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Registration ends and now the race is on for 27 days

The Scurry County Clerk's office will be busy the next couple of days processing registered voter information as a swarm of citizens filled the office Tuesday on the last day to register for the Nov. 7 general election.

"I'm sure that we had at least 100 voters that walked through the door Tuesday," County Clerk Joan Bunch said. "We never sat down. It was wild."

On Sept. 11, a total of 11,271 people were registered to vote in Scurry County. A report run this morning showed 11,300. That does not count the registrations received Tuesday. Bunch said she expects her office to process about 100 more.

"We are entering those right now and we hope to have them all entered by tomorrow."

She said that not all of the people who came Tuesday were new voters, as some had come in to change their address and some were people who thought they had to re-register.

Bunch reminds voters that they must bring either their yellow voter registration card or their driver's license when they vote.

She said that interest in the election seems to be higher than normal.

Besides the Texas governor running for president, local citizens will have the choice between a former sheriff and three write-in candidates for the position of Scurry County Sheriff.





Signs of the time...

DEMOCRATS — Jerry Gannaway, Demo chairman, hangs a Gore-Lieberman sign at the local headquarters at 2512 Avenue R. The office will be open from 1 until 5:50 p.m. Monday through Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

REPUBLICANS — Tizzy Hall hangs Bush-Cheney support posters at the local GOP headquarters at 1804 26th Street. The office will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Zillion is defined by the number of times you ask the kids to take out the trash, but instead end up doing it yourself."

Snyder's Grant Knipe, via e-mail, sent us some interesting sayings taken from actual advertising signs:

—On an electrician's truck: Let us remove your shorts.

—In a non-smoking area: If we see you smoking we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action.

—On a maternity room door: Push, Push, Push!

—At an optometrist's office: If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.

—At car dealership: The best way to get back on your feet is to miss a payment.

—At a dry cleaning establishment: Drop your pants here.

—In a veterinarian's waiting room: Be back in five minutes. Sit! Stay!

—On a music teacher's door: Out Chopin.

—At the electric utility company: We would be delighted if you send in your payment. However, if you don't, you will be.

—On the side of a garbage truck: We've got what it takes to take what you've got. (Being considered as official slogan of the IRS.)

—At a computer store: Out for a quick byte.

—In a restaurant window: Don't stand there and be hungry, come in and get fed up.

—Inside a bowling alley: Please be quiet. We need to hear a pin drop.

—In front of a funeral home: Drive carefully, we'll wait.

—Outside a radiator repair shop: Best place in town to take a leak.

—At a truck stop: Eat here and get gassed up.

We saw the following billboard for a septic tank company in Midland: "Number one in the number two business."

And speaking of advertising, the Vernon Daily Record had an unusual classified ad run under the rental heading from some frustrated parents of teens:

"We have two teenagers at home. Will rent them out at a very reasonable rate. Must sign a five-year lease. Call xxx-xxxx.

Residents to pay more to keep warm

DALLAS — Customers will pay more to heat homes this winter due to higher natural gas prices which have followed the same market trend as gasoline at the pump did this summer.

Tight supplies of natural gas last spring and early summer led to higher natural gas prices for this winter.

"TXU Electric and Gas does not earn a profit on natural gas," said Daryl Thomas, Snyder manager. "Only the actual cost of the gas is on a customer bill. The customer pays no more for the natural gas than it costs the company to purchase it. The company's revenue is based on the volume charge."

According to Thomas, the company anticipated potentially higher gas prices for this winter and stored natural gas early y when prices had not reached their peak. As is customary, the company also minimized purchases in the spot market during those times when prices were the highest.

"Our customers would expect higher heating bills this winter — not only because the cost of natural gas is up this year, but also because customers may be using more this year if we have a normal winter. The last two years were milder than normal. A return to normal-but-colder weather this year will cause customers to use more natural gas than the previous two years," Thomas said.

Three market forces – increase usage of natural gas, decline in domestic production and warmer than normal winters - over the last two years have contributed to rising natural gas prices since the beginning of the year.

TXU has several payment option plans and a financial assistance program — Project HAP'N (Heat Assistance for People in Need) — to help customers who are temporarily unable to pay their bills. To work out payment arrangements, customers should call 1-800-460-3030 as soon as they suspect that might have a problem paying their heating bills.

Cogdell will host open house today

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will host an open house for its new mammography unit today from 4 to 6 p.m.

The mammography unit was purchased through donations from some 90 private individuals, mostly local, and from two foundations - the Abell-Hanger Foundation and the Meadows Foundation.

Total cost of the mammography unit, including the processor, was $77,000 and it is a state-of-the-art unit.

Cogdell's radiology department head Brian Moffett has said very few hospitals the size of Cogdell has such a modern unit.

The hospital currently has three registered mammography technologists - Laurie Sellers, Lori Walker and Bria O'Neill.

With the addition of the mammography unit, the radiology unit can now provide bone densitometry, mobile MRI, ultrasound, CT scan, fluoroscopy and nuclear medicine.

The remodeling of the area that houses the mammography unit was done in-house by Cogdell maintenance employees.

Appointments for all radiology services can be made by calling the department at 574-7441, and appointments are made Monday through Thursday from 8:40-11 a.m., and 12:40-2:40 p.m.

Patients must have a physician's referral, reminded Moffett.

Candidates ready for second debate

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Mindful of the high stakes for the second presidential debate, Al Gore vowed to "do my best to get the details right" tonight. George W. Bush, prone to verbal gaffes when tired, scheduled plenty of rest for the day and low-key preparation.

Both teams said their candidates did not intend to be the first to go negative in the 90-minute debate, being held in a less formal setting than their first encounter in Boston last week.

The two will sit at a table with moderator Jim Lehrer instead of standing behind lecterns.

Gore campaign manager William Daley said lecterns make a debate more competitive. "Some people shy away from that," Daley said Wednesday on NBC's "Today," noting that Bush requested the sit-down debate and "this is his best format."

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said the governor's campaign pushed for the different setting because it would "lend itself to a more thoughtful exchange."

Hughes, also on "Today," referred to Gore's "sighs and the rolling of the eyes and the rather condescending tone" in the first debate, but said Bush was more worried about challenging Gore's "misrepresentations" of their competing Medicare and education plans.

Asked about Gore's sighs in response to comments by Bush, Daley acknowledged "maybe he emoted a little too much" after months of being criticized as "too stiff or too boring." He said the vice president has been working since last week on getting his message across clearly.

Gore, in an interview Tuesday with CNN, said, "I'll do my best to get the details right and I'll also be sighing a little bit less."

The debate is being held on the campus of Wake Forest University in nearby Winston-Salem, site of a 1988 debate between Bush's father and Democrat Michael Dukakis. It comes with the race so close that it's within the margin of error in national polls, four weeks before Election Day.

A third and final debate is scheduled next Tuesday in St. Louis.

Bush's campaign has been accusing Gore of stretching the truth, but his spokeswoman said the GOP presidential nominee did not intend to raise questions during the nationally televised meeting about whether Gore exaggerates his role in events.

"The vice president does a pretty good job of doing that himself," Hughes said.

Bush told an airport rally here Tuesday that he expected "all kinds of numbers floating around" in the debate. "Sometimes it's fuzzy math. Sometimes it's real," he said.

Bush accuses Gore of deliberately understating the benefits for lower-income Americans from his proposed $1.3 trillion, 10-year tax cut.

Gore asserts that Bush's plan disproportionately rewards the nation's wealthiest. Bush disagrees, citing congressional studies suggesting that the top 1 percent of taxpayers who now pay one-third of all taxes would only get one-fifth of the benefits.

Bush arrived in the Greensboro area late Tuesday afternoon. He treated his debate preparation team to dinner at a local steak house but was back in his hotel before his usual 9:30 p.m. bedtime.

Gore spent the night in Florida and was arriving here in midafternoon.

Both the Republican Texas governor and the Democratic vice president planned to visit the debate site several hours before the 9 p.m. EDT event to check on the setup.

Gore practiced for the debate in Florida, Bush at his ranch in central Texas.

WTC displaying sculptures

A collection of sculpture and drawings by artist Daniel W. Hunt is on display in the Fine Art Gallery at Western Texas College.

The exhibit is a collection of drawings and wood and steel sculptures depicting such eye-catching scenes as a dog pulling a plane from the sky with his teeth and a rat throwing a hen.

Hunt believes rats and chickens can both be used to represent certain human characteristics but feels his work remains open to the viewer's interpretation. "A rat can be interpreted in many ways. A chicken can be a lot of things," he said, adding, "I know people who are both."

Born in Peoria, Ill., Hunt is an assistant professor at Kansas State University.

He received his BFA and AM degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and attended Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, where he graduated with his MFA in 1989.

"My work evolved about seven years ago when I began 'primitive' camping for recreation," Hunt said. "The power and dynamics of nature impressed me. These observations influenced my thinking about sculpture. Instead of forcing my intentions, I became more sensitive to what chosen imagery conveyed."

This influence is apparent in many of Hunt's works. Though his early sculpture was mostly mechanical and fabricated subjects such as cars and towers, later works like those on display here use animals as allegories.

The exhibit is scheduled to run through Nov. 3. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

Hermleigh starting homecoming events

Hermleigh High School's homecoming activities will start at 7:30 p.m. Thursday with a "community pep rally" at the high school gym.

Sponsored by the Hermleigh booster club and the high school cheerleaders, the event will feature the "mini cheerleaders" and the drill team.

Hermleigh hosts Westbrook Friday evening.

ASK US

Q—What percent of Texas schools received exemplary ratings based on the latest TAAS tests?

A—Sixteen percent.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 61 degrees; low, 41; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 49; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.03 inches.

Area Forecast: Cloudy, slight rain chance, SE wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, cloudy, breezy, slight rain chance, high lower 70s.



Jessica Jalamos
Cloudy

Sunset:
7:17 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:45 a.m.
Of 284 days in 2000, the sun has shone 281 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Dreams are the touchstones of our characters.
—Thoreau

Justice acquitted but some still want him removed

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Even as Chief Justice David Brock thanked family and friends for supporting him through his impeachment trial, a lawmaker promised a second attempt to remove him from the state Supreme Court.

"I don't think this ends anything," Rep. Phyllis Woods said Tuesday, shortly after Brock was acquitted of ethics violations.

The case prompted one Supreme Court justice to resign, plunged the high court into the first impeachment trial in New Hampshire history and sparked talk of judicial reform.

Some say a shake-up must include Brock, who is now likely to be subject to a "bill of address," a constitutional alternative to impeachment.

Though further attempts to remove him from the bench are possible, Brock has survived what could be his toughest test.

"You bet I'm going back to work," the 64-year-old justice said.

Fifteen votes, two-thirds of the 22 participating senators, were needed to convict him. The most any of the four articles got was eight votes.

"To convict, there must be serious misconduct. Poor judgment is not enough," Sen. Burt Cohen said.

Brock had been accused of making an improper call to a lower-court judge on a politically-sensitive case in 1987; soliciting then-Justice Stephen Thayer's comments about substitute judges to hear an appeal of Thayer's own divorce; lying to House investigators; and allowing justices to comment on cases from which they had been disqualified.

Testifying last week, Brock, who has been a member of the high court since 1978 and chief justice since 1986, admitted to making mistakes but not to committing intentional, impeachable acts.

Brock denied calling Superior Court Judge Douglas Gray in the 1987 case. Gray countered that Brock did call, and two other judges corroborated Gray's account.

Brock acknowledged giving House investigators partial answers but denied lying. He said he had stumbled on confusing questions.

On the issue of disqualified judges' comments, Brock defended the practice as traditional. It has since been scrapped by the court.

The New Hampshire Supreme Court's last impeachment was in 1790. That judge, Woodbury Langdon, resigned before his Senate trial.

The Brock case began early this year when Thayer's ex-wife appealed her divorce. Thayer's colleagues were prohibited from hearing it, so Brock had to appoint substitutes. Brock tried to suspend the selection when Thayer objected to one of his choices.

Thayer resigned in March rather than face prosecution. The investigation also spurred Brock's impeachment, which was overwhelmingly approved by the House in July.

Rep. Tony Soltani said he was disappointed with the Senate's decision, saying some lawyers were "clearly not interested in the testimony, evidence, facts or law."

A flood of court reform bills will be on the legislative agenda in January.

