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3 Midwest Co-op directors re-elected Thursday night

Thursday night's annual meeting and barbecue was the 60th and last for Midwest Electric Cooperative which is merging with the Stamford Electric Cooperative. As of Jan. 1, 1999, the two will operate under the name Big Country Electric Cooperative.

During the annual meeting, several business items were taken care of including the election for three directors.

John Short failed in his effort to unseat Mickey Sterling, Place 5 director. Short received 163 votes while Sterling had 231 votes.

Two other incumbents were also re-elected: Bobby Gruben, Place 6, and Jerry Upshaw, Place 7. Neither had opponents and no vote totals were announced for them.

The audit report was given and General Manager Jerry Stapp spoke about Midwest, the merger and how the two cooperatives will benefit once it is completed. He noted that the combined membership will be around 6,000.

He complimented Lorber Industry representatives attending the meeting for bringing its mill to Snyder and asked the audience for a standing ovation for them.

He also noted that Midwest expects deregulation to pass and be implemented from 2001-2003. No one knows what changes that will bring he said.

Door prizes were also given away including energy credits and cash awards.

Cindy Nix provided the entertainment and Willie Wiredhand, Midwest's mascot, was also present.

The traditional barbecue meal was served.

ENJOYS MEAL — Three-year-old Adam Coffman of Rotan enjoys the barbecue meal served during Midwest Electric Cooperative's annual membership meeting Thursday night in the coliseum. He is the son of Cledon and Lisa Coffman. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A tennis court is the only place in the world where love means nothing."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

We don't understand the flap up in Boston where the columnist got fired for lifting a joke. We've been stealing from our neighbors for years, and they often return the favor.

Thanks to Danny Andrews, editor of the Plainview Daily Herald, here are some actual comments from coaches and other sports personalities:

--When asked about the upcoming season, New Orleans Saints runningback George Rogers said, "I want to rush for 1,000 or 1,500 yards, which ever comes first."

--Upon hearing Joe Jacoby of the Redskins say, "I'd run over my own mother to win the Super Bowl." Matt Millen of the Raiders added, "To win, I'd run over Joe's mom too."

--Joe Theismann observed: "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

--"I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes," resolved a senior at the University of Pittsburgh.

--Lou Duva, veteran boxing trainer, on the regime of heavyweight Andrew Golota: "He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is."

--In 1992, Orlando Magic general manager commented on his team's 7-27 record. "We can't win at home. We can't win on the road and I just can't figure out where else to play."

--A North Carolina State basketball player explaining to his coach why he appeared nervous at practice: "My sister's expecting a baby, and I don't know if I'm going to be an uncle or an aunt."

--Asked if the number of Longhorn injuries that season resulted from poor physical conditioning, UT Coach Darrell Royal answered: "One player was lost because he broke his nose. How do you go about getting a nose in condition for football?"

--When asked after a loss what he thought of the refs, the Saints' general manager panned, "I'm not allowed to comment on lousy officiating."

--In 1986, the BYU football coach and one of 14 children said, "They can't fire me because my family buys too many tickets."

--Shelby Metcalf, when basketball coach at Texas A&M, once told a player who had received four Fs and one D: "Son, looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject."

Students get early start on holiday

Snyder school students were scheduled to get an early start on Monday's Labor Day holiday as they were scheduled to be dismissed from class at 2 p.m. today for staff development.

Ira and Hermleigh schools and Western Texas College will have a holiday Monday as well.

Local banks including American State Bank, First American Bank, Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank will all be closed Monday.

Snyder Savings and Loan will also be closed for the holiday.

City employees will have the day off, but the City of Snyder landfill will be open.

The landfill will be closed Saturday, however.

The Scurry County Courthouse will also be closed Monday, as will the health unit and museum.

The library will be closed Saturday and Monday.

The post office will not deliver mail or put mail in boxes on Monday.

SPEAKER — Jerry Stapp, general manager for Midwest Electric Cooperative, was one of the speakers during the annual membership meeting Thursday evening. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

2 AF helicopters crash in Nevada; fate of 12 unknown

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Two Air Force helicopters crashed early today during a training mission over Nevada, and the fate of the 12 people on board was unknown.

The HH60G Pave Hawk helicopters, part of a rescue squadron based at Nellis Air Force Base, were on a night training missing when they crashed about 1 a.m. PDT. The wreckage of the helicopters was found about an hour later.

Gen. Theodore Lay, commander of the 57th Wing at Nellis, said families of crew members were being contacted. Authorities gave no information on whether anyone survived.

Maj. Byron James, an Air Force spokesman at the Pentagon, said the two helicopters apparently collided. But Lay said he was not sure whether it was a collision or whether the two helicopters both crashed into the rugged mountainous terrain in which they were operating.

The crash site is 25 miles north of Indian Springs, Nev., a remote auxiliary Nellis air field 33 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

The bombing and gunnery range covers 5,200 square miles, and is a highly restricted area. It is the site of some of the world's most sophisticated aerial exercises, including Red Flag aerial war games that draw pilots from around the world.

Nellis spokesman Mike Estrada said the terrain where the helicopters crashed is some of the most difficult on the sprawling range.

"Our folks had a pretty difficult time getting up to the crash site," Estrada said.

A team of search and rescue and emergency forces from the Air Force, Bureau of Land Management and Department of Energy were working with local authorities.

Grieving kin head to crash site; sub maps ocean floor

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — Grief-stricken families from Europe and the United States flew to the rocky coast of Nova Scotia today to face the task of identifying remains pulled out of the Atlantic, where Swissair Flight 111 crashed into fragments.

Canadian officials brought in the 200-foot submarine HMCS Okanagan, signaling they were preparing to shift gears from a massive rescue operation into a search and salvage mission.

Rescue boats toiled all night in rough seas off the fishing village of Peggy's Cove, scouring for bodies and remnants of the MD-11 jumbo jet that crashed Wednesday night after its pilots reported smoke in the cockpit.

The submarine began mapping the ocean floor with sonar at 5 a.m.

"We have not yet received any signal yet from the body of the aircraft," said Benoit Bouchard, head of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada. "Last night, investigators did not have much to look at. That should come soon, today or tomorrow, if we get the black boxes."

Officials hope to find the plane's flight recorders to help them determine the cause of the crash.

Benoit said large parts of the plane may still be intact underwater since only about a fourth of the bodies have been found.

However, nothing larger than the size of a car has been found so far, said Lt. Cmdr. Jacques Fauteux, spokesman for the Canadian rescue operation. The debris — a sad array that included ripped clothing, wallets, baby bottles and seat cushions — was scattered over seven square miles.

About 100 Canadian soldiers were being brought in today to search 60 miles of rugged coastline near the crash.

Authorities sealed off Peggy's Cove — a village of 60 people — and set up tents complete with food, drinks and counselors to accommodate the hundreds of relatives flying in. A secluded area was created so mourners could look out over the ocean and watch boats and aircraft pursue the search.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration had warned in June 1997 about a wiring problem in the cockpit of MD-11 planes that, if left uncorrected, could cause a fire and make it difficult to fly the craft. It ordered that U.S. airlines fix the problem in six months.

Today, Philippe Bruggisser, chief of Swissair's parent SAirGroup, said Swissair had made the necessary changes — which he described as minor — in in March 1997, months before the FAA order.

Meanwhile, details emerged from around the world about the array of distinguished professionals among the 229 people killed in the crash.

Brilliant doctors, high-powered executives, risk-taking relief workers were among the dead. Seven victims were affiliated with the United Nations.

Swissair said today that a reexamination of the passenger list has found there were only 132 Americans on board — instead of the 137 reported Thursday.

Officials estimated Thursday night that 60 bodies had been recovered and taken to a morgue at a military base outside Halifax. They said none appeared to be burned, indicating there was no explosion or large fire.

A dozen grieving family members, clutching one another for support, silently filed through Halifax International Airport late Thursday. More than 110 relatives and helpers were expected today on a Swissair flight from Switzerland, and others were coming from New York.

Swissair also offered $20,000 in immediate aid to each family.

The MD-11 dropped off radar screens about 90 minutes after leaving New York's Kennedy International Airport late Wednesday on its way to Geneva.

After a normal takeoff, the crew reported smoke in the cockpit and decided to turn back to Boston. They were told the Halifax airport was much closer, but they never made it there, crashing into the ocean 30 miles south of Halifax after dumping much of their fuel.

Keith Anderson of the Canadian Air Traffic Association said Swissair pilot Urs Zimmermann talked several times with a control center in Moncton, New Brunswick, before the crash.

"The initial call was to report smoke in the cockpit and the captain indicated an abnormal situation," Anderson said. "He used the term PAN, which implies an emergency situation, but not a desperate situation."

Plans underway for annual White Buffalo Festival

Plans are now underway for the 1998 White Buffalo Festival scheduled for Oct. 3 with festivities on the courthouse square and at the Hays Ranch.

A parade is scheduled to launch the day's activities on the square. Judy Hays will be the grand marshal.

Entertainment will include western music, cowboy poetry and a Melodrama at the Ritz theatre entitled "Dirty Work at the Crossroads."

A street dance is also being planned.

Arts and crafts and food booths will also be set up around the square and t-shirts will once again be sold.

A quilt show will be held at Snyder National Bank.

A team roping will be held on the Hays Ranch.

ASK US

Q—Has St. Mary Hospital paid Cogdell Hospital the $150,000 that was due in July? If not, when will it be paid?

A—According to hospital controller Selina McGuire, the money has not been received, but it is expected soon after St. Mary finishes reviewing Cogdell's 1997 audit report.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 97 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. 74; no precipitation; total for 1998, 6.51 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Lows 65-70. S winds 5-10 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs 95-100. S winds 5-10 mph. Weekend forecast: Partly cloudy days, fair nights. Lows, mid 60s. Highs, mid 90s.

Alison Cox
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:04 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:22 a.m.
Of 246 days in 1998, the sun has shone 244 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A bad habit never goes away by itself. It's always an undo-it-yourself project.

Abigail Van Buren

Mattress left on highway; driver killed in roll over

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Kim Taylor was frustrated when she finally got through to police to tell them that a mattress was creating a hazard in the middle of the highway. But a rookie dispatcher told her it was someone else's job to remove it — and questioned why the woman sounded bothered.

"Is there a reason why you're so upset?" the dispatcher asked Ms. Taylor after telling her that she should call the California Highway Patrol to get the mattress removed.

Less than a half-hour later on Aug. 23, a station wagon swerved to avoid the mattress and rolled over, killing 75-year-old passenger Louis Saveikis of Pittsburgh.

The dispatcher had offered to give Ms. Taylor the patrol's number, but she said she was out of change to make the call on the pay phone. Ms. Taylor eventually hung up, saying, "Never mind. I'll just let somebody get killed."

Police Chief Bill Lansdowne acknowledged the dispatcher mishandled the call.

"Public safety is our primary goal, and in this case, we should have transferred," Lansdowne said. "I expect better professional demeanor and service to the community."

The dispatcher, who was not identified, was back at work Thursday but closely supervised, police said.

