marshall Finley residence at 410 East FM 1673. The fire was confined to an oven, which suffered only minor damage.

Parts of 2nd car found at mishap scene

PARIS (AP) — Authorities investigating the crash that killed Princess Diana are examining parts of a second car that were found at the scene of the accident, a police source said today.

Pieces of a tail light and traces of paint that do not match the Mercedes that carried Diana were found at the scene and are being tested in a police laboratory, the source said on condition of anonymity.

Investigators are examining the possibility that a second car was involved in the Aug. 31 accident in a Paris tunnel that took the life of Diana, her companion Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul, the source said.

Scientists working with the respected Criminal Brigade of the national police have determined that the pieces of the tail light belonged to a Fiat car, but have not determined the year or model, the source said.

Pieces of the Mercedes' right headlight were found in the same place as the pieces of the Fiat tail light, several dozen yards behind where the Mercedes struck a pillar in the tunnel, a judicial source said, also speaking on anonymity.

Traces of paint not used in Mercedes cars also were found on a side-view mirror of the Mercedes, the police source said.

The investigation thus far has focused on the speed the Mercedes was traveling, Paul's drunken state and the role played by photographers who were pursuing the Mercedes once it left Paris' Ritz Hotel.

Blood tests show Paul was legally drunk at the time of the crash and had Prozac, an antidepressant, in his system.

A photographer under investigation in the crash, Serge Arnal, was driving a Fiat on the night of the accident, but investigators already have examined his car and found it did not come in contact with the Mercedes.

What's Up?

American Heart Association

The American Heart Association will meet at noon Thursday at Pizza Inn. Everyone is invited. For information, call 573-5041.

Fair animals needed

Animals are needed for the Scurry County Fair, Thursday through Saturday. No dogs or cats or any animal considered dangerous will be exhibited. All entries will receive a ribbon. Call 573-3026 for information.

Fair volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for the Scurry County Fair, Thursday through Saturday. To volunteer, or for more information, call the chamber at 573-3558.

Horseshoes and washers

Horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments will be held Saturday at the courts on the coliseum grounds beginning at 10 a.m. Prizes will be awarded.

County fair booklets

Scurry County Fair booklets are at the chamber of commerce for people who wish to have one.

Canyon Community reunion

The Canyon Community reunion will be held Saturday at the Ira Community Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Lunch will be "on your own." Bring any momentoes, pictures and tales with you. For more information, call 573-3825 or 573-3093.

Tiger Moms to meet

Tiger Moms will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday at the high school student center.

Celebration of Hope

A "Celebration of Hope," a fund-raiser marking the construction of the Noah Project-West's new family violence center here, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. For tickets or more information, call 573-1822.

Fajitas and football

First Christian Church is sponsoring a fajitas and football night for Friday, Sept. 26, at the church. Those attending are invited to eat from 5-7:30 p.m. and walk to Tiger Stadium, just a half-block away, for the Snyder-Big Spring game. Advance tickets are $4.50 for adults and $2 for children under 12. Tickets at the door will be $5 and $2.50.

St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon

The St. Jude's Bike-a-Thon will be held at 10 a.m. Sept. 27 at Scurry County Coliseum. Kids of all ages can walk, run, roller blade or ride. No motorized bikes, please. The event will feature prizes and refreshments. For pledge cards and more information, call 573-8533 or 573-4749.

Church building fund

Garage sale items are being accepted by the Lighthouse Assembly of God for their church building fund. Call 573-5124 for more information.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes have begun at Western Texas College for those seeking their GEDs.

Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will be held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses will also be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

MAWC garage sale

Martha Ann Woman's Club is accepting donated items for its Oct. 11 garage sale. Call 573-3427 or 573-6717 for items to be picked up.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on Channel 2. The tapes last about 30 minutes. "Be Not Troubled" will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

10-17-33-36-37

(ten, seventeen, thirty-three, thirty-six, thirty-seven)

Pick 3

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

3-3-7

(three, three, seven)

UPS hiring, not firing, company officials state

ATLANTA (AP) — United Parcel Service says so many part-timers never returned to work after last month's strike that it is hiring workers instead of laying them off as it threatened to do.

UPS estimated Monday that it lost 4 percent to 6 percent of its business because of the 15-day walkout by the Teamsters. The company had warned during the strike that such a drop would force 13,000 to 17,000 layoffs.

However, UPS said 15,000 part-timers never came back. That's about 5 percent of what had been a total workforce of 302,000.

Since the strike ended, UPS said, it has picked up an average of 11.8 million to 12 million packages a day. That's down from 12.5 million to 12.7 million packages a day last September, spokesman Norman Black said.

"The one thing the strike did was undermine the confidence these businesses had," Black said. "They are back to shipping a lot of volume. But at the same time they are saying: 'I can't take a chance. I need to diversify my shipping.'"

Meanwhile, Teamsters spokesman Rand Wilson in Washington said that hundreds of employees have reported being harassed and excessively disciplined for minor infractions because they honored the picket line.

