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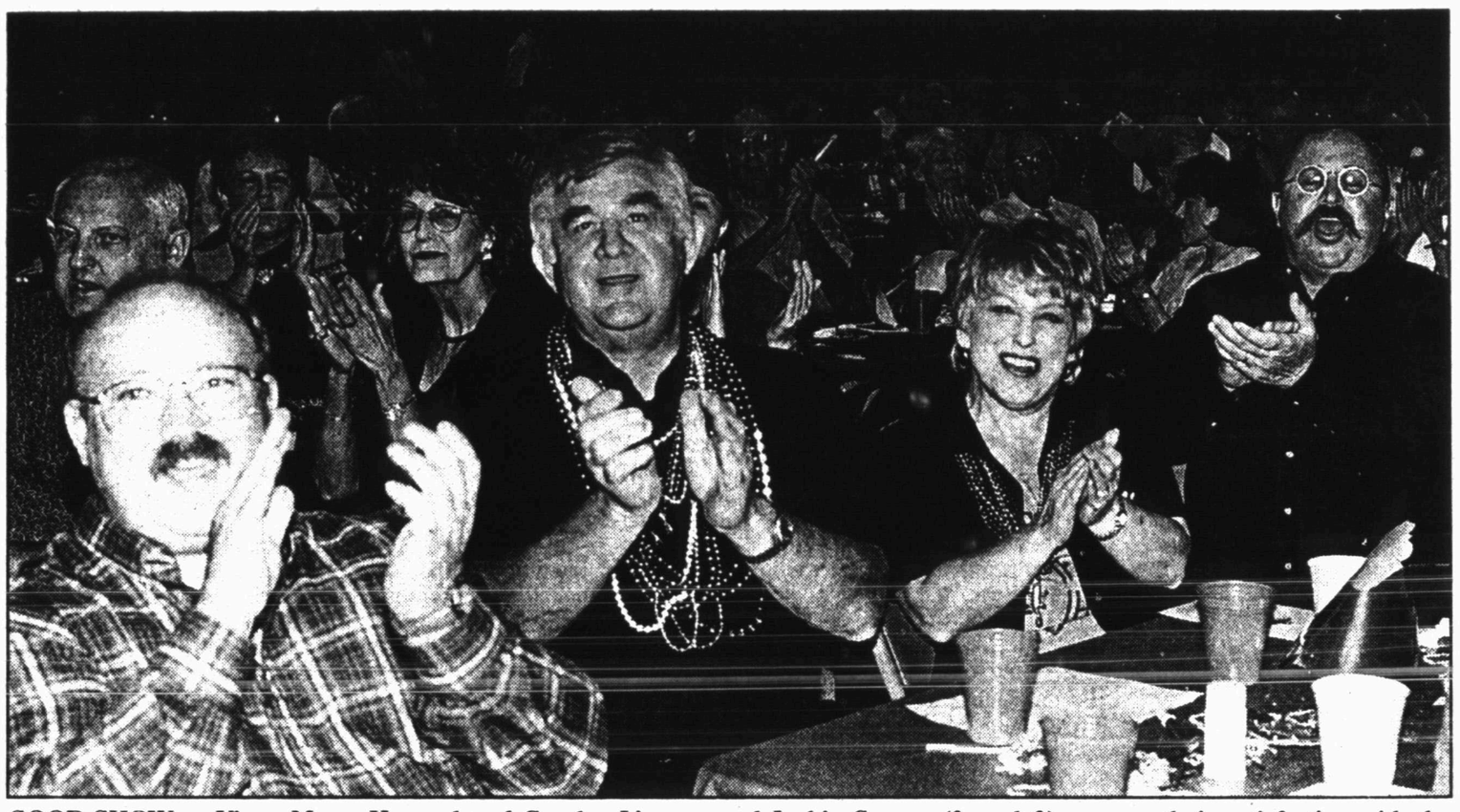


GOOD SHOW — Vince Moss, Howard and Carolyn Limmer and Jackie Greene (from left) express their satisfaction with the entertaining show put on by Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke at Snyder's chamber of commerce banquet Saturday night. Several citizens were recognized at the banquet for their service to the community. See other photos on Page 8. (SDN Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Salary increase included...

College budget ready to adopt

The board of trustees of Western Texas College will convene at 7 this evening and is expected to adopt the school's budget and set the tax rate for the 2000-2001 school year.

The college administration has proposed a $7.6 million budget for the year as well as a student services fee budget of $111,000 and an auxiliary-enterprises budget of $729,086.

On Aug. 15, trustees approved a proposed tax rate of 30.67 cents, a rate 7.9 percent above the effective rate of 28.41 cents. A public hearing was held Tuesday, but no one was present to comment on the rate.

An almost 60 percent increase in mineral values and increases in personal property and industrial values prompted the lower effective rate.

On the revenue side, the college is anticipating an additional $72,184 in state appropriations as well as an insurance reimbursement from the state in the amount of $20,564.

WTC is projecting $184,242 in additional local tax money due to an increase in tax valuations.

A technology fee increase of $2 per credit hour also is planned, which, based on 1999-2000 enrollment, could mean an additional $58,000 in revenue.

On the expense side for the coming year, the college has budgeted for six new positions, including a public information coordinator, computer technician, a part-time employee in the business office, speech instructor, part-time welding instructor and an assistant rodeo coach.

Total expenditures for the six positions are $121,064, but that figure includes the entire budget for the public information office — $52,442.

Sandra Hall has been hired as the public information coordinator and is responsible for coordinating press releases with local and area media in addition to other public relations duties.

Three new programs are also budgeted. These include an early childhood program with a full-year budget of $28,870, an allied health program with a full-year budget of $35,583 and a networking program with a start-up cost of $41,683.

The administration has also included in the budget funds for the expansion of the mass communications department. An additional $17,000 would be included to allow the department to move in a more technical direction with and emphasis on broadcast journalism.