"We in the Legislature must spend every effort to restore public faith in the judiciary and the judiciary must do its part by opening its doors the fullest extent possible," House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Mock said.

Meantime, the Supreme Court's disciplinary committee is still reviewing Brock's conduct, and the attorney general's office would not say if its investigation of the court is closed.

Governor of Alaska meeting with oil executives this week

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — The governor of Alaska is meeting with oil executives in Oklahoma and Texas this week to discuss developing Alaska's natural gas supplies on the North Slope.

Gov. Tony Knowles was to meet with executives of Phillips Petroleum Co. in Oklahoma Tuesday, said Claire Richardson, Knowles' deputy press secretary. On Wednesday, he will travel to Houston to meet with BP, Exxon Mobil and Anadarko Petroleum Corp.

"They'll be updating the governor on their plans for Alaska oil and gas development," Richardson said. "Secondly, they'll be discussing corporate strategies for gas development in context with their global plans."

Richardson said that no specific agreements are expected to result from the meetings.

Department of Revenue Commissioner Wilson Condon, who has been taking the lead among state officials on the gas issue, will accompany the governor, Richardson said.

Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Ed Flanagan also is attending the meetings, with an interest toward securing Alaska construction and Alaska hire.

Pat Pourchot, the new Department of Natural Resources commissioner, is also accompanying the governor.

Interest has grown recently in tapping the North Slope's natural gas reserves, most of which now is reinjected to spur oil production.

Knowles said earlier the price increases this year are providing the incentive to finally push through a decades old plan to pipe natural gas from Alaska to the rest of the country. Alaska has more than 30 trillion cubic feet of natural gas available, but no way to transport it.

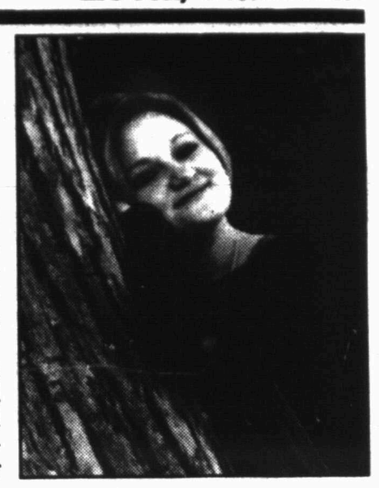
Knowles stated in August that he believes Alaskans can be breaking ground on a natural gas project within two years.

"There's no denying America is hungry for natural gas, and our state is perfectly positioned to provide it," Richardson said. "The governor sees our challenge as safeguarding the interests of Alaskans as we work with industry."

The three companies that own 95 percent of Alaska's natural gas reserves — BP, Phillips and Exxon — said at a Senate hearing last month that next year they should pick a project to move that gas to market. If all goes well, the gas could be sold starting in 2007.

Exactly what route the pipeline would take is still under discussion. A pipeline into Canada that would link with pipe networks in southern Canada and the Lower 48 would cost at least $10 billion, most of which likely would be spent in Alaska.

The companies that own the natural gas are also considering a buried undersea pipeline that would run 325 miles east from Prudhoe Bay, then a line along the MacKenzie River that would tap Canadian gas fields along the way.



Crissida Tyler

Crissida Tyler in Who's Who

Crissida Tyler, Snyder High School senior, has been chosen to have her biography published for the second time in "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000." She was also included in the 1998-1999 edition.

Tyler is the daughter of Steve and Kathy Tyler of Snyder. Her grandparents are Bobby Newton of Snyder and Frances Tyler of Estancia, N.M.

Poll says voters have more enthusiasm for Gov. Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al Gore has many advantages over George W. Bush in the presidential race these days, but voter enthusiasm isn't one of them.

Three national polls released Tuesday agree the race is close, and all found that Republican Bush's supporters are more enthusiastic about his candidacy than Democrat Gore's are for him.

"The enthusiasm advantage has resurfaced for Bush," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "This probably reflects Democrats not liking Gore's performance in the debate."

Bush held a big advantage on the enthusiasm factor for months leading up to the political conventions, but Gore had a successful convention and increased excitement about his effort.

Then came the first presidential debate last week, when Gore won on points but clearly irritated some voters with his style, including sighing loudly as Bush talked and interrupting to make a rhetorical point. Their second debate is scheduled for Wednesday night.

Fewer than half of Democrats in the Pew poll said they strongly support Gore while more than six in 10 Republicans said they strongly support Bush. Polls by ABC News and CBS News also suggested that Bush's backers are more fired up. All three polls suggested the head-to-head race is close — within their margins of error.

Just under half of voters think Gore will win the election while about a third think Bush will win. But Bush's more enthusiastic backing from his own party could be significant on Election Day.

"Enthusiasm could affect turnout," Kohut said. "It could affect the extent to which voters encourage others to vote for their candidate."

Enthusiasm could be crucial in a race so close that swing voters were just as likely to tilt toward Gore as they were toward Bush, as the Pew poll suggested.

The enthusiasm shortage for Gore comes at the same time that polls suggest he has many advantages in the issues and in some key personal traits.

Bush and Gore were close on education and taxes in the polls, but Gore had a comfortable lead on issues ranging from health care to Social Security to the economy. Gore had a big lead on being personally qualified to be president in the Pew poll.

Bush was seen as more of a leader and more willing to take a stand.



Amy Strong

Amy Strong in Who's Who

Amy Strong, a 10th grader at Ira High School, is featured in the 34th edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000."

She is the daughter of Chris and Sharon Strong of Ira, and the granddaughter of Billy and Louise Blythe of Snyder and Kathy Burns of Snyder.

Snyder man has poem published

The International Library of Poetry has published a Snyder man's poem.

William E. Johnson's "Death of a Friend" in included in an electronic collection of poems available on the Internet at www.poetry.com.

It will also be included in a hardbound anthology of poetry, which will be released in the near future.

In addition, Johnson is a semi-finalist in the International Open Amateur Poetry Competition.

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"Pay-as-you-go" income tax withholding began in 1943 for American wage and salary earners.

Berry's World



"YOU DIDN'T DO TOO WELL IN THE 'PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING DRUG TEST.'"

Date Book

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2000

Today is the 285th day of 2000 and the 20th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1811, the first steam-propelled ferryboat began to operate. It traveled between Hoboken, N.J., and New York City.

On this day in 1924, the dirigible Shenandoah arrived in San Diego, Calif., completing the first airship voyage across North America.

On this day in 1984, Challenger astronaut Kathryn Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Harlan Stone (1872-1946), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962), first lady; Joseph Alsop (1910-1989), journalist; Jerome Robbins (1918-1998), dancer-choreographer; Art Blakey (1919-), musician, is 81; Elmore Leonard (1925-), writer, is 75; Daryl Hall (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1913, the Philadelphia A's defeated the New York Giants 3-1, winning the World Series in five games.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Common sense often makes good law." — William O. Douglas

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Oct. 5) and full moon (Oct. 13).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Oct. 12, 2000

Move about as much as possible in the year ahead in search of new knowledge, because it could be through something new and progressive that a major goal will be realized.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be open-minded and receptive to all you encounter today, especially if someone you bump into is a respected adviser. What you learn could be of enormous value to you. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Through an unexpected chain of events something could occur today that would advance your self-interests where your work or career is concerned. Be ready to take advantage of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It'll be your one-on-one involvements that could turn out to be the most fortunate for you today. The more numerous these encounters are, the greater number of benefits they'll produce.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In a situation where you are working in close proximity today with another for a mutually profitable purpose, your possibilities for financial rewards are better than usual.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is an exceptionally good day to finalize an important agreement or arrangement you've been wanting to negotiate or establish. Make your move today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Positive measures can be taken today to increase your earnings or resources. Think growth and act accordingly, because you're now in a rewarding financial cycle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Lady Luck is in your corner today, so if you don't take yourself or what you're doing too seriously, you should be able to breeze through a situation you thought would be difficult.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There are a number of beneficial stirrings occurring behind the scenes on your behalf of which you won't be aware, but of which you'll soon be the recipient.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The best things that happen to you today will come from outside forces, even though you may think you brought them about. Pat Good Fortune on the back, not yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't ignore the messages being sent to you today from your instincts, especially on ways to improve your lot in life. They could lead you to something that'll make you very happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try to establish communication today with that person you know can help you expedite an important project you're attempting to get airborne. Your chances are excellent for getting it going.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep plugging today should victory not come about on your initial try. Your chances for achieving what you want are better than usual at this time.

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Lampe eyes agenda for tire company

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Just a few hours into his new job, the top executive at Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. acknowledged that restoring confidence in Firestone tires will require the company to take a fresh approach to business.

That means better communication with the public, the government and automakers, said John Lampe, 53, who was elevated Tuesday from the No. 2 job to chief executive, chairman and president of Nashville-based Bridgestone/Firestone.

"But it's going to take more than words. It will only be through our actions that people will once again think well of our company," he said.

Lampe replaced Masatoshi Ono, who stepped down after seven years at the helm of Bridgestone Corp.'s U.S. subsidiary and returned home to Japan Tuesday night.

Lampe outlined a three-pronged attack that included creating a new management team and focusing on a new approach to conducting business, particularly new ways of collecting and analyzing data.

The company will also concentrate on completing the recall of 6.5 million ATX, ATXII and Wilderness AT tires, which are being investigated in the deaths of 101 people in the United States and 50 in other countries, Lampe said.

"We know that many people, not just in the United States, but around the world are now questioning our integrity and the safety of our tires," he said. "And we know that we can't blame anyone else for people losing trust in Firestone products ... The responsibility is ours."

With some 3.7 million tires already replaced, the company expects to spend $100 million more than the $350 million it initially projected would be needed to complete the recall by the end of next month, as well as determine the cause of the problem.

Ono, 63, who joined Tokyo-based Bridgestone in 1959, was among the executives who publicly apologized for the recall in testimony before Congress. He said this week he was stepping down because of health problems and his age.

Lampe, a 27-year veteran of the company whose first job was changing tires, is the second American to run the company since Bridgestone bought Firestone in 1988.

"I would like to think they chose the best person for the job, whether it's an American or Japanese shouldn't be the overriding factor," he said.

Critics have said the company failed to use customer complaints to quickly recognize a pattern of failed tires and for trying to keep information from attorneys, investigators and the public.

Lampe said that will no longer be the case. For example, the company gave reporters a transcript of Ono's deposition in a lawsuit involving the recalled tires, and will do so after another Bridgestone/Firestone executive testifies Wednesday and Lampe gives his deposition Thursday.

"We can debate over cause and responsibility, about who knew what and when. But that does not change the fact that these accidents happened and we at Bridgestone/Firestone will remember this our entire lives," Lampe said.

On the Net:
Ford Motor Co.:
http://www.ford.com
Bridgestone/Firestone:
http://www.bridgestone-firestone.com
NHSTA: http://www.nhtsa.gov

Election nears; GOP has TV advantage

WASHINGTON (AP) — With less money to spend, the Democratic Party is pulling advertising in a handful of battleground states and bracing for an avalanche of Republican ads that it will be unable to match in the campaign's final weeks.

While George W. Bush and Al Gore have the same amount of taxpayer money to spend, the party money is a wild card where the GOP enjoys a solid edge and where Democrats are forced to pick and choose where to hit the airwaves.

Republicans, speaking on condition of anonymity, say the party plans to spend more than $15 million and possibly up to $22 million on ads over the final three weeks of the campaign. The DNC, with less than $10 million for the period, expects to be outspent 2-to-1, two Democratic strategists said.

"Where the Democrats are now beginning to pick and choose their best opportunity, we have been able to maintain a steady drumbeat getting our message out in key states," said Terry Holt, spokesman for Victory 2000, which represents the Bush campaign at the RNC.

The Republican National Committee is spending nearly $5 million on TV ads this week alone. In contrast, the Democratic National Committee trimmed its ad spending to less than $1 million last week and to $1.5 million this week.

And the DNC will report later this week that it has raised $55 million in the last three months — about half of the GOP take over the same period.

Democrats said they are already making tough choices to conserve resources for the most competitive states. They pulled TV ads from Arkansas, Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio, although the Gore campaign remains on the air there and the DNC promises to return as the election nears.

Meanwhile, heading into the weekend, the DNC will funnel fresh dollars into the voter-rich state of Florida, a GOP-leaning state where Gore is doing well. They plan to spend $850,000 in Florida over 10 days beginning Thursday.