Lansdowne said the dispatcher did not follow police protocol, but the mishandling of the call did not contribute to the accident. Police spokesman Louis Quezada pointed out that another dispatcher had received a similar call 20 minutes earlier that was forwarded to the CHP.

"We feel horrible for the family of the individual that was killed," Quezada said. "However, that has no bearing upon our secondary call that we received."

CHP spokesman Rich Stewart declined to answer any questions — including why it took some 40 minutes for an officer to arrive at the scene — until the agency completes its investigation.

Cynthia Saveikis, who was driving the station wagon, said the death of her father could have been prevented if the CHP had responded more quickly.

Ms. Taylor said she remained disappointed in the lack of help but said she hopes the dispatcher does not lose her job.

"I hope she learns to take every call more seriously," Ms. Taylor said. "If it is like the police department is saying, if it is policy to transfer the calls, then she should have done it."

Senators study legality of assassination

WASHINGTON (AP) — The belief that Osama bin Laden will strike at the United States again is increasing pressure in official Washington to consider assassinating him, which would mean straying from long-established policy and practice.

The FBI, which is investigating the U.S. embassy bombings in Africa that bin Laden allegedly masterminded, says the exiled Saudi multimillionaire undoubtedly will launch another terrorist attack on an American target.

"We can predict with some certainty that we will see a reaction by bin Laden and his organization," FBI Director Louis Freeh told the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday. The potential targets are not limited to embassies overseas. "We've identified people in the United States or people who have transited the United States who are associated with him," Freeh said.

Bin Laden, Freeh said, poses "about as serious and imminent a threat as I can imagine."

Against that backdrop, committee members asked Freeh to consider the legality of assassinating bin Laden and other suspected terrorist leaders.

"What is present law with respect to their takedown?" said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said, "I would very much like a legal memorandum from the FBI, stating whether or not the prohibition against assassination of heads of state applies to organized crime units, and/or terrorist units."

While the senators said they were not ready to advocate assassination, even consideration of the idea marked a sharp departure from the longstanding U.S. policy against assassination, a policy driven by pressure from Capitol Hill against the CIA in the mid-1970s.

In an interview after the hearing, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said the rules forbidding assassinations do not apply to situations in which the United States is virtually at war with an international terrorist organization.

"If you're undertaking a military action, there's no limit" on the use of force, Specter said. The United States could send commandos to try to arrest bin Laden, he said.

"There's always the possibility that you'll have a firefight. When you have a warrant for someone's arrest you can use whatever force you have, including lethal force," Specter said.

Freeh said that while the prohibition against killing heads of state is clear, he was unsure about the legality of assassinating others and would study the question.

In 1976, after extensive hearings that exposed CIA assassination plots, President Ford signed an executive order prohibiting U.S. officials from plotting or engaging in "political assassination." The prohibition was broadened by Presidents Carter and Reagan to state: "No person employed by or acting on behalf of the United States government shall engage in, or conspire to engage in, assassination."

The prohibition is not limited to assassination against heads of state, said Steve Aftergood of the Federation of American Scientists, a Washington-based watchdog group that follows intelligence matters.

The legalities of killing a specific person in a military strike are less clear.

Former CIA Director James Woolsey, who also testified before the Judiciary Committee, said, "There's a difference, even though it's a subtle one, between an air strike going at facilities when you know an individual might be there, and going after a single individual."

Still, Woolsey said he opposed a deliberate assassination campaign.

"First of all it's hard to do. The United States isn't good at it," said Woolsey, citing bungled plots in the 1960s to kill Cuban leader Fidel Castro. "It would make it more likely that one or more groups would come back with an assassination attempt aimed at the president."

Senate GOP leaders search for moderate tax cut support

WASHINGTON (AP) — GOP moderates who could hold the key votes on a possible tax cut are hearing from Senate Republican leaders offering a compromise $52 billion reduction over five years, much smaller than a rival House plan under discussion.

Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., this week approached at least one Republican moderate who has opposed dipping into projected budget surpluses for tax cuts and inquired about support for a "split-the-difference" figure, said a Senate aide who spoke Thursday on condition of anonymity.

Lott spokesman John Czwartacki declined comment on any conversations between individual senators, but did say the majority leader "continues to fight for the biggest tax cut he can possibly get."

The amount would fall roughly in the middle of the $80 billion or so in cuts House Republicans are developing and the $30 billion contained in a budget resolution previously approved by the Senate. The $30 billion, however, would not use any of the forecasted $1.6 trillion surplus over the next 10 years.

Five GOP senators, led by Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., told Lott in a recent letter they opposed going further than $30 billion for tax cuts. Without them, Lott would have to depend on at least 10 Democrats to reach the 60 votes necessary under Senate rules to cut off floor debate on a potential tax bill.

"The question is how much you can get through under the rules," said Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del. "You have a lot of figures tossed around."

Interviews with some Senate GOP moderates Thursday indicate that tax-cut advocates have their work cut out for them. Sen. Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., said he is "willing to look at some" ideas but does not support use of surplus money.

"I'm just very nervous about the economy," Jeffords said. "I feel very strongly that we shouldn't count on a surplus as being perpetual."

"We want to make sure we don't overreach," added Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine.

Most talk in the House centers on the "Johnson & Johnson" measure — named for sponsoring GOP Reps. Nancy Johnson of Connecticut and Sam Johnson of Texas — that would reduce taxes by $78 billion over five years by spending a portion of the projected surplus.

It would benefit two-earner married couples who pay more taxes than they would if single; raise income limits on over-65 Social Security recipients; allow full deductibility of health insurance premiums for the self-employed and workers whose companies don't cover the costs; and extend expiring tax credits for business. There may also be some tax relief for farmers.

President Clinton and most Democrats say the entire surplus should be reserved to preserve Social Security, a potent political issue as the November elections approach.

Waves and sharks bothered fisherman capsized by Earl

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — Marco Blake was below deck trying to get some rest when a wave kicked up by Hurricane Earl smashed through his 31-foot fishing boat.

In an instant, Blake found himself trapped upside-down in the flooded cabin of the capsized boat, desperately hunting in the dark for a way out as Earl howled outside.

"I had to swim underneath the water to find the door to get out," Blake said Thursday after a Coast Guard helicopter plucked him from his life raft seven hours after his ordeal.

The bodies of Blake's two crewmates from the Can-Too were recovered later in the day, one washing ashore at Panama City Beach and the other found floating in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Can-Too — together with its sister boat, the Me-Too — were racing for port Wednesday night when Earl pounced, trapping the fishing boats in 16-foot waves and 80 mph winds just off Panama City.

"We were hitting some pretty high waves," said Blake. "We were crunching through them, and all of a sudden one of them waves just crunched right through us."

The boats, based in Orange Beach, Ala., had been out on a five-day tour to catch tile fish and grouper 70 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico.

It was only Blake's second trip as a commercial fisherman. "I always wanted to try it," he said. "Well, I've tried it. It ain't too lucky for me."

With water gushing into the boat, Blake swam free, pulling crewmate Kalvin Fountain out by the belt loop of his jeans. The two bobbed to the surface.

Blake said he scrambled into a life raft and drifted away from the Can-Too, unable to reach Fountain, 34. He said he never saw his captain, Paul Pence, 68, after the big wave.

"We almost made it home — alive, full crew, a paycheck," said Blake, 31, of Little Rock, Ark. "We didn't quite make it."

Me-Too Capt. James Martin, 33, of Jasper, Ala., said his boat was trailing behind the Can-Too when a "freak sea" of about 20 feet struck both vessels.

The three-man crew of the Me-Too struggled to stay alive amid weather conditions so poor the Coast Guard couldn't send out rescue teams for 90 minutes.

Justin Powell, got off the boat but Charles Anderson, was trapped in the wheelhouse as the vessel flipped.

"He found an air pocket," Martin said. "I beat on the boat, got his attention, guided him out of the boat and he's all right. He's safe."

Martin and Anderson clung to the overturned boat until a Coast Guard helicopter, battling 50 mph winds, homed in on their electronic distress signal.

The Coast Guard chopper then saw Powell clinging to nearby debris and hoisted him to safety. None of the three crewmen sustained serious injuries.

Group asks for bill of rights

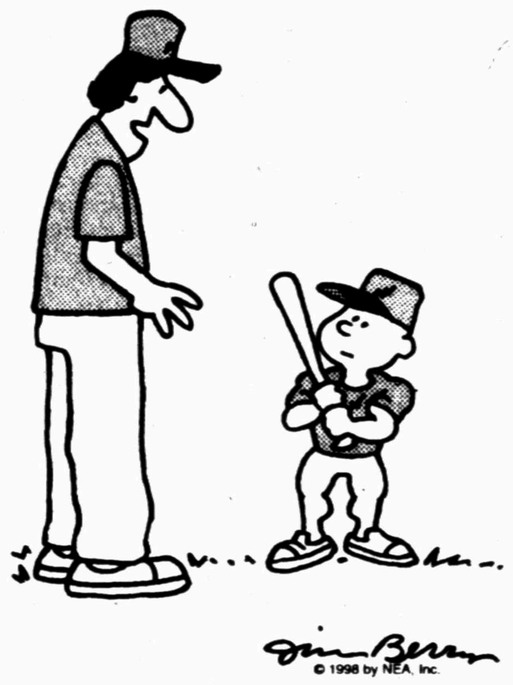
AUSTIN (AP) — The Office of Public Insurance Counsel has asked Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer to consider a bill of rights for automobile and homeowners insurance policy holders.

"It is important for insurance policyholders to know their rights when dealing with their insurance companies," said Rod Bordelon, public counsel.

The bill of rights would cover insurance applications, renewals, cancellations and claims in addition to new rights dealing with unfair discrimination, the group said.

"If you know your rights you have a much better chance of being treated fairly by your insurer," Bordelon said Thursday.

Berry's World



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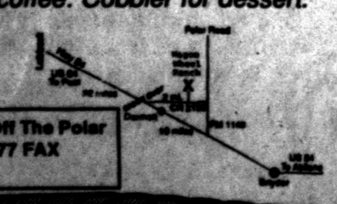

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Frank Discussion Can Shore Up Family's Eroding Relationship

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Our son-in-law — I'll call him Mack — has become very antagonistic toward my husband and me recently. At first it was subtle, but it is getting worse. Mack and our daughter, "Gina," live about five hours away, so we do not see them often. It is very puzzling.

We have always adored Mack, but now it seems he does everything he can think of to annoy us. For instance, he now refuses to attend church with us when he and Gina visit our home. Numerous other little things also irritate me, and I'm becoming increasingly unhappy with him.

Frankly, Abby, it has reached the point where I no longer want to be around him or have him in my home.

Should I do anything about this, or let it alone?

J.A. IN W.VA.

DEAR J.A.: It's important for in-laws to have at least a civil relationship with their children's spouses, so please try to get to the bottom of this change in your son-in-law's behavior.

Communication is usually the key to successful resolution of family problems. Call Mack and ask him to level with you about why he's treating you differently. What he says may hurt, but it can also give you a basis on which to begin mending the rift — if there is one. If you can work this out, you will all be winners, especially if Mack and Gina have children in the future.

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DEAR ABBY: Recently, you printed the job description for a best man. Will you please print a job description for the maid/matron of honor, or suggest a book that would explain her duties?