Other programs receiving additional funds for expansion include the GED and ESL (English as a Second Language) programs, to receive an additional $9,328 and the rodeo program, to receive an additional $9,750.

Also included in the budget is a salary increase for all full-time employees. The increase will be the same as last year — two percent plus $500 for full-time staff with a salary above $18,000 and two percent plus $700 for full-time staff with a salary below $18,000.

The administration is also proposing a $100 increase in the prison incentive — from $250 to $350.

Currently when faculty members work in prison units, they receive an additional $250 per course.

Miscellaneous additions to the proposed budget includes $5,000 in funding to launch a capital campaign in conjunction with the Scholarship Foundation. The aim of the campaign will be to increase the amount of funds available in the scholarship foundation and to promote awareness of the scholarship opportunities at Western Texas.

The purchase of a vehicle for the maintenance department at an estimated cost of $18,000 also is included.

A vacant drama position at the college for the fall semester will mean a cut of $25,000. The administration has said it is in the process of filling the position for the spring semester.

In other business this evening, the board will consider tuition variances for Workforce concurrent classes.

The information and discussion portion of the meeting includes:

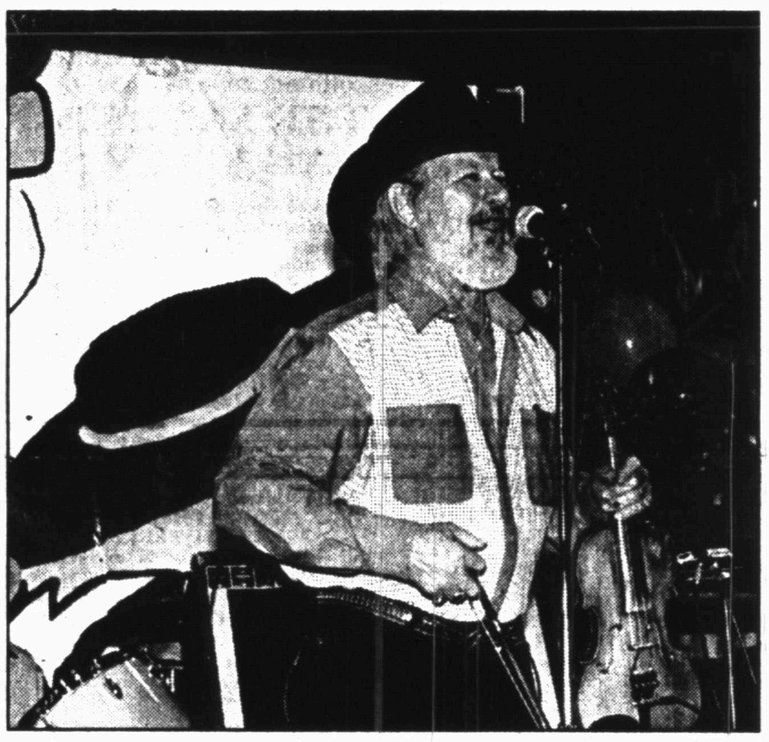
— Introduction of President's Ambassadors.

—Pre-bid approval for LVN Allied Health supplies.

— Letter from Dr. Cheryl Sparks of Howard College regarding the termination of the Associate Degree Nursing contract.

—Memo from Tammy Shirley complimenting the college maintenance department.

—Letter from U.S. Tobacco Co. Scholarship Awards Program regarding scholarship monies won by the WTC rodeo team.



CROWD PLEASER — Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke was the featured entertainment for Saturday night's chamber of commerce banquet. The entertainer has pledged to be back in Snyder in October for a fund-raiser for Bryce Doty. (SDN Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Fundraiser is planned for Snyder youngster

A request for donations to aid in a Snyder youth's medical treatment raised almost $900 at the chamber of commerce banquet Saturday night.

Bryce Doty, a seven-year-old second grader at Stanfield, needs a total of $4,000 for treatment that involves a procedure not unlike deep sea divers receive after getting the bends.

Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke, the featured entertainment at the banquet, has volunteered to donate his services for an event in Snyder in October to raise money for the procedure which is considered experimental, and therefore not covered by insurance.

Bryce, son of Melissa and Darrell Doty, had a stroke at birth that affected the left side of his body. The procedure is expected to improve the use of his left arm and leg.

"We're going to have a "Be Nice to Bryce Day" in early October," said chamber executive director Donna Fowler. "Frenchie Burke said he would play for the event on a Sunday afternoon, as did the Emil Schattel Band of Lubbock."

Fowler also said that Snyder EMS, Exxon-Mobil and the Price Daniel Unit have all expressed interest in helping with the fundraiser.

DONATIONS — Melissa Doty, Donna Fowler and Darlene Amox look over $888 in donations.

Boulder police question Ramseys

ATLANTA (AP) — John and Patsy Ramsey pledged their cooperation with police Monday as they arrived at their lawyer's office to answer investigators' questions about the 1996 death of their daughter, JonBenet.

The couple, who now live in Atlanta, arrived about 8:10 a.m. for the meeting with police from Boulder, Colo., where the 6-year-old beauty queen was slain in their home in 1996.

"They say they need our help. We're here to help," Patsy Ramsey said as the couple arrived.

"They may never clear our names till they find the killer," her husband said. "We're not here to prove our innocence or clear our name. We're here to find the killer of our daughter."

Mrs. Ramsey was to go first in the questioning, followed separately by her husband. It was the first time in more than two years they had faced questions from Boulder authorities. They were questioned separately in April 1997 and again in June 1998.

The seven-member investigative team from Boulder was being led by Police Chief Mark Beckner, who said the questioning would focus on evidence developed over the past two years and statements the Ramseys made in their book, "The Death of Innocence," which came out earlier this year.

Some of the new evidence has come from additional forensic testing. The testing has continued since a grand jury that investigated the case disbanded in October. No indictments were filed.

