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Bush sticks with tax cut theme in debate

BOSTON (AP) — "Feeling pretty good" after the first presidential debate, George W. Bush stuck with his tax-cut theme today, saying Al Gore's performance proved he would be "the biggest government spender we've seen in decades."

"It is clear that the era of big government being over will be over if he becomes the president," Bush said before leaving town to campaign in West Chester, Pa., and Ohio. Bush said he wanted taxpayers, not government, to spend more of their own money.

Before also heading to Ohio, Gore rejected Bush's repeated accusations that he was using "fuzzy math" to describe the Texas governor's tax plan. On CBS' "Early Show," Gore repeated his assertion that almost half of the money in Bush's tax cuts would go to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans, and urged voters to "add up the numbers for themselves."

Asked whether he could dispute Gore's numbers, Bush told ABC's "Good Morning America": "I think what people have got to understand is wealthy people pay a lot of taxes today and if everybody gets tax relief, wealthy people are going to get tax relief."

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> ***— George W. Bush***

During the debate, Bush challenged Gore's character and credibility, and Gore countered by saying he wanted to focus on the country's problems, not attacks.

But both contestants tried it both ways, dueling on issues and also on personal performance and qualifications Tuesday night in the first of three debates that could prove crucial in their virtually even match for the White House.

Bush told CBS he benefited from "being on the stage with a man who has had the reputation as a very strong debater, and being able to hold my own."

The Bush campaign complained Wednesday that Gore exaggerated when he described visiting the site of Texas fires with Federal Emergency Management Agency chief James Lee Witt.

Wednesday, Gore acknowledged his Texas visit might not have been at the same time as Witt's, but said he had toured many disasters with him.

After their running mates debate Thursday in Danville, Ky., Bush and Gore meet again Oct. 11 in Winston-Salem, N.C., followed by a third debate Oct. 17 in St. Louis. Their first 90-minute confrontation set lines that may be drawn even more harshly when they meet again.

In three out of four quick network public opinion polls, Gore was rated the better debater. In a CBS News poll, 56 percent said he'd done better, 42 percent said Bush. A CNN-USAToday-Gallup survey made it Gore, 48-41, and NBC's poll said Gore, 46-36. An ABC poll rated them about even.

A group of five high school and college debate coaches assembled by The Associated Press couldn't agree on a winner. Four picked Gore; one picked Bush.

Bush hardened the tone in the closing minutes when moderator Jim Lehrer asked about character. Bush said he was discouraged by the vice president's conduct and comments about Democratic fund raising for the 1996 campaign, then targeted President Clinton without using his name, or mentioning his scandal and impeachment.

"I felt there needed to be a better sense of responsibility of what was going on in the White House," he said. "I believe they've moved the sign the buck stops here from the Oval Office desk to the buck stops here at the Lincoln Bedroom.

"We need to have a new look about how we conduct ourselves in office," he said.

"I think we ought to attack our country's problems, not attack each other," Gore responded. "I want to spend my time making this country better than it is, not making you out to be a bad person."

Running mate Joseph Lieberman defended Gore.

"At moments of desperation, Governor Bush turns back and attacks President Clinton and his name is not on the ballot," Lieberman told CNN after the debate.

Clinton, in Miami, praised Gore's performance. But he also said Bush might gain a bounce in the nearly deadlocked public opinion polls in the next few days, although he said it would fade when the campaign refocuses on issues.

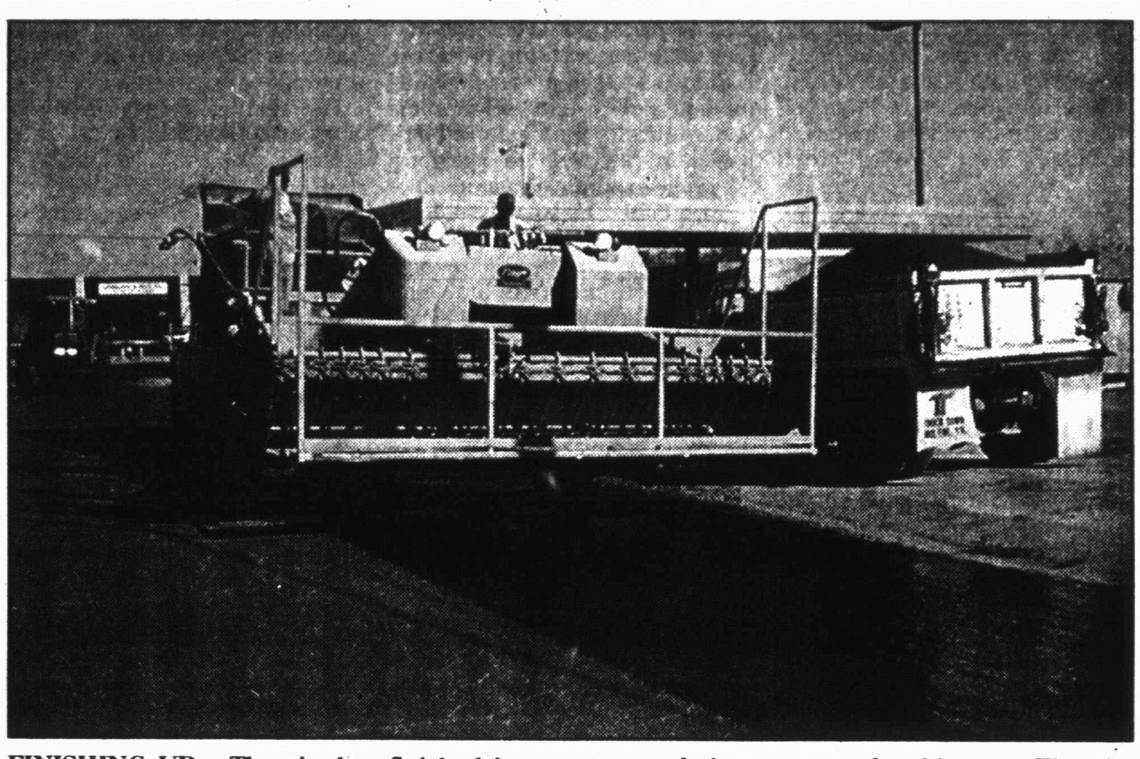
Gore delivered his own post-debate assessment at a midnight rally at a Boston hotel. "This election is not about me, it's not about George W. Bush," he said. "It's really about you. It's about the next generation."

Bush addressed supporters at a South Boston skating rink. "Man, am I glad I came to Boston," he said.

He came with the goal of showing presidential stature and his Republican cheerleaders said he had succeeded. He avoided the kind of verbal stumbles that have sometimes been a problem.

Gore, the more seasoned debater, hammered at his chosen issues but avoided the attack tactics he has used against other rivals. Bush took his character offensive after more than an hour of fencing about policy issues.

They argued about Medicare and prescription drug benefits for the elderly, disputed formulas for the future of Social Security, and clashed over taxes.



FINISHING UP – The city has finished its street resurfacing program for this year. The city resurfaced over 140 blocks this fall in an effort to maintain the streets. In a cooperative program, the city uses the county's road building machinery. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ranch rodeo part of weekend festival

The Top Hand Ranch Rodeo finals will take place Friday and Saturday as part of the White Buffalo Festival.

Performances will be at Scurry County Coliseum at 7 each night.

Events both evenings will include team mugging, penning and doctoring, plus wild cow milking and calf branding.

Two new events were added this year – two-man mugging and team roping. These events will be at 10 a.m. Saturday.

A series of four ranch rodeos was held throughout the summer and three teams qualified at each one to be able to participate in the finals.

Teams participating in the finals this weekend are the Rafter S of Snyder and Hawley, Goodwin and Miller of Merkel, B & B Cattle of Nolan, Coke and Andrews counties, Baugh Family Ranch of Rotan, Long X of Kent County, Welch Ranch of Rotan, Indian Canyon of Lamesa, Le Mejor of Seymour, B & S Cattle of McCaulley, NT Ranch of Tuscola, Kelly Butler of Knox and Haskell counties, and J7 Ranch of Breckenridge.

Pep rally set before kickoff

Due to Friday being a workday for teachers and a student holiday, there will not be a pep rally at the school prior to the football game against Frenship.

Cheerleader sponsor Rhonda Ward said a brief pep rally would be held at Tiger Stadium at 6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:30 kickoff.

"We're asking all the Snyder fans to be in their seats on the west side at 6:45 for the pep rally," Ward said. "We would like to have the stands full for the rally."

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The same people who make fun of fortune tellers are the same folks who take economic forecasting seriously."

People take their politics seriously – sometimes too seriously.

That's why we need those late-night talk show hosts who can find humor in debates when candidates don't answer the question, but rather make a speech.

But the joke writer's biggest nightmare is finding something funny to say about Al Gore. But one guy did have inspiration.

Since the United Auto Workers union has endorsed the Democratic candidate, one comedian typed a few lines into his laptop.

"What does a union auto worker have in common with President Clinton? Both could be replaced by a robot."

As the presidential race heats up, one humor write described the campaign as coming down to a pair of four-letter words: Bush and Gore.

And the Democrats finally moved a planned fund-raiser from the Playboy mansion. It caused one joke writer to muse about another Demo party stalwart.

"Patrick Kennedy called on Democrats to boycott the fund-raising gala at the Playboy Mansion…He's just tired of the place not being available when the Kennedys want to book a family reunion."

And did you hear the one about Al Gore trying his hand at a touch of humor. "The joke was as flat as a Firestone tire."

One writer can't find anything funny about the White House wannabes, so he resorts to taking shots at the current occupants.

"Hillary Rodham Clinton should be applauded for her civic virtue. After all, she and Janet Reno are the only women in Washington who have not been romantically linked to the president."

And humor writers also take a shot at Bush, calling his speech the Wonderbra address.

"It was very uplifting, but it didn't fool anybody."

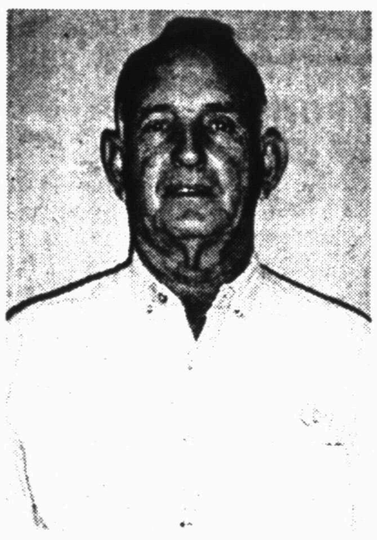
The candidates are still raising lots of money. Both parties pay lip service to finance campaign reform, but nothing happens.

A popular method of fund-raising these days is to have candidates have their picture taken with generous donors.

A photographer was taking a picture of the candidate and his supporter. It was suggested that the candidate place his hand on the donor's shoulder.

"Actually," said the donor, "If we want to make this picture more realistic, he should have his hand in my pocket."

Area residents speak out on the debate...