MATRON OF HONOR

DEAR MATRON: My booklet titled "How to Have a Lovely Wedding" explains not only the duties of the best man, but also those of the other members of the wedding party, as well as countless details that need to be attended to in order to have a memorable wedding. However, since you asked, following are the duties of the maid/matron of honor:

"Usually the sister of the bride is chosen; or if she has no sister, then her closest friend.

"The groom's sister need not be maid or matron of honor unless she is the bride's close friend.

"She generally entertains for the bride before the wedding.

"She attends rehearsal, assists the bride in dressing for the ceremony, provides the 'something borrowed and something blue,' looks after the guests and clergyperson, and stands in the receiving line at the reception.

"During the ceremony, she will hold the bridegroom's ring (if it is a double-ring ceremony) and hand it to the bride at the proper time.

"She will also assist in arranging the bride's veil after the ceremony.

"Don't forget, she is essential as a witness."

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DEAR ABBY: I just had to respond to "Mr. Forgettable." I, too, have one of those forgettable faces.

I can be standing three feet from people I have known for years, and they don't recognize me. So I have made it work for me. I am a private investigator in the Deep South. And when people find out that I am a P.I., they are so interested in what I do, they don't forget me anymore.

HOPES TO STAY FORGETTABLE, GULFPORT, MISS.

DEAR HOPES: You are clever to have turned what some might consider a handicap into an asset. I'll wager you are very adept at your profession.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Highest court gets school voucher fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The growing church-state debate over governmental attempts to help families whose children attend private schools, even those affiliated with religious groups, reached the nation's highest court this week.

The Supreme Court is being asked to resolve a closely watched Wisconsin dispute over tuition vouchers. The justices likely will say sometime this fall whether they will grant full review. If so, they would issue a decision next year.

Much is at stake. Congress is considering a national voucher program, and legislatures in about half the states have considered such programs in recent years.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court upheld the state Legislature's multimillion-dollar voucher program for poor children in Milwaukee, but a coalition of groups is urging the justices to declare the program a violation of the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

Under the tax-funded program, the families of as many as 15,000 students who attend religious and other private schools in Milwaukee could receive about $5,000 a year toward each student's tuition. About three-fourths of the private schools in the city are religiously affiliated.

"Efforts are under way to enact voucher programs elsewhere, and the national policy debate that is unfolding in these other forums is shrouded in ... a constitutional cloud," said the appeal filed this week. "This case ... offers this court a timely and appropriate opportunity to resolve the uncertainty, so that the debate over voucher programs can focus on education policy rather than constitutional law."

Joining in the anti-voucher appeal are Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the American Civil Liberties Union, People for the American Way, the NAACP and two public-education organizations.

Calling the Wisconsin court's ruling "the greatest distortion of the principle of church-state separation in modern history," Barry Lynn of Americans United said he hopes the Supreme Court will "nail shut the coffin on these reckless experiments with public education and the First Amendment."

Clint Bolick of the pro-voucher Institute for Justice is hoping for Supreme Court review even though his side won in Wisconsin. He thinks the court will uphold school choice and provide a victory "for millions of disadvantaged youngsters."

The justices fanned such hope last year when they ruled in a New York case that public school teachers can offer remedial help in church-run schools. The 5-4 decision said sending taxpayer-paid teachers into religious schools to help students with such subjects as math, science and English does not run afoul of the First Amendment's ban on a governmental "establishment of religion."

The vote followed the highest court's ideological fault line. The staunchly conservative Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas were joined in the majority by the pivotal "swing votes" of Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony M. Kennedy. The generally more liberal Justices John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen G. Breyer dissented.

The Wisconsin case asks the justices to decide whether the 1973 ruling is still good law.

Worldwide child porn probe targets 2 residents in Texas

CONROE (AP) — The tendrils of a worldwide child pornography investigation reached across 14 countries and into the homes of two Texas residents.

The raids late Tuesday led to almost four dozen arrests worldwide of suspected members of the Wonderland Club who, according to authorities, exchanged thousands of pornographic images of children via cyberspace.

In Texas, U.S. Customs officials executed search warrants at two homes, north of Dallas in Allen, and the other in the southeast Texas city of Willis. Those raids occurred simultaneously with 30 other raids in 22 states.

No one was arrested in either raid, but investigators in both locations seized computer hardware and software.

"We assisted in the investigation as well as serving the search warrant," Allen Sgt. Randy Carter told the Plano Star-Courier. "But we weren't in so deep that we (participated) worldwide."

The raid in Willis, about 30 miles north of Houston, took place at a mobile home, the (Conroe) Courier reported. No one was arrested there.

In Houston, U.S Customs spokeswoman Judy Turner said there were relatively few arrests in the United States because there was enough probable cause to search for evidence, but not enough yet to make arrests.

"With the sophistication of computer crime, you take the equipment, but have to break the encrypted codes to find the evidence," Ms. Turner said.

Agents were expected to spend the next two or three days breaking the codes, she said.

The arrests of several suspects in Great Britain in 1997 and 1998 led the British National Crime Squad to begin the investigation five months ago. They uncovered a database of more than 100,000 pornographic photos of children, officials said.

To join the ring, which purportedly began in the United States, members had to have multiple images of child pornography, and some had as many as 10,000 pictures, authorities said.

British authorities said more than 40 arrests worldwide were made Wednesday, and U.S. Customs predicted there would be more as officials evaluated the evidence collected. Hundreds of people are suspected of being connected with the pornography ring.

The raids occurred in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Britain, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Sweden and the United States. According to international and U.S. authorities, police arrested 11 people in Britain, 10 in Germany, eight in Norway, five in France, four each in the United States and Australia, three in Italy and one in Sweden.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North	09-04-98
	♠ A J 9 3	
	♥ A Q J 9 5 4	
	♦ A 5	
	♣ 5	
West		**East**
♠ 6 5		♠ 10 2
♥ 10 7 6 2		♥ K
♦ K J 7		♦ Q 9 8 4 2
♣ 10 6 4 2		♣ K J 9 8 3
	South	
	♠ K Q 8 7 4	
	♥ 8 3	
	♦ 10 6 3	
	♣ A Q 7	

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♣	Dbl.
Redbl.	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 7

The Friday fish-fry

By Phillip Alder

In England, it is traditional to eat fish on a Friday. Do you know how best to cook fish and chips?

The play found by declarer on this deal might look fishy to you. Try to decide what was going through South's mind. Against the contract of six spades, West leads the diamond seven. You win with dummy's ace and pull the missing trumps in two rounds. What now?

The deal occurred in Tangiers during a match between the Dallas Aces and France. North's four clubs was a splinter bid, showing game values in spades with at most one club. East's double was silly; South's redouble announced the club ace. Over North's four-diamond cue-bid, South used Roman Key Card Blackwood, learning that his partner held three aces.

The declarer was John Swanson, who won the Bermuda Bowl in 1977. He had to get rid of either his two diamonds *or* dummy's solitary diamond (then ruffing his diamonds in the dummy). If the trumps had been 3-1 or 4-0, declarer would have taken the heart finesse. But as they were 2-2, he had a pair of chances. Before taking the club finesse, which was surely winning after East's double, Swanson carefully began with a heart to dummy's ace. When the king dropped, declarer claimed.

It is best to use beer batter for frying fish. And to cook virtually fat-free French fries, dunk your sliced potatoes into a pan of very hot fat for only a few seconds. This seals the outside. Then heat them through slowly in less hot fat.

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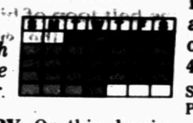

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1941, an F2 tornado moved northeast across Minneapolis, Minn., blowing over 200 railroad cars, some weighing 40 tons including coal.

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

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1781, the city of Los Angeles was founded by Felipe De Neve.

On this day in 1951, in the first nationwide live television broadcast, President Harry Truman spoke to the nation from the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference in San Francisco.

On this day in 1964, "Gilligan's Island" premiered on CBS.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francois Chateaubriand (1768-1848), writer-diplomat; Mary Renault (1905-1983), writer; Richard Wright (1908-1960), writer; Paul Harvey (1918-), broadcaster, is 80; Craig Claiborne (1920-), writer, is 78; Mitzi Gaynor (1930-), dancer, is 68; Dawn Fraser (1937-), swimmer, is 61; Tom Watson (1949-), golfer, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1949, Marie Robie scored a hole-in-one on a 393-yard par four at the Furnace Brook golf course in Wollaston, Mass.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The original writer is not one who imitates nobody, but one whom nobody can imitate." — Francois Chateaubriand

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

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Federal agency reviewing deaths

SPRINGER, Okla. (AP) — The U.S. Chemical Safety Board is reviewing Tuesday's deaths of two men whose frozen bodies were found in a pit where they had been using liquid nitrogen to check pipeline pressure.

The state Medical Examiner's Office said Thursday the men died of asphyxiation.

The Carter County Sheriff's Office has identified the men as Samuel James Eaves, 43, of Houston and Jose Guadalupe Mendoza Lopez, 30, a Mexican national living in Pearland, Texas.

The Chemical Safety Board, an independent federal agency that investigates industrial chemical accidents, said Thursday it would rely on reports gathered by the federal Labor Department and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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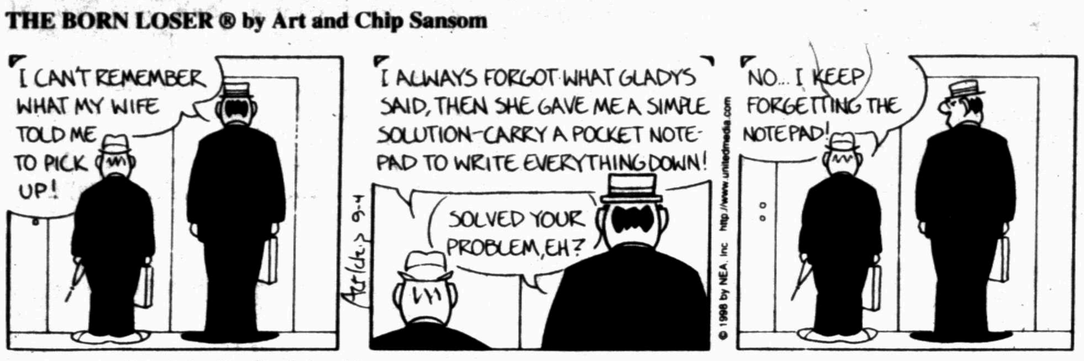

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Resist
7 Can — (kitchen appliance)
13 Greasier
14 Canadian capital
15 Queasy feeling
16 Sillier
17 Egyptian dancing girl
18 Mai — (cocktail)
20 The caama
21 Irritated spots
23 Habituate
27 Dublin's place
32 Uncanny
33 Downy duck
34 Harvests
35 Threefold
36 New —, Louisiana
39 Despised
40 Sicker
42 Bitter nut
46 Cereal grain
47 Tie the —
51 Banishes from one's country
53 Sedative
55 Soft
56 Rowboat part
57 Sly ones
58 Religious leader

DOWN

1 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
2 Of a brain membrane
3 Purple fruit
4 River in France
5 View
6 Muse of poetry
7 Slimier
8 Harper Valley grp.
9 Sicilian volcano
10 River nymph
11 Rams' mates
12 Hard to find
19 Tycoon Onassis
21 Playground sight
22 Show one's anger
23 Finnish first name
24 — -do-well
25 — Mountains of Europe
26 Ready for harvest
28 Italian money
29 Mine entrance
30 Hawaiian goose
31 A Scott
37 Loops
38 Mrs. in Madrid
41 Bend
42 Beer barrels
43 Yoked animals
44 Type of drawing
45 Utah ski resort
47 Singer — Te Kanawa
48 Back of the neck
49 Singer Redding
50 Canvas home
52 Antlered animal
54 It's for the course!