Republicans are ramping up. They are spending $1 million per week in Los Angeles — the largest city in a state Gore must win. And they've added TV spots in Gore's home state of Tennessee and Minnesota, a Democratic bastion.

Democrats say they have overcome the GOP money edge in the past.

"All the money in the world can't buy the Republican Party ads that resonate with voters," said DNC spokeswoman Jenny Backus.

But while the GOP enjoys the advertising edge, Gore is getting plenty of extra help from special interest groups. The AFL-CIO, Handgun Control Inc., the Sierra Club and Planned Parenthood have all been running pro-Gore, anti-Bush ads in key states. Whether they can match the RNC in the campaign's final weeks remains to be seen.

Bush and Gore each get $67.6 million from taxpayers, of which about $45 million apiece is expected to be used for TV ads. So far, Bush has spent about $33 million on ads, and Gore's spent about $27 million. The parties are each allowed to spend about $13 million directly aiding their presidential candidates.

The rest of the money is spent on "issue ads," which aren't supposed to help any candidate but have become indistinguishable from campaign advertising.

The GOP dollar advantage on issue ads comes from the party's huge fund-raising edge. By Sunday, the RNC will report raising more than $35 million in September alone. And a Republican official said the party took in nearly $10 million in the first two days of October — the lion's share in small donations known as "hard money" that can be spent directly on candidates.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Kit contains what your family should know before you go

DEAR ABBY: Your readers may be interested to know that the Funeral Consumers Alliance Inc. provides an end-of-life planning kit that includes a 20-page booklet, "Before I Go, You Should Know," in which they can record their wishes. It comes in a plastic document pouch, with a refrigerator magnet to indicate its storage location. It contains a checklist of other documents that should also be added to the pouch. (Veterans, for example, might want to add their DD 214 discharge papers that will be needed to get the free cemetery marker and American flag.) Most important, the pouch includes a state-specified living will and durable power of attorney for health care.

Surveys show that 85 percent of the public supports the idea of living wills — but only 25 percent have done anything about it.

We want to get the kits into the refrigerator of every adult American. Why the refrigerator? Because most people have one, and it's likely to survive a fire. By having a specific place to "file" these papers, perhaps more families will actually get it done. We hope that more families will begin talking about their choices, as recommended in the pamphlet from Partnership in Caring that is enclosed in the kit.

Also included is a brochure titled "Death Away From Home" that's meant to be popped into a suitcase or RV when traveling.

Abby, I hope you'll agree this is something worth mentioning to your readers. End-of-life issues are never pleasant to talk about — but death (and taxes!) are facts of life. **— LISA CARLSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

DEAR LISA: I agree. I was so impressed by the packet you are offering that I ordered some for my staff. I know the subject is difficult, especially when people are in the best of health, but it's better to be safe than sorry. Don't put it off.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 17 and have met a man I love dearly. He is sweet, caring and intelligent. He is 25. I know that seems like a big age difference, but it doesn't bother us.

My father is nine years older than my mom. They began dating when my mother was my age. I don't see a problem. However, my mother wants me to stop seeing him. I don't want to do that. I am very much in love. What should I do? **— YOUNG, BUT NOT FOOLISH**

DEAR YOUNG: Although it's hard to do, try to disengage your emotions from your thought processes for a moment. Your mother has your best interests at heart and may be trying to tell you something important. She may see things in your boyfriend that you do not. Or, she may regret that she missed out on some opportunities because she became involved with your father so early.

You are old enough to have adult conversations with your mother. Try to draw her out about this and give her a fair hearing. If this love is here to stay, it will survive until you are 18. It's not that far away.

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Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 per booklet ($4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Booklets, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

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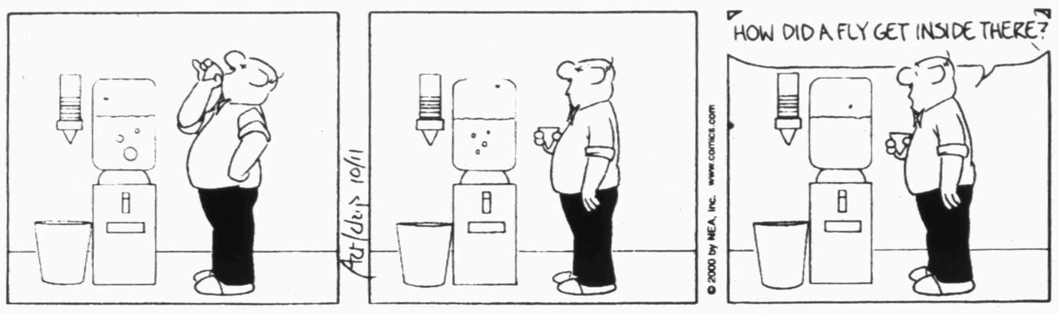
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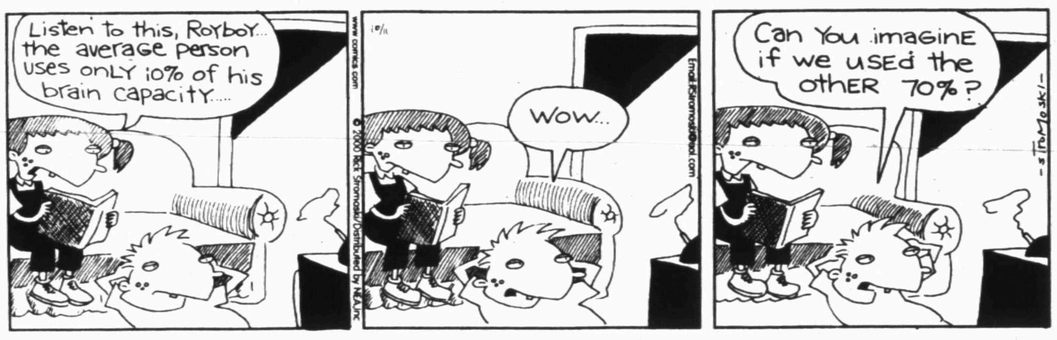
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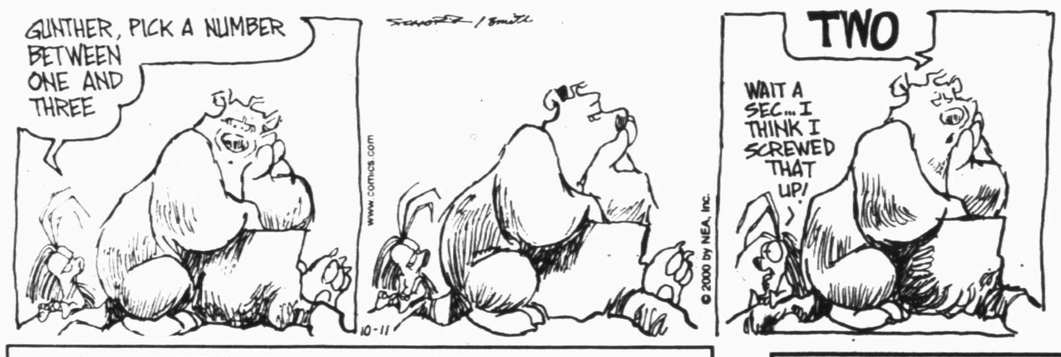
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21 Walrus tooth
23 The (Ger.)
24 Manner
25 Poker type
27 Striped animals
29 Actress West
31 And not
32 Rockies, e.g. (abbr.)
33 Choke
34 Type of birth
37 Author Uris
40 Unit of Iranian currency
41 Stringed instrument
43 Twofold
45 Jackie's 2nd husband
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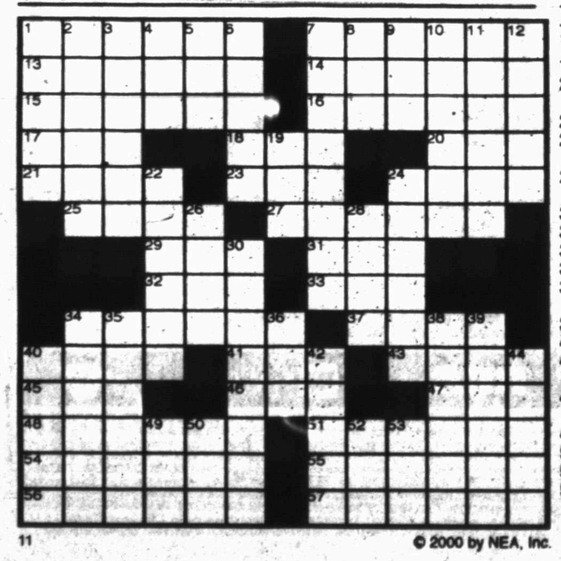
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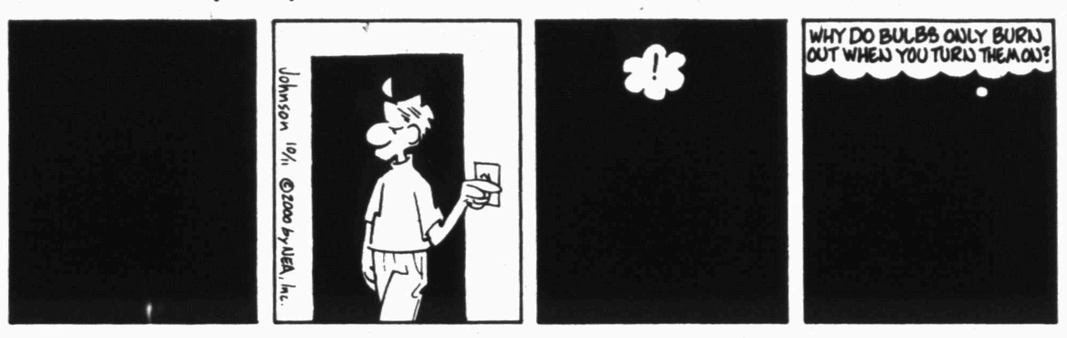


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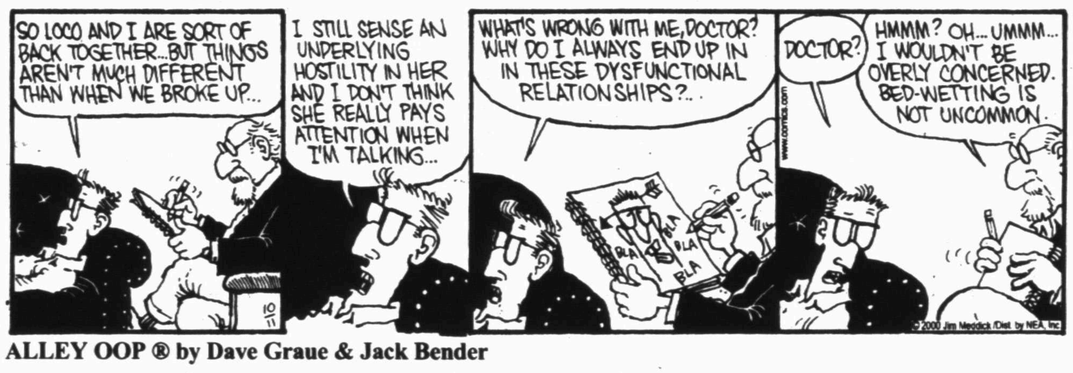
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SPORTS

Tiger netters keep rhythm in tune-up

For the second time in two weeks, Snyder High School gave Sweetwater a lesson in tennis.

Snyder dropped only one match en route to a 17-1 whipping of Sweetwater in non-district tennis competition Tuesday.

Snyder, which downed Sweetwater by the same 17-1 margin two weeks ago, used the match as a tune-up for this weekend's tilt with Big Spring.

"There are only two matches left in district, and we don't want to have a letdown," said SHS coach Brad Wikse. "Playing on Tuesdays helps you keep your rhythm and timing between weekend matches."

Snyder is in the driver's seat in the District 4-4A race. The Tigers hold a one-match lead over Levelland, with only two matches remaining.

Snyder hosts Big Spring at 10 a.m. Saturday, before closing out league action Oct. 21 at Estacado.

Snyder 17, Sweetwater 1

Boys' singles: Ryan Gibson def. Pennington, 6-0, 6-1; Allen Smith def. Browning, 6-0, 6-0; Horacio DePaz lost to Pennington, 6-4, 6-2; Alex Best def. Monday, 6-2, 6-2; Adam Rodgers def. Brock, 6-1, 6-0; Charlie Gorman def. Dean, 7-5, 6-0.