"I feel like Gore's plan, especially with Medicare and prescriptions, was a lot sounder. It made more sense than Bush's. I am on the hospital board in Colorado City, and I tend to watch stuff on Medicare and Medicaid because that is what is killing us." — Dale Geiger

"I thought they discussed the issues. They didn't deviate much from their regular speeches. It appeared to me that Bush did well in showing that he was a Washington outsider. Bush elaborated on the fact that he could work with both Republicans and Democrats. — Bill Seale

"I thought that Gov. Bush did a better job of staying calm and stating his views. I thought that Vice President Gore was trying to scare people. He kept repeating himself on this 'one percent of the wealthy.' I like Bush's morals and what he stands for." — Buena Shultz

It really does rain

MIAMI (AP) — Residents of the metropolitan area were urged to stay home Wednesday because of flooding and blocked streets following a storm that poured more than a foot of rain on parts of South Florida.

Water rose so high near canals in Opa-locka that catfish were carried into some first-floor apartments.

Classes for all 360,000 students in the Miami-Dade public schools were canceled Wednesday, along with Catholic schools there and in some other counties, and Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas told nonessential county employees to stay home. Thousands had lost electrical service.

"The bottom line is that these are not good conditions for the traveling public," Penelas said.

Water rushed inside the home of Virginia Pacheco when she opened her door in unincorporated west Miami-Dade.

"There are probably fish, snakes out there," she said. "You could go fishing."

A tornado touched down in Hialeah and tore the roof off a fire station while it was being used as a voting site for Tuesday's elections.

Look on the Internet for an SISD job

In a cost-saving measure, the Snyder ISD has begun posting openings for teachers strictly on the Internet.

"We expect to save some $10,000 per year in job advertising costs," said assistant superintendent Lee McNair.

McNair said the district would post openings for teachers, coaches and administrators when necessary on the Texas Association of School Administrators web site.

The web site to be used is www.tasanet.org.

McNair said local openings, such as for secretaries, would still be advertised locally.

ASK US

Q—When does the next correctional officers training class start at WTC?

A—The class starts Nov. 2 and ends Dec. 8. Testing for the class will be at WTC on Oct. 9. Interested persons can call 573-8511.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 100 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 68; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear; low, mid 60s; SE wind 5-10 mph; Thursday, partly cloudy, then windy, cooler by afternoon, blowing dust possible; high mid-upper 80s.

Danny Clawson
Cooler and Windy

Sunset:
7:25 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:41 a.m.
Of 277 days in 2000, the sun has shone 274 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Political oratory is the art in which everything you say reveals the fact that you're saying nothing.

Critics say Carnivore review won't really be independent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Critics of the FBI's "Carnivore" e-mail surveillance system say the independent reviewers picked by the Justice Department to examine the program are government insiders.

The Illinois Institute of Technology's Research Institute and the college's law school were chosen to undertake the review, meant to give an outside examination of the FBI's controversial tool. But several members of the research team have ties to the federal government and to the Clinton administration.

"This Department of Justice proposal has confirmed my fears," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, a long-time Carnivore critic. "This important issue deserves a truly independent review, not a whitewash."

IIT's Chicago-Kent College of Law Dean Henry H. Perritt Jr. said that despite his government connections, he is an "evenhanded" and "objective" academic, and the Justice Department defended their choice, calling the IIT team "well-respected."

The Justice Department released IIT's proposal on the Internet, with some names and phrases blacked out. But within hours, private computer experts easily removed the black boxes covering some words and published an unedited version.

The proposal lists Perritt as one of the project overseers, noting his tenure advising President Clinton's transition team on information policy and performing other tasks for the Clinton administration, as well as previous Republican administrations.

Associate Dean Harold J. Krent worked at the Justice Department in the 1980s, and several team members have current or former security clearances from the Defense Department, Treasury Department or the National Security Agency.

Perritt defended himself and his team, saying he worked in the Ford administration as well, and that he's completely independent.

"My interest is in my reputation," Perritt said, "and that would only be served by doing an honest job here."

Perritt also cited Krent's work outside the government as a private attorney.

"He's spent more time suing the Justice Department than working for it," he said.

Perritt said he hasn't formed any conclusions about Carnivore yet, although he said that it "is inevitable that the need for eavesdropping in some circumstances has now moved to the e-mail arena."

Assistant Attorney General Stephen Colgate, who led the selection process, called the idea that IIT isn't independent because of its government ties "patently absurd."

"Anybody with the technical capability to review Carnivore probably had some kind of contract with a government entity," he said. "We believe that they'll do an independent unbiased review, and that's what we're paying them for."

Most of the nation's elite academic computer departments — including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Purdue University and the San Diego Supercomputer Center — either declined to review Carnivore or withdrew their applications after objecting to the requirements the Justice Department placed on the review.

Currently, Carnivore is used by the FBI to monitor the incoming or outgoing e-mails of a suspect. The bureau says it has been used about 25 times, and is installed at the suspect's Internet provider. Internet service companies and privacy groups have complained that the device presents both a privacy and security risk.

Colgate said the review will be published on the Internet in December for everyone to see — and poke holes at.

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Date Book

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2000

Today is the 278th day of 2000 and the 13th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1909, the first dirigible balloon race in the United States took place in St. Louis, Mo.

On this day in 1931, Chester Gould's comic strip "Dick Tracy" was first published.

On this day in 1952, in Korea, U.S. aircraft encountered Soviet MIG-15 aircraft for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jean Francois Millet (1814-1875), artist; Rutherford B. Hayes (1822-1893), U.S. president; Frederic Remington (1861-1909), artist; Damon Runyon (1884-1946), writer; Buster Keaton (1895-1966), comedian-actor; Charlton Heston (1924-), actor, is 76; Patti LaBelle (1944-), singer, is 56; Tony LaRussa (1944-), baseball manager, is 56; Susan Sarandon (1946-), actress, is 54; A.C. Green (1963-), basketball player, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, NFL owners put on football games during the football-player strike using nonstriking and replacement players.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We can't form our children on our own concepts; we must take them and love them as God gives them to us." — Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, "Hermann and Dorothea"

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter (Oct. 5).

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Worker injured

FORT WORTH (AP) — A worker was injured when a crane lowering a chunk of concrete into a dump truck fell, crushing part of the truck and an unoccupied sports utility vehicle nearby.

The incident happened in downtown Fort Worth during work on a sidewalk project.

Police say the man, whose injuries were not believed to be life-threatening, was thrown from the bed of the dump truck by the impact of the fallen crane.

Police closed off West Fifth Street, between Main and Houston streets.

Gore, Bush improve their image with voters after debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat Al Gore may have had the edge over Republican George W. Bush from debate watchers in two of three instant polls, but both candidates apparently improved their image with voters.

Vice President Gore was judged to have performed better in the debates in a CBS News poll of 812 registered voters by 56 percent to 42 percent for the Texas governor. Gore was seen to have performed better by 48 percent to 41 percent for Bush in a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll of 435 registered voters who watched the debate. In an NBC News instant poll, 46 percent said Gore did the better job, while 36 percent said Bush fared better.

And the two were ranked about even in an ABC News poll — women favored Gore, while men favored Bush.

One measure that may have helped Bush: A third in the CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll had a better impression of him after the debate, while a fourth had a better impression of Gore.

The ABC News poll of 491 registered voters showed no significant change in candidate preference. They were about evenly split before the debate, 48 percent for Bush and 45 percent for Gore, and the numbers barely budged.

The CBS poll, conducted online among a random sample of viewers who were given WebTV to participate, showed that Bush still has to convince more voters that he has adequately prepared for the job of president. Just over half, 54 percent, said he has adequately prepared for the job compared with 70 percent who said that of Gore. That's about the same results the two got on that question in a regular CBS-New York Times poll released Monday.

The polls had error margins of 4 percentage points, but they are not considered a measure of settled public opinion.

Punch kills father

NEW YORK (AP) — A father of eight died after he was punched in the face after he stopped a driver from using a Times Square parking lot as a shortcut, police said.

The driver entered the 42nd Street lot about 5 p.m. Monday in a bid to reach 43rd Street, witnesses said. The lot's manager, Methis Weingarten, 47, ran out to stop him.

The driver, about 6 feet tall and 250 pounds, backed out of the lot, parked and returned on foot to strike Weingarten in the face, witnesses said. At 5-foot-8 and 180 pounds, Weingarten fell and hit the concrete floor. His attacker drove off.

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12 choir students at SHS selected

All-Region honorees

Twelve Snyder High School choir students received all-region recognition Saturday. Back row from left, Matt Coronado, Cole McLeod, Patrick Vantine; middle row, Michael Compton, Krisi Early, Kelli Henderson, Crissida Tyler, Bobby Sands, front row, Haley Holmes, Rachel Cave, Beth Parsley, Marcie Rodriguez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Twenty-five Snyder High School students auditioned Saturday in Levelland for the all-region choir. The choir will perform with the junior high all-region choirs that will be selected in October to perform during the Texas Music Educators Association All-Region Choir Concert set Nov. 11 in Lubbock.

The following SHS choir students were selected to perform in the all-region choir.

Soprano I: Crissida Tyler, senior, daughter of Steve and Kathy Tyler.

Soprano II: Rachel Cave, sophomore, daughter of Bryan and Vanessa Cave; Krisi Early, junior, daughter of Tommy and Debbie Early; Kelli Henderson, senior; daughter of Donald and Frieda Henderson; Marcie Rodriguez, sophomore, daughter of Alfonso and Virginia Rodriguez.

Alto 1: Haley Holmes, junior, daughter of Cliff and Judy Holmes; Beth Parsley, sophomore; daughter of George and Pam Parsley; tenor 1, Patrick Vantine, senior, son of Leslie and Debra Vantine.

Tenor II: Matt Coronado, senior, son of Joe and Geneva Coronado; Bobby Sands, sophomore, son of Dale and Mary Sands.

Bass I: Michael Compton, senior; son of Donald and Linda Compton.

Bass II: Cole McLeod, junior; son of Jim and Debbie Clifton.

Since these students were selected to the all-region choir, they will now be qualified to audition in November at the prearea level in their quest for a position in the Texas all-state choir.

"We are very pleased with the results of this year's all region selections for Snyder High School," Ronda Haire, director, said.

"This is one of the largest number of students we have had selected in several years. Plainview High School had 19 students selected; Coronado High School had 19; Lubbock High School had 16, and we were fourth (in number) with our choir." She added.

"We will take 33 freshmen choir members to the audition for the junior high all-region choir on Oct. 21 in Lubbock," Haire said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 10-04-00
♠ A 9 8 5 3
♥ 7 4
♦ Q J 3
♣ J 6 5

West
♠ 6 2
♥ J 9 6 2
♦ K 8 5 2
♣ 9 7 4

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

South
♠ Q J 10 7
♥ K Q 5
♦ 7 4
♣ A K Q 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 2

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2000

A ploy for a play

By Phillip Alder

Florence King, a U.S. author, penned, "Self-help books are making life downright unsafe. Women desperate to catch a man practice all the ploys recommended by these authors. Bump into him, trip over him, knock him down, spill something on him, scald him, but meet him."

At the bridge table, try any ploy to mislead an opponent. See if you can spot a clever ruse on this deal. You reach four spades. West leads the heart two: four, ace, five. Back comes the heart three. How would you continue?

North's two-heart response is a transfer bid, promising at least five spades. South's jump rebid shows four-card support and a maximum, usually with a doubleton somewhere.