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	O	W	E	R			B	I	N	G		
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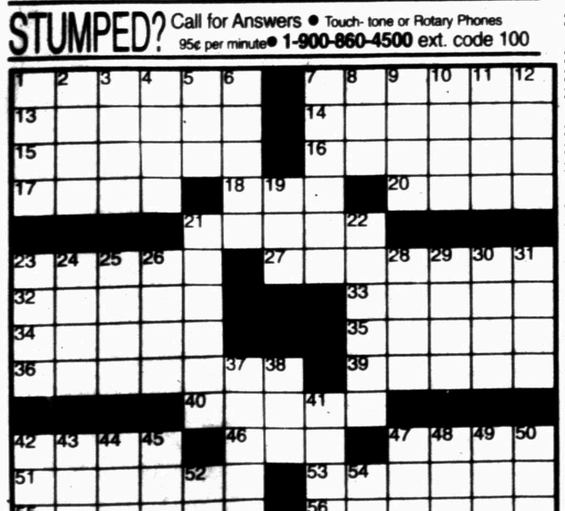

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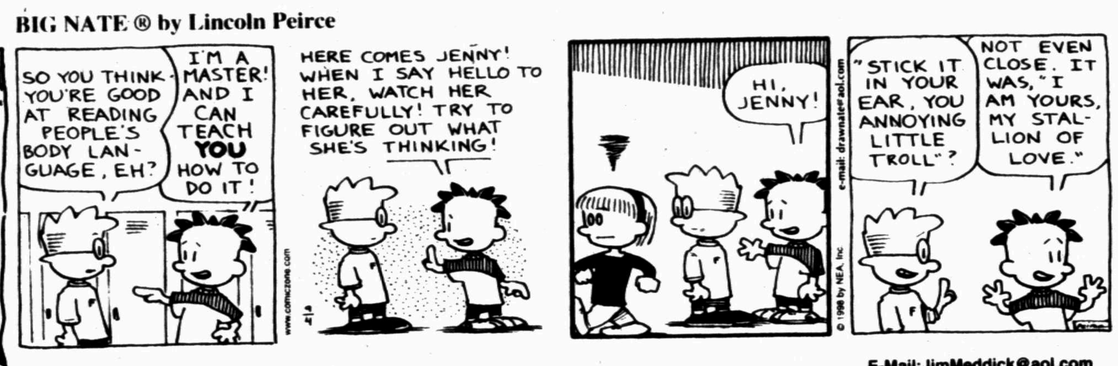

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SPORTS

Tigers take care of 'Cats in JV action

Snyder JV used big plays from its defense and special teams Thursday night, to notch its first victory of the season, 16-8, over Littlefield at Tiger Stadium.

The Wildcats struck first to take a 8-0 lead in the opening quarter.

Following a Snyder fumble on the Littlefield 1-yard line, the Tiger defense made its first big play of the game.

Damon Early busted through, sacking the Cats' QB for a safety.

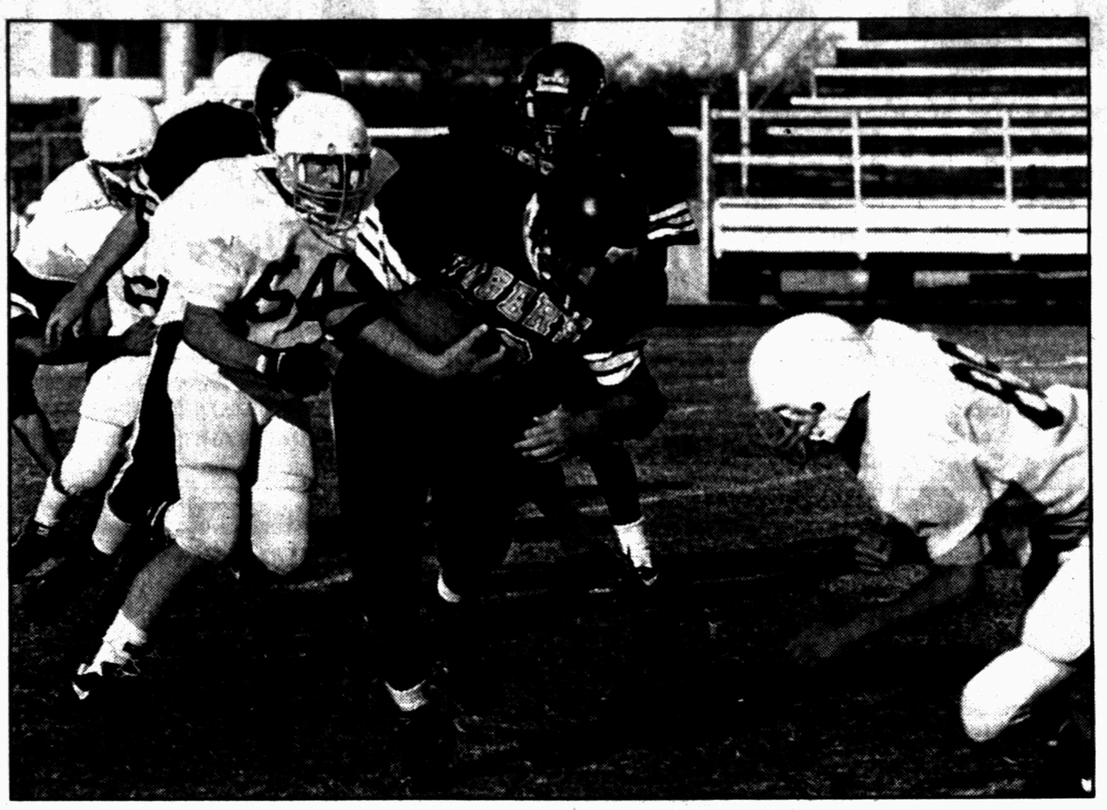
Trailing 8-2, Snyder's special teams stepped up.

On the ensuing kick, Edwin James raced 60 yards untouched to knot the tally at 8-8. Ralph Ramon's PAT broke the deadlock, giving Snyder a 9-8 advantage at halftime.

The Tigers posted the only score of the second half, when James found the endzone from 10 yards out. The Ramon point after put Snyder up 16-8.

Billy Burleson made the final big play for the Tiger defense. Burleson intercepted a Wildcat pass with 1:54 remaining on the clock to preserve the victory.

Snyder will be in action again Thursday at 7 p.m. at Frenship.



PREPARE FOR CONTACT — Snyder fullback Daniel Highfield lowers his shoulder against a Littlefield defender during JV action Thursday night at Tiger Stadium. Snyder topped the Wildcats, 16-8. (SDN Staff Photo)

JV netters top C-City

Paced by a 14-1 performance from its girls squad, Snyder junior varsity crushed Colorado City, 22-8, in tennis action Thursday at the SJHS tennis complex.

Snyder will be back in action Thursday when it hosts Frenship.

Snyder 22, Colorado City 8

Boys singles: Justin Guy def. Joth Silva, 8-2; Alex Best lost to Patrick Bell, 2-8; Jason Hall lost to Oscar Rodriguez, 3-8; Charlie Gorman def. Simon Moreno, 8-0; Chris Lee lost to Jeremy Raymond, 8-9; Pace Milhollen lost to Justin Gross, 3-8; Austin Haire def. Chris Myers, 8-4; Trace Dennis lost to Johnny Morales, 6-8; Tommy Gladden def. Rick Taylor, 6-0; Tyson Kubena def. Adam Luera, 6-3.

Boys doubles: Best-Jones lost to Silva-Rodriguez, 6-7, 6-0, 6-7; Gorman-Milhollen def. Bell-Myers, 6-4, 7-5; Hall-Lee lost to Moreno-Raymond, 3-6, 4-6; Haire-Dennis def. Morales-Taylor, 6-0, 6-0; Gladden-Kubena def. Gross-Myers, 6-4, 6-4.

Girls singles: Amy Juarez def. Lacy Rankin, 9-7; Lindsey Ornelas def. Shawna Wilkins, 8-5; Anjela Quiros def. Tasha Wyrosdick, 8-5; Sarah Pilgrim def. Christy Hall, 6-0; Cynthia Fennell def. Tiffany Overby, 6-1; Bernice Ornelas def. Bridgette Callaway, 8-3; Tiffany Sutter def. Candi Jackson, 8-2; Natalie Hill def. Becky Luera, 6-2; Marci Kruger def. Sarah Lewis, 7-6; Emily Vinson lost to Bridgette Callaway, 4-6.

Girls doubles: Juarez-Quiros def. Rankin-Jackson, 7-5, 6-3; Fennell-Ornelas def. Wilkins-Luera, 6-0, 6-1; Vinson-Pilgrim def. Wyrosdick-Wilkins, 6-3, 7-6; Sutter-Hill def. Hall-Overby, 1-6, 6-2, 7-5; Fennell-Kruger def. Lewis-Callaway, 6-4, 6-2.

Dallas Cowboy update...

Unlikely rookie makes roster

IRVING (AP) — The biggest surprise out of the Dallas Cowboys' preseason — besides the 0-5 record — was the development of free agent wide receiver Jeff Ogden.

One of 16 free agents trying to make the team, Ogden beat out such incumbents as Stepfret Williams and Macey Brooks.

In Sunday's game against Arizona, if coach Chan Gailey calls for a four-receiver set with Eric Bjornson playing tight end, then rookie Ogden of Eastern Washington will be in the game.

"It's all still a little numbing," said Ogden when he learned he had made the team. "It's hard to believe that someone can come out of a small school without being drafted and make a team like the Cowboys."

Ogden said he had to get over the daily sight of high-profile players he had seen winning Super Bowls.

"Here I was all of a sudden sitting in meetings with Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin and it was all little amazing," he said. "It's an honor. No matter what happens to me in my career I'll aways remember the first day I walked into those meetings."

The speedy 6-foot, 190-pound Ogden was on the small college honorable All-America list. His senior year he caught 57 passes for 1,148 yards and 13 touchdowns. His junior year he caught 10 for 216 yards.

These are not the kind of numbers that spin a scout around.

But Cowboys player personnel director Larry Lacewell said it never hurts to take a look at someone who can catch the ball like Ogden.

"The kid never dropped a pass in training camp and showed he has good moves and good speed," Lacewell said.

Williams was cut by the Cowboys on Tuesday. Gailey said, "He dropped too many balls."

Brooks sealed his fate when he dropped what would have been a 50-yard touchdown pass in a preseason game.