Boys' doubles: Gibson-Smith def. Pennington-Pennington, 6-2, 6-1; DePaz-Rodgers def. Brock-Monday, 6-0, 6-1; Best-Gorman def. Browning-Dean, 6-0, 6-0.

Girls' singles: Patricia Vargas def. Palmer, 6-1, 6-2; Claire Cotton def. Hix, 6-3, 6-0; Jordan Hardin def. Hudson, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; Afton Sutter def. Haggard, 6-3, 6-0; Andra Dunham def. Davis, 6-4, 6-0; Kara Brumley def. Long, 6-0, 6-0; Sara Cantu def. Henderson, 6-4, 6-1.

Girls' doubles: Cotton-Hardin def. Davis-Hudson, 6-3, 6-4; Dunham-Vargas def. Palmer-Hix, 6-1, 6-1; Brumley-Cantu def. Haggard-Long, 6-0, 6-2.

Lady Tigers close in on playoffs

Snyder spikers dominate Lady Steers, 15-7, 15-6

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

The Snyder Lady Tigers produced everything they needed Tuesday night — a stellar defensive performance and a balanced offensive attack.

And those two aspects gave the Lady Tigers the one thing they were looking for — a little breathing room in the district standings.

In its biggest match of the district season Tuesday, Snyder never trailed en route to a 15-7, 15-6 victory over Big Spring at the SHS gym.

The Lady Tigers, who were in a three-way tie for second place when the night began, now hold sole possession of the runner-up spot with three matches remaining and can control their playoff destiny.

"I'm proud of the way our girls responded to the situation," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett. "They knew they had to go out and get it, and they did. They were pumped up for the match, and they kept their focus all the way through. They did everything they had to do to come out with the win."

In the race for second place, Snyder now holds a one-match lead over Big Spring and Andrews, which fell to district leader Lake View, 15-13, 15-13.

The Lady Tigers turned in a playoff-caliber performance against the Lady Steers, committing only four hitting errors and four service errors on the night.

The lack of miscues, combined with a balanced attack at the net, keyed the victory.

"It was an impressive win," Grimmett remarked. "We played well offensively and defensively. Our hitting percentage was great, partly because we did well on our serve receive. Our girls made good passes to the setters, and that allowed them to make good sets for our hitters."

Snyder setters T'Leah Eicke and Laura Billingsley distributed the ball evenly among the Lady Tigers' main weapons.

Seniors Kameron Kallemeyn, Ashley Delce and Rina Gieger registered eight kills apiece, and kept Big Spring's blockers guessing all night long.

Three quick kills by Kallemeyn fueled a 5-0 Snyder run to start the opening game.

Delce and Geiger followed suit with a pair of front-row attacks that helped build an 11-3 lead.

Big Spring managed to delay the conclusion of Game 1 with 11 sideouts, before a Kallemeyn smash and a Lady Steers' error ended the game, 15-7.

Snyder continued its dominance in the second set, especially on defense. Big Spring mustered only three points on its first 15 serves, thanks in part to the back-row play of Whitney Webb and Cameron Mackey.

After opening up a 5-0 lead, Geiger anchored a Lady Tiger run midway through the game that stretched the advantage to 12-3.

Consecutive kills from Kallemeyn, Delce and Katie Voss ended the match.

Snyder improved to 8-3 in district play, with three matches remaining.

The Lady Tigers host last-place Estacado on Saturday, followed by Plainview on Tuesday. Snyder closes out league competition Oct. 21 at Andrews.

GAME 1
Snyder 15, Big Spring 7

Big Spring service points: Trish Rollins and Kim Wrightsil, 2; Melissa Ray, Meghan Pudliner and Melissa Forth, 1. **Kills:** Wrightsil, 4; Rollins, 3; Ray and Pudliner, 1. **Blocks:** Rollins and Krystle Long, 1.

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

GAME 2
Snyder 15, Big Spring 6

Big Spring service points: Brittany Bryant, 2; Ray, Wrightsil, Pudliner and Jessica Woodward, 1. **Kills:** Rollins, 4; Wrightsil and Forth, 2. **Blocks:** Rollins and Wrightsil, 1.

Snyder service points: Kallemeyn, Geiger and L. Billingsley, 3; Mackey, 2; Voss, 1. **Kills:** Geiger, 5; Delce, 4; Kallemeyn, 3; Voss, 2; Mackey and K. Billingsley, 1. **Blocks:** Delce, Geiger and K. Billingsley, 1.

	District	
Team	**W**	**L**
Lake View	11	0
Snyder	8	3
Andrews	7	4
Big Spring	7	4
Plainview	4	7
Frenship	4	7
Levelland	3	8
Estacado	0	11

Today's results: Snyder def. Big Spring, 15-7, 15-6; Lake View def. Andrews, 15-13, 15-13; Levelland def. Plainview, 15-12, 10-15, 15-10; Frenship def. Estacado, 11-15, 15-9, 15-8.

Snyder junior varsity knocks off Big Spring

After getting pushed by Big Spring in the opening game, Snyder took complete control in the second set to post a 15-10, 15-5 victory in Tuesday night's junior varsity volleyball action at the SHS gym.

Leticia Martinez registered nine points to lead the Lady Tigers' effort from the service line.

Shelley Fisk tallied six points, while Loryn Brown and Chaelyn Robinson posted five apiece.

Amber Alexander and Dara Chambers notched two points each, and Lori Chesser chipped in one.

Snyder will be in action again at 2 p.m. Saturday when it hosts Estacado.

Mariners top Yanks, 2-0

NEW YORK (AP) — If John Halama beats the Yankees in the second game of the AL Championship Series, it will make the Randy Johnson trade look like a 2-for-1 sale.

And it would be the Seattle Mariners who got the bargain.

Freddy Garcia, one of the two pitchers Seattle got from Houston in the Big Unit deal two years ago, became the latest to shut down Mummies Row, leading the Mariners to a 2-0 win over New York in Tuesday's series opener.

Garcia struck out eight in 6 2-3 innings, and Jose Paniagua, Arthur Rhodes and Kazuhiro Sasaki finished the six-hitter.

Rickey Henderson hit an RBI single off Denny Neagle in the fifth, Alex Rodriguez homered off the left-field foul pole's screen an inning later and the Mariners improved to 4-0 in the postseason.

No one in Seattle seems to be whining anymore about the Johnson trade, which also sent Halama and infielder Carlos Guillen to the Mariners.

"Obviously," Rodriguez said, "things have worked out greatly for us."

Snyder frosh notch victory

Big Spring won the first game, but it was all Snyder after that as the Lady Tigers captured a 10-15, 15-5, 15-8 freshman volleyball victory Tuesday at the Snyder Junior High gym.

Desiree Braziel paced the Lady Tigers from the service line with 11 points.

Erin Burleson and Kelsi Johnson served up eight points apiece. Dominique Braziel and Kelbi Drum tallied five points each and Sharday McKinney registered three.

Snyder will be back on the court at 2 p.m. Saturday when it hosts Estacado.

Sports Briefs

Soccer meeting, registration

An organizational soccer meeting will be held at 5:30 this evening at the Boys and Girls Club. Volunteers are needed for coaches, referees and concession workers.

Player registration will be Thursday through Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. Pre-K through sixth grade students are eligible, and cost is $30 per child. Players must bring their birth certificate and a parent to register.

Final MGA event

The Men's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its final event of the year at 12:30 Saturday. A business meeting and election of officers will be held following play.

Parent-Child tourney

A parent-child golf tournament will be held Oct. 21 at Western Texas College. Registration deadline is Oct. 20. To sign-up, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Men's basketball league

Snyder Men's Basketball League will accept entries through Sunday. Entry fee is $25 per player. League play begins Monday. To register, call Bryan Cave at 573-3916.

WGA weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its weekly play day at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be low score on odd holes.

Horseshoe pitching

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

Ladies' tournament

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder County Club will host the Ladies Tournament of Champions Saturday and Sunday. Tee times are 11 a.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Golf tournament

Price Daniel will host an A-B-C-D scramble to benefit Texas Special Olympics Monday at Quicksand GC in San Angelo. Cost is $50 per player, and includes cart and lunch.

Hole-in-one prizes are a set of irons, 5-day cruise to the Bahamas, two round-trip airline tickets, and $15,000. To register, or for sponsorship information, call Debra Cheyne at 573-1114.

District 4-4A Statistics

Offense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Frenship	1,313	1,231	2,544	508.8	210
Levelland	1,217	415	1,632	326.4	100
Estacado	1,003	578	1,582	316.2	111
Plainview	771	757	1,528	305.6	125
Snyder	1,103	363	1,466	293.2	124
Lake View	782	611	1,393	278.6	97
Big Spring	890	441	1,331	266.2	107
Andrews	1,087	190	1,277	255.4	88

Defense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Levelland	998	259	1,257	251.4	79
Snyder	612	657	1,269	253.8	95
Andrews	972	319	1,291	258.2	88
Big Spring	867	607	1,474	294.8	92
Plainview	769	796	1,565	313.0	122
Lake View	1,042	718	1,760	352.0	163
Estacado	1,425	346	1,771	354.2	140
Frenship	1,345	428	1,773	354.6	129

Rushing	Carries	Yards	Average	TDs
Jaime Bueno, Andrews	135	862	6.4	8
Jason Tezeno, Levelland	117	806	6.9	6
Jorge Rodriguez, Frenship	84	671	8.0	7
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	81	576	7.1	8
Tovares Brandon, Snyder	79	501	6.3	2
Kendal Briles, Frenship	51	429	8.4	7
Jason Woodruff, Big Spring	69	413	6.0	4
Jarod Parnell, Big Spring	72	364	5.1	4
Jamar Hall, Lake View	74	356	4.8	1
Antoine Sheppard, Estacado	65	262	4.0	3

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TDs
Kendal Briles, Frenship	47	85	1,171	3	12
Kyle Miller, Plainview	44	102	757	4	5
David Lankford, Lake View	35	86	611	4	4
Corey Morrison, Estacado	35	83	577	1	6
Jason Choate, Big Spring	27	56	442	4	4
Kevin Romero, Levelland	32	72	386	4	4
Jesse Haines, Snyder	27	59	363	4	3
Ryan Newbrough, Andrews	14	51	190	4	2

Receiving	Catches	Yards	Average	TDs
Demetris Hallman, Lake View	20	423	21.2	3
David Thomas, Frenship	17	409	24.1	3
Patrick Shelby, Frenship	9	404	44.9	4
Adam Naron, Plainview	14	336	24.0	2
Bryan Moore, Frenship	16	262	16.4	3
Matthew Grimmett, Snyder	16	260	16.3	3
Pernell Upshaw, Estacado	13	201	15.5	1
Clarence Wilkins, Big Spring	8	194	24.3	1
Mark McClendon, Frenship	7	154	22.0	1
Willie Powell, Estacado	5	146	29.2	2

Scoring	TDs	Points
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	8	50
Jaime Bueno, Andrews	8	48
Kendal Briles, Frenship	7	44
Jorge Rodriguez, Frenship	7	42
Jason Woodruff, Big Spring	4	37
Jason Tezeno, Levelland	6	36
Jarod Parnell, Big Spring	5	30
Jesse Haines, Snyder	5	30
Patrick Shelby, Frenship	4	24
Demetris Hallman, Lake View	4	24

Defense	Tackles	Avg./Game
Bowe Butler, Big Spring	79	15.8
Heath Fries, Frenship	77	15.4
Mark Medley, Snyder	53	10.6
Brant McAdams, Plainview	51	10.2
Brad Burns, Frenship	51	10.2
Kevin Noles, Levelland	50	10.0
Justin Rushing, Plainview	48	9.6
Jesse Marquez, Big Spring	48	9.6
Ocie Clark, Estacado	47	9.4

Major League Baseball Playoffs

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
All Times EDT

American League
(NBC)

Tuesday, Oct. 10
Seattle 2, New York 0, Seattle leads series 1-0

Wednesday, Oct. 11
Seattle (Halama 14-9) at New York (Hernandez 12-13), 4:09 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13
New York (Pettitte 19-9) at Seattle (Sele 17-10), 8:12 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14
New York (Clemens 13-8) at Seattle (Abbott 9-7), 7:42 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 15
New York at Seattle, 4:09 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, Oct. 17
Seattle at New York, 8:12 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, Oct. 18
Seattle at New York, 8:12 p.m., if necessary