You have lost a heart and have two diamond losers staring you in the face. It looks natural to try the spade finesse at trick three. If it wins, you cruise home with an overtrick. And if it loses, well, maybe East will maintain his aversion to diamonds.

However, you can give East a gentle nudge in the wrong direction. Why not cash the heart queen at trick three, discarding a club from the dummy? Then take the spade finesse. Here, it loses, but East will probably fall for your chicanery and switch to a club. This allows you to claim 10 tricks from four spades, two hearts and four clubs.

Of course, against certain suspicious opponents, you should discard a diamond from the dummy at trick three. This is why we don't have child prodigies in bridge — they are too young to understand the psychological elements of the game.

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Composer Richard Strauss was born in 1864

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Getting old doesn't mean losing your sense of humor

DEAR ABBY: You have printed some "You know you are getting older when" letters recently. I recall that you had a piece or two in your column on the same topic some years ago, and that they were very amusing. How about printing them again? — **JOSEPHINE MULLIGAN FROM MONTANA**

DEAR JOSEPHINE: What a memory! Yes, that topic appeared in the column 10 years ago.

Read on:

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLDER WHEN ...

— You know all the answers but nobody asks you any questions.

— You get winded playing checkers.

— You need a fire permit to light all of your birthday candles and you need oxygen after blowing them out.

— You order Geritol on the rocks.

— You sink your teeth into a thick steak and they stay there.

— You stop to think and sometimes forget to start again.

— You don't need an alarm clock to get up with the chickens.

— Your pacemaker opens the garage door whenever a cute gal goes by.

— The only whistles you get are from a tea kettle.

— A fortune-teller wants to read your face.

— You finally get it all together, but can't remember where you put it.

— You pray for a good prune-juice harvest.

Fortunately, today's seniors are more fit and youthful than ever before, so these may no longer be true. Read on:

— Everything hurts. And what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.

— You feel like the morning after, and you haven't been anywhere.

— Your little black book contains only names ending with M.D.

— You look forward to a dull evening.

— You join a health club and never go.

— You need your glasses to find your glasses.

— You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going. — Your knees buckle, but your belt won't.

— You have too much room in the house, and not enough in the medicine chest.

— YOU WONDER WHY MORE PEOPLE DON'T USE THIS SIZE PRINT.

Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I get a kick out of the items you occasionally print about how you can tell when you're getting old. I think this is a good one: You know you're getting old when you bend down to pick something off the floor, and before you straighten up you ask yourself, "Is there anything else I can do while I'm down here?" — **LESS LIMBER IN FALLBROOK, CALIF.**

DEAR LESS LIMBER: Thanks for the chuckle. People over 40 will identify with it — once they straighten up.

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DEAR ABBY: Your entertaining messages about "You know you're getting older when ..." remind me of one that recently brought me to a sudden reality: You know you're getting older when you introduce your son to someone as, "My son, the grandfather!" — **CHARLES J. COOK, MIDLOTHIAN, VA.**

DEAR CHARLES: That's great, Great-grandfather! Congratulations on the new arrival.

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DEAR ABBY: I got married six months ago and am now getting an annulment. I never got around to sending thank-you cards. What is the appropriate thing to do with the wedding gifts? — **FREE AGAIN IN BEVERLY HILLS**

DEAR FREE AGAIN: Without going into detail, write each gift giver and explain that your marriage is being annulled and thank him or her for the lovely gift. If the gift is unused, offer to return it.

P.S.: I hope your next relationship is everything this one was not.

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

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Pianist Glenn Gould was born in 1932.

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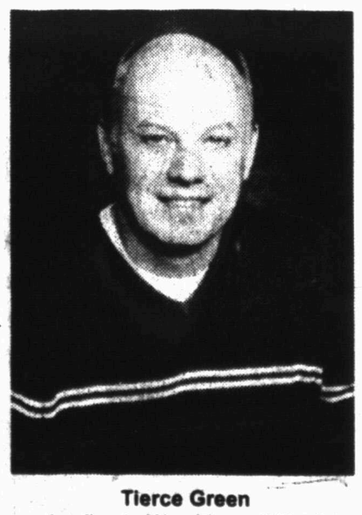

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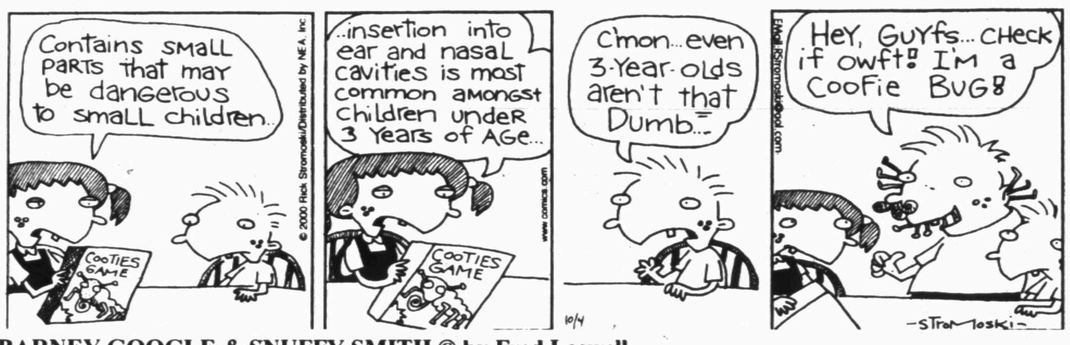

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1 Set on fire
7 Raged
12 Actress/swimmer Williams
13 Cherry-colored
14 Not out (2 wds.)
15 Coat type
16 — ton soup
17 Small inlet
18 Jazz player Kid —
21 "— — is an island"
23 Unrefined metal
26 Residue
28 Telegram
29 Bog
30 Author Dinesen
31 Rested snugly
33 Type of store
36 Corduroy ridge
37 House part
38 Earl Grey and pekoe
40 Virginia willow
41 "The Bridge of San Luis —"
42 Searches for
44 Commit a faux pas
45 Head covering
46 Choose
48 Japanese robe
51 Fate
55 Phonograph inventor
56 Director May
57 Swiss song
58 Ridicule

DOWN

1 New Zealand parrot
2 "Social" end
3 — degree
4 Arab vessel
5 Pie fruit
6 Before this time
7 Cats
8 Celestial bear
9 Cambridge sch.
10 Compass pt.
11 German article
13 Arrow poison
18 "— Twist"
19 Second vending
20 Annually
22 Quorum
23 Recently (2 wds.)
24 Thread-winding machine
25 Make precious
27 Engage in a winter sport
32 "Light" start
34 Alcohol
35 German
39 Fed a fire
43 Barrel spigot
45 Car-washer's need
47 Russian ruler
48 Lock opener
49 Wedding words
50 In-between
52 Roman 1,002
53 Conclude
54 Casual shirt

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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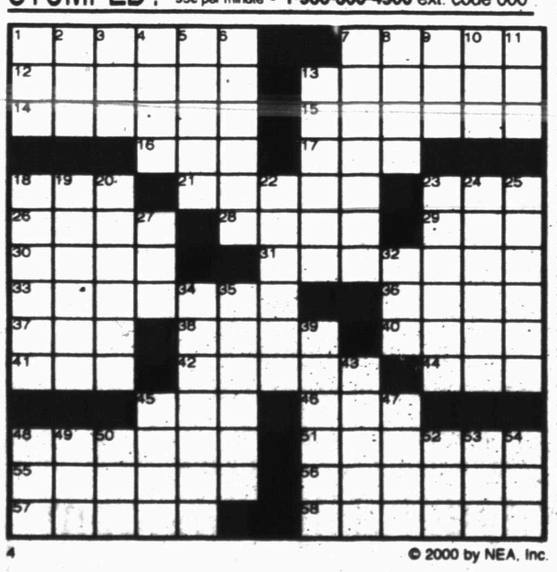

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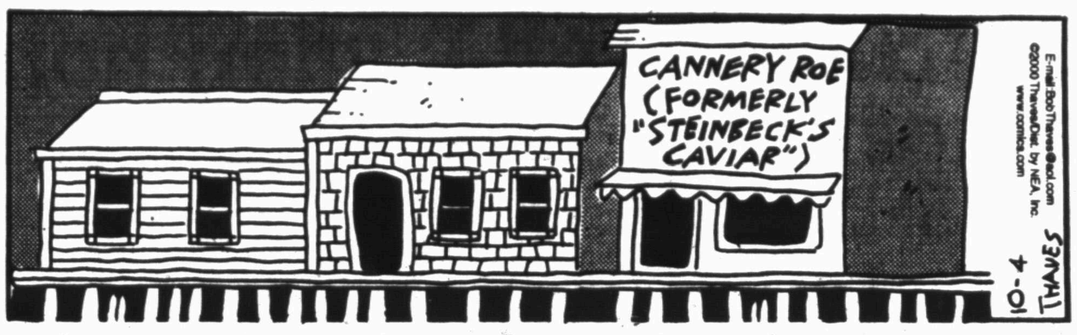

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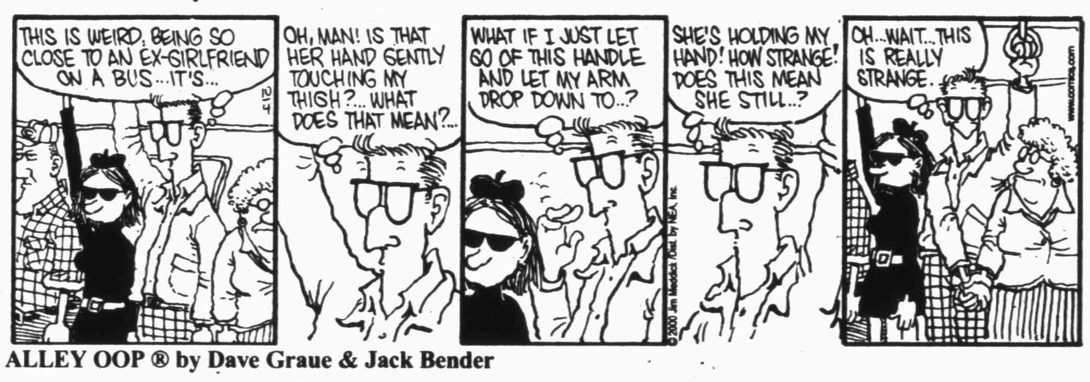

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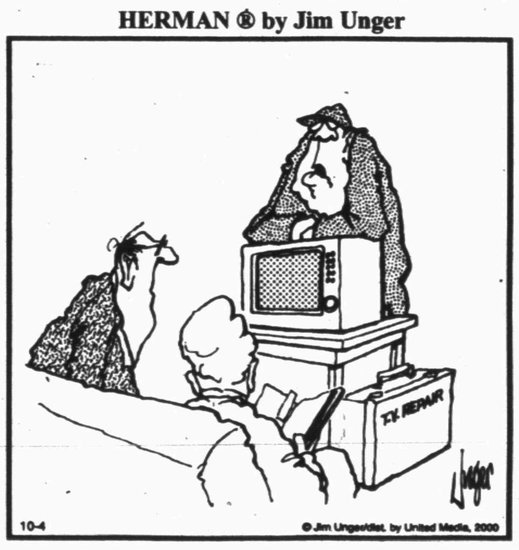

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers fall short in bid to upset Maidens

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Take nothing away from the Lady Tigers' performance Tuesday night. Against any other team, Snyder's effort would have equaled a victory. But the Lake View Maidens aren't just any other team.