"I think I developed my coordination catching tennis ball serves when I was at school," Ogden said. "I could catch maybe four out of 10 serves. It helped with my eye-hand coordination. I heard Jerry Rice used to catch bricks. I decided catching tennis balls would be easier."

Ogden averaged 18 yards per catch on nine of 128 passes in preseason. He was the second-leading wide receiver behind Irvin, who had 12 catches.

"I knew my spot definitely had to be earned," said Ogden. "When I got to camp I was just another body. I thought I'd get a chance and I did. That's really all I wanted."

One day during training camp owner Jerry Jones stood on the sidelines and pointed at Ogden.

"That's the biggest surprise of camp," Jones said.

As it turned out, the head coach agreed.

"Jeff performed well," Gailey said. "He worked his way on the team."

Ira JV knocks off Loop

LOOP — Jace Olvera and Bryce Wilkins put on a show Thursday night in Ira's 28-14 junior varsity victory over Loop.

The two Bulldogs hooked up three times for touchdowns, including a 12-yard connection to give Ira the early lead. Blake White ran in the conversion for a 7-0 Bulldog advantage.

White powered the Ira ground game, pounding out 131 yards on 14 carries and helping to open things up through the air.

Olvera found Wilkins again, this time with a 10-yard strike, in the second quarter. Wilkins ran in the conversion to put the Bulldogs on top, 14-0.

Loop trimmed the margin to 14-8 by halftime, before White scampered into the endzone from 24 yards out late in the third quarter. Tyler Milhoan dove across for the conversion, giving Ira a 21-8 lead.

Olvera and Wilkins struck again on a six-yard TD completion in the final period. Olvera hit Todd Wall on the point after attempt for a 28-8 tally.

Loop managed to score with under a minute left for the 28-14 final.

Top teams to open college grid season

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

Looking for that one great college football game Saturday? There's plenty to choose from.

While this is only the first full week of the season, when lots of top teams usually play lots of bottom teams, this time there's a few blockbusters on tap, starting with No. 1 Ohio State at No. 11 West Virginia.

"Everyone we play, it seems like we're their game of the year," Buckeyes coach John Cooper said as he awaited word on whether linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer and two other starters were academically eligible to play. "This is a rivalry because we're not that far away. It will be a hostile place to play."

For only the second time, West Virginia is entertaining a No. 1 team — the Mountaineers lost to Miami 58-14 in 1986. Twelve years later, coach Don Nehlen has a team capable of staying with the Buckeyes.

"If I didn't think I could win," Nehlen said, "I'd go fishing and call in to see how you did."

Amos Zereoue, who needs 25 yards to become West Virginia's career rushing leading, could be the key. West Virginia also has two dangerous receivers in David Saunders and Shawn Foreman and a solid quarterback in Marc Bulger.

But the Buckeyes counter with Joe Germaine (1,847 yards, 16 TDs), who no longer shares the starting role, and perhaps the best receiving duo in the nation — David Boston and Dee Miller.

Cooper's biggest headache, however, is whether Katzenmoyer, cornerback Damon Moore and guard Rob Murphy will pass their summer school classes.

"There have been a lot of distractions because of academics," Cooper said.

The picks:

No. 1 Ohio State (minus 10½) at No. 11 West Virginia

Last time West Virginia won a game of this magnitude? We can't remember. ... OHIO STATE, 34-21.

No. 5 Michigan (minus 5½) at No. 22 Notre Dame

Changing of the QBs — Tom Brady starts for defending national champs; Jarious Jackson for the Irish. ... MICHIGAN, 24-21.

Indiana State (no line) at No. 6 Kansas State

Patsy No. 1 for the Wildcats. ... KANSAS STATE, 52-7.

No 18 Washington (plus 6½) at No. 8 Arizona State

Already, a pivotal Pac-10 game; Huskies sacked Ryan Kealy nine times in their '97 win. ... ARIZONA STATE, 29-22.

No. 10 Tennessee (plus 1) at No. 17 Syracuse

Orange, orange everywhere; Vols have Tee Martin instead of Peyton Manning, Syracuse has Donavan McNabb back again. ... SYRACUSE, 34-31.

Miami, Ohio (plus 19) at No. 12 North Carolina

Tar Heels kick off their 100th season with new coach Carl Torbush. ... NORTH CAROLINA, 31-14.

No. 21 Southern Mississippi (minus 9½) at No. 13 Penn State

JoePa says both QBs, Rashard Casey and Kevin Thompson, will play. One needs to play really well. ... SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, 28-27.

No. 15 Colorado State (minus 3) vs. Colorado (at Denver)

A win by the Rams, and an undefeated season looms — paying attention, BCS folks? ... COLORADO STATE, 34-28.

Kent (plus 34½) at No. 19 Georgia

At least Kent is compensated for taking a beating. ... GEORGIA, 45-7.

No. 20 Wisconsin (minus 10) at San Diego State

If Ron Dayne's sprain is serious, Aztecs could cause problems. ... WISCONSIN, 34-21.

No. 23 Michigan State (minus 1½) at Oregon

If Spartans aren't careful, they could be 0-2. Ouch. ... OREGON, 24-21.

The Citadel (no line) at No. 3 Florida

Gators spend their evening racing to the end zone in usual season-opening warmup. ... FLORIDA, 66-6.

Last week: 3-1 (straight); 2-2 (vs. spread).

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Football: Snyder at Littlefield, 8 p.m.

Football: Loop at Ira, 7:30.

Football: Highland at Hermleigh, 7:30.

Football: Wilson at Borden County, 7:30.

Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Wayland Baptist tourney, Plainview.

SATURDAY

Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Wayland Baptist tourney, Plainview.

Volleyball: Snyder JV and freshmen host Snyder tourney.

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

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

WGA mixed foursomes

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold mixed foursomes play Sunday at 1:30.

The Labor Day ABCD Scramble will be held on Monday.

The club will be closed Tuesday, with the weekly play day being held Wednesday at 9 a.m. Format will be least and most strokes to the green.

Flag football registration

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

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	91	49	.650	-
NewYork	77	63	.550	14
Philadelphia	66	74	.471	25
Montreal	53	88	.376	38½
Florida	47	93	.336	44

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	88	52	.629	-
Chicago	78	62	.557	10
St.Louis	67	72	.482	20½
Milwaukee	66	74	.471	22
Cincinnati	65	75	.464	23
Pittsburgh	64	74	.464	23

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	90	50	.643	-
SanFrancisco	76	64	.543	14
LosAngeles	70	70	.500	20
Colorado	64	77	.454	26½
Arizona	56	85	.397	34½

Thursday's Games

Arizona 1, Pittsburgh 0

Milwaukee 7, Colorado 3

Friday's Games

Montréal (Hermanson 12-10) at Florida (Meadows 10-10), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Clark 7-13) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 11-10), 7:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Glavine 18-5) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 13-5), 7:40 p.m.

Philadelphia (Schilling 13-12) at Milwaukee (Woodard 9-9), 8:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Harnisch 10-6) at St. Louis (Bottenfield 4-6), 8:10 p.m.

San Diego (Hitchcock 8-6) at Colorado (Jones 7-7), 9:05 p.m.

Houston (Lima 14-6) at Arizona (Telemaco 5-8), 10:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Estes 7-8) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 7-12), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Atlanta (Millwood 14-8) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 9-7), 1:15 p.m.

Cincinnati (Reyes 3-4) at St. Louis (Osborne 3-3), 1:15 p.m.

Houston (Reynolds 17-8) at Arizona (Sodowsky 3-5), 4:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Hershiser 9-9) at Los Angeles (Park 7-11), 4:05 p.m.

Montreal (Thurman 2-3) at Florida (Medina 1-2), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Tapani 16-7) at Pittsburgh (Lawrence 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Loewer 6-6) at Milwaukee (Karl 9-8), 7:15 p.m.

San Diego (Brown 17-5) at Colorado (Kile 10-15), 8:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-NewYork	99	38	.723	-
Boston	81	57	.587	18¼
Toronto	74	66	.529	26¼
Baltimore	69	70	.496	31
TampaBay	54	85	.388	46

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	77	62	.554	-
Chicago	64	75	.460	13
KansasCity	64	75	.460	13
Minnesota	62	77	.446	15
Detroit	53	87	.379	24½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	77	63	.550	-
Texas	74	65	.532	2½
Oakland	64	76	.457	13
Seattle	63	75	.457	13

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Thursday's Games

Minnesota 5, Tampa Bay 4, 12 innings

Cleveland 2, Detroit 1

Toronto 4, Boston 3, 11 innings

Friday's Games

Cleveland (Nagy 12-9) at Detroit (Greisinger 4-7), 7:05 p.m.

Boston (Wakefield 15-6) at Toronto (Hentgen 11-10), 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Rodriguez 4-3) at Texas (Sele 16-10), 8:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 9-4) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 12-13), 8:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Rapp 11-11) at Anaheim (Hill 9-5), 10:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Guzman 8-14) at Seattle (Spoljaric 4-3), 10:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Arrojo 12-11) at Oakland (Haynes 10-6), 10:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Boston (Saberhagen 12-6) at Toronto (Clemens 17-6), 4:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Erickson 14-11) at Seattle (Cloude 8-10), 4:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 15-8) at Chicago White Sox (Abbott 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Burba 12-9) at Detroit (Florie 6-9), 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Tewksbury 7-9) at Texas (Stottlemyre 3-3), 8:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Saunders 4-13) at Oakland (Rogers 12-7), 9:15 p.m.

Kansas City (Barber 2-1) at Anaheim (McDowell 3-3), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

Atlanta at Carolina, 1:01 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 1:01 p.m.
Jacksonville at Chicago, 1:01 p.m.
New Orleans at St. Louis, 1:01 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1:01 p.m.
Seattle at Philadelphia, 1:01 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1:01 p.m.
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1:01 p.m.
Washington at New York Giants, 1:01 p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at Indianapolis, 4:15 p.m.
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Oakland at Kansas City, 8:20 p.m.

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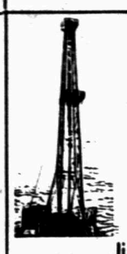
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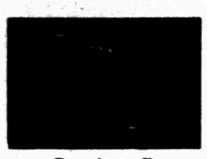

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Eyeing surplus, Bush calls for cut in taxes

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush proposed a $400 million sales tax cut Thursday on some consumer items — including over-the-counter medications and diapers.

It's the latest tax cut idea to be floated as Texas politicians this election year eye a projected $3.7 billion state budget surplus.

"One of the great challenges of the next (legislative) session will be to resist the temptation to spend all the available money and fuel future big government," the Republican governor said.

"I intend to be an advocate for the taxpayers," he said. "By giving money back to the taxpayers we avoid spending it on more government."

Bush's Democratic opponent, Garry Mauro, accused the governor of flip-flopping because he had proposed a sale tax increase two years ago to help fund a property tax rollback.

Bush on Thursday proposed repealing the sales tax on: over-the-counter medications, annually saving consumers an estimated $150 million; diapers, saving $110 million; and health aids, saving about $50 million.

He also called for repealing the $20 million sales tax on Internet access. And he suggested a two-week sales tax holiday on retail clothing and footwear, timed to coincide with back-to-school buying, a savings to consumers estimated at $75 million.