National League
(FOX)

Wednesday, Oct. 11
New York (Hampton 15-10) at St. Louis (Kile 20-9), 8:18 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12
New York (Leiter 16-8) at St. Louis (Ankiel 11-7), 8:18 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14
St. Louis (An.Benes 12-9) at New York (Reed 11-5), 4:18 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 15
St. Louis (Kile 20-9) at New York (B.J.Jones 11-6), 8 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 16
St. Louis at New York, 8:18 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, Oct. 18
New York at St. Louis, 4:18 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, Oct. 19
New York at St. Louis, 8:18 p.m., if necessary

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Atlantic Division

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	1	0	0	0	2	8	4
N.Y. Rangers	1	0	0	0	2	2	1
Philadelphia	1	1	0	0	2	7	8
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	0	2	4	4
N.Y. Islanders	0	0	1	0	1	3	3
Northeast Division							
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	2	0	1	0	5	13	7
Buffalo	2	0	0	0	4	9	5
Ottawa	1	0	1	0	3	7	5
Toronto	1	1	0	0	2	3	3
Montreal	1	2	0	0	2	9	12
Southeast Division							
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	1	0	1	0	3	8	5
Tampa Bay	0	1	1	0	1	7	8
Washington	0	1	1	0	1	4	7
Florida	0	1	0	1	1	5	8
Atlanta	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	2	1	0	0	4	10	6
Chicago	1	1	0	0	2	7	7
Detroit	1	1	0	0	2	5	5
Nashville	1	1	0	0	2	4	4
Columbus	0	2	0	0	0	4	12
Northwest Division							
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	2	1	0	0	4	12	13
Colorado	1	0	2	0	4	6	4
Edmonton	1	1	1	0	3	5	7
Calgary	0	2	0	0	0	4	7
Minnesota	0	2	0	0	0	2	7
Pacific Division							
	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	2	0	0	0	4	8	2
Los Angeles	2	1	0	0	4	14	7
Dallas	1	2	1	0	3	8	11
Anaheim	1	1	0	0	2	4	6
San Jose	0	1	0	0	0	1	4

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Tuesday's Games
Carolina 5, Dallas 2
Montreal 5, Edmonton 2
Colorado 3, Calgary 1

Wednesday's Games
Montreal at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

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2 U.S. professors get economics Nobel

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Two American professors who developed ways to analyze how people make basic lifestyle decisions such as how much to work and where to live were awarded the Nobel Prize in economics on Wednesday.

Theories developed by James J. Heckman, 56, of the University of Chicago, and Daniel L. McFadden, 63, of the University of California at Berkeley have contributed greatly to employment training programs and transportation and communication systems, according to the citation from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. The academy cited the two for their work in microeconometrics, which combines both economics and statistics.

The men will split the prize, which is worth $915,000 this year.

Heckman is best known for labor force studies that focus on how various groups, such as married women, decide when to work and how much.

"Heckman's work is a good example of integrating theory and practice, especially when planning policy within the labor market," academy member Joergen Weibull said. "His studies showed how education affects wages, and he suggested models for use when planning employment programs which are still being used today when governments plan policy."

McFadden's models aim at determining how people will choose from different alternatives when deciding where to live, how to travel and what to buy. His work was instrumental in the design of the San Francisco BART commuter train system as well as investments in phone service and housing for the elderly, the academy said.

"The train stations are in the right places. There are sufficient parking spaces for vehicles, and people perceive the prices to be right," said Karl-Gustav Joereskog, a member of the academy.

McFadden, a native of Raleigh, N.C., said he was delighted that his work was recognized.

"What I did in working with that theory was to develop models to figure out a way to study what one might call 'life's big choice.' Like the choice of occupation, when to get married and how many children to have," he told The Associated Press.

McFadden also was recognized for methods used to evaluate the total damage of the 1989 oil spill from the Exxon Valdez tanker off the Alaskan coast and its effects on society.

"The economics community is just a few thousand," he said of the award. "I guess one always figures you have a one in a thousand chance."

Heckman, who was on a trip to the Brazilian capital Rio de Janeiro, could not immediately be reached for comment at the hotel where he was staying.

"I have been a big fan of Heckman for quite awhile," said Anders Bjoerklund, an economics professor at Stockholm University. "One of his major applications is the evaluation of labor market programs ... to train unemployed people to get a job and to earn more than they would have otherwise."

The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics — the fourth in a week of awards — was not one of the original prizes established in Alfred Nobel's will. It was created in 1968 to mark the tricentennial of Sweden's central bank.

Canadian economist Robert A. Mundell won last year's economics prize for his innovative analysis of exchange rates, which helped lay the intellectual groundwork for Europe's common currency.

This year, the academy has focused on discoveries applicable to everyday life instead of hypothetical questions in picking its winners.

On Tuesday, the Nobel Prizes in physics and chemistry were won by six scientists who helped bring about the Information Revolution. Their work spurred on development of ever-smaller and faster personal computers, pocket calculators, cell phones, CD players, lifelike TV screens and Gameboys.

The physics prize went to Jack Kilby, who invented the integrated circuit at Texas Instruments in 1958, and two physicists whose work contributed to satellite and cell phone technology: Herbert Kroemer of the University of California-Santa Barbara and Zhores Alferov of the A.F. Ioffe Physico-Technico Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The chemistry prize went to Alan Heeger, 64, of the University of California-Santa Barbara, Alan MacDiarmid, 73, of the University of Pennsylvania and Hideki Shirakawa, 64, of the University of Tsukuba in Japan.

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This year's medicine prize went to Arvid Carlsson of Sweden and Americans Paul Greengard and Eric Kandel for discoveries about how messages are transmitted between brain cells, leading to treatments of Parkinson's disease and depression.

Carlsson, 77, a professor emiritus of the University of Goteborg in Sweden, Greengard, 74, of Rockefeller University in New York and Kandel, 70, an Austrian-born U.S. citizen with Columbia University in New York shared the prize.

The literature award will be announced Thursday and the peace prize, the only one awarded in Oslo, Norway, will be announced Friday.

The prizes always are presented Dec. 10, the anniversary of Nobel's death in 1896.

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Woman hostage freed by officers

DANNEMORA, N.Y. (AP) — A free-lance TV producer was held hostage at a maximum security state prison for more than four hours Tuesday by an inmate convicted of killing a New York City millionaire.

Inmate Kenneth Kimes, 25, held a pen to the throat of Maria Zone, and ordered her camera crew, filming for Court TV, to "back off," Department of Correctional Services spokesman James Flateau said.

Officials said he demanded that his co-defendant, his mother, not be extradited to California on murder charges for which both could face the death penalty.

An officer observing the interview pushed an alarm and called for help, and prison negotiators spoke with Kimes, Flateau said. He said Zone was freed by officers who distracted Kimes and then wrestled the inmate to the floor. Zone was not injured.

Network spokeswoman Betsy Vorce said Zone had interviewed Kimes several weeks ago without a problem and returned Tuesday to interview him on camera for "Crime Stories," a documentary-style program.

Kimes is serving a 125-year sentence at Clinton Correctional Facility. He and his mother, Sante Kimes, were convicted of killing Irene Silverman, 82, in a scheme to steal her $7 million Manhattan home. Silverman's body was never found. Their lawyers are planning appeals.

The Kimeses also have been indicted in the 1998 murder of a business associate in California.

The prison, near the Canadian border, houses 2,865 inmates.

"I am totally shocked by this," said Matthew Weissmann, one of Kimes' lawyers during trial. "In the two and a half years that I've known Kenny, he's never shown that he would do anything like this, despite the charges he was convicted on. He's never shown any violence. He must've totally snapped or something."

Kimes will be moved to disciplinary housing where he will be confined 23 hours a day, Flateau said.

Endowment established for museum

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A $100 million endowment has been established for the Autry Museum of Western Heritage in an effort to help the institution become more self-supporting.

"These secured funds will allow the museum to cover its basic operations, which in turn will provide it the freedom to focus on raising funds for the ambitious projects that have been set by its staff and board of trustees," said Jackie Autry, widow of museum namesake Gene Autry.

Jackie Autry also serves as head of the board.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Is lead in calcium dangerous?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: A study from the Journal of the American Medical Association told how calcium supplements were found to contain lead. I had thought that this was only a problem for those made with mined minerals, such as dolomite or bone meal. Are other calcium supplements also potentially dangerous? If so, how does one know which ones are OK? — **B.G., Chicago, Ill.**

Dear B.G.: Once again, we face the specter of calcium supplements contaminated with lead. While certainly not a desirable thing, the situation is not as serious as it might seem.

The issue was brought to light following a report in the Sept. 20 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). This study looked at the lead content in calcium supplements, and, in the report, measurable amounts of lead were found in eight of 21 calcium carbonate supplements tested.

The authors felt that this was cause for alarm in light of the fact that we are encouraging people, especially the elderly, to increase their calcium intake and, to accomplish this, many have turned to supplements. Calcium carbonate is the most common form of calcium used in supplements.

You are correct in that this is not the first time that lead contamination of calcium supplements has made the news. Similar issues were raised a number of years ago, but that case focused on dolomite and bone meal as the forms of calcium carbonate most likely to be contaminated. At the time, consumers choosing those sources were encouraged to opt for low-lead or lead-free brands. Now, however, we are dealing with calcium carbonate from other sources.

Perspective is important in interpreting this most recent study. It helps to appreciate that we are only talking about a small amount of lead: much less, in fact than that ingested through other foods. An editorial in the same issue of JAMA noted that foods such as raisins, grapes, berries, wine and salad greens can contain amounts of lead comparable to or greater than that found in the calcium supplements.

Ironic as it may sound, a calcium supplement is perhaps the "safest" place for minor lead contamination to exist. I say this because the presence of calcium tends to blunt lead's ability to be absorbed.

A small amount of lead in a calcium supplement does not make it a dangerous compound. You would place yourself at greater risk if concerns over the lead caused you to avoid giving your body the calcium it needs. The best outcome of this study would be to encourage the supplement industry to do a better job screening raw materials for unwanted contamination. In the meantime, consumers should continue to read labels and opt for those brands that exercise due diligence in keeping their products lead free.

Incidentally, other forms of calcium, such as calcium citrate, calcium citrate-malate and calcium gluconate are not subject to the same risks of contamination.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My husband recently started taking bovine colostrum as a supplement to increase lean muscle mass. Coincidentally (or maybe not coincidentally), he is noticing that his heart is racing a lot. Do you think there is a connection? Thanks. - **K.L., Portland, Ore.**

Dear K.L.: Colostrum is the first fluid from a mother's breast following the birth of her young. It is a liquid that is rich in immune-proteins, tailored to give the newborn's immune system a boost until it can begin manufacturing disease-fighting antibodies on its own. This type of protection, referred to as "passive immunity," is considered to be one of the great health advantages to breast-feeding.

What, then, does a bovine colostrum supplement have to do with the increase in muscle mass? Little, I am afraid. As harsh as it sounds, colostrum supplements only make sense if you are less than 6 months old and bovine in origin. (If you know of any evidence to the contrary, I would enjoy seeing it.)