Black responded that UPS' labor relations board is reviewing the conduct of 40 to 50 employees accused of strike violence.

Union Pacific officials vow to improve safety

AUSTIN (AP) — Union Pacific Railroad promised Texas officials to fix a service record blamed for hurting the state economy and to improve safety in the wake of seven deaths in recent accidents.

"Something has gone haywire someplace that we've got to fix," Dick Davidson, chief executive officer of Union Pacific, told the Texas Railroad Commission at a Tuesday hearing on the railroad's problems.

"We will get this thing fixed and we will provide good service at competitive prices."

The railroad implemented a new labor agreement Tuesday to improve train operations in southern Texas. It also is hiring employees and increasing the size of its locomotive fleet.

The Railroad Commission voted Tuesday to have public hearings on safety and service in El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. The commission put off action on a proposal to increase the number of state safety inspectors.

"I think the people of Texas have a very big stake in this debate," commission member Carole Keeton Rylander said in proposing the public hearings. She also proposed the additional safety inspectors.

Four people were killed in a June accident in Devine, Texas, attributed to dispatching error. Soon after, another person was killed in a Kansas accident after a train crew went through a stop signal. Last month, two engineers were killed near Fort Worth in another train accident.

Commission members voiced concern over safety matters, including the potential for worker fatigue, and about complaints from people who rely on the rail for shipping their goods.

"The one (accident) in Devine occurred because of a dead spot in their dispatch, and the one in the Fort Worth area occurred, in my opinion, because their people are overworked and they're just totally understaffed. They've got engineers working 80-hour weeks and those people are just exhausted," Commission Chairman Charles Matthews said.

Davidson said, "I could not say with certainty that either one of the accidents we had here had anything to do with fatigue."

Shippers have been affected "to the tune of millions of dollars" in lost opportunities and unanticipated costs, Ms. Rylander said.

"Shippers are contacting our offices with a great deal of anger and frustration," she said. "They're not just large manufacturers and chemical companies.

"Texas farmers can't ship their grain. They're at risk of losing their crops. Poultry farmers can't get their feed in ... These people's livelihoods are at stake, and they have a right to be heard," she said.

Commissioner Barry Williamson agreed.

"We are losing jobs because of this issue right now. It's hurting our economy," he said.

Williamson said the commission wants to work with Union Pacific to solve the problem and suggested that it also talk with the Federal Railroad Administration and Congress. The rail administration last week released a report on safety problems and said they must be corrected.

Commissioners noted that they had recommended against last year's merger of Union Pacific and Southern Pacific. The merger, approved by the federal Surface Transportation Board, made Union Pacific the nation's largest railroad.

"This is a failure of the Surface Transportation Board in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration and other to do their jobs properly when they look at these type of mergers," Williamson said.

The Railroad Administration didn't immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

Date Book

Sept. 17, 1997

Today is the 260th day of 1997 and the 89th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1787, the U.S. Constitution was completed and signed in Philadelphia.

On this day in 1911, C.P. Rogers began the first transcontinental airplane flight.

On this day in 1983, Vanessa Williams became the first African-American to be crowned Miss America.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Carlos Williams (1883-1963), poet; Warren Burger (1907-1995), U.S. chief justice; Hank Williams Sr. (1923-1953), singer-songwriter; George Blanda (1927-), football great, is 70; Roddy McDowall (1928-), actor, is 69; Anne Bancroft (1931-), actress, is 66; Maureen Connolly (1934-1969), tennis great; Ken Kesey (1935-), writer, is 62; John Ritter (1948-), actor, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1938, Don Budge won the U.S. Open to complete his tennis grand slam.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In London, theatergoers expect to laugh; in Paris, they wait grimly for proof that they should." — Robert Dhery

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1923, fires near Berkeley, Calif., burned down 577 homes in three hours, but there were no deaths.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 09-17-97
♠ A J 5 2
♥ A J 2
♦ 7 6 3
♣ A 5 2

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

East
♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ 5
♦ J 8 5 4
♣ K Q 10 7

South
♠ K Q 6 4 3
♥ K Q 10 9 8
♦ A 2
♣ 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

The "new" forcing raise

By Phillip Alder

Suppose you have decided to take up the limit major-suit raise. (If you jump-raise partner's opening bid of one of a major to three of that major, you show some 10-12 points — game-invitational strength — with at least four-card support.) What do you do with a game-forcing raise?

There are two sensible suggestions. The Jacoby Forcing Raise is the better but more complicated one, the response being two no-trump. The simpler solution is to respond three no-trump. (To use the three-no-trump response to show a balanced 16-18 points is shortsighted. When your partner opens and you have 16-18 points, what's your first thought? Right — you hope you can make a slam. So why burn up all that space by making your first bid three no-trump? You should be economical with a two-over-one response.)

How does opener rebid opposite three no-trump? As he would opposite an old-fashioned forcing raise. With a minimum, he bids game in his suit. (He cannot pass three no-trump.) With slam interest, he either cue-bids or uses Blackwood.