Beckner said the Ramseys are still under suspicion.

"Either they're involved or they're witnesses," he said. "They're critical to this investigation. Certainly, there are going to be some tough questions, but we're not going to be confrontational. The more time that passes, the more difficult this is to solve."

The Ramseys' attorney, L. Lin Wood, called the meeting "an interrogation, not an interview." He said he had advised the Ramseys not to meet with police because of "the potential for innocent people to be caught up in a web of an overzealous prosecutor and unobjective or less than objective police officials."

"I think it would be safe to say there's probably no lawyer who would recommend they participate in this kind of interrogation," Wood said.

There was no time limit on the interviews, which were to be videotaped and transcribed by a court reporter. Wood said the interviews could take about two days.

"John and Patsy agreed to each and every condition imposed by the police department, and we imposed no conditions ourselves," Wood said.

However, the Ramseys will end the interviews immediately if they are "attacked, abused or treated unfairly," Wood said.

Neither side anticipated that the interviews would result in a quick arrest or an immediate statement from police clearing the couple.

Ira ISD to approve budget

Ira ISD trustees will consider adopting the district's 2000-01 budget when they meet at 7 this evening.

Trustees will look at a budget of $3.396 million, down from the $1.407 million current year budget and $1.6 million the previous year.

Supt. Jim Rumage said the board also will consider budget amendments for the 1999-00 budget in the amount of $30,000. Rumage said most of the amendments deal with facility improvements made over the summer.

The trustees will also hear a request from football coach Toby Goodwin for equipment for the training room, and hear the monthly reports from Rumage.

WTC enrollment down slightly from last year

Preliminary enrollment figures for the fall semester at Western Texas College show a slight decrease compared to the same time in 1999.

Registrar Ann Galyean said enrollment this morning was 1,162 with some registration still underway.

There are 394 full-time students and 768 part-time.

Galyean said this includes all of the traditional on-campus students, distance learning through interactive television and concurrent high school students. The numbers also include extension center students, night students and inmate students.

"Overall enrollment is down just a little bit from last year but nothing dramatic. It shows a sign of the times," the registrar said. "All in all, our enrollment really looks good."

At this time last year, enrollment was 1,298.

"We are going to be registering LVN students the first part of next week and those are not included in the total," Galyean said. "There will be somewhere in the vicinity of about 30 students."

The figure also does not include inmates enrolled in vocational programs.

Galyean said she did not know those figures yet and they were included in the 1999 fall total.

The enrollment figure also excludes students in the correctional officer training pre-service and in-service program for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

ASK US

Q—When is the kick-off luncheon for this year's United Way drive?

A—Sept. 12. Reservations are needed by Friday by calling 573-1731.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 99 degrees; low, 74; high Sunday, 98; low, 72; 7 a.m. Monday, 72; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low lower 70s. SE wind 5-10 mph; Tuesday, sunny, continued hot. High near 100. S to SE wind 10-20 mph.

Jack Lewis
Hot

Sunset:
8:13 p.m.
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7:19 a.m.
Of 240 days in 2000, the sun has shone 237 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"The world is made of people who never quite get on the first team, and who just miss the prizes at the flower show."

—Jacob Brorowski

Experts warn nation about Mercury

CHICAGO (AP) — No more than two or three teaspoons of mercury accidentally spilled when contractors removed aging gas meter regulators from the basements of dozens of homes in Chicago's northwest suburbs.

It's not that much, really. Nor is that kind of spill particularly uncommon, given the frequent use of elemental mercury in everything from thermometers and blood pressure gauges to older gas meters.

Still, health experts are cautioning homeowners — particularly those with children — to get the substance also known as "quicksilver" removed from their homes as soon as possible.

"I have three young children of my own. Absolutely I would be concerned," said Clyde Johnson, an environmental scientist at the City University of New York's Medgar Evers College, where he and his colleagues are tracking the effects of mercury in New York homes and apartments.

Most health experts agree that short exposures to small amounts of mercury are relatively harmless — for example, when a thermometer breaks, allowing beads of the silvery liquid metal to escape. In fact, research has shown little danger in swallowing it.

The trouble comes, they say, when the shiny, silver-white and odorless liquid vaporizes. That can happen, for example, when mercury spills are tracked onto carpets and dispersed by something like a vacuum cleaner.

"The important thing is to have it handled and cleaned up by a professional — to look for hidden places where it has accumulated," said Ira Whitman, an environmental engineer from east Brunswick, N.J., and former official in the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. "It has to be taken seriously."

Because of its heaviness and moldable nature, Whitman said liquid mercury can find its way into cracks and crevices and even under floor boards.

That's one reason Johnson says children are particularly at risk. He says he also has found that mercury tends to vaporize closer to the ground, particularly in winter when houses are less ventilated.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates about 158 tons of mercury is released into this country's atmosphere each year, most of it because of combustible fuels, such as coal.

In the Chicago case, Nicor Gas has begun to inspect and clean up homes where workers from another company allegedly spilled mercury in basements while replacing outdated gas meters last year.

As of Friday, Nicor spokesman Lee Haines said the utility had identified about 170 homes in 11 suburbs north and west of Chicago as potentially at risk. Of those tested, mercury was found in at least 34, with some of the families having to be evacuated.

That led the company to announce Saturday that it would expand the number of homes to be tested to as many as 200,000.

Tom Schafer, a spokesman with the Illinois Department of Public Health, said dozens of people have called the department's mercury hot line, but he said most have discovered that their homes do not have the kind of meter regulators that are causing problems.

On the Net:
Mercury Exposure Risks (Purdue University): http://danpatch.ecn.purdue.edu/(tilde)epados/mercury/pano/src/mercri sk.htm
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry: http://www.ATSDR.cdc.gov/tfacts46.html

747 makes emergency landing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Boeing 747 made an emergency landing after losing several aircraft pieces — including a dishwasher-sized engine part — shortly after takeoff, officials said.