As for the racing heart, it is always possible that something in the supplement is causing these symptoms. It could be allergenic in nature, or it could be due to a stimulant in the product. Check the label ingredients to make sure there are no surprise ingredients.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s		33.81	32.38	32.38—.38
AT&T Corp		26.50	25.25	25.44—1.31
Albertsons		24.06	23.63	23.88—.13
Alltel		53.88	52.19	52.63—1.38
AmerOnline s		56.50	53.88	53.88—3.32
AmEl Pw		37.81	37.06	37.19—.06
AndarkPtr		73.50	71.50	72.20 + 1.20
ATMOS Egy		20.00	19.63	19.94 + .25
Aviall		5.88	5.88	5.88
BP Amoco s		56.25	55.81	56.06 + 1.81
BakerHughes		37.44	36.44	37.00 + .88
Bank of Amer		48.75	46.69	46.88—1.81
BellSouth		42.00	41.31	41.31—.19
Beth Steel		2.50	2.44	2.44
BurlNoSFe		22.69	22.13	22.19—.50
Caterpillar		34.00	32.94	33.69 + .31
Chevron		88.94	88.13	88.25 + 1.06
Citigroup s		50.44	49.25	49.31—1.69
Coastal		74.00	72.88	73.25 + .50
CocaCola		59.56	58.31	59.31 + 1.13
ColgatePal		50.95	50.30	50.55 + .31
ComclMetals		22.63	22.50	22.63
CooperIn		34.94	34.31	34.38 + .25
DaimlrChry		46.97	46.31	46.42 + .34
DallSemicn s		30.00	29.06	29.25—1.00
DeltaAirl		45.00	43.31	43.31—1.69
Dillards Inc		10.13	9.81	9.88—.19
DowChem s		26.19	25.63	25.63—.31
DuPont		45.44	44.19	44.94 + .31
EastmanChem		39.00	38.50	38.63—.13
EstKodak		40.56	39.13	39.50—.75
EDS Corp		44.56	43.63	43.69—.81
Entergy		37.94	36.94	37.63 + .81
ExxonMobil		95.44	93.88	95.25 + 1.94
Flowers		18.63	18.50	18.63—.06
GenDynam		64.81	63.44	64.25 + .69
GenlElec s		57.50	55.38	55.38—2.88
GenMills		37.94	37.31	37.63 + .06
GenMotors		61.13	59.81	60.19 + .50
GaPacGP		24.19	23.63	23.69—.13
GlobalMar		31.06	30.13	30.81 + .88
Goodrich		39.31	37.69	39.00 + .81
Goodyear s		17.20	16.87	16.89—.12
GtAtlPac		9.81	9.69	9.81 + .06
Halliburtn		47.75	46.69	46.81 + .81
Hanson ADS		23.50	23.25	23.50—.56
HarteHanks		26.88	26.56	26.63—.25
HomeDepot s		51.25	50.19	50.19—.50
HoneywellIntl		37.50	36.44	37.00 + .56
IBM		112.63	108.00	108.50—6.38
IntlPaper		29.31	28.63	28.94 + .56
JohnsonJn		96.25	94.38	95.06 + .44
K mart		6.31	6.06	6.06—.25
Kroger Co		21.69	21.38	21.56 + .06
Litton		44.88	44.44	44.50—.38
LockheedM		33.51	32.50	33.25 + .52
Lowes Cos		42.25	41.38	41.38—.69
Lubys		5.00	4.94	4.94—.06
LucentTech s		28.88	20.00	21.81—9.56
MayDeptStr		20.69	20.25	20.25—.25
Medtronic		53.13	51.63	51.94—.94
MorganJP		146.13	141.56	141.88—4.88
Motorola s		23.56	20.50	22.63—4.00
NCR Corp		40.13	39.75	39.94—.13
Navistar		36.94	36.00	36.81 + .38
Penney JC		9.44	9.13	9.13—.38
PepBoys		4.81	4.69	4.69—.13
PepsiCo		47.88	47.06	47.63 + .25
Pharmacia		57.94	57.19	57.50—.50
PhelpDodge		43.50	42.81	42.94—1.06
Philip		65.94	64.88	65.56 + 1.31
PilgrmPrd B		6.44	6.44	6.44 + .06
Polaroid		12.94	11.69	11.81—.81
Praxair		38.88	37.81	37.94—.25
ProctGamb		73.69	72.13	73.19 + .75
PubS NwMx		26.25	26.00	26.00—.19
RadioShack		59.31	58.19	58.25—2.63
ReliantEngy		46.75	45.25	45.56
RoyalDut		64.50	63.94	64.13 + 1.38
SBC Comm		50.94	50.13	50.19—.75
SaraLee		19.94	19.75	19.75
Scripps EW		55.13	53.69	53.69—.50
SearsRoeb		33.60	32.65	32.67—.98
SherwinW		20.69	20.38	20.44 + .06
SmithIntBchm		67.00	66.06	66.25—.88
SouthernCo		30.56	29.69	29.88—.06
SwstAirl		25.63	24.94	24.94—.88
SprintFON		25.75	24.06	24.06—1.88
SprintPCS s		34.38	32.94	34.06—.31
Sunoco Inc		29.38	28.06	28.94 + 1.00
TXU Corp		38.63	37.50	37.63 + .19
TempleInland		37.88	36.63	37.38 + 1.00
Texaco		56.06	55.06	55.69 + 1.06
TexInd		32.00	31.56	31.63—.06
TexasInst s		41.44	39.50	39.88—3.38
Textron		47.69	46.88	47.38 + 1.31
TriconGlbR		30.50	29.88	30.13
TrinityInds		23.31	23.06	23.25 + .06
TritonEngy		35.25	34.44	34.88 + .44
TylerTech		2.06	1.75	2.00—.06
USX-Marathn		29.81	29.00	29.63 + .50
USX-USS		15.25	14.88	14.88—.19
UnCarbde		39.44	38.31	38.31—.63
UnionPacif		41.63	40.69	40.75—.81
UnitedTech		72.88	71.50	72.06 + .25
Unocal		37.31	36.50	36.94 + .81
Venator Grp		12.81	12.31	12.31—.56
VerizonComm		48.38	47.13	47.75—.81
WalMart		46.38	44.94	45.00—1.38
WellsFargo		44.94	44.13	44.25—.56
WstnGasRs		25.75	25.13	25.69 + .63
WinnDixie		16.31	16.06	16.25—.13
Xerox Cp		11.00	10.63	10.88—.13

Scurry County Country

Peanut crops providing poor-average yields

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — High temperatures and poor water quality brought by the drought have resulted in poor to average peanut yields, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Dr. Chip Lee, Extension plant pathologist in Stephenville, said even irrigated peanuts suffered from the drought and late-summer heat wave.

"Because of the extreme heat, the plants lost more water than could be pumped in," he said. "Irrigated peanuts are not geared to handle a year so dry. Without moisture, the plants physiologically could not reproduce."

Dr. Calvin Trostle, extension specialist in Lubbock, agreed that water availability and quality were the greatest challenges to the crop.

"What really hurt farmers was the increase in salinity," he said. "As water levels decrease, the salinity level goes up. Many farmers dug early, because high salinity creates a weak link between the peanuts and the vine. When vines break down, farmers run the risk of leaving the peanut in the ground when they dig."

Trostle said digging early takes away crucial development time for the crop.

"An extra week in the ground can add a couple hundred pounds (per acre)," he said. "Knowing when to dig is a science, but it's also an art to a lot of people."

Lee said Texas ranks second in national peanut production with 416,000 acres planted this year. However, more than 100,000 of the state's acres will not be harvested, he said.

"The crop is pitiful in Central Texas, where production is only 25 percent of the district's usual crop." he said. "State production as a whole is down as well."

Harvest is just beginning in West Central Texas, where Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist in San Angelo, said yields are slightly above average.

"But the crop is no bell ringer," he said. "A good estimate of what we are expecting is 2,400 pounds per acre. All acreage that will be harvested is irrigated — dryland peanuts don't cut it when it doesn't rain."

Trostle said harvest is also beginning in the South Plains, where 3,000 to 4,000 pounds per acre are expected from the early varieties.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the 51 counties within West Texas and the South Plains produce more than 70 percent of the state's peanut crop.

District extension director Galen Chandler in Vernon said a weather front that moved through the Rolling Plains last week did not bring enough moisture.

"Unfortunately, it was a dry cold front, and few counties reported measurable rainfall," he said.

Chandler said the cotton harvest is progressing slowly.

"Cotton seems to be difficult to defoliate," he said. "Many producers will wait for a killing freeze before harvesting. Insurance crop adjusters have been checking fields for disaster, and many fields have been shredded and plowed."

Extension economist Joe Pena said the weekend cold front triggered excellent rains in southwest Texas.

"It deposited more than three inches of much-needed rain across much of the district, although counties in the northern part of the district did not receive the full benefit." he said. "In addition, the rain came in the form of a slow drizzle over a three-day period."

Pena said while the rain did not come in sufficient time to produce overwintering forage for livestock, it will allow the planting of small grains and improve the opportunity to plant spring crops under dryland conditions.

"The rain and cool weather will also reduce otherwise high irrigation costs and improve the growing environment for winter vegetables," he said.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture is very short. Cotton rated very poor to excellent with harvest just getting under way. Corn harvest is nearing completion. Yield reports continue to be below average. Range conditions continue to deteriorate. Fire danger is extreme.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture is very short. Pastures, ranges in fair condition. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues. Cotton, grain sorghum, peanut harvest continues. Cotton yields well below average. Wheat planting continues on pre-watered acreage.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture is very short. Cotton harvest progressing slowly; waiting for a killing freeze before harvesting. Irrigated peanut crop looks average; poor to no dryland crop. Range and pasture conditions declining; little pasture to last the winter.

NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture is very short. No row crop activity. Rain received late in the week. Cotton harvest near completion. Wheat ground being prepared for planting. Cattle in fair condition. Ranchers haying cattle. Soil preparation for winter grazing.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture is very short. Small amounts of scattered rain. Pastures grazed short; hay active. Winter pasture planting beginning. Stock ponds low. Sweet potato harvest complete, with 70 percent to 80 percent of normal yields. Early pecan drop.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Soil moisture is very short. Dryland cotton is low-yielding. Rangelands in extreme drought conditions. Supplemental feeding continues; cattle being culled and sold. Fall calving to begin shortly. Chile harvest continuing.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture is very short to short. Growing conditions remain poor. Cotton being plowed and shredded for insurance. Wheat being planted over peanuts. Some producers have dry sown; most waiting for better conditions. Sorghum being grazed or baled.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture is very short. Stock water and standing forage continue to be in short supply. Irrigated peanut harvest is in full swing; yields are down due to low water supply. Land preparation on hold for more rain. Dryland peanuts not harvested.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Soil moisture is very short to short. Liberty County reported a 95 percent loss of soybeans and a 95 percent loss of sorghum due to drought. Peanut harvest continues. Cattle in good condition; most producers supplementing with hay. Some producers planting ryegrass

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Soil moisture is very short. Weekend cold front triggered excellent rains which deposited over three inches in the bulk of the region. Rain and cool weather will reduce otherwise high irrigation costs and improve the growing environment for winter crops.

COASTAL BEND: Soil moisture is short. Preparation for next season under way where conditions permit. Good yields expected from second rice crop. Pastures are very dry. Ranches shipping calves and culling cows. Pecans look good with some ready for harvest.

SOUTH TEXAS: Soil moisture is short. Sugarcane maturing; some has been harvested in the past few weeks. Pastures approaching dormant months; little new growth has occurred. Livestock in fair to good condition. Vegetable planting to be more active.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Imported Fire Ant Control Considerations at the Edge of the Infestation

Believe it or not, the imported fire ant does not occur throughout the entire state of Texas. They are predominantly found in the eastern two-thirds of the state, with spot-infestations in several West and South Texas areas (El Paso, Lubbock, Midland and Ector Counties).

The distribution map of fire ants in Texas can be viewed on the Web site http://fireant.tamu.edu. Under "maps." Along the edge of the infestation and in West Texas spot infestations, the most appropriate steps to battle this pest are different than those commonly used in heavily infested areas.

Along the leading edges of the fire ant infestation or in isolated spot infestations, there are often just a few imported fire ant colonies and a high number of native competitor ant species. In these areas, or any areas where there are 20 or fewer fire ant mounds per acre (about 4 to 5 mounds or less per ¼ acre yard), there is a better approach for controlling the fire ants more quickly. The method spares native competitor ant species because the treatments are applied only to undesirable imported fire ant mounds.

Where imported fire ants are numerous (20 or more ant mounds per acre), the Texas Agricultural Extension Service promotes the "Two-Step Method" of fire ant control. This approach relies on the once or twice a year broadcast-application of one of the fire ant fait products like Amdro, Extinguish, Award, Eliminator or Spectracide ant baits. Using a hand-held seeder or similar device, the bait particles are evenly scattered across the whole yard where foraging worker ants find them and bring them back to the nest to feed to the whole colony.

Using this method, 80 to 90 percent of the ant mounds are eliminated over time by the bait treatments. Only "nuisance" ant mounds are treated individually as needed between broadcast bait treatments as the second step in the "Two-Step" Method." The main goal of this method is to reduce the use of high volumes of insecticides and labor required to treat each and every ant mound.