Snyder's upset bid fell short Tuesday night, as San Angelo Lake View tightened its grip on the District 4-4A crown with a 15-10, 15-9 victory at the Lincoln Junior High gym.

The setback temporarily drops the Lady Tigers into third place in the league standings, behind Andrews. However, a Snyder win at Frenship on Saturday, combined with a Lady Mustang loss against Lake View, would put the Lady Tigers back in the runner-up spot.

"It was a disappointing loss, but it doesn't hurt us that much in the standings," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett. "Andrews still has to play Lake View. We have to take care of our business from here on out, and then we'll be in good shape."

The Maidens, who remain unbeaten in district competition, held up Tuesday night, despite relentless pressure from the Lady Tigers.

"Our girls hold up well under pressure," Lake View coach Connie Bozarth stated. "And we were under pressure tonight, because Snyder played well. It's always a tough match when we play each other, and neither team backed down. We were just able to battle back when Snyder made its runs, and we won some big points when we needed them."

The match was decided at the net, where Lake View standout Jennifer Hill squared off with Snyder stalwarts Kameron Kallemeyn, Ashley Delce and Rina Geiger.

Hill finished the night with 16 of her squad's 20 kills, while the Lady Tiger trio combined for 20 of their own.

The Maidens jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the opening game, before Snyder reeled them in.

Kills from Kallemeyn and Delce, along with a Geiger block, fueled an 8-3 Lady Tiger run that put SHS on top, 9-7.

But Lake View closed the door on Game 1 with an 8-1 stretch that was aided by three Snyder hitting errors.

"I thought we played really well defensively," said Grimmett. "And we didn't make that many overall errors, but the ones we made turned into points for Lake View."

The second set mirrored the first, with the lead swapping hands four times, before the Maidens pulled away for good.

After the Lady Tigers posted three consecutive points to go up, 7-6, Lake View strung together a 9-2 run to close out the match.

"It seemed like we were right there with them, point for point, at the beginning of both games," Grimmett remarked. "Then our hitting would slow down, and they would get three or four points in a row, before we could get a side-out."

Hill took over in Game 2, pounding down nine kills to go along with a block.

"Hill is definitely our go-to player," Bozarth stated. "But her teammates really help her out. Before she can get a kill, there has to be a good pass and a good set. She is the benefactor of a lot of good things our other players do. Plus, she can make a lot of big plays on her own."

Snyder now turns its attention to Frenship, the only other team to topple the Lady Tigers during district play. But since its victory in Snyder two weeks ago, Frenship has won only one of its last five matches.

Saturday's action is set for 3 p.m. in Wolfforth.

In Tuesday's other district matches, Big Spring rolled over Estacado. Andrews knocked off Levelland, and Plainview downed Frenship.

GAME 1
Lake View 15, Snyder 10

Lake View service points: Baker, 5; Leifest, 4; Hill, 3; Burris, 2; Caples, 1. **Kills:** Hill, 6; Caples, 2; Burris and Freeman, 1. **Blocks:** Hill, 4; Caples 2.

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

GAME 2
Lake View 15, Snyder 9

Lake View service points: Burris, 7; Baker, 3; Freeman and Caples, 2; Hill, 1. **Kills:** Hill, 9; Caples, 2. **Blocks:** Hill, 3; Caples, 2.

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

District 4-4A Statistics

Offense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Frenship	1,133	1,066	2,199	549.8	189
Levelland	1,021	327	1,348	337.0	84
Estacado	873	430	1,303	325.8	103
Plainview	571	616	1,187	296.8	111
Snyder	837	286	1,123	280.8	112
Lake View	669	341	1,010	252.5	66
Big Spring	721	236	957	239.3	68
Andrews	778	177	955	238.8	60

Defense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Levelland	784	119	903	225.8	65
Snyder	450	494	944	236.0	74
Andrews	859	179	1,038	259.5	80
Big Spring	754	351	1,105	276.3	61
Plainview	594	710	1,304	326.0	106
Lake View	889	515	1,404	351.0	124
Estacado	1,109	333	1,442	360.5	112
Frenship	1,097	356	1,453	363.3	117

Rushing	Carries	Yards	Average	TDs
Jaime Bueno, Andrews	109	659	6.0	4
Jason Tezeno, Levelland	96	656	6.8	5
Jorge Rodriguez, Frenship	73	593	8.1	7
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	62	447	7.2	6
Jamar Hall, Lake View	69	350	5.1	1
Kendal Briles, Frenship	41	333	8.1	7
Jarod Parnell, Big Spring	59	319	5.4	3
Tovares Brandon, Snyder	54	305	5.6	1
Jason Woodruff, Big Spring	47	290	6.2	2
Antoine Sheppard, Estacado	54	233	4.3	3

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TDs
Kendal Briles, Frenship	41	72	1,006	1	10
Kyle Miller, Plainview	35	79	616	3	5
Corey Morrison, Estacado	28	62	430	1	5
David Lankford, Lake View	23	64	341	3	3
Kevin Romero, Levelland	27	60	298	4	3
Jesse Haines, Snyder	21	46	286	3	3
Jason Choate, Big Spring	22	48	236	4	2
Ryan Newbrough, Andrews	13	48	177	4	2

Receiving	Catches	Yards	Average	TDs
Patrick Shelby, Frenship	9	404	44.9	4
David Thomas, Frenship	14	302	21.6	2
Adam Naron, Plainview	11	282	25.6	2
Bryan Moore, Frenship	13	204	15.7	2
Matthew Grimmett, Snyder	11	194	17.6	3
Brad Hallman, Lake View	11	189	17.2	2
Mark McClendon, Frenship	7	154	22.0	1
Pernell Upshaw, Estacado	8	149	18.6	1
Willis Morrison, Lake View	8	103	12.9	0
Kody Holley, Plainview	3	91	30.3	1

Scoring	TDs	Points
Kendal Briles, Frenship	7	44
Jorge Rodriguez, Frenship	7	42
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	6	38
Jason Tezeno, Levelland	5	30
Patrick Shelby, Frenship	4	24
Jaime Bueno, Andrews	4	24
Jarod Parnell, Big Spring	4	24
Wade Pinson, Snyder	3	20
Jason Woodruff, Big Spring	2	20
Chris Mandrell, Frenship	0	19
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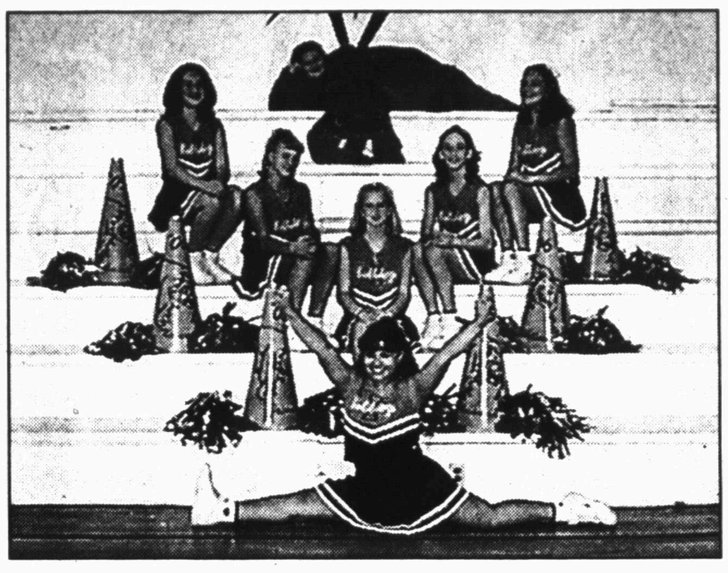
Defense	Tackles	Avg./Game
Bowe Butler, Big Spring	67	16.8
Heath Fries, Frenship	60	15.0
Mark Medley, Snyder	45	11.3
Kevin Noles, Levelland	41	10.3
Brant McAdams, Plainview	40	10.0
Justin Rushing, Plainview	39	9.8
Brad Burns, Frenship	37	9.3
Jayme Jackson, Andrews	36	9.0
Calvin Scholten, Plainview	35	8.8
Kirk Noles, Levelland	33	8.3



IJHS CHEERLEADERS — Ira Junior High cheerleaders for this year are Brenda Torres (front). Seated, from left, are Amber Alexander, Krissie Roberts, Amanda Alexander, Whitney Payne and Brittany Dickerhoff. On the top row is mascot Ashton Smith. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder freshmen top Lake View, 15-9, 17-15

SAN ANGELO — It took points from eight different servers for Snyder to outlast Lake View, 15-9, 17-15, in Tuesday night's freshman volleyball action.

Kelbi Drum led the Lady Tigers' service effort with seven points, while Desiree Braziel, Misha Wofford and Sara Thornhill registered five apiece.

Erin Burleson tallied four points, with Missy Vasquez posting three. Sharday McKinney notched two points, and Kelsi Johnson chipped in one.

The victory comes on the heels of the Lady Tigers' third-place finish in the Lamesa tournament.

In its three tourney matches, Snyder knocked off Brownfield and Seminole, with its only setback coming to Denver City.

In the third-place match, Snyder downed Seminole, 15-12, 14-16, 15-13.

Vasquez served up 10 points to lead the Lady Tigers, while Burleson added nine more.

Johnson notched seven points. Drum posted five, and Ashley Martinez and Dominique Braziel tallied three apiece.

McKinney accounted for two points, while Wofford, Thornhill, Desiree Braziel, Acee French, and Beth Clements chipped in one each.

Snyder will be in action again at 2 p.m. Saturday when it visits Frenship.

Snyder def. Brownfield
15-9, 15-12

Snyder service points: Missy Vasquez, 8; Kelbi Drum, 5; Desiree Braziel, 4; Erin Burleson, 3; Sharday McKinney, Acee French, Sara Thornhill and Kelsi Johnson, 2; Dominique Braziel and Misha Wofford, 1.

Denver City def. Snyder
15-4, 15-10

Snyder service points: Beth Clements, 6; Dominique Braziel, Misha Wofford and Missy Vasquez, 2; Desiree Braziel and Sharday McKinney, 1.

District 4-4A Volleyball

Team	District W	District L
Lake View	9	0
Andrews	7	2
Snyder	6	3
Big Spring	6	3
Frenship	3	6
Plainview	3	6
Levelland	2	7
Estacado	0	9

Tuesday's results: Lake View def. Snyder, 15-10, 15-9; Plainview def. Frenship, 15-13, 15-5; Big Spring def. Estacado, 15-1, 15-7; Andrews def. Levelland, 15-8, 15-11.

JV spikers notch win

SAN ANGELO — Snyder used its front-line strength and back-row depth to quickly dispense of Lake View, 15-12, 15-7, in Tuesday's junior varsity volleyball action.

Amber Alexander and Lori Chesser led the Lady Tigers from the service line with nine points apiece.

Dara Chambers and Shelley Fisk tallied four points each, and Loryn Brown and Lauren Day added two apiece.