The KLM Royal Dutch airliner carrying 449 people was forced to dump fuel over the ocean and return to Los Angeles International Airport apparently after hitting a large bird, authorities said Sunday.

No injuries were reported.

Air traffic controllers saw part of the exhaust of one engine fall to the ground and warned the pilot, who was feeling vibrations from the damaged engine, said KLM spokesman Hugo Baas.

The pilot of Flight 602 shut down the engine and dumped 83 tons of fuel to reduce the weight below the maximum allowed for an emergency landing, Baas said. The plane returned safely to Los Angeles one hour and 40 minutes after takeoff.

Investigators found damage to the front of the engine and to the engine blades, leading them to conclude the plane hit a bird which must have been larger than a sea gull, Baas said.

"A bird hit the first row of blades and it tore him up and blew off the trailing edge of the cowling," said Joe Hicks, supervisor of air field operations at the airport. "Those blades became unbalanced and banged into other pieces, and those pieces went into the engine compartment."

Officials from the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board were investigation, but Baas said, "we don't expect to find any structural problem with the aircraft" to have caused the incident.

Three aircraft parts were found at nearby Dockweiler State Beach, police officer Don Cox said.

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KLM: http://www.klm.com
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Date Book

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Today is the 241st day of 2000 and the 70th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1814, British forces burned the Capitol and the White House.

On this day in 1911, the first gyrocompass to be installed on an American naval vessel was tested at sea. The device was installed on the USS Delaware.

On this day in 1963, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C.

TODAY's BIRTHDAYS: Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832), writer; Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), educator-religious leader; Charles Boyer (1899-1978), actor; Donald O'Connor (1925-), actor-singer-dancer, is 75; Ben Gazzara (1930-), actor, is 70; Lou Piniella (1943-), baseball player-manager, is 57; Ron Guidry (1950-), baseball star, is 50; Scott Hamilton (1958-), figure skater, is 42; Janet Evans (1971-), swimmer, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Kirkland, Wash., defeated Taiwan 6-0, winning the Little League World Series.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "On no other stage are the scenes shifted with a swiftness so like magic as on the great stage of history when once the hour strikes." — Edward Bellamy

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Aug. 29).

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New book claims Nixon took drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new biography asserts that Richard Nixon over many years took a mood-altering drug without a prescription and that he beat his wife at times of personal crisis — a claim a Nixon intimate calls "inconceivable."

"The Arrogance of Power" by Anthony Summers will be published Monday. It chiefly concerns the aspects of Nixon's life "that he and his supporters have preferred to conceal," writes Summers, a BBC journalist and author of biographies of J. Edgar Hoover and Marilyn Monroe.

The author named his sources for most of the book's assertions. But many of those he quotes got their information second-hand. Some of the book's claims have been made in the past but in less detail.

The book said that in 1968 Nixon was given 1,000 capsules of the drug Dilantin, an anti-convulsant used to counter epileptic seizures, by Jack Dreyfus, founder of an investment firm and an enthusiastic promoter of the drug. Dreyfus later supplied another 1,000, it said.

White House physician Dr. Walter Tkach, "a compliant doctor who would do exactly as a patient asked," was also a user of the drug himself, the book said, citing Nixon aide John D. Ehrlichman as its source.

When asked later if Nixon was still taking the drug, Tkach replied, "I don't know, but the amount of pills in the bottle in his bathroom is reducing in size, so I suppose he is," according to Summers.

"The Physicians' Desk Reference" lists a number of adverse reactions to Dilantin, including slurred speech, decreased coordination and mental confusion.

Summers wrote that the relationship of Nixon and his wife was one of "prolonged marital difficulty, of physical abuse, of threatened divorce." But that view was contested by John Taylor, Nixon's chief aide in his retirement years, now director of the Richard M. Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Two Texas universities expect enrollment gains

FORT WORTH (AP) — At least two Texas universities expected enrollment increases as classes started on Monday.

Administrators at The University of North Texas could enroll a record number of students and nearby Texas Woman's University expects to post its first enrollment gains in five years.

"We're prepared," Bonita Jacobs, UNT vice president for student enrollment, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Monday's editions.

With 27,000 to 28,000 students, UNT faces a possible record. Enrollment at the Denton university peaked at 27,160 in fall 1990. In the past school year, about 26,500 students were enrolled at UNT.

At Texas Woman's in Denton, officials said they expect an increase from last school year's 8,624 students. During the 1994-1995 school year, enrollment peaked at 10,090 but has steadily declined, enrollment reports show.

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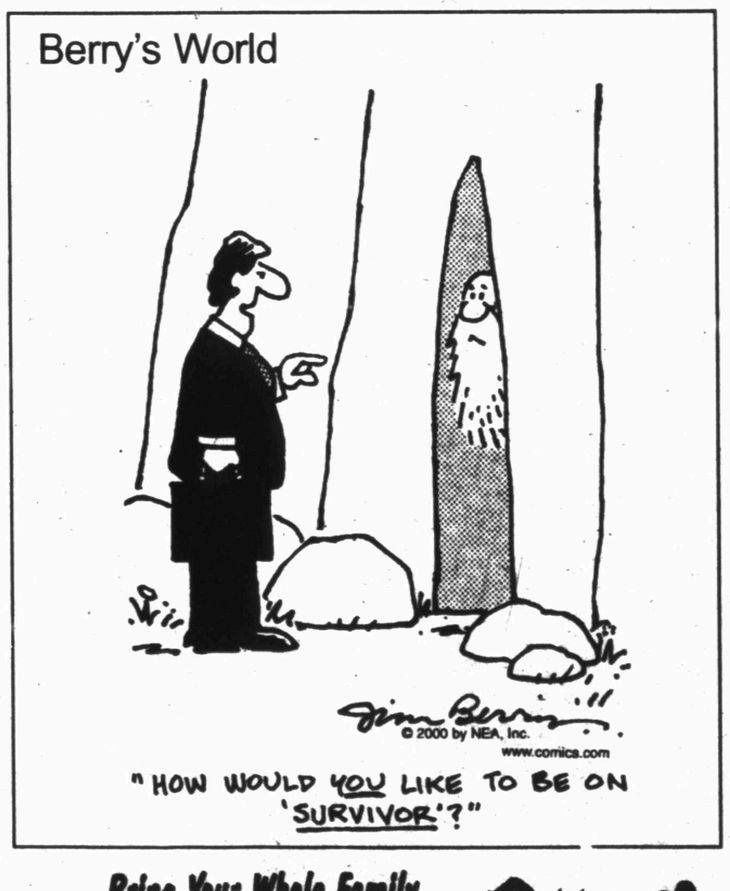

Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 73 Watson in the Iatan East Howard field, 11 miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 19, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 72 Watson in the Iatan East Howard field, 11 miles southwest of Westbrook. Contracted for a depth of 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 19, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 71 Watson in the same field, 11 miles southwest of Westbrook. The venture will be drilled to 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 19, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

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Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 69 Watson in the Iatan East Howard field, 11 miles southwest of Westbrook. Also set for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 29, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 467 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, eight miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 10, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

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Crownquest will drill the No. 51W-A E.H. Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, seven miles southwest of Westbrook. Planned for a depth 3,500 feet, drill site is in Section 11, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

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Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 49-A E.H. Brown in the same field, seven miles southwest of Westbrook. The venture will be drilled to a depth of 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 12, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 48-A E.H. Brown in the Iatan East Howard field, seven miles southwest of Westbrook. Also set for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 2, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 465 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, 11 miles southwest of Westbrook. Contracted for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 18, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Garza County

Patterson Petroleum will drill the No. 21 John Unit Waterflood in the Happy field, 13 miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,200 feet, location is in Section 19, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Howard County

Santa Fe Snyder Corp. will drill the No. 1-47 Texaco, an 8,300-foot wildcat located eight miles south of Coahoma. Location is in Section 47, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

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'Secret formula' used by FA to predict moderate winter

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — Keep those mittens, snowblowers and heavy coats in storage: We might be in for a balmy winter.

The publishers of the Farmers' Almanac, using a formula known to only two people, predict another moderate winter as a follow-up to last year's warmest winter on record.

"The winter of 2000-01 should get off to a late start and turn out to be milder than average, even less severe than this last one," forecaster Caleb Weatherbee writes in the almanac that hits newsstands Tuesday.

Editor Peter Geiger admitted that last year's prediction — of a stormy November and December to be capped by more than a foot of snow at year's end in the Midwest and Northeast — was way off the mark.

There actually was a dearth of snow. Portland, Maine, for example, recorded its longest stretch of snowless days — 305 — before getting its first measurable snowfall on Jan. 16.

The effects of La Nina likely were to blame for the late arrival of snow, said Geiger, who noted that the almanac did better in predicting the biggest East Coast snowstorm of the season on Jan. 24.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration also blamed La Nina for making the winter the nation's warmest in the 105 years that records have been kept.

The phenomenon of changing ocean temperatures known as La Nina and El Nino, along with the controversy over whether greenhouse gases are causing global warming, led to Weatherbee's declaration that he will stick by the almanac's traditional formula for predicting the weather.

"Many people have asked us if we plan to alter the 'secret formula' used for producing our annual weather forecasts. The answer is an unequivocal 'no,'" Weatherbee writes in this year's almanac.

After 184 years, some of the almanac's secrets have spilled: The formula is based on sunspots, the position of the planets and tidal action caused by the moon.

Although it isn't always right, the Farmers' Almanac, along with the Old Farmer's Almanac published in neighboring New Hampshire, which is 24 years older, is used to plan outdoor weddings, cookouts and vacations.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Planning ahead helps families achieve a peaceful end to life

DEAR ABBY: It was about 3 a.m. The call came in as a signal 14. In laymen's terms, it means someone died. A 47-year-old, terminally ill woman had succumbed to stomach cancer. The call was close to the station so we beat the ambulance to the scene.

When we arrived, it seemed like her entire extended family was there. As we were about to enter the bedroom, the daughter asked if we were there to pick up her mother. We asked if they had DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) papers. She said yes, but they were at the hospital. Instead of starting CPR (which is what we are supposed to do when the DNR papers are not present), our paramedic called medical control, the doctor in charge of our service. Fortunately, he agreed that CPR should not begin.

Abby, this scenario has happened more than once, and I am getting a little angry. My anger is toward the system that sometimes puts family and loved ones between a rock and a hard place. The hospital and doctor know that a copy of the DNR papers has to be with the patient at all times or they technically don't exist. Instead of letting their mother die in peace, that family almost experienced the sight of her receiving advanced care life support. For anyone who is not aware, this is far more than giving chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth. She would have had a tube down her throat to aid in breathing, a succession of body-wrenching shocks would have been given, IV lines, drugs, etc.

When my stepfather lost his battle with lung cancer, my mother had worked everything out in advance with the hospice facility. All she had to do was call hospice, and they sent a medical examiner to pick him up. No ambulance. No fire truck. Just a peaceful, dignified way to deal with a very traumatic situation.

Everyone will have to deal with this situation at some time or another. Please, Abby, tell your readers that when this happens to them, or to someone they know, to make sure they know the right things to do. — **CARING FIREFIGHTER IN TEXAS**

DEAR FIREFIGHTER: You have taken care of that — and graphically, I might add. Although some people want every effort made to be resuscitated, many do not. Those who do not should keep in mind your warning that for their wishes to be obeyed, they must be written down, discussed with family members and doctors, and copies must be readily available. Thank you for your urgent reminder.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Bob" for seven months. We're both 25. I am in love with him. He is changing jobs and moving out of state in four months. I want to get married and start a family, but any mention of the word "marriage" makes him very nervous. He says he loves me — that I am "perfect" for him — but he doesn't want me to move out of state with him. He says he can't ask me to make that commitment because he's not sure what he wants.