Mauro noted that in 1995, Bush proposed raising the state sales tax rate from 6¼ percent to 6¾ percent — about $1.6 billion — as a way to fund part of a $3 billion property tax cut plan. The Legislature eventually rejected Bush's plan but passed a $1 billion property tax cut.

"Once again, Gov. Bush is talking out of both sides of his mouth," Mauro said.

"Gov. Bush proposed increasing the sales tax ... on over-the-counter medicines, diapers, clothing, footwear and health aids. This year, only two months before the election, Gov. Bush has flip-flopped," the Democrat said.

Mauro launched his campaign with a tax cut call.

A key plank in Mauro's platform is repeal of the state's 6¼ percent sales tax on automobiles, pickup trucks and minivans. He estimates that would save Texans $4 billion a year "on how they get to work."

Bush rejected that idea, saying his sales tax cut would be spread wider and help lower income people and the elderly.

Mauro's motor vehicle tax cut idea, Bush said, "generally affects people one out of every seven years. I believe in affecting people's lives every year."

Bush's proposal is the second this week on how to use some of the state's expected extra cash to cut taxes.

On Wednesday, Comptroller John Sharp, the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, proposed a limited state sales tax moratorium.

Warrants send subject to jail

Officers made one arrest and filed one offense report Thursday.

Officers took a 19-year-old male into custody at 3:54 p.m. at the intersection of Avenue J and 25th Street on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants out of Tom Green County for speeding and failure to appear.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was filed at 3:39 p.m. in the 500 block of Milburn in reference to damage to a door belonging to E.N. Jenkins.

Officers worked a two-vehicle accident at 12:19 p.m. in the 100 block of Coliseum Drive. The mishap involved a 1991 Chevrolet pickup driven by 18-year-old Richard Rodriguez of 401 35th Street in Snyder and a 1984 Ford LTD driven by 88-year-old Roswell Rigsby of 200 East Hwy in Snyder.

Officers handled numerous other calls Wednesday including reports of reckless drivers and stranded motorists.

Jamie Lee Curtis gets her own star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jamie Lee Curtis traded her "scream queen" role for a less suspenseful one on Hollywood Boulevard, where she got a star on the Walk of Fame.

About 200 fans came out Thursday to watch the unveiling of the star for the "Halloween H2O" actress, near the ones paying tribute to her parents, Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh.

Fan Becky Kimber collapsed in 95-degree heat on the sidewalk from the heat and was comforted by Ms. Curtis before being treated by paramedics and taken to a hospital.

The unveiling coincided with the release of her HarperCollins book "Today I Feel Silly & Other Moods That Make My Day."

Miss Leigh, who has her own star on Vine Street, was looking on as her daughter's was dedicated. Curtis, who did not attend, has a star two blocks away on Hollywood Boulevard.

Markets

Midday Stocks

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	52	50 9-16	50 13-16	+ ⅜
AT&T Corp	52 13-16	51 11-16	52 11-16	+ ⅜
AirTouch	58 5-16	56⅝	57⅜	— 5-16
Albertsons	52 9-16	51⅛	51 11-16	— ⅜
AlldSignal	33⅞	32⅜	33⅛	+ ⅛
Alltel	43 13-16	42¼	43 1-16	— 9-16
AmOnline s	88⅛	84¼	87 3-16	+ 7-16
AmStores	30¼	29¾	29 15-16	— 7-16
Ameritech s	46⅝	45 11-16	46¼	+ ⅜
Amoco s	48¼	47 3-16	48⅛	+ 1⅛
AndarkPtr s	32	31⅜	32	+ 1
Armcolnc	4 3-16	3 13-16	4	+ 1
AtlRichfld	60 11-16	59 11-16	60 1⅛	-16+1 11-16
ATMOS Egy	27⅜	27¼	27 7-16	+ 1-16
Aviall	12¼	12	12⅛	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	21 15-16	21 1-16	21 3-16	—15-16
BellAtl s	42 7-16	41 15-16	42¼	+ ⅜
BellSouth	67	66	66¼	+1 1-16
BethSteel	7⅛	7 9-16	7 11-16	+ ⅛
BritPet	77	75⅞	76¼	+ 2⅛
BurlNoSFe s	30	29¼	29 9-16	— 7-16
CBS Corp			27⅞	26⅞ 27⅞
Caterpillar			45¼	44¾ 44¾
CenSoWst			26½	26¾ 26½ — ⅛
Chevron	78 11-16	77¼	78⅛	+2 15-16
Chrysler	50 7-16	49 3-16	49⅜	+ ⅜
Coastal s	28 7-16	27 13-16	28⅛	+ 7-16
CocaCola	63⅜	61 7-16	62	+ 1-16
ColgatePalm	72¾	70⅞	71¼	— ⅜
ComclMetals	24	23¾	23 15-16	+ 3-16
CooperIn	43¾	41⅛	43 5-16	+1 7-16
CyprusAmax	11¼	10⅝	11 3-16	+ ⅛
DallSemicn	27¼	26⅝	27⅛	+ ⅛
DeltaAirl	96½	94⅜	95⅜	— 1-16
Dillards Inc	30⅛	29 13-16	30 1-16	— ⅜
DowChem	80¼	79⅜	79⅝	— ⅛
DresserInd	28 7-16	27 9-16	28⅜	+11-16
DuPont	58⅛	56 1-16	58⅜	+ 2⅛
EastmanChem	51 13-16	50 3-16	51 13-16	+15-16
EstKodak	83⅛	82 1-16	82⅛	+ ⅜
EDS Corp	34 11-16	33 15-16	34¼	— 5-16
Entergy	27⅝	27 7-16	27 9-16	— 1-16
Exxon	64 11-16	63¾	64 1-16	+ ⅛
Flowers	18⅛	18 5-16	18 7-16	— 1-16
FordMotor s	43¾	42	42 9-16	+ 1-16
GTE Cp	48¾	48	48 5-16	— ⅜
GenDynam s	47⅛	46 3-16	46 5-16	—15-16
GenElec	79 7-16	76⅝	77 5-16	— 7-16
GenMills	66	65¼	65⅛	— ⅛
GenMotors	57 13-16	56¾	57⅛	+ 1-16
GaPacGP s	42 5-16	41 13-16	42 5-16	+ ⅛
GlobalMar	10 13-16	10⅜	10½	+ ⅛
Goodrich	30⅜	30 5-16	30 9-16	+ ⅛
Goodyear s	47⅛	46 13-16	46⅜	— 1-16
GtAtlPac	24	23⅜	23 13-16	— 3-16
Halliburtn	28⅛	27 13-16	28 13-16	+15-16
Hanson ADS			27	26⅛ 27 + ⅛
HarteHanks s			22⅛	22¼ 22¼
HomeDepot	39⅝	38⅛	38 13-16	+ ⅛
HoustonInds	28⅛	28	28 5-16	— 1-16
IBM	122⅛	120 1-16	121⅜	— ⅜
IntlPaper	39 7-16	38⅛	39	+ 5-16
JohnsonJn	76	75 5-16	76	+ 1⅛
K mart	13⅛	12⅛	12 15-16	— 1-16
Kroger Co	49⅛	47⅛	49 1-16	+1 9-16
Litton	50⅛	50⅛	50 7-16	— 5-16
LockhdMart	94¼	91⅜	92⅛	— ⅞
Lowes Cos s	34⅛	33 9-16	33 15-16	—1 1-16
Lubys	15 11-16	15⅜	15 11-16	+ ⅛
LucentTech s	78⅛	75 13-16	76 11-16	—1 3-16
MayDeptStrs	58	56¾	56⅞	— 5-16
MediaOne	44 9-16	43 7-16	43½	— 1
Medtronic	58	56⅜	57⅝	+11-16
Mobil	73⅛	71⅝	73⅛	+1 15-16
Monsanto	52 13-16	51⅜	52 5-16	+ ⅛
MorganJP	89 15-16	84¾	86 9-16	—2 3-16
Motorola	40 11-16	39 13-16	40 3-16	+ 5-16
NCR Corp	26 1-16	25⅜	25⅝	— 7-16
NationsBk	57⅞	54 5-16	55⅛	— 2
Navistar	23 3-16	22¼	22⅜	— ⅛
Norwests	30⅜	29⅜	29 13-16	—13-16
OryxEngy	11⅛	10 13-16	11½	+ ⅜
Penney JC	52 13-16	51⅛	51 13-16	— ⅛
Pennzoil	38¼	37⅜	38⅛	+ ⅛
PepBoys	15	14⅜	14⅝	+ 1-16
PepsiCo	31⅛	31⅛	31 5-16	+ 7-16
PhelpDodge	49 7-16	48 11-16	49⅛	+ 1¼
PhilipPet	43⅞	43¼	43 9-16	+ 9-16
Polaroid	29⅜	28⅜	28⅝	— 1-16
Praxair	35⅞	35¼	35 9-16	+ 5-16
ProctGamb	78	76	77 15-16	+ 1⅛
PubSNwMx	19 13-16	19 11-16	19 11-16	
RoyalDut	48 11-16	47⅞	48 9-16	+ 3⅛
SBC Comm s	37 15-16	36¾	37 15-16	+13-16
SaraLee	49 15-16	49 3-16	49⅛	+ 3-16
Scripps EW	44⅜	43¾	43 13-16	—13-16
SearsRoeb	48 5-16	47½	47⅞	+ 9-16
SherwinW	25⅝	24⅝	25⅜	+ 5-16
SmithklBchm	59⅛	58⅛	58 13-16	+ 1⅜
SouthernCo	26 13-16	26 7-16	26 13-16	+ 3-16
SwstAirl s	18 3-16	17⅝	17⅞	
Sprint	65 9-16	64	65⅛	+ ⅜
SunCo	32¾	31 5-16	32⅜	+ 1⅛
Tandy s	52 13-16	52 5-16	52 7-16	+ 7-16
TempleInland	44¼	43⅜	44¼	+ 1-16
Tenneco	33¼	32 13-16	33⅛	+ 1-16
Texaco s	58 3-16	56¾	57⅛	— 9-16
TexInd	34 7-16	33⅞	34 1-16	— ⅛
TexasInst s	51⅜	49 15-16	51	+ 7-16
TexUtil	41⅞	41	41⅜	— 1-16
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Travelers s	41⅜	38 1-16	39 7-16	—1 11-16
TriconGlbR n	38⅛	37⅜	37 15-16	— 3-16
TrinityInds	31⅜	30 9-16	31¼	+13-16
TritonEngy	11⅜	11⅛	11 3-16	
Tyler	7 3-16	7 7		
US West Inc	49¼	48¾	49	— 5-16
USX-Marathn	28 13-16	28⅜	28 13-16	+ 1⅜
USX-USS	22 7-16	21 11-16	21⅜	— 5-16
UnCarbde	40⅛	39½	39 15-16	+ 5-16
UnionPacif	40	39 9-16	39 13-16	+ ⅜
UnitedTech	76⅜	74¼	75 9-16	+ 1-16
Unocal	34⅝	34¼	34 9-16	+1 9-16
Venator Grp	9 5-16	8¼	8⅜	— ⅛
WalMart	60⅜	58 15-16	59⅜	— ⅛
WstnGasRs	9 9-16	9¼	9 9-16	+ 7-16
WinnDixie	38 13-16	37⅜	38 5-16	— 7-16
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My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit.
Job 27:4

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A MESSAGE WITH GOOD-BAD TIDINGS!