Snyder will be back on the court at 2 p.m. Saturday when it visits the Frenship Tigers in Wolfforth.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY

RODEO: Western Texas at Vernon

FOOTBALL: Snyder JV at Frenship, 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Frenship at Snyder freshmen, 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Snyder 8th grade at Sweetwater, 5 and 6:30

FOOTBALL: Sweetwater at Snyder 7th grade, 5 and 6:30

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Frenship at Snyder, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Jayton at Ira, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Sands at Hermleigh, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Borden County at Whitharral, 7:30

RODEO: Western Texas at Vernon

SATURDAY

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder frosh, JV and varsity at Frenship, 2 and 3 p.m.

TENNIS: Snyder at Levelland

RODEO: Western Texas at Vernon

Postseason Baseball

All Times EDT
DIVISION SERIES
American League
Chicago vs. Seattle
Tuesday, Oct. 3

Seattle 7, Chicago 4, 10 innings, Seattle leads series 1-0

Wednesday, Oct. 4

Seattle (Abbott 9-7) at Chicago (Sirotka 15-10), 1:07 p.m. (ESPN)

Oakland vs. New York
Tuesday, Oct. 3

Oakland 5, New York 3, Oakland leads series 1-0

Wednesday, Oct. 4

New York (Pettitte 19-9) at Oakland (Appier 15-11), 8:18 p.m. (FOX)

National League
San Francisco vs. New York
Wednesday, Oct. 4

New York (Hampton 15-10) at San Francisco (Hernandez 17-11), 4:07 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Oct. 5

New York (Leiter 16-8) at San Francisco (Estes 15-6), 8:18 p.m. (FOX)

St. Louis vs. Atlanta
Tuesday, Oct. 3

St. Louis 7, Atlanta 5, St. Louis leads series 1-0

Thursday, Oct. 5

Atlanta (Glavine 21-9) at St. Louis (Kile 20-9), 4:07 p.m. (ESPN)

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In tennis action...

SHS drops warm-up to Permian

To prepare for this weekend's showdown for the district title, Snyder High School's tennis team faced some stiff competition in a mid-week tune-up on Tuesday.

Snyder fell to Odessa Permian, 13-7, in Tuesday's team tennis action, but SHS coach Brad Wikse believes his squad is better for having faced the Class 5A squad.

"We didn't come out on top in the overall score, but we played some good tennis," said the first-year Snyder coach. "The last time we played Permian we got beat, 14-4, so we can tell we've made some improvement. Plus, competing against better teams can only make you better in the long run, and that's what we're after."

Snyder, still unbeaten in district competition, faces its biggest match of the season Saturday when it visits 20th-ranked Levelland, the only other undefeated squad in the league.

The winner of Saturday's match will all but clinch the District 4-4A crown, and Snyder is well aware of what's at stake.

"Our kids understand that this is for the district title, so we want to be playing our best tennis of the year," Wikse remarked. "We're focused on going up there, beating them on their home courts, and coming home with the title."

Permian 13, Snyder 7

Boys' singles: Gibson def. Kizer, 6-1, 6-1; Smith def. Morgan, 7-6, 6-1; DePaz lost to Kizer, 6-1, 6-1; Best def. Andress, 8-4; Gorman lost to Denis, 8-1; Reed lost to Bridges, 8-3.

Boys' doubles: Gibson-Smith def. Kizer-Kizer, 6-2, 6-1; DePaz-Rodgers lost to Morgan-Howard, 6-3, 6-1; Best-Gorman def. Debis-Girard, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

Mixed doubles: Jones-Kubena lost to Andress-Samarripa, 6-1, 6-7, 6-2.

Girls' singles: Vargas lost to Mann, 6-0, 6-2; Hardin lost to Whalen, 6-3, 6-3; Sutter lost to Whitten, 6-3, 6-3; Jones lost to Blaydes, 8-5; Dunham lost to Melton, 6-1, 6-3; Brumley lost to Bell, 8-1; Cantu def. Samarripa, 9-7.

Girls' doubles: Dunham-Vargas lost to Mann-Whitten, 6-1, 6-3; Brumley-Cantu def. Blaydes-Whalen, 6-3, 6-2; Beccue-Sutter lost to Melton-Whitten, 6-0, 6-2.

Sports Briefs

Men's basketball league

Snyder Men's Basketball League will accept entries through Oct. 15. Entry fee is $25 per player. League play begins Oct. 16. To register, call Bryan Cave at 573-3916.

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.

Also, the White Buffalo Open Tournament will be held Saturday. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Entry fee is $5, with trophies awarded to the top three finishers.

Ladies' tournament

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder County Club will host the Ladies Tournament of Champions will be held Saturday and Sunday.

Golf tournament

Price Daniel will host an A-B-C-D scramble to benefit Texas Special Olympics on Oct. 16 at Quicksand GC in San Angelo. Cost is $50 per player, and includes cart and lunch.

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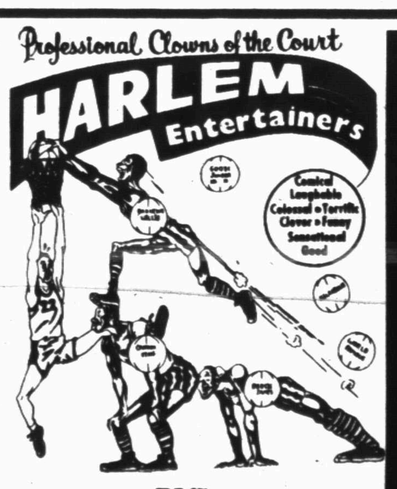

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U.S. standard for drunken driving OK'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress, joining forces with President Clinton, is adopting a tough national standard for drunken driving that proponents say should reduce the 15,000-plus annual highway fatalities linked to alcohol.

Ending a three-year legislative struggle, House and Senate negotiators have agreed to require states to implement a 0.08 percent blood alcohol content standard as the legal level for drunken driving by 2004. States that fail to impose that standard would begin losing millions of dollars a year in federal highway funds.

The House may vote on the measure, part of a transportation spending bill, as early as Wednesday, and the Senate is expected to quickly follow suit, sending the legislation to the president for his signature.

Clinton said the 0.08 standard was a "common-sense nationwide limit" that will save an estimated 500 lives a year and prevent thousands of injuries.

"This is a tremendous win not only for those who have lost loved ones to drunk drivers, but for those whose families will remain safe because more drunk drivers will be off the road," said Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., a chief sponsor of the legislation.

The restaurant and beverage industries, which have lobbied hard to defeat the 0.08 standard, said the majority of drinking-related fatalities involve people with far higher blood alcohol concentrations and the legislation does not address the real problem: hard-core and repeat drinking offenders.

In 1998, 15,935 traffic deaths were attributed to drunken driving, or 38.4 percent of the 41,471 deaths overall. Both numbers were down slightly from the year before.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving cites studies showing that a driver with 0.08 blood alcohol content is 11 times more likely to be involved in a fatal collision than a sober driver.

"There's no single solution to drunk driving," said MADD President Millie Webb, who lost a nephew and a daughter and who, with her husband and unborn baby, was severely injured in a crash with a driver with 0.08 percent content. But 0.08 laws "are among the most important measures proven to save lives on our roadways."

Currently, 18 states and the District of Columbia have 0.08 laws, and in Massachusetts evidence of a level of 0.08 is considered evidence but not proof of drunkenness. Thirty-one states define drunken driving as 0.10 percent blood alcohol content.

Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., a leader on the issue in the House with Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., said 0.08 has been proven to save lives. Illinois, she said, has seen a 13.7 percent decline in fatal crashes involving drunken driving since it adopted 0.08 in 1997.

But John Doyle, spokesman for the American Beverage Institute, said alcohol-related fatalities were up 8 percent last year in Virginia, which has a 0.08 standard, but down 12 percent in neighboring Maryland, which does not.

Doyle's group says the 0.08 standard would mean that a 120-pound woman who drinks two 6-ounce glasses of wine over a two-hour period could face arrest and mandatory jail or loss of her license.

But MADD, also citing National Highway Traffic Safety Administration studies, says a 170-pound man would have to have four drinks in an hour on an empty stomach, or a 137-pound woman three drinks in an hour, to reach 0.08.

Under the final compromise, states that don't implement the 0.08 standard by 2004 would lose 2 percent of their highway money, with the penalty increasing to 8 percent by 2007. States that adopt the standard by 2007 would be reimbursed for any lost money.

Several lawmakers made last-ditch efforts to sidetrack the 0.08 measure but were defeated by the House-Senate conference.

Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., contended it was wrong to take money away from states that, while they might not have a 0.08 standard, impose other strong anti-drinking measures such as bans on driving with open containers of alcohol or mandatory blood testing after accidents.

"It's a gross injustice to many states that have far tougher drunk driving laws," he said.

The transportation spending bill is H.R. 4475.
On the Net: MADD: http://www.madd.org/
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State drunken driving laws: http://www.mrtraffic.com/dui.htm
Bill text is available on http://thomas.loc.gov

Texas experiencing boom in construction of power plants

HOUSTON (AP) — Amid state deregulation of electrical utilities, a power plant construction boom is under way across Texas.

The 24 plants now under construction will boost Texas' total generating capacity by by 13,817 megawatts, enough extra electricity to power Houston and Austin, according to the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal.

Most new plants will be fueled by natural gas and financed by independent power producers competing to be the first into a deregulated Texas marketplace.

The boom follows a decade with virtually no construction of new electric generation capacity.

The new plants represent a $10 billion investment, said Sen. David Sibley, an architect of the 1999 deregulation bill.

"It's unbelievable," Sibley told the newspaper in Wednesday's editions. "It exceeded my expectations."

Other companies have also announced plans for plants providing another 17,129 megawatts, but industry observers believe only half of that will be built in the next five years.

State officials and corporate executives contend that Texas won't experience problems from deregulation suffered by California, where residents have endured shortages and skyrocketing prices. Texas is the only state with its own power grid, proponents say, and also has created better regulations and more competition than other states.

But Texas' grid will need upgrading to distribute all the new power. The Texas Public Utility Commission forecasts construction of $700 million in new transmission lines, which might not be enough to handle the load.

Addition of so much capacity "will put strains on the transmission grid," said Robert W. Harvey, vice chairman of Reliant Energy Inc., Houston.

Besides transmission challenges, some legislators, consumer advocates and energy-industry officials question the wisdom of becoming so reliant on natural-gas plants, with such fuel prices having doubled so far this year.

Only a few other states besides California and Texas have decided to open their power markets. Proponents of deregulation say the new Texas plants will bring lower prices by increasing supply.

Study examines side effects of two types of care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surgical removal of a cancerous prostate is more apt to cause urinary and sexual performance problems than is treatment of the disease with radiation, a study says.

But in a report appearing Wednesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, researchers also found that men whose prostate cancer was treated with beamed radiation were more likely to have problems with bowel function than were the surgical patients.

The study is the latest effort to help men and their doctors determine which treatment is best for early stage prostate cancer.

"The take-home message from this is that patients need to get information to make their decision," said Arnold L. Potosky, a National Cancer Institute researcher and first author of the study. "There is still a lot of uncertainty about the survival advantages of the treatments, but there are (side effects) due to treatment."

He said there have been no studies providing definitive answers on which method of treating early stage prostate cancer is best for prolonging life. Such studies are under way, but years from conclusion.