Do you think I'm wasting my time with Bob, or should I give him more time and hope he changes his mind? — **COLORADO LADY IN WAITING**

DEAR COLORADO LADY: I admire his honesty, and whether this has been a waste of time remains to be seen. Absence can make the heart grow fonder, so give him time to realize how much he cares for you and misses you.

If, three months after he moves, you see no change in attitude and he's still nervous at the mention of marriage, start looking for a man who is not afraid of commitment.

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Ex-sheriff is back at work

HARLINGEN (AP) — Former Hidalgo County Sheriff Brigido "Brig" Marmolejo Jr., who was released earlier this month from a Florida prison where he served six years for a 1994 federal bribery and corruption conviction, is now working as a legal assistant.

McAllen attorney Javier Villalobos said he hired Marmolejo on Aug. 16, the day after the ex-sheriff was freed. Marmolejo helps draft documents, write letters, conduct research and provide advice, Villalobos said.

Villalobos, who serves as city attorney for Progreso, interim city attorney for Donna and attorney for the Progreso school district, said Marmolejo has been able to answer administrative questions posed by the governmental agencies he counsels.

"It's tremendous the knowledge the guy has," Villalobos said.

Marmolejo was sheriff of Hidalgo County from 1976 to 1994.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

TUESDAY, Aug. 29, 2000

You could encounter a vast number of unrelated interests or issues that might vie for your attention in the year ahead. Sort them out, and give your time only to those that are worthy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you get involved in any game playing today, do so for fun and not for winning the gold or glory. Competitive social activities are fine if they're not carried to extremes. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Monitor your strong views and opinions today, because they could be offensive to your audience. Should you notice that what you say is antagonizing another, quickly change the subject.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even if someone owes you for a past favor, be careful not to ask anything of this person today that is out of proportion. It would be considered a thoughtless imposition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Better to tackle things on your own today than to team up with the wrong partner or ally, especially if you know little of this person. You won't luck out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Because you're likely to be in an expansive mood today, you could easily make some impulsive, unfortunate remarks from which you won't be able to easily unwind. Think before you speak.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) High-risk situations should be avoided at all cost today, especially if they're in an area with which you're unfamiliar. Do more research first.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's important to be patient and treat time with the respect it deserves today. It could be a grave mistake if you attempt to wind up a negotiation too hastily.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you want to give your audience reason to yawn today, simply monopolize discussions and keep the subject matter only to that which interests you. Reverse that and talk about them, instead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Innately, you're a very generous person. However, trouble can begin today when you give far too much for what you can, in reality, afford. Live within your means.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) By becoming too intense about focusing on every last minute detail when confronted with an important task, you could easily obliterate the big picture. Keep everything in balance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Hurt feelings will permeate your being today if you read derogatory meanings into everything that's said by others, where no malice was every intended. Look for only the good in words.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It would be wise today to be a bit cynical about proposals brought to you by someone you don't know too well. It's possible you could be pegged for being an easy mark.

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Jurors to get fed corruption case this week

LAREDO (AP) — Federal authorities are winding up their case against two investigators, a bail bondsman and relatives of Webb and Zapata counties' top prosecutor who are accused of conspiring to fix dozens of criminal cases for bribes.

Closing arguments were expected to begin Monday before U.S. District Judge George Kazen. He met with lawyers Friday to determine what charges from the 21-count indictment to give to the jury once both sides complete their arguments.

Defendants in the five-week corruption trial are Jose M. Rubio Sr., his son Carlos Rubio, bail bondsman Jesse Castaneda, district attorney Chief Assistant Criminal Investigator Alfonso Rodriguez and Criminal Investigator Agustin Mendoza Jr.

Rubio Sr. is father of Joe Rubio, the district attorney for Webb and Zapata counties since 1988.

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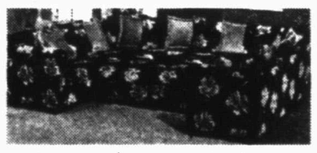
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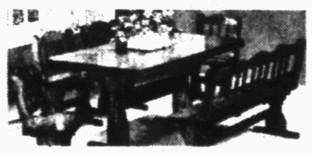
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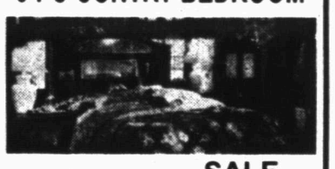
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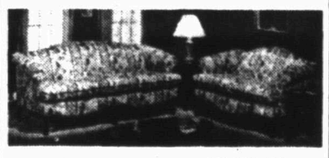
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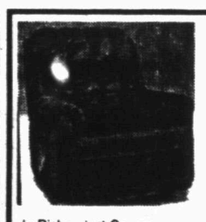
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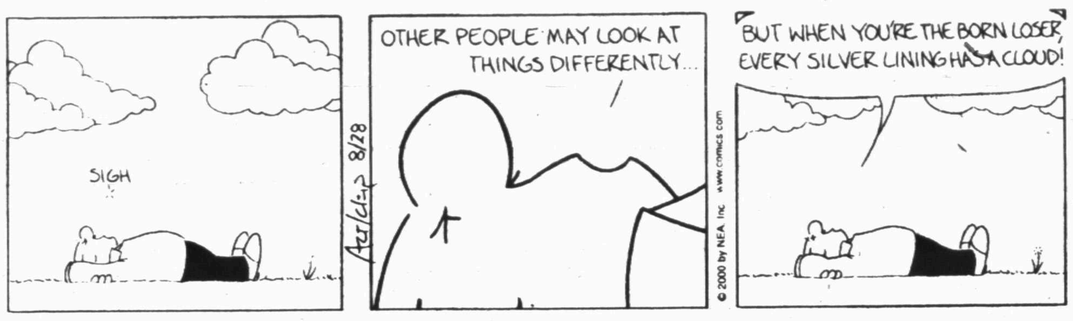