Unfortunately, some of the broadcast-applied bait products may also kill non-target ant species. Some of these native ants compete with imported fire ants for food and nesting sites, or of defense by providing biological resistance to heavy fire ant infestations, and are worth preserving whenever possible.

Contact Greg Gruben at the Scurry County Extension office for more information about fire ant control of visit the fire ant Web site, http://fueabt,tamu.edu.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 924 head of cattle for the Saturday, Oct. 7, sale. Compared to last week: feeder steers and heifers were mostly steady to steady to $1 higher. Slaughter cows were steady $1 to $2 lower and bulls were $2 lower. Bred cows were weak. Pairs were steady in a light test. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 99-105
400-500: 91-93
500-600: 84-87
600-700: 79.75-82.50
700-800: 75-80
800-850: 75-77

Feeder heifers:
200-300: 100-101
300-400: 88.50-95
400-500: 81.50-85
500-600: 78.50-83
600-700: 76-77.50
700-800: 65.50-70

Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 455-580
Aged cows: 370-495
Pairs: 650-680
Aged pairs: 550-630

Slaughter cows: Breakers: 1000-1250: 32-37
Boners: 1000-1200: 33-38.25
Lean: 900-1200: 31-36

Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 50.75-51
Slaughter bulls: Low dressing: 41.50-42

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 756 head of cattle for the Thursday, Oct. 5, sale. Cows were $2 to $3 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 32-37
Canner and low cutters: 25-32
Slaughter bulls: 42-48
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 95-110
400-500: 90-107
500-600: 83-93
600-700: 80-86
700-800: 77-84
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-95
400-500: 80-90
500-600: 77-82
600-700: 75-83
700-800: 68-75
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 75-85
700-800: 70-75
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 600-750
Grade: 500-600
Springers: 350-635
Baby calves: 75-175
Doodlers: 125-245

Graham

Graham Livestock Comm., Inc. had a run of 2,398 head of cattle for the Monday, Oct. 9, sale. Packer bulls were steady. Packer cows were $1 to 1.50 higher. Bred cows were steady to $2 lower. Cows and calves were steady best kinds were $20 higher. Steers were steady. Heifers were steady to $1 to $2 lower. Market was active and demand good.

Representative Sales
Al Woodard, Graham
6 young choice bred black cows, 1,376 lbs. @ $770
Richard Schroder, Windthorst
5 Char. Heifers, 362 lbs. @ $88
5 Char. Strs., 487 lbs. @ $90
Dr. T.C. Ford, Breckenridge
Char. Bull, 515 lbs. $85
Blk. WF Bull, 325 lbs. @ $106
Bobby Burnet, Munday
3 Blk WF Strs., 450 lbs. @ $99
3 Red Hfrs., 480 lbs. @ $82
Robert Jackson, Throckmorton
Red Heifer, 425 lbs. @ $85
Blk., Heifer, 250 lbs. @ $91
Alton Turner, Throckmorton
Red Heifer, 805 lbs. @ $71
Red Heifer, 775 lbs. @ $73

Technical Analysis Workshop to be held Monday in Lubbock

A Technical Analysis Workshop is set for Monday in Lubbock and will be coordinated by the Texas Agricultural Extension Office. The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lubbock Texas A&M Research and Extension Center. The cost is $35, which includes lunch.

Alan Brugler, the senior analyst in the DTN Ag Daily News Division, will present a training program on reading price charts. All Texas producers are invited to attend.

Brugler, who also provides daily charting information for the DTN subscribers, will conduct a day-long technical analysis workshop for marketing club members and others interested in learning how to use futures market price charts to help anticipate price movements.

Other topics of interest will include the use of trend lines, moving averages, support lines, resistance lines, gaps, corrections and other charting tools that can be used by producers to decide when to pull the trigger on any futures market pricing strategy.

Many producers expect commodity prices to be influenced only by supply and demand factors (fundamental analysis). However, to have a more complete understanding of the futures market, one must also gain insight into how to obtain important information from studying the price charts (technical analysis).

Because so much trading is done based solely on the study of the charts, it can be of great benefit, especially in the short run, to understand the basics of charting. Brugler will discuss terminology and concepts that will, help producers to be better prepared to read reports written by market analysts.

The objective of the workshop is to demonstrate technical analysis tools that can be used in the effective price risk management program. For a registration form, contact Greg Gruben at the Scurry County Agricultural Extension office, 915-573-5423.

California rice growers facing new regulations

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California's $500-million-a-year rice industry is developing strict growing guidelines to prevent the import of disease-ridden varieties and improve marketing of its product.

Plans are under way to organize an advisory board of growers, researchers, and handlers to establish the criteria, which will be given final approval by state agriculture officials.

Eventually all farmers will have to undergo certification to determine if their crops have a commercial impact, meaning the way the rice is grown affects how it is marketed. Rice grown using pesticides could not be labeled organic, for example.

The advisory board is called for in a new state law that comes two years after a disease called "blast" threatened $120 million in damage.

Blast, a fungus, had plagued paddies in the southern United States, and it is believed farmers' experiments with new varieties brought the disease to California, where crops had not been bred to resist infestations.

In the increasingly specialized state rice industry, introduction of new, untested varieties is a growing concern, farmers say.

The certifications will also play a significant role in rice marketing. The grain will be traced from the seed to the packaging, a pedigree of sorts.

"For example, our sweet rice can't be commingled with other kinds of rice because if it is shipped out to our customers who have a strict contract, we won't get the same price," said Ann Schooffer, spokeswoman for the California Rice Commission.

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PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To pre-register or for further information, please call 573-8511 ext. 390. Call today for details!
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No quick Mideast summit expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton appeared to rule out a quick Mideast summit, saying his most important priority is to stop the violence between Israelis and Palestinians and get the peace process back on track.

"My goal is to stop people dying and then get them back together," Clinton said Wednesday in a question-and-answer session with reporters in the Rose Garden.

"We've had a couple good days," the president said. "People are really trying. And we're trying to put a way forward that will increase the chances that things will stay calm and more peaceful."

The White House had floated the idea of a Clinton-attended summit Sunday at Sharm el-Sheik, a Red Sea resort, but the Arabs do not want to hold such a meeting until after an Oct. 21 Arab League meeting in Cairo.

Clinton seemed to accept that judgment, saying he could do a lot by telephone. He said he spoke at length Wednesday morning with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who is trying to mediate a truce.

"We don't need just another meeting," Clinton said. "We need to know what we're going to do and how were going to do it."

Clinton said that he or Secretary of State Madeleine Albright might go to the Middle East. "Maybe in time we'll both go."

With summit plans apparently on hold, Clinton said, "I wouldn't overread the fact that there won't be a big meeting imminently in Egypt. I don't think you should overread that as a reflection that either the Israelis or the Palestinians do not want to continue the peace process."

Milosevic allies want to retain power

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Proteges of ousted strongman Slobodan Milosevic struck back Wednesday against pro-democracy forces that want to end their authority, announcing they were reimposing control over the police and fighting attempts to purge Yugoslavia's military leadership.

Branislav Ivkovic, a senior member of Milosevic's Socialist party, said pro-Milosevic Serbian Prime Minister Mirko Marjanovic is taking direct control of the 100,000-strong police force in Serbia. Serbia is the larger of Yugoslavia's two republics.

In a further rebuff to new Yugoslav President Vojislav Kostunica, senior generals warned Wednesday against the "negative consequences" of moves to purge top military echelons appointed by Milosevic.

After meeting with Kostunica, the army issued a statement cautioning against the "possible negative consequences of increased attacks and attempts to discredit certain individual of the Yugoslav army."

There was no immediate reaction from Kostunica or his aides.

The developments signaled a serious setback to attempts by the pro-democracy forces around Kostunica to impose full authority over key power bases in Yugoslavia. They have been trying to consolidate power since Milosevic's ouster last week, but Milosevic allies still hold a number of top posts, especially in Serbia.

About 90 percent of all Yugoslavs live in Serbia. Whoever controls Serbia effectively controls Yugoslavia.

Resistance by the army and the Serbian government cast a pall on other signs of success: Many lesser figures from the Milosevic era were giving up, some of them reportedly fleeing the country. Several officials of state companies had resigned, and the Serbian parliament had agreed to early elections in December, instead of 2001, when the term of the present government normally would have ended.

Before the meeting with the army, a key Kostunica aide said the president wanted to replace the current army chief with a former general sacked by Milosevic. Zoran Djindjic, who is leading efforts to form a new government, said his team wanted Momcilo Perisic to lead the Yugoslav military in an effort to ensure army loyalty amid resistance by Milosevic's allies to being pushed from power.

Ahead of the army rebuff, Djindjic had been optimistic.

"We can expect not only the resignation of the present chief of general staff Nebojsa Pavkovic, but also a wind of fresh air throughout the top ranks," Djindjic said.

On Tuesday, Kostunica said the police were already on the side of the government and that "the army will have to be consolidated."

Shuttle refueling for liftoff

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA removed a stray metal pin from space shuttle Discovery on Wednesday and began fueling the ship for an evening liftoff.

The 4-inch pin led to an embarrassing launch delay for NASA on Tuesday.

Workers spotted the pin with binoculars during a routine inspection of the shuttle, a few hours before liftoff. It was wedged next to the liquid-oxygen line between Discovery and its external fuel tank.

Rather than risk damage to Discovery, NASA called off the launch — the 100th flight of the shuttle program.

"I don't want to sugarcoat anything," shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said. "It was a mistake. There's a mistake involved here."

Engineers feared the pin could fall onto the launch pad 35 feet below and ricochet up toward the shuttle or get sucked against one of the main engines at ignition. Either way, the results could have been "severe," Dittemore said.

NASA said worker error likely was to blame.

Before dawn, the pin had been removed and the area inspected. Later in the morning, shuttle managers gave the go-ahead to again fill Discovery's fuel tank. Favorable launch weather was expected.

This is the fourth launch attempt in almost a week for Discovery. The previous delays were caused by gusty wind and mechanical problems.

Unlike earlier attempts, Discovery's seven astronauts were on board the shuttle when the countdown was halted Tuesday. A few of them looked glum as they crawled out.

"We just can't get comfortable with the pin," launch director Mike Leinbach informed them.

The pin, believed to be part of a work platform or handrail, has a 3-inch T handle and is attached to a 12-inch wire cord. To NASA's dismay, inspections conducted late Monday and early Tuesday did not catch it.

As the minutes ticked away, launch managers considered sending out a team to try to remove the pin with streams of water or compressed air. They decided it was safer and more prudent to halt the countdown and roll the launch tower back around Discovery to gain access to the area.

Obituaries

Jim Davis

1943-2000

Jim Davis of Snyder died at 3:17 a.m. today in University Medical Center in Lubbock after a brief illness.



Jim Davis

Graveside service for Mr. Davis, 57, is set for 10 a.m. Friday in Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Dave Phillips, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born on Feb. 12, 1943 in Alabama, he married Linda Tatom on July 3, 1969 in Snyder. Mr. Davis had worked as a heavy equipment operator for several contractors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jeff and Verbie Davis; and one brother, Bobby Davis, all of Alabama.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Davis of Snyder; a sister and brother-in-law, Deborah and Bill McRea of Enterprise, Ala.; his mother-in-law, Louise Tatom of Snyder; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

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Students strip searched for missing World War II medal

ADRIAN, Mo. (AP) — A principal allegedly ordered fourth-grade children to strip to their underwear during a search for a missing war medal, and parents are seeking a reprimand.

The American Civil Liberties Union also sent a letter to school officials alleging that the pupils' civil rights had been violated.

The medal, later found on the classroom floor, was brought for show-and-tell at Adrian Elementary School on Oct. 3.

After it disappeared, principal Wallace Henrickson allegedly had the boys file into a restroom one at a time.

The boys were told to strip to their underwear in front of Henrickson and a male coach, and the girls were patted down by a female teacher.

After the medal was found, Henrickson apologized to students and brought them soft drinks, parents said.

Parents contacted the ACLU, which said the children were traumatized "emotionally, physically and illegally," and cited court cases protecting children against unreasonable searches at school.

Pickup stolen from NAPA; suspects flee from police

• ***Pickup stolen***

Around 3:24 this morning, a 1996 Nissan pickup was stolen from NAPA Auto Parts at 1905 35th Street. Police were unsuccessful in stopping the vehicle at 31st Street and Avenue T. The pickup was recovered at 23rd Street and Avenue K, but the suspects fled from police and were not apprehended.