Instead, Potosky's study dealt with the quality of life changes that men experienced two years after having early stage prostate cancer treated either with surgery or radiation.

The study involved 1,156 men whose diseased prostates were removed surgically and 435 men who received radiation therapy. The men, who came from six different parts of the country, were selected randomly from patients diagnosed with localized prostate cancer, which means the disease had not spread beyond the organ and suggests the cancer was in an early stage.

In interviews starting at six months and continued periodically for up to two years following treatment, the patients were asked about the effects of their therapy on urinary, bowel and sexual function.

Potosky said men who received surgery were 3.2 to 7.4 times more likely to report problems with urine leakage or control. Surgery patients were 15 times more likely to wear pads to stay dry, the study showed.

Surgery patients also reported more sexual function problems, he said.

"Among the men who were potent before treatment, the surgical patients are eight times more likely to be impotent two years later," said Potosky.

Bowel function, however, was most seriously affected in the men who received the beam radiation therapy.

Diarrhea and bowel urgency, said Potosky, were about two times more common in the radiation group of patients.

Dr. Timothy J. Wilt, a prostate cancer researcher at Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Center for Chronic Disease Outcomes Research, said the Potosky study "is a very good one" that may help some men make a decision on prostate cancer therapy.

But Wilt and Potosky both said there is a great need for studies that examine the survival benefits for the various types of treatment now offered for early stage prostate cancer.

Rowling to share profits from books

LONDON (AP) — J.K. Rowling, creator of Harry Potter, will share profits from her best-selling books with single mothers like herself, British media reported Wednesday.

Staff members of the National Council for One Parent Families are quoted as saying Rowling donated a "six-figure sum" to the charity.

In an article for the British tabloid The Sun, Rowling, 34, says she has vivid memories of the social stigma she faced after her marriage broke up and she moved from Portugal to Scotland with her daughter, Jessica.

"When I went to claim my first week's Income Support, I felt as though there was an enormous neon arrow pointing at my head," she was quoted as saying.

"I knew that nobody was setting out to make me feel humiliated and worthless — though that is exactly how I felt."

Rowling said she lived in a mouse-infested Edinburgh flat on $101-a-week state benefit. She wrote her best-selling series on notepad paper in Edinburgh cafes while sheltering herself and Jessica from the cold.

She told The Sun that the birth of her daughter was "the best day of my life."

One of the worst, however, was when a health visitor brought Jessica some secondhand toys including "a grubby old teddy bear."

"If I'd felt humiliated before, it was nothing to how I felt when I looked at that teddy bear," she said. "I didn't give it to Jessica. I stuffed it in a bin bag and pretended I hadn't seen it."

She added: "It makes me sad that nobody turns a hair to see the word's 'penniless' and 'single mother' together in a sentence. People seem to accept that the two things usually go together."

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NEW YORK (AP)

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Alltel	53.44	52.25	53.31	+ .94
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AmEl Pw	38.88	38.06	38.13	—.44
AndarkPtr	69.26	67.80	68.16	—1.10
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RadioShack	67.25	65.88	66.25	—.69
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RoyalDut	61.49	60.88	61.31	—.38
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SaraLee	20.00	19.88	19.94	—.06
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SmithklBchm	68.19	66.81	67.88	+ .50
SouthernCo	31.31	30.25	30.25	—.63
SwstAirl	26.25	25.44	25.50	
SprintFON	28.00	26.50	27.63	+ .25
SprintPCS s	36.00	35.06	35.75	+ 1.63
Sunoco Inc	27.63	26.94	27.19	+ .19
TXU Corp	39.00	37.75	37.75	—.69
TempleInland	39.13	37.38	39.13	+ 1.50
Texaco	52.56	51.75	52.00	—.94
TexInd	32.63	32.06	32.63	+ .38
TexasInst s	50.50	48.75	50.00	+ 1.25
Textron	49.25	46.38	48.88	+ 1.69
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TrinityInds	24.63	24.00	24.63	+ .63
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USX-Marathn	28.75	28.13	28.31	—.50
USX-USS	16.38	15.63	16.25	+ .50
UnCarbde	42.94	40.56	42.44	+ 1.50
UnionPacif	40.81	39.13	40.69	+ 1.44
UnitedTech	72.00	70.19	71.50	+ .88
Unocal	35.50	34.38	34.69	—.88
Venator Grp	12.88	12.56	12.88	
VerizonComm	49.88	47.63	49.31	+ 1.69
WalMart	47.19	45.50	47.13	+ 1.31
WellsFargo	48.31	47.13	47.13	—.63
WstnGasRs	24.63	24.00	24.00	—.50
WinnDixie	14.63	14.56	14.56	+ .06
Xerox Cp	11.31	10.50	10.81	—.56

Scurry County Country

Quail day set at Borden Co.

The Borden County Quail Appreciation Day will be held Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the county show barns in Gail. Classroom training will be offered from 8:30-11:45 a.m., a catered lunch from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., and then the group will travel to an area ranch for the afternoon session from 1-4 p.m.

Topics to be discussed include nesting, nesting predators, survival of pen reared vs. wild bobwhites, economic impacts of quail to Texas, managing quail foods and quail cover, and trouble-shooting habitat problems.

The goal of this workshop is for participants to appreciate the various components of quail management needed to produce bobwhite and scaled quail populations. Quail and quail hunting are becoming especially valuable commodities. Texas is the last stronghold for wild quail hunting. It is important to help ensure that county and area ranches can appreciate the important of quail habitat as a potential revenue source.

Registration is $20 per person at the door. To allow better preparation for the noon meal and training materials, registrations should be mailed in.

For more information, contact the Borden County Extension Office at 806-756-4336 or the Scurry County Extension Office at 573-5423.

Writer speaks

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Pulitzer Prize winning novelist John Updike told a group of Alabama students that good writing comes with maturity.

"Keep it natural. Keep it idiomatic. Let it happen," he told about 15 Huntingdon College students Monday as part of the school's lecture series.

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Garden Check List for October

• Rejuvenate heat stressed geraniums and begonias for the fall season by lightly pruning, fertilizing and watering.

• Caladiums require plenty of water at this time of year if they are to remain lush and attractive in the fall. Fertilize with ammonium sulfate at the rate of 1/3 to ½ pound per 100 square feet of bed area, and water thoroughly.

• Do not allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture. Holly will frequently drop its fruit under drought conditions.

• Remove weak, unproductive growth from crape myrtle and roses to stimulate new growth.

• Prune dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning until midwinter. Pruning now may stimulate tender growth prior to frost.

• Sow seeds of snapdragons, pinks, pansies and other winter flowers in flats for planting outside during mid to late fall.

• Prepare the beds for spring flowering bulbs as soon as possible. It's important to cultivate the soil and add generous amounts of organic matter to improve the water drainage. Bulbs will rot without proper drainage.

• Divide spring flowering perennials such as irises, shasta and oxeye daisies, gaillardias, canna lillies, day lilles, violets, lirioped and ajugas.

• Fertilize and groom verbenas, perennial salvias and lantanas by lightly pruning and removing non-vigorous wood, to stimulate a long and productive fall season.

• Christmas cacti can be made to flower by supplying 12 hours of uninterrupted darkness and cool nights (55 degrees F) for a month starting in mid-October. Keep plants on the dry side for a month prior to the treatment.

• As they begin to dry naturally on the plants, cut ornamental gourds and store in a well ventilated, dry place for several weeks prior to use.

Grain sorghum crop in Texas dried out due to the drought

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Producers in many areas of Texas have lost most of this season's sorghum crop due to drought conditions, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

"Grain sorghum has been devastated in the West Central region," said district Extension director Scott Durham in San Angelo. "It's been a brutal year for all crops."

Durham said grain sorghum, which usually makes a revenue of $6 million to $12 million dollars for the West Central region, will only bring in about $2 million this year. He said most sorghum will not even be harvested.

Tom Green County, which usually sees revenues of $1.5 million to $4 million from sorghum, has made less than $500,000 this year.

"We're going to be harvesting a very limited amount of grain this year," said Durham. "Most will be grazed, baled or shredded."

According to the Agricultural Statistics Service, Texas producers plant about 3 million acres of grain sorghum each year. In 1999, sorghum netted $316 million statewide; this year that number is expected to be $15 million lower.

District Extension director Dr. Bob Robinsion in Amarillo said the annual rainfall in the Panhandle is six inches below normal, and temperatures are unseasonably high. The region has not received measurable rain since mid-July.

"August is a very important month for sorghum." said Robinson. "Dryland sorghum simply did not receive enough rain during that month."

Soil conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: soil moisture is very short. Corn harvest winding down; yields below average. Hot, dry conditions hurt sorghum yields; most of the acreage will be hayed or grazed. Variable cotton yields reported. Peanut crop is rated very poor to good Cattle doing well.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is very short. Corn and sunflower harvest nearly complete. Cotton yields and fiber quality below average. Grain sorghum in poor to fair condition. Pastures and ranges in poor condition. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,385 head of cattle for the Saturday, Sept. 30, sale. Compared to last week: feeder steers and heifers were steady to $2 higher. Slaughter cows were steady to $2 higher and bulls were steady. Bred cows were $30 per head higher and pairs were $50 per pair higher. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 97-105
400-500: 01.50-95
500-600: 84.50-88
600-700: 81-82.75
700-800: 75.50-78.25
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 89-95.50
400-500: 82-89.50
500-600: 78-84
600-700: 77.50-80
700-800: 74-78.50
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 540-650
Aged cows: 405-510
Pairs: 700-830
Aged pairs: 565-675
Slaughter cows: High yielding: 25-40.50
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 51.50
Slaughter bulls: Low dressing: 40.50-45

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 573 head of cattle for the Thursday, Sept. 28, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 35-41
Canner and low cutters: 28-35
Slaughter bulls: 45-51
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-110
400-500: 90-107
500-600: 83-93
600-700: 80-85
700-800: 77-84
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-95
400-500: 80-90
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 76-83
700-800: 70-76.50
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 75-85
700-800: 65-77
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 600-750
Grade: 500-600
Springers: 350-590
Baby calves: 100-200
Doodlers: 125-210

Graham

Graham Livestock Comm., Inc. had a run of 2,760 head of cattle for the Monday, Oct. 2, sale. Packer cows and bulls were $2 to $3 higher. Bred cows were steady to $2 lower... Steers were $2 to $3 lower and bulls were steady. Pairs were $20 lower. Heifers were steady to $2 lower. Market was active and demand good.

Representative Sales
Bland Burger, Archer City
CTR Cows, 1,225 lbs. @ $33
Blk Steer, 415 lbs. @ $101
Lowell Cooper, Bowie
8 Blk., WF Heifers, 583 lbs. @ $82
4 Blk. Strs., 606 lbs. @ $84
J.L. Raper Ranch, Poolville
Blk. Str., 355 lbs. $113
Blk. Str., 645 lbs. @ $84
Jack Atwood, Graham
2 Blk. Hfrs, 583 lbs. @ $81
2 Blk. Hfrs. 465 lbs. @ $85
Rocking J Ranch, Throckmorton
3 Blk. Heifers 790 lbs. @ $78.50
5 Blk. Steers, 649 lbs. @ $85.50
Brad Petrie, Albany
Blk. Pr., 1,205 lbs. @ $740
Blk. Pr., 1,175 lbs. @ $640
Alton Turner, Throckmorton
Bred Red Cow, 1,180 lbs. @ $600
Bred Red WF Cow, 1,240 lbs. @ $540
Howard Hale, Seymour
Char. Hfr., 385 lbs., @ $94
Char Bull, 345 lbs., @ $110

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Murder, rape suspect linked to third attack by DNA match

ARLINGTON (AP) — A third sexual assault in a Dallas suburb is now linked to a man accused of killing two women.