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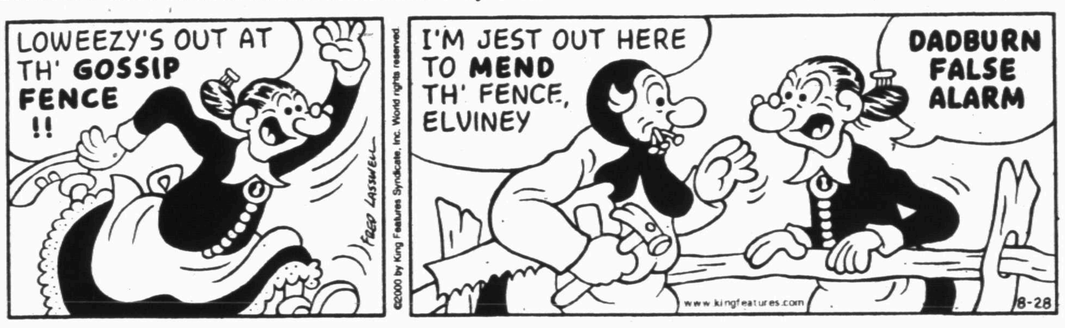

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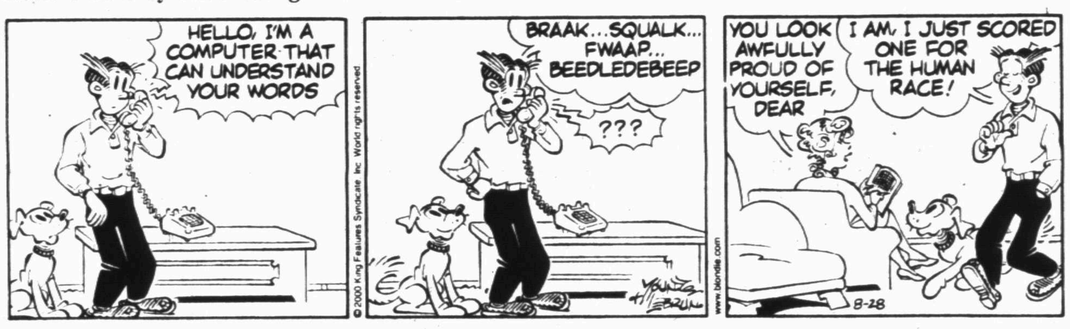

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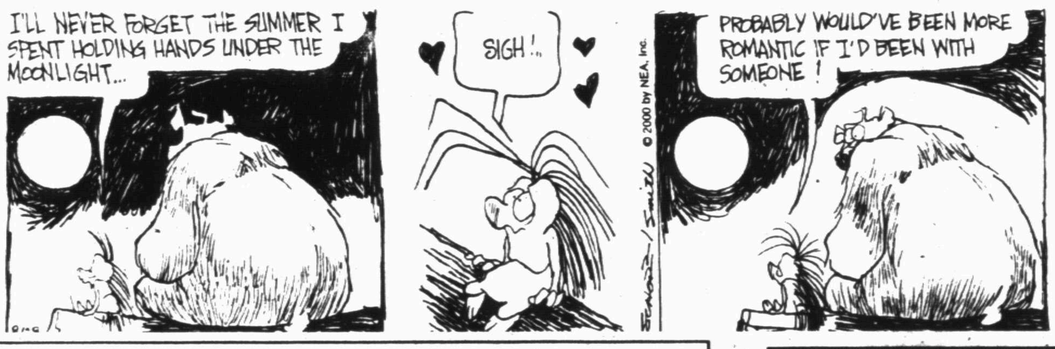

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ACROSS

1 Powerful businessperson
7 Despot
13 Trinket
14 Actor Estevez
15 United
16 Library stamps
17 Nerve network
18 Roman 502
20 Baseball's Slaughter
21 Pancake topping
23 Clever
27 Come forth
32 Lid
33 Kind of heat
34 Type of skirt
35 Dirties
36 Declare anew
39 Make into law
40 Single-celled microorganism
42 Smooth-spoken
46 Skin problem
47 Merry
51 Become electrically charged
53 Actor Power
55 Fancy dive
56 Begin again
57 Pictures
58 Strong points

DOWN

1 Construction beam
2 Connecticut university
3 Religious sect
4 Acting award
5 Bullfight cheer
6 Donkey
7 Boredom
8 Ms. Sumac
9 — of passage
10 Danish measure
11 Actor Robert De —
12 Throw
19 Indignation
21 Brook
22 Overtook (a car)
23 Mark of a wound
24 Double agent
25 Rival of Hertz
26 Tenant's obligation
28 Twelve o'clock
29 Inter — (among others)
30 Nursery powder
31 Formerly, formerly
37 High buildings
38 Chemical suffix
41 Sinuses
42 1958 Oscar movie
43 Clayey earth
44 Freshwater porpoise
45 Type of cherry
47 Silk fabric
48 Easy gait
49 Work without — — (be daring)
50 Laire
52 Last letter
54 "Sure!"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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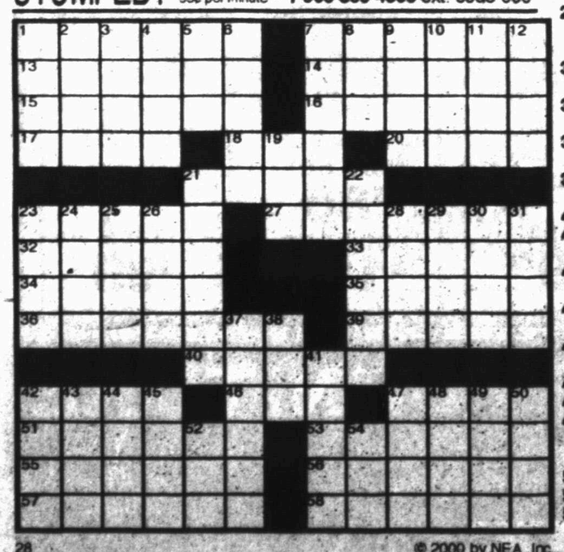