• ***House burglarized***

Martha Arellano contacted officers at 4:20 p.m. Tuesday to report that someone had broken into a vacant house at 2403 Avenue M sometime between Friday and Sunday.

She advised that personal belongings had been scattered throughout the house and that graffiti had been sprayed on the walls. She was uncertain if anything had been taken.

• ***Assault reported***

A 48-year-old female spoke to police at 9:17 p.m. Tuesday to report an assault that had occurred Thursday. The woman told officers that she was hit in the arm and chest by another female.

• ***Tire punctured***

Tammy Marricle notified officers at 1:49 p.m. Tuesday that a tire on her 1991 Chevrolet pickup had been punctured while it was parked at 127 Milburn. Several other people in that neighborhood reported punctured tires Monday.

• ***Close patrol requested***

A man requested officers keep a close patrol of the neighborhood in the 2600 block of Avenue K in reference to someone letting the air out of the tires on his mother's vehicle.

• ***Runaway returns***

A 16-year-old girl reported as a runaway on Monday returned home Tuesday.

• ***Arrest***

At 11:06 a.m. Tuesday, a Department of Public Safety trooper took a 39-year-old man into custody on U.S. Hwy. 180 for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

A 49-year-old man was arrested by a deputy at 5:38 p.m. Tuesday at 10537 South Highway 208 on a misdemeanor warrant for giving a false report to a police officer.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Oct. 10-Myrthal Callaway, Jessica Clark, Rose Jones, Clara Buffington, Lola Byrd, Jerry Dennis and Sandra Groce.

DISMISSALS: Matt Ornelas, Sumruld baby boy, Lola Byrd and Soledad Morales.

CENSUS: 38 (Med./Surg.-12, Long-term Care-24, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Births

Brooklyn Delaney Tyson was born at 5:15 p.m. Oct. 7 in Covenant Hospital in Lubbock to Dusty and Nikki Tyson. Brooklyn weighed six pounds, 11 ounces.

Grandparents are Cowboy and Fern Tyson of Seagraves and James D. and Barbara Bulen of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are John and Evelyn Zalman of Hermleigh and James and Ruby Bulen of Lubbock.

Jessica Clark of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces. She was born at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 10 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

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events

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ONGOINGS

FBC revival

Blameless Heart is theme of a revival that conclude with the final service at 7 this evening at First Baptist Church. Tierce Green is the evangelist.

FBC worship service

The First Baptist Church worship service airs at 3 p.m. every Thursday on TV Channel 2.

Northeast family reading night

Family reading night at Northeast Elementary will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Pizza and soft drinks will be served and childcare will be provided.

Boys basketball booster club

The booster club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the SHS student center to plan for the annual chili supper.

Church benefit

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will be selling enchilada plates from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at the church. Adult plates are $6, while children plates are $3. Carryout plates also will be available, as well as delivery. Meal includes three beef enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, cake and tea. Call 573-7142 or 573-3866 for more information.

Home school organization

Anyone interested in a home school organization is asked to meet from 2:30-4 p.m. Friday at the Kiddie Park in Towle Park. For more information, call Kandi JoDitt at 573-4885.

Country and gospel music

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

WTC computer classes

The Continuing Education Division of Western Texas College is offering a variety of computer classes this fall beginning Tuesday night. For a schedule or additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Lions Club meeting

Dennis Gloyna with Southwestern Bell Telephone in Abilene will speak Tuesday to the Lions Club meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Guests are invited. Meals are $7 and reservations may be made by calling David Holt at 573-3255.

Senior citizen swimnastics

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

Discovery School

Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is receiving and registering babies from six weeks up. Spaces are also available for children 18 months through pre-K. Call 573-4770.

Fajita supper

First Christian Church will host its annual park and eat fajita supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, prior to the Snyder-Lake View football game. Cost is $5 for adults and $3 for children.

CPR and first aid certification

CPR and first aid certification classes will be held Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 23-24, at WTC. Classes will be from 6-10 p.m. Cost is $51 for both classes and pre-registration deadline is Oct. 20 when a $10 registration fee is due. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 342 or 390.

Tiger Times yearbook

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

GED exams

GED exams will be administered at Western Texas College from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Museum needs holiday quilts

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

Stanfield fall festival

The annual fall festival at Stanfield Elementary will be Saturday, Oct. 28, from 6-8 p.m. The parent council invites all students and their families to enjoy the fun. There will be games, food booths and raffle drawings donated by local merchants.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Ira annuals

The Ira 2000 Bulldog yearbooks have arrived and several extras are available at $22 each. To purchase one, call 573-2628.

Cash Five

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

17-18-22-30-39

Pick 3

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

4-4-8

Firefighters unable to save mom, son

LAKE JACKSON (AP) — Family members of five people killed in an apartment complex fire say they're still coming to grips with their loss.

Ray Attar lost his twin 18-year-old sons, Daniel and Omar Attar, in the Tuesday morning blaze.

"To lose one child maybe you could accept as a parent, but two of them together at the same time is very hard," he said. "All we can say is for all their friends and relatives and people that know them, pray for them to be with God in good hands."

The brothers, along with Omar's wife, 18-year-old Felicita, their 1-year-old son Omar Sr., and their downstairs neighbor, 50-year-old David Proffitt, died in the blaze. Daniel Attar was visiting his brother.

The fire might have been accidentally set by Proffitt, who was smoking while on oxygen in his downstairs apartment, said City Manager Bill Yenne.

Three women, including Proffitt's wife, were taken to Brazoria Memorial Hospital in Lake Jackson to be treated for smoke inhalation and were in intensive care Tuesday, officials said.

The state Fire Marshal's Office and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were investigating but had not officially determined what sparked the blaze in this city about 60 miles south of Houston.

Firefighters, who were called to the scene at 3:48 a.m., found Felicita Attar trapped in her second-floor apartment, holding her infant boy. They urged her to hand them the child through the window by which she stood, but she wouldn't let go of the child.

"They couldn't get to the window," Lake Jackson Assistant Fire Chief Scott Matthews said. "It was such a helpless situation. She was yelling for help and police officers were trying to calm her down. There was nothing we could do."

Ten of the 180 units at the Woodhollow Apartments were gutted and another 10 were heavily damaged by smoke and water.

It took seven fire departments from Lake Jackson and surrounding communities about five hours to extinguish the blaze.

George Castillo, 62, was one of the first people awakened by the fire.

"I was asleep and then I heard somebody yell for help," said Castillo, who lives near the victims' apartments. "I put on my clothes, went outside, and I heard (the mother's) cry for help."

Castillo said he rushed to the nearby apartment of his adult daughters and 6-year-old grandson, Michael, and helped them escape before flames invaded.

"There was a lot of smoke," said Lori Amador, one of Castillo's daughters. "We were shaking. My apartment is totally gone. We lost a lot of stuff but as long as we got our lives, it's all that matters. We'll just have to start over."

Some of the approximately 20 families left homeless were being put up at a nearby La Quinta Inn.

Many of the displaced families were to be relocated as soon as possible elsewhere in the apartment complex.

Toni Hodges, executive director of the local American Red Cross chapter, who also happens to live in the complex, said members of the community came by the complex on Tuesday, offering food, clothing and donations to victims.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Hereditary disorders are incurable

DEAR DR. GOTT: After suffering for years with headaches, back pain, weakness, failing vision and confusion, my 50-year-old daughter was recently diagnosed at the Mayo Clinic with olivopontocerebellar atrophy. Her doctors say there is no cure. What is this disease?

DEAR READER: The olivopontocerebellar atrophies include a rare group of inherited neurological disorders that are marked by progressive nerve malfunction: difficulty walking (ataxia), tight muscles (spasticity), visual difficulties (optic atrophy and retinal disease), problems with circulation and sweating (autonomic dysfunction), and dementia.

The damage involves large areas of the central nervous system and, like all hereditary disorders, is incurable. Symptoms are treated as they occur; for example, circulatory problems, such as low blood pressure, can be helped by salt supplements and cortisone; muscle relaxants often relieve spasticity.

Because your daughter has been diagnosed with an unusual and serious nerve disease, she should be under the care of a neurologist, who can coordinate the complex services she will eventually need, including medication, physical therapy and home care.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is cytomegalovirus infection? I've been told that it is a combination of mononucleosis and hepatitis.

DEAR READER: CMV infection is usually unsuspected in adults. The virus, which is related to herpes, initially causes flu-like symptoms of fever, sore throat, fatigue, and muscle aching that usually disappear within a few days. The virus may then lie dormant in the system for years, periodically resurfacing to cause fever, fatigue, malaise, and rash.

Although CMV is ubiquitous (up to 90 percent of adults have had past infection), it rarely causes serious consequences. Nonetheless, some patients develop a disease resembling mononucleosis, with exhaustion, tonsillitis and swollen glands. In other individuals, CMV is associated with hepatitis (fever, nausea and jaundice). Finally, CMV has, in some cases, been linked to chronic fatigue syndrome, a poorly understood affliction characterized by lethargy and loss of stamina.

Active congenital infection (spread from mother to infant before birth) may be serious and untreatable, leading to stillbirth and post-natal death from hemorrhage, brain damage and liver failure.

CMV is diagnosed by isolating the virus from various body fluids or by demonstrating anti-CMV proteins in blood tests. Although the disease is untreatable, most patients recover uneventfully. Although CMV is distinct from the viruses that cause mono and hepatitis, it frequently produces symptoms that mimic these diseases.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I experienced heart bumps about four hours after an ophthalmologist put drops in my eyes to dilate my pupils. Is this something that should concern me?

DEAR READER: Medicine used topically to dilate pupils or to treat certain eye disorders, such as glaucoma, can enter the circulation in small amounts and cause symptoms, including palpitations or low blood pressure. The reasons for this unusual reaction are unknown; some individuals are inexplicably more sensitive to eye drops than are other people.

Ask your ophthalmologist about this; perhaps he or she will choose another dilating agent for future use.

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Writers guild seeks poems, limmericks

The Mesquite Country Writers Guild is seeking original poems and limmericks (3) to be published in the Jan.-March issue of "Bards of a Feather." The deadline is Nov. 15. All submissions should be mailed to MCWG, 9221 S. Hwy 208, Hermleigh, Tex. 79526 or e-mailed to dade@bigcountry.net.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
7 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2000

Concentrate on the key suit

By Phillip Alder

It has often been said that more errors are made at trick one than at any other. However, some of my students have told me that one of their earlier teachers claimed that they make 13 errors during the card-play. I thought this incredibly rude. It couldn't possibly be more than 12!

Regardless, when the dummy appears, everyone should stop to analyze the deal. Declarer should be counting winners and losers, deciding where to get extra tricks. The defenders should be concentrating on The Target: the number of tricks needed to defeat the contract, and from where those tricks will come.

This grand slam was played during a club game in Sydney, Australia. How would you declare seven clubs after West has led the spade queen?

Note that a Blackwood bidder is in control. North was right to pass out seven clubs.

There are 12 top tricks: two spades, one heart, three diamonds and six clubs. The best chance for number 13 is to establish a long spade. Yet as that requires two ruffs in hand, you need three dummy entries — two for the ruffs and one to get back to the dummy to cash the new winner. Those entries must be the spade king and two high diamonds. Therefore, do not immediately draw trumps — ruff a low spade first. Then pull trumps, cross to the diamond queen, cash the spade ace (discarding a heart), ruff a spade, play a diamond to the ace, and pitch your second low heart on the high spade seven.

When the dummy comes down — don't rush!

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Joint auction site to be closed down

NEW YORK (AP) — Auction house Sotheby's Holdings Inc. and retailer Amazon.com Inc. plan to shut down in the next 30 days their jointly operated Web site, Sothebys.Amazon.com, which sells paintings, antiques and other collectibles.

Visitors to that Internet address will be re-directed to Sothebys.com, which will be a featured link on Amazon's site, the companies announced Tuesday.

"It has become clearer than ever before that what matters in this business is scale," Craig Mofett, president of Sothebys.com, said in a statement. "By combining our two sites, we can now offer our customers a much deeper selection in a single venue."

As part of the deal, Sotheby's will pay Amazon annual cash payments to promote Sothebys.com through marketing campaigns.

Amazon and Sotheby's launched their joint site last November.

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