Dale Devon Scheanette already has been charged in connection with two 1996 bathtub slayings at an Arlington apartment complex and a 1999 rape at an Arlington college. Charges against Scheanette also were pending in three other sexual assault cases — two in Lancaster in 1998 and one in Grand Prairie last year.

Scheanette was the main suspect in the third Lancaster attack when police confirmed the two other assaults a month ago, said Lancaster police Lt. Thurman Selman.

"We didn't have enough evidence at the time, but we think it was him," Selman told the Arlington Morning News in Wednesday's editions.

Scheanette, held without bail in the Tarrant County Jail, has declined interview requests.

One of Scheanette's attorneys in the capital murder cases, Stuart Oliphint, did not have details on the additional charges.

"I know that there are several jurisdictions attempting to link offenses to Mr. Scheanette. These are all allegations at this point. These are all nonindicted cases," said Oliphint.

Scheanette is charged with two counts of capital murder in the slaying of Christine Vu and Wendie Prescott. Lancaster police filed two aggravated sexual assault charges against Scheanette with the Dallas County district attorney's office on Monday in connection with two October 1998 attacks on women.

Scheanette has also been charged with sexual assaults in Grand Prairie and at the University of Texas at Arlington. a Police are waiting on written confirmation of the DNA results in the Hunter's Creek attack before filing a third aggravated sexual assault charge against Mr. Scheanette.

Sociology professor Robert L. Young, who teaches criminology courses at the University of Texas at Arlington, said police look for links between a high-profile suspect and unsolved cases in their jurisdictions.

Selman said saliva samples taken from Scheanette when he was arrested link him to DNA evidence obtained from a rape at the Hunter's Creek Apartments in October 1998. The match was confirmed by Dallas County's Southwestern Institute of Forensic Science.

R.E.M. fans want to preserve trestle

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — It's automatic for the people: The train trestle must be preserved.

Fans of R.E.M. say the abandoned trestle featured on the back of the group's breakthrough album, "Murmur," is a Southern landmark worth protecting.

They're leading an effort to save the structure from demolition and raise money to help the city buy it as a memorial to the Athens band.

The Athens-Clarke County Commission on Wednesday voted to buy the trestle from CSX railroad for $25,000 and incorporate it into a bike and pedestrian trail.

"The trestle is part of a series of landmarks for us," said 21-year-old Ethan Kaplan, owner of an unofficial R.E.M. Web site. "They came to symbolize the mythology of R.E.M. and the town that R.E.M. lives in."

Now the commission will negotiate with CSX to buy an accompanying 1.9 miles of right-of-way, tentatively priced at $7 million.

If the commission does not purchase the right-of-way, the trestle will have to be moved or dismantled at the county's expense.

"I have been inundated with e-mails," said Athens-Clarke County Mayor Doc Eldridge, who supports the preservation. "People from literally all over the world are wanting to help."

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The French submarine Sybille disappeared in the Mediterranean in 1952. Its crew of 48 was lost.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000

If you're not too timid, you should be able to initiate several specific changes in the year ahead that you've been unable to make thus far. It'll make a big difference in your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Although you might get off to a slow start today, if there is something you're anxious to finalize, your consistency and resolve will grow as you become more involved. 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) You do have the ability today to accurately determine that which is practical from that which is wishful thinking. The trick is to desire logic over hope so you'll utilize the former.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today's financial aspects are trending in your favor, yet you could end up being disappointed if you expect more than you actually earn. Be grateful, not greedy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) By operating in an independent manner today, your chances for success go up considerably. Disengage yourself from restricting situations or people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A little solitude today could help you immensely in collecting your thoughts and composure. It will prove to be very helpful to get off alone and privately sort things out. Try to do so.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Because several of your friends haven't seen much of you lately, they are beginning to wonder what you think of them. Take measures to rectify this today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's up to you what kind of day you make this. If your time is idled away without purpose, life will have no meaning. Conversely, achieving a worthy objective will prove gratifying.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should some of the choices you have to make today not be easy ones, it's important to remember to do what is proper, not merely what is the most expedient.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) What you reap today might not be too large nor apt to come too easily. Nevertheless, what you do gain is more than what you'd have if you did nothing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In order to win the cooperation of others today, you might have to first show a willingness to put yourself out for them a bit. People could be in a "I'll treat you the way you treat me" mood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if you've been working a bit harder than usual lately, it doesn't give you cause to ignore other tasks for which people are depending on you. Try to take care of them today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The only way to relax and have a good time today is to put aside other duties and responsibilities that can wait. Once you make a decision to take a little time off, leave the rest behind.

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South Texas sheriff admits guilt on theft, drug charges

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Frio County sheriff has pleaded guilty to felony theft and drug charges after allegedly pocketing thousands of dollars confiscated during a 1994 traffic stop and later trying to sell marijuana to replace the missing money.

In a San Antonio federal courtroom on Tuesday, Sheriff Carl Burris said he took $7,726 confiscated during the traffic stop and tried selling about 262 pounds of seized marijuana in order to replace the missing money in 1997.

Burris faces a minimum penalty of five years in prison for conspiring to distribute marijuana and stealing from a federally funded government.

His conviction will not be final until his sentencing, which has not been scheduled.

In Wednesday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News, the 53-year-old Burris said he would withdraw as a candidate for re-election but would not resign before his term ends on Jan. 1, 2001.

"I've been in law enforcement most of my life," he said. "When you make a mistake, you need to stand up, 'fess up to it and let the law take its course."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Ray Jahn said an investigation of unidentified members of law enforcement in Frio County, which is located about 40 miles south of San Antonio, was ongoing.

Last week, U.S. Magistrate Judge John Primomo allowed Burris to keep his sidearm because his department is reportedly short on deputies and engaged in an "extensive investigation relating to a triple homicide case."

Three burning corpses were found in rural Frio County on Sept. 17, days after the sheriff filed a plea agreement in federal court admitting he pocketed the money and tried selling the marijuana.

Berry's World

"I MADE A BUNDLE WITH MY DOT-COM COMPANY. NOW, I'M JUST LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO."

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Try non-surgical therapy first

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm in constant pain because of a herniated disc between my 9th and 10th vertebrae. My doctor says that corrective surgery is very dangerous, but what alternatives do I have?

DEAR READER: With a herniated disc, the supporting structure (shaped somewhat like an inner tube) that acts as a cushion between two backbones has slipped (herniated) out of position and is pressing against either the spinal cord itself or against the spinal nerves that exist between the vertebral bones.

This condition most commonly affects the lower back, so your affliction is unusual because it involves the mid-back. This should not affect your decision about surgery, but, first, try non-surgical therapy, such as rest, pain medicine and special exercises to relieve the painful muscle spasm. In some instances, chiropractic manipulation, acupuncture or massage may be beneficial. Often, the herniated disc will slip back into position, and the patient will be relatively comfortable, unless the herniation reoccurs.

Surgery is reserved for serious cases that don't respond to conservative measures or that continue to recur. The operation has risks, of course, because it is carried out very near the spinal cord. When performed by competent specialists, however, the procedure is associated with low risk (of paralysis, infection or chronic pain).

Many patients who suffer the torture of long-standing pain welcome surgery and readily accept the risks, provided there is a good chance for cure. This is a decision that you will have to make. You may feel more secure in your choice if you obtain a second opinion from another neurosurgeon or orthopedic specialist. In any case, you are entitled to a full disclosure about the surgery, its risks and its benefits. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Ever since I had a sigmoidectomy for cancer in 1985, I've had digestive disturbances, including gas, bloating and occasional heartburn. My doctors have been unable to help me. Recently, however, an alternative practitioner recommended glutamic acid and an enzymatic digestant, and for the first time in 15 years, my digestion is normal. Is it safe for me to continue this therapy?

DEAR READER: Sigmoidectomy is removal of the sigmoid colon, the part of the large intestine just above the rectum. The operation should not affect digestion, which takes place in the stomach and small intestine long before food reaches the large bowel. Therefore, I am confused by your symptoms; I do not believe that they are related to your surgery in 1985.

True, many patients experience marked softening of their bowel movements after colon surgery, but the fact that your symptoms improved from enzymatic digestants suggests a cause higher in the intestinal tract. For example, pancreatic digestive enzymes, such as Pancrease, often help patients with incomplete digestion stemming from a variety of disorders, such as malfunction of the pancreas. Such an affliction could explain why your symptoms responded to treatment.

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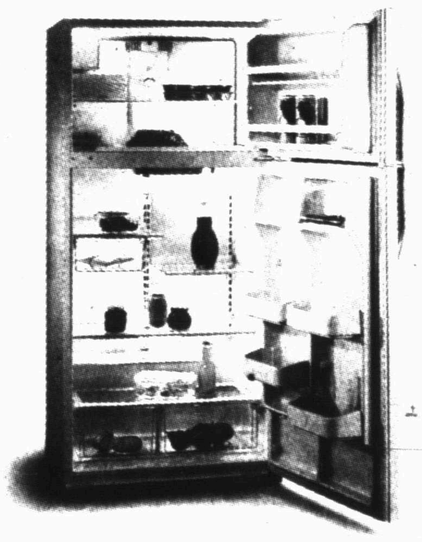

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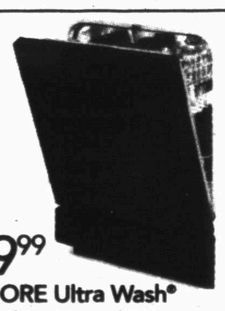

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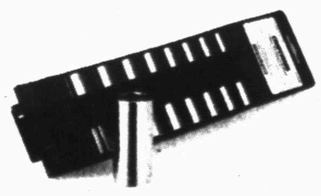

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Milosevic tries to end strike with force

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic's police entered a major coal mine Wednesday to break up the largest of the nationwide strikes aimed at ousting the Yugoslav president, an independent news agency said.

Truckloads of police and soldiers went into the Kolubara mine complex south of Belgrade after the government said the five-day strike threatened electricity supplies, the independent Beta news agency said.

A striker who answered the telephone at the facility, which employs 7,000 workers, said miners were refusing to leave the compound and so far there had been no clashes or arrests. He refused to give his name.

Beta quoted a strike leader Predgrag Stefanovic as appealing to residents of nearby towns "to come and help us."

The action came one day after the Milosevic government threatened "special measures" against leaders of strikes and road blockades, which were launched this week to force the Yugoslav president to concede defeat to challenger Vojislav Kostunica in the Sept. 24 election.

On Tuesday, Belgrade's prosecutor issued arrest orders for 13 opposition leaders involved in organizing a walkout at the Kolubara coal mine.

Milosevic concedes that Kostunica outpolled him in the five-candidate race but fell short of an absolute majority. A run-off is set for Sunday but the opposition has called for a boycott.