AHIMAAZ WAS A SON OF ZADOK, THE HIGH PRIEST, IN KING DAVID'S REIGN. HE AND JONATHAN, THE SON OF THE OTHER HIGH PRIEST, ABIATHAR, HAD BEEN MAINTAINING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN KING DAVID'S LOYAL FORCES IN JERUSALEM AND PRINCE ABSALOM'S REBEL FORCES, ENSCONCED DEEP WITHIN THE FORESTS OF EPHRAIM (II SAM. 15:27, 36; - 17:20). WHEN ABSALOM'S POORLY DISCIPLINED AND BADLY LED TROOPS WENT DOWN IN A ROUT BEFORE KING DAVID'S SKILLFUL VETERANS AND ABSALOM, HIMSELF, WAS KILLED, AHIMAAZ BEGGED JOAB, DAVID'S COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, FOR THE HONOR OF RUNNING AHEAD OF THE RETURNING VICTORIOUS TROOPS TO TELL THE KING OF THE VICTORY. (II SAM. 18:19) BUT JOAB REFUSED AHIMAAZ BECAUSE KING DAVID'S SON WAS KILLED IN THE BATTLE! INSTEAD, JOAB TOLD AN ETHIOPIAN TO RUN AND "...TELL THE KING WHAT THOU HAST SEEN." PERHAPS JOAB, A WISE VETERAN, KNEW THAT BEARERS OF BAD TIDINGS WERE OFTEN KILLED ON THE SPOT—AND AHIMAAZ *WAS* THE SON OF THE HIGH PRIEST, WHEREAS THE ETHIOPIAN WAS A NOBODY, SO..! NEVERTHELESS, AHIMAAZ WAS THE FASTER OF THE TWO, BECAUSE AFTER PESTERING JOAB UNTIL HE GOT HIS PERMISSION TO RUN, AHIMAAZ STILL GOT THERE FIRST! BUT HE ONLY TOLD KING DAVID OF THE VICTORY—LEAVING IT TO THE ETHIOPIAN TO TELL THE BAD NEWS! (II SAM. 18:32). LATER IN HIS CAREER, AHIMAAZ WAS THE TAX COLLECTOR FOR KING SOLOMON AND MARRIED ONE OF SOLOMON'S DAUGHTERS, BASMATH. (I KINGS 4:15).

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Reno frustrates all sides; shrugs off critics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno, badgered for months by Republicans outraged she has not sought an independent counsel to investigate Democratic campaign practices, takes to heart the old adage about sticks and stones.

"For anybody to be in this job and worried about what people are going to think as opposed to worrying about what's right — that's when you get into trouble," Reno said at her weekly press conference Thursday. The session was dominated by questions about how far she is willing to take the fund-raising inquiries.

"My mother used to tell me, 'My dear, you're beginning to worry too much about what people will think of you and not about what you are doing,'" the attorney general said.

For months, Reno has been at the center of the argument over how to investigate the way the Democratic Party, including her boss, President Clinton, raised money for Clinton's re-election.

Some Republicans have accused Reno of knuckling under to political pressure by declining thus far to seek an independent counsel to probe the gamut of fund-raising activities in the 1996 Clinton-Gore re-election campaign.

Senior Justice Department prosecutors disagree on the issue.

Reno's GOP critics were not mollified by two separate preliminary inquiries she announced over the past week — one targeting Vice President Al Gore and the other former White House deputy chief of staff Harold Ickes. Each could lead to appointment of an independent counsel.

A fence-mending trip to Capitol Hill on Wednesday apparently did not do the trick. Senate Judiciary Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, issued a harsh denunciation, accusing Reno of shirking her duty.

Through it all, the blunt-spoken former Dade County, Fla., prosecutor has had one response: She will do it her way.

"I've got to call it like I see it," she said Thursday. "And if people call me names or say I'm a wimp or whatever, as I've told you before, I'm not in this business for popularity."

She even had kind words for Hatch.

"I am devoted to Senator Hatch," she said without a trace of sarcasm. "He has been very kind and very thoughtful to me. But I've got to make my decision based on the evidence and the law, and not by admonitions from him."

To suggestions by Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, that she is protecting the president and vice president, Reno countered: "I've explained to him that if I were trying to do that, I should go home."

Attorneys general, as Cabinet members, necessarily live dual lives. The attorney general is the nation's top law enforcement officer but also serves at the pleasure of the president.

There may be one benefit from particularly controversial matters, suggested Benjamin Civiletti, who was attorney general during the Carter administration.

Reno did seek the independent counsel investigation that led to the Monica Lewinsky inquiry.

New evidence of water on moon found

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frozen soil around the moon's poles may contain as much as 250 billion gallons of water, enough to fill the need of U.S. cities for 10 days, according to data from a spacecraft orbiting the moon.

In a study published today in the journal Science, researchers said the Lunar Prospector spacecraft probing the moon's surface has found evidence of up to 10 billion tons of water locked into deeply shaded pockets of lunar soil.

"There is an abundance of hydrogen at both lunar poles, and we interpret that to mean there is water there," said Alan Binder, chief scientist for the Lunar Prospector spacecraft now orbiting the moon. "There is at least 1 billion tons of water, but there could be as much as 10 billion tons."

It is estimated that U.S. cities use about 25 billion gallons of domestic water a day. Thus, the 250 billion gallons would represent enough to fill the washing, flushing and watering needs of every municipal home in America for 10 days.

Binder said it would certainly be enough to build a colony on the moon's surface and to operate a rocket service station for journeys beyond.

"We knew from the Apollo missions that we could go to the moon and build a base there, but we would have to take our water and fuel with us," Binder said.

The deposits of water or hydrogen, he said, are "an enabling resource. You could build a colony without it, but this really makes it a lot simpler."

In addition to sustaining life in such a colony, water also can be used for rocket fuel by breaking it into its constituent chemicals — hydrogen and oxygen. Propellant for the main engines on the space shuttle, for instance, is hydrogen and oxygen.

Paul Spudis, a researcher at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, called the discovery significant. "We've debated for 30 years whether or not there is ice on the moon, and now this shows there is," Spudis said.

Spudis was on the science team of an earlier lunar mission, the Clementine spacecraft, that found radar indications of water on the lunar south pole. Now, he said, the presence of lunar water has been confirmed by two different research methods.

"This makes colonizing the moon a lot more attractive," said Ed Weiler, a space scientist at NASA. "I think before we colonize Mars, we need to colonize the moon for practice. So from that perspective this is a major discovery."

NASA currently has no firm plans to return people to the moon.

Binder, head of the Lunar Research Institute in Gilroy, Calif., teamed with researchers from the Los Alamos National Laboratory for the Science report.

Lunar Prospector was launched in January and has spent months orbiting the moon, gathering signals with four instruments.

One of the instruments gives data on the composition of the soil by measuring the flow of neutrons, an elemental particle resulting from solar radiation striking the moon's surface. Binder said this instrument showed the signature for rich deposits of hydrogen around the lunar poles.

Binder and other researchers said the most logical form for that hydrogen to take is as a constituent of water. Because the shaded areas of the moon are so cold, the water is certain to be frozen solid.

All of the deposits are in patches within craters that never see sunlight. Temperatures there are constantly around minus 250 degrees F, Binder said. This keeps the ice in place "virtually forever," he said. The data suggests the ice is in layers, covered by up to 18 inches of soil.

Even more ice could be in layers below two feet of soil, Binder said.

Harvesting the ice would involve digging it up and thawing it using solar reflectors. A chemical process then could separate hydrogen and oxygen.

"The only trick would be to build equipment that could work in those extremely cold temperatures," Binder said.

Fed judge: Microsoft case 'not narrow'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge says his view of the government's antitrust case against Microsoft is broader than the company's and indicated he will reject the company's argument that the government is trying to include new claims in its lawsuit.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson said Thursday he believes the government was adding what it described as new evidence against Microsoft to support its case, not making new allegations.

Microsoft wanted the judge to prohibit the government from raising new claims about its behavior and asked him to restrict the case to a narrow set of charges that it believes it easily can defeat.

"Our position is, the government is trying to expand its case in the final hour, that these claims were not part of the case brought in May," Microsoft lawyer John Warden said. The trial is scheduled to start Sept. 23.

Jackson said he formally will rule on the company's request Sept. 17, but he told Warden he believes the government's case already includes broad charges that the company acted illegally toward its rivals in the high-tech industry.

"My view of the case as raised by the complaint is not as narrow as yours," the judge told the company's lawyer. Warden said he might ask the judge to delay the trial for months if he rules against Microsoft.

At issue is whether new information about meetings between Microsoft and some of its rivals, including Apple Computer and Intel Corp., would be considered new evidence, which would be allowed, or new allegations, which would require the government to file an amended lawsuit, explained Robert Litan, a former senior Justice official.

Jackson on Thursday gave Microsoft 24 hours to turn over documents about some of its meetings with Intel and Apple dating back to 1995. The government asked for the information, which Jackson called "an appropriate request."

Microsoft has been preparing its defense against charges that it illegally bundled its Internet browser with its Windows software and used exclusionary agreements with Internet companies and computer makers to smother the market for an Internet browser by its rival, Netscape Communications Corp.

The company's legal strategy was buoyed in June by a federal appeals court ruling in a related case that bundling Microsoft's browser with Windows was a "genuine integration," which is legal, because a single combined product offers benefits over separate ones.

Microsoft has accused the government of trying to broaden its antitrust case because of that decision, viewed as adverse to the government's case.

The government's lawsuit, filed in May, focuses largely on Microsoft's actions toward Netscape, including its browser bundling. But it also generally accuses Microsoft of "a series of anticompetitive activities" to protect its dominant Windows software, used by about 80 percent of the world's desktop computers.

Recently, the Justice Department and the 20 states suing Microsoft have sought new details about meetings with the company's rivals. The government contends it is not broadening its lawsuit, that this new evidence merely supports its existing case by showing that Microsoft executives "attempted to induce Intel and Apple to take certain actions and/or threatened retaliation."

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Financial arrangements must be handled with prudence and caution today. If you make an error in judgment, it could offset what you gain.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In critical matters that could reflect upon your image today, don't allow emotions to overrule logic and common sense. If you do, it might not look good to others.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Whose advice is right?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm pregnant with twins. One doctor says to walk a lot, but avoid intercourse. Another doctor says sex is OK, but stay in bed. Who is right?

DEAR READER: Follow the instructions of the doctor whom you have hired as your obstetrician. As a general rule, intercourse during pregnancy is safe, providing there is no high-risk pregnancy (e.g., history of premature delivery) and relations are carried out gently. For most women, moderate exercise is appropriate, at least up to the last few weeks of pregnancy, when walking can become uncomfortable.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have an elevated cholesterol reading and my LDL blood reading is poor. Would a trampoline help? I'm 75.