In this illustrative deal, things look too easy. Yet declarer must consider how to handle a 4-0 trump break (the only problem). He should cash the spade king (or queen) from hand. When the bad break shows up, he crosses to the club ace, ruffs a club, returns to the spade jack, trumps the last club, cashes the spade queen (or king), goes to dummy with a heart, draws trumps, and claims.

Finally, note that a heart opening lead kills the contract, and starting with a top trump from dummy is fatal.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Patient suffers while docs disagree

DEAR DR. GOTT: At 78, I have had a mastectomy for breast cancer, quadruple bypass surgery on my heart and four angioplasties. My cardiologist wants me to take estrogen replacement to treat my heart disease, but my oncologist says: "Not on your life." Whom should I believe?

DEAR READER: Whew! This is a tough one.

Statistics show that hormone supplements in post-menopausal women reduce the risk of heart disease. However, some breast cancers are very sensitive to female hormones. Even after a breast amputation, hormonal supplements can fan the flames of a new cancer — or one that was not completely removed at the time of surgery.

Therefore, you have a difficult decision to make. The lady or the tiger?

If I were in your shoes, I'd follow the oncologist's advice to avoid estrogen replacement. I believe that the risk of another breast cancer far outweighs the lesser benefits to your heart.

What really surprises me is that your doctors embroiled you in a controversy you didn't need. This is unprofessional, in my opinion. The situation could have been completely resolved with a telephone call. Dr. Heart should have called Dr. Breast and indicated his preference. Dr. Breast would then have laid out his objections and some sort of resolution or compromise could have been reached. After this, the doctors would have presented to you a united front and you would have followed their advice. As things now stand, both doctors look like jerks.

At this juncture, you need a definitive answer. Seek out a third opinion. Your case should be reviewed by a cardiologist and an oncologist at a major teaching hospital. Once they have examined your records (and, maybe, you), the new Dr. Heart can call the new Dr. Breast, discuss the issue, and resolve the problem.

I'm sorry that your doctors' insensitivities added unnecessary stress to your perfectly normal discomfort and worry.

To give you more information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Breast Cancer and Disorders" and "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report 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(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column, you stated that trichomoniasis (a vaginal infection) is spread primarily through sexual relations. This is true. However, I got it from infected puppies in my kennel. Do you want to share this with your readers?

DEAR READER: Absolutely. My veterinary consultants tell me that trichomoniasis, a parasitic infection that causes diarrhea in puppies, can be transmitted to humans. Such a situation is highly unusual but it can happen. However, in the vast majority of human cases, sexual intercourse is the manner in which it is spread.

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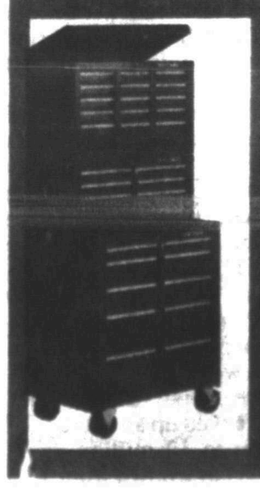
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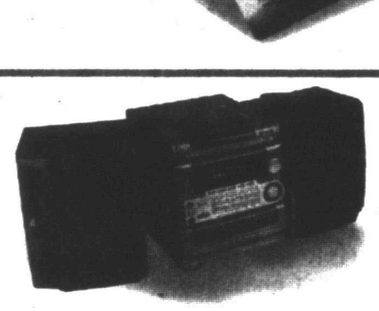
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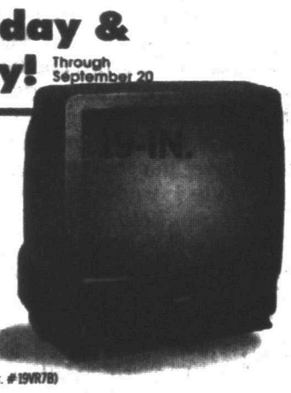
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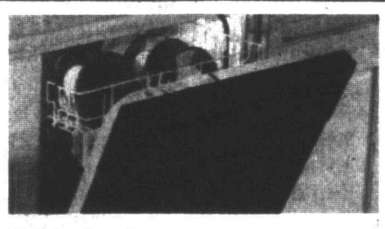
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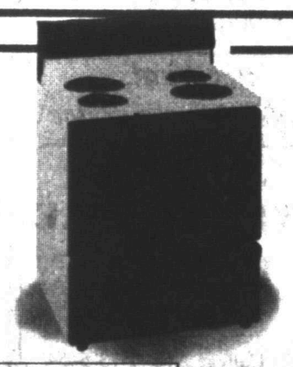
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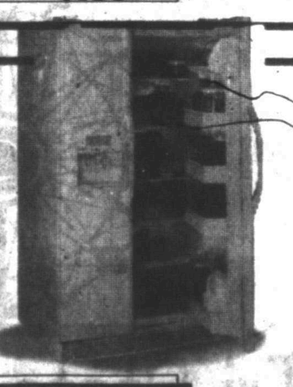


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