Earlier, police arrested several truck drivers blocking roads in Milosevic's hometown, Pozarevac, about 30 miles southeast of Belgrade.

Beta said the government had brought in strikebreakers from Kosovo, where many miners are out of work since NATO and the United Nations took over the province last year.

The opposition has accused Milosevic of massive fraud in the election and on Wednesday sought to prove the allegations before Yugoslavia's Constitutional Court. The tribunal met in emergency session to hear claims by the 18-party opposition coalition that Milosevic's cronies manipulated election results by using a sophisticated software program.

Opposition leaders said they had obtained a copy of the program and would use it to illustrate how the vote was rigged to favor Milosevic's candidacy. The court is full of Milosevic loyalists.

Patterson purchases AMBAR, Inc. operations

Snyder-based Patterson Energy, Inc., announces that it has purchased the drilling and completion fluid operations of AMBAR, Inc.

The company's primary operations are in the Louisiana and Texas Gulf coasts, and the Gulf of Mexico.

The drilling and completion fluid operations are supported by ten separate field facilities, including seven dock facilities and one barite grinding plant. These plants are located in southern Louisiana and Texas, a sales office is in Houston, and the administrative office is in Lafayette.

Cloyce A. Talbott, Patterson's chairman and CEO, said the acquisition of AMBAR will complement the firm's existing operations by expanding the company's drilling and completion fluids services in the offshore markets of the Gulf of Mexico and strengthening its presence in South Texas.

Pursuant to the transaction, Patterson acquired working capital of approximately $7.8 million (current assets acquired $18.2 million and current liabilities assumed $10.4 million), fixed assets with an approximate fair market value of $15.7 million and other trademarks and intellectual property which are specific to the division's operation. Consideration included cash proceeds of $11.56 million after a $4.1 million credit attributable to a working capital adjustment.

Obituaries

Doris Eubanks

1936-2000

Funeral service for Doris Eubanks, former Snyder resident, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Rex Reynolds, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hermleigh will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Doris Eubanks

Mrs. Eubanks, died Monday, Oct. 2, at her residence in Mountain Home, Ark. She was 64.

Born May 28, 1936 in Waxahachie, she married Ellis B. Eubanks on April 17, 1962 in Gail.

Survivors include her husband, Ellis B. Eubanks of Mountain Home, Ark.; two sons, Thomas Brown of Odessa and Jeff Eubanks of Mountain Home; two daughters, Janie Klein and Ann Lisko, both of Snyder; three stepsons, Melvin Eubanks of Denver City, Ernest Eubanks of Lubbock and Tommy Eubanks of Denver; a stepdaughter, Evelyn Harwell of Mesquite; two brothers, Ben Brumit of Huntsville and Charlie Brumit of Cleburne; four sisters, Faye Mitchell of Abilene, Sue Whiteside of Big Spring, Juanita Buchanan and Dorothy Matthews, both of Snyder; nine grandchildren, Johnathan Beaird of El Cajan, Calif., Chris, Michael, Krysta Grube of Snyder, LaKrisha Kosler of Houston, Bradley George, Tiffany Brown and Twila Brown, all of Snyder, and Alicia Eubanks of Iowa; eight stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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

Iris Bowlin

1925-2000

Funeral service is set for 1 p.m. Saturday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Iris Bowlin. Interment will follow in Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Bowlin, 74, died at 2:15 a.m. Tuesday at her home in Snyder after a lengthy illness.

Born Oct. 19, 1925 in Marsh Baldon Oxfordshire, England, she married Bill Bowlin on Feb. 3, 1945 in Marsh Baldon England, near Oxford. A longtime Snyder resident, she was associated with her husband in the operation of Texaco service stations in Snyder as well as a car wash that they owned and operated from 1982 to 1988.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Pamela Bowlin, in 1967.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Bowlin of Snyder; a son, Barrie Bowlin of Snyder; two daughters, Patsy Mikelonis of Mimbres, N.M., and Kay Rowe of Durango, Colo.; three sisters, Margaret Atkinson, Dora Hudwell and Vi Gardner, all of England; one brother, Dennis Barrett of England; nine grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association, Box 26460, Austin 78755-0460 or the American Heart Association, in care of Billisue Stuard, 875 Co. Rd. 1101, Hermleigh 79526.

Kylie Uptergrove

Infant

Graveside service for Kylie Elizabeth Uptergrove will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Dunn Cemetery.

Born Sept. 26 in College Station, she died Oct. 2 in Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Survivors include her parents, Shawn and Jodie Uptergrove; a twin sister, Kenzie Elizabeth Uptergrove of the home; her grandparents, Mike and Ann Uptergrove of Dunn and Ray and Jeanne Ellis of Colorado City; great-grandparents, H.E. and Phil Kelley of Snyder, Hubert and Laverna Uptergrove, Othal and Essie Pearl Ellis, all of Colorado City, and Ken and Bebe Johnson of Hobbs, N.M.; and her aunts and uncles, Casey and Stephanie Uptergrove, Jamie and Jason Newman and Jeff and Julie Ellis.

J.P. Lloyd

1917-2000

NASHVILLE, Ark. – John P. "J.P." Lloyd, a former Scurry County resident, died Tuesday, Oct. 3, in a Nashville hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Lloyd, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Latimer Funeral Home Chapel with B.B. Harding officiating. Burial will follow in Langley Cemetery.

Born Dec. 2, 1917 in Cuthbert, he was the son of the late Walter and Effie Mae Butler Lloyd.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Lloyd served in Company G of the 142nd Infantry, 36th Division that was composed of numerous Scurry County residents during World War II.

A farmer and rancher, Mr. Lloyd lived in Howard County for 34 years before moving to Nashville.

Survivors include his wife, Rachael Hartness Lloyd of Nashville; a brother, Claude Lloyd of Andrews; three sisters, Estelle Murphy and Ida Mae Webb, both of Snyder, and Helen Davis of Gun Barrel City; a sister-in-law, Merle Hartness Morphew; and a number of other relatives including nephews Kent Morphew and Gene Hartness.

James Baldwin

1931-2000

PERRYTON – James Clyde Baldwin, a former resident of Snyder, died Tuesday, Oct. 3, at his Perryton residence.

Funeral service for Mr. Baldwin, 69, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ted Latham officiating. Burial will follow in the Ochiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 14, 1931 in Vernon, he married Reta Faye Jones on Dec. 24, 1960 in Fort Worth.

Mr. Baldwin had worked in the oilfields, as a used car dealer and as a scrap metal dealer. A member of the First Baptist Church, he moved from Snyder to Perryton in 1982.

Survivors include his wife, Reta Baldwin of Perryton; two sons, James Clyde "Jamey" Baldwin of Tucson and Carl Baldwin of Arlington; three daughters, Kim Baldwin of Portland, Ore., and Letha Pearson and Trina Jo Kirkpatrick, both of Fort Worth; a brother. Bill Baldwin of Kerrville; two sisters, Maxine Wininger of Wichita Falls and Mary Barnes of Fort Worth; and 10 grandchildren.

John Bruton

1926-2000

RUIDOSO, N.M. — John Harley Bruton of Ruidoso, former Snyder resident, died Monday, Oct. 2, in Ruidoso.

Services for Mr. Bruton, 73, are pending at LaGrone Funeral Chapel in Ruidoso.

He was born on Oct. 29, 1926 in Stephenville and was reared in Snyder.

Mr. Bruton served in the Navy in World War II and retired 20 years ago from Phillips 66 in Odessa as a cost analyzer. Following retirement, he moved to Ruidoso.

Survivors include a daughter, Cynthia Crenshaw of Lancaster; his father, John L. Bruton of Weatherford; and one sister; Maxine Richardson of Weatherford.

He was preceded in death by a son, Charles Clinton Bruton.

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DISMISSALS: Arthur Perez and Lisa Kretzschmer

Runaway reports filed on Tuesday for 16-year-olds

• ***Runaways***

Two 16-year-old girls were reported as runaways Tuesday.

One mother called police at 9:46 a.m. to report that her daughter had run away from home.

At 1:35 p.m. Tuesday, another woman called officers and reported that her daughter had gone to Sweetwater to visit friends and had not returned home.

• ***Dog at large***

Officers received a report of a dog at large in Prairie Dog Town in Towle Park at 6:47 p.m. Tuesday. The caller told dispatchers that the dog was trying to eat the prairie dogs. The animal warden was unable to catch the dog at that time.

• ***Accidents***

At 1:51 p.m. Tuesday, a two-vehicle mishap occurred in the 800 block of 27th Street involving a 1999 Oldsmobile Alero and a 1973 Dodge pickup.

Martha Torres, 26, of 3205 Avenue H was driving the Alero which struck the parked, unoccupied Dodge pickup. The pickup is owned by O.C. Woolever of 5259 Longhorn Lane.

Officers took an accident report at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Skinny's in the 400 block of Coliseum Drive. Involved were a 1988 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Gary Wayne Jones, 47, of 2209 Avenue K and a 1994 Chevrolet pickup driven by Rene Garcia Garza, 51, of 2509 Avenue C.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Missions conference

Calvary Baptist Church will have a missions conference at 7 p.m. today and Thursday, and a banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday. The final service will be Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Missionary guests are Bill and Kay Amberg from Jamaica and Randy and Sherry Rhoton from Costa Rica.

FBC worship service

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

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.

Northeast family reading night

Northeast Elementary will have a family reading night at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. Pizza and soft drinks will be served and child care will be available.

Community meeting

A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Texas Savings Bank meeting room for a discussion on how to become more involved in local taxing entities. Organizer Helen Feinsod said the meeting will be basically a round table discussion to learn about city, school, county and college operations.

Weigh down registration

Registration continues at Colonial Hill Baptist Church for the Weigh Down Workshop. The classes will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday. For more information call Debbie Hicks at 574-1061.

Chicken spaghetti supper

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is selling tickets for a chicken spaghetti supper to be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday in the SHS cafeteria prior to the Snyder-Frenship football game. $5 tickets may be obtained from any tennis player, at the door or by calling 573-2700 or 573-1730. Carryouts will be available. Proceeds will be for the building fund.

White Buffalo Festival

The White Buffalo Festival gets underway at 7 p.m. Friday with the finals of the ranch rodeo. It will open again at 10:15 a.m. Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

His Joy Ministries Conference

The seventh annual His Joy Ministries Conference will be Friday and Saturday at Word is Life Church. Barbara Murrell from Canton will speak for the third time. Music by Far Above Ministries and His Joy Ministries. Call 573-8401 for registration.

Retired teachers

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack with State Rep. David Counts presenting the program.

Social Security reps

Representatives of the Big Spring Social Security office will be at the Snyder Senior Center Tuesday. Hours are 10 a.m. until noon and from 1 to 2 p.m.

GED exams

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

Church benefit

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will be selling enchilada plates Friday, Oct. 13. from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the church. Adult plates are $6, while children plates are $3. Carryout plates 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.

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, Oct. 14. Everyone is invited and there is no charge. Call 573-3996 for more information.

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.

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.

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 Oct. 23. Call the museum at 573-6107 if you have a quilt to lend.

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.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-9-0

Cash Five

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

2-5-7-28-34