DEAR READER: A trampoline will not help. In fact, at your age, it might be downright dangerous. Although regular exercise — such as walking, swimming and biking — might lower your cholesterol and make you feel better, you should ask your doctor to put you on a low-cholesterol diet. If this doesn't work, he or she may choose to give you medicine to reduce your cholesterol. Your doctor is the best judge of what combination of exercise and diet would be right for you.

To give you related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Understanding Cholesterol" and "Eating Right for a Healthy Heart." 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: Is a beer belly a sign of cirrhosis of the liver?

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Once fatty infiltration occurs in the liver, inflammation may develop, scarring takes place and the liver shrinks. This is cirrhosis and is the end result of alcoholic liver damage.

Most patients with "beer belly" have simply become overweight, and the fat is distributed in the abdominal wall. Beer supplies a lot of unneeded calories. Nonetheless, when I see a beer drinker with a prominent abdomen, I worry about liver disease and will obtain a blood test to assess liver function.

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Job rate holds at 4.5 percent in August

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. unemployment rate held steady at 4.5 percent in August as other manufacturing job losses outweighed the return to work of laborers affected by strikes at General Motors earlier this summer.

August's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was the same as in June and July, when about 150,000 workers in automotive and other factories were either on strike or laid off because of strike-related production slowdowns, the Labor Department said today.

Although most of the strike-idled workers returned to work in August, the unemployment rate did not recover to the 4.3 percent low of April and May — the best since 1970.

"Overall, I still believe that the fundamental underpinnings of this economy are very strong and very steady, but clearly we are seeing the effects of the Asian situation," said Labor Secretary Alexis Herman.

Economic hard times in Asia have dampened demand for U.S. products there. Also, currency devaluation has made Asian imports cheaper and more attractive to consumers here.

Net job growth across all U.S. employment sectors in August was 365,000, compared to a slightly better than originally reported gain of 68,000 jobs in July.

But the gain of 95,000 manufacturing jobs in August would have actually been a loss of 55,000 without the return of workers after GM settled its labor disputes the last week in July.

Taking July and August together, gains in total U.S. employment averaged 217,000 jobs a month, compared to an average monthly gain of 244,000 for the first half of 1998.

Clothing and other textile manufacturing jobs declined by 18,000 in August. Employment in the manufacturing of electronic equipment components dropped by 6,000 jobs, and food and related products manufacturing lost 4,000 jobs.

Construction employment, however, was up again in August, by another 16,000 jobs, in part reflecting a boom in home sales. Since October, the construction industry has added 261,000 jobs.

Russia postpones vote on Chernomyrdin

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian lawmakers today postponed a vote on approving the acting prime minister, avoiding a confrontation with President Boris Yeltsin as pressure mounted on the opposition parliament to compromise.

Lawmakers voted 294-54 to hold the vote Monday after parliament leaders said Yeltsin had called for more talks. The Duma, parliament's lower house, had been expected to reject acting Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin for a second time.

The decision indicated the Communists and their hard-line allies were no longer confident of winning their confrontation with Yeltsin and were looking for a way out.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov insisted his faction would never approve Chernomyrdin and would not agree to a compromise with Yeltsin. But the Communists abstained from the vote, indicating their position might be crumbling.

"We are not going to vote for Viktor Stepanovich (Chernmyrdin). We believe he won't be able to handle this job," Zyuganov said.

The dramatic turnabout came after Chernomyrdin's hopes of being approved received a boost today when the Federation Council, the upper chamber of Parliament, passed a non-binding motion 91-17 expressing confidence in the acting premier.

Yeltsin received news of the postponement calmly, "understanding that a longer pause for contemplation is better than haste," presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said.

The Duma's agreement to more talks with Yeltsin boosted Chernomyrdin's hopes of approval. Yeltsin still retains enormous power and had appeared to regain the political initiative in the past few days.

Russia has been plunged into an economic and political crisis by the collapse of the currency, the ruble, and a power struggle between the Duma and Yeltsin. Russians have been deeply worried, but there has been no sign of panic or unrest.

After today's postponement, a weekend of hectic closed-door talks was likely as the two sides looked for a compromise.

The Duma rejected Chernomyrdin last Monday in a first vote. His approval could ease the political instability in Russia, though it would not end the nation's economic distress.

Demos increase criticism of Clinton's Lewinsky apology

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic fury at President Clinton is bubbling to the surface, with one senator saying the chief executive deserves a formal "public rebuke" over his relationship with Monica Lewinsky and a second lawmaker suggesting presidential "public restitution" to make amends.

"It is hard to ignore the impact of the misconduct the president has admitted to on our children, our culture and our national character," Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said Thursday in a stern-ly worded speech on the Senate floor.

Clinton, he said, "apparently had extramarital relations with an employee half his age, and did so in the workplace, in the vicinity of the Oval Office. ...

"Such behavior is not just inappropriate, it is immoral," Lieberman added.

In response, Clinton said today in a photo session in Dublin, Ireland, with Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern: "I can't disagree with anyone else who wants to be critical of what I've already acknowledged is inappropriate."

Clinton, faulted for not directly apologizing or saying he was sorry about the relationship, added, "There's nothing that (Lieberman) or anyone else could say in a personally critical way that I don't imagine I would disagree with since I have already said it myself, to myself, and I'm very sorry about it but there's nothing else I can say."

While Lieberman spoke in Washington, Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio, raised the subject of Clinton's liaisons with Ms. Lewinsky, 25, in a speech before the Veterans of Foreign Wars in San Antonio and later in a telephone interview. She stopped just short of calling for Clinton's resignation, but sounded like she would not mind if he stepped down.

"The more important word to me is restitution," she said. "The emphasis should be on the young people, and how he as a father of a daughter and father of the nation can exact some good of the situation."

Simply resigning would not do it, she added. "We need something else — he doesn't have to resign, or he could resign and then do it."

So far, Pennsylvania Rep. Paul McHale is the only congressional Democrat to call for Clinton's resignation.

Obituaries

Beatrice Calvert

1908-1998

SWEETWATER — Beatrice Calvert, the mother of Jim Calvert of Dunn, died Wednesday, Sept. 2, in a Colorado City hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Calvert, 90, was set for 10 a.m. today in the McCoy Funeral Home Chapel in Sweetwater. The Rev. Orvel Brantley was to officiate and burial was to follow in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born in Sweetwater, she graduated from Newman High School and married John Calvert in 1927 in Sweetwater. He preceded her in death.

A homemaker, Mrs. Calvert moved to Roscoe in 1985 and was a member of the Jonesboro Baptist Church.

Survivors also include one daughter, Lanelle Drake of Roscoe; a brother, W.B. Carson of Abilene; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Lillian Powell

1924-1998

MERKEL — Lillian Estelle Powell, 74, died Wednesday, Sept. 2, in an Abilene Hospital.

Funeral service was set for 2 p.m. today in the Merkel First United Methodist Church. Burial was to follow in the Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Starbuck Funeral Home.

Born in Dallas, she graduated from Dallas Tech High School and married Burnis Ray Powell in 1963 in Snyder. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Powell owned Mr. M. Grocery Store in Tye and a turkey ranch in Zephyr. She also was a farmer and rancher and drove a school bus in Merkel for 10 years. She was a Lutheran and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include three sons, Ronnie Powell of Merkel, Gary Straach of Crandell and Richard Straach of Port Aransas; two daughters, Deanna Greer of Early and Linda Straach of Edwardsburg, Mich.; a brother, Edward Patterson of Dallas; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Estella Thompson

1911-1998

HASKELL — Estella Thompson, the mother of Zepherine Thompson of Snyder, died Monday, Aug. 31, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Thompson, 87, is set for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Greater Independent Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Willow Cemetery.

Born in Harris County, she was a homemaker and a member of the Greater Independent Baptist Church.

Survivors include four other daughters, Henrietta Ray, Ruthie Randle and Gladys Whitaker, all of Haskell, and Wilma Clark of Stamford; three sons, James Aurther Ray of New York City, Hershel Thompson of Viola, Wis., and Alfred Wayne Thompson of Stamford; a sister, Retha Hammond of Haskell; 36 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren.

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President highlights Irish economy as prize of peace

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — President Clinton turned today from the turmoil in Northern Ireland to the Irish Republic's thriving economy, holding it up as the prize of peace. "Ireland has moved from nightmares to dreams," he declared.

Surrounded by computer equipment at a growing high-tech company, Clinton saluted Ireland's 7.7 percent growth rate last year as the highest of any country in Europe. Peace and stability can cement the good times, he said.

"Ireland has assumed great responsibilities. As a result you are moving toward permanent peace, remarkable prosperity, unparalleled influence and a brighter tomorrow for your children," he said.

Borrowing the cadence of a traditional Irish blessing, he added: "May the nightmares stay gone, the dreams stay bright, and the responsibilities wear easily on your shoulders because the future is yours."

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, in turn, credited Clinton and his role in brokering the Good Friday peace accord with holding out to Northern Ireland the same promise of prosperity.

"He's laid down for us — for all of us — that there is a path to follow and if we are sensible, if we're brave and we follow that path, then the reward is peace and stability and confidence. If we don't, well, then the future is as gloomy as the past," Ahern said at a picture-taking session with Clinton before they met privately this morning.

At a reception that gave Clinton a chance to meet business leaders, Ahern noted that American firms employ 400,000 people in Ireland and dominate electronics, pharmaceuticals and other industries.

"Ireland is really an American economic tiger with a green face," he said with a smile.

Ahern proudly led Clinton on a tour of the Gateway 2000 computer plant and highlighted business opportunities in Ireland. Seated at laptops with "smart cards" and using personalized codes, Clinton and Ahern digitally affixed their signatures to an agreement on developing electronic commerce between their two nations.

Clinton marveled at the technology. "You may find you can get away with virtual presidents ... stick a little card in, get the predictable response," he joked.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Enchilada dinner

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

Class of 1958

The 1958 class of Snyder High School will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday at Snyder National Bank. Those attending are asked to bring items for a video.

Christian concert

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

Masonic officer to visit

All master masons are invited to the Hermleigh Masonic Lodge at 7:30 p.m. Monday. The district deputy will visit during the regular stated meeting.

Bible study tapes airing

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

4-H Horse Club meeting

The Scurry County 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the East Elementary cafeteria. Anyone interested in joining is welcome.

Motorcyle club meeting

There will be an organizational meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the VFW for a touring motorcycle riders association.

Support group ministry

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

Chicken spaghetti supper

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

F.A.C.T. meeting

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

Meet the Tigers night

Monday, Sept. 14, will be meet the Tigers night at Tiger Stadium. A brisket supper will be served at 6 p.m. with tickets costing $3 each. Seventh grade through the varsity football players will be introduced at 7 o'clock.

Fajitas and football

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

Historic Scurry County

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

Canyon Community reunion

The Canyon Community reunion will be held Sept. 26 at the Ira Community Center. Registrations starts at 8:30 a.m., followed by visitation. A business meeting will be held at 11 a.m. and lunch is on your own. To make a donation toward expenses, mail to Lawton Taylor at 2701 36th St.

SHS volleyball beanie baby

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

Therapy group for women

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

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-5-1
(nine, five, one)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
9-19-30-33-34
(nine, nineteen, thirty, thirty-three, thirty-four)