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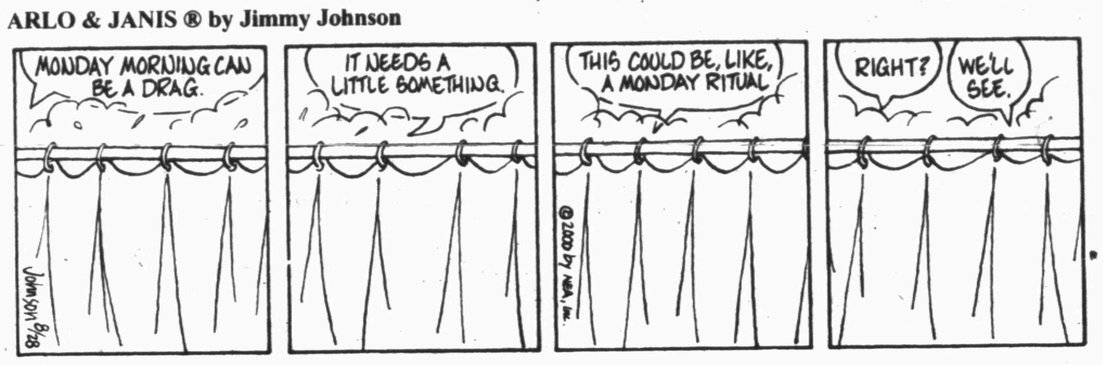

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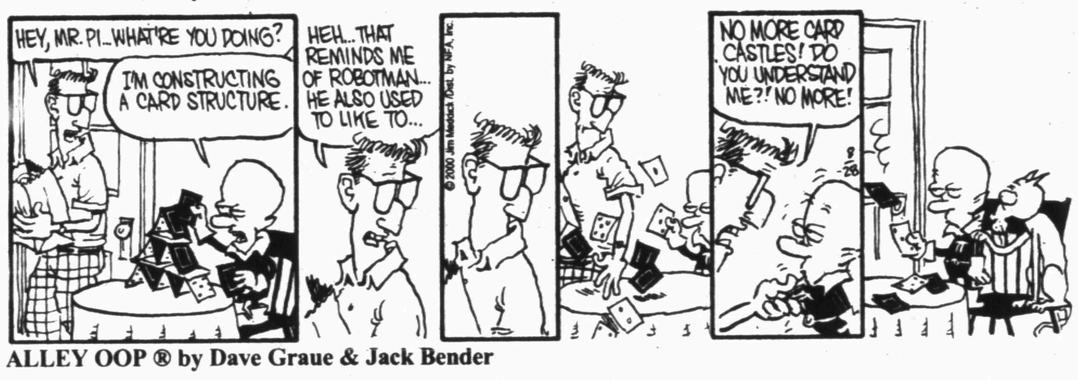

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SPORTS

San Angelo duo takes title...

Blowout decided in sudden death

With eight talented teams filling the Championship Flight, it was no surprise that the Men's Blowout Partnership came down to the wire.

San Angelo's Mickey Scott and Steve Alexander outlasted two other tandems on the third playoff hole to claim the crown Sunday at Snyder Country Club.

The Scott-Alexander duo finished the 36-hole event in a three-way tie at 125 with Ron Broadrick and Steve Ward, and Adolf Garza and Kevin Glaspie

Scott and Alexander were knotted for the top spot with a 61, after Saturday's select shot round, before holding on with a 64 in Sunday's low-ball competition.

In the President's Flight, Randy May and Tom Rees secured the top spot with a score of 60-71—131. Two strokes back were the second and third place teams of Scott Mullins and Thane Wilkins, and David and Steven Stobaugh.

Brad Shugart and Mike Stone also tallied a 131 to win the First Flight, by three shots over Shawn and Kelly Ragland. Third place went to Elliott Cox and Carter Wiggins.

Top honors in the Second Flight went to James Caldwell and Jay Cumbie who posted a 141. Charles Burleson and Bob Palmer finished one stroke back, with Pete Greene and Glenn Patterson taking third.

Billy Hill and Gary Williams carded a two-day total of 139 to win the Third Flight, while Brad and Sam Robertson grabbed second. Third place went to Alex Garcia and Ricky Williams.

Bert Greene and Jordan Jalbert used the strength of an opening-round 67 to take the title of the Fourth Flight. Robert Patterson and Eric Springer came in second, with Kim Robertson and Richard Trout finishing third.

Men's Blowout Partnership at Snyder Country Club

Championship Flight: Alexander-Scott, 61-64—125; Broadrick-Ward, 63-62—125; Garza-Glaspie, 62-63—125; Dierschke-Beaty, 61-65—126; Bolin-Shackleford, 64-64—128; Torrez-Torrez, 61-67—128; Brock-Patterson, 62-69—131; Lopez-Stelzer, 65-69—134.

President's Flight: May-Rees, 60-71—131; Stobaugh-Stobaugh, 64-69—133; Mullins-Wilkins, 63-70—133; Holt-Powell, 61-72—133; Copeland-Macy, 66-69—135; Franklin-Maddox, 66-69—135; Hammond-Stinson, 64-71—135; Lay-Strickland, 66-70—136; Gonzales-Gonzales, 66-71—137; Blume-Harris, 67-71—138; LaRoux-Pollard, 69-72—141.

First Flight: Shugart-Stone, 63-68—131; Ragland-Ragland, 62-72—134; Cox-Wiggins, 64-70—134; Bippin-Williams, 67-69—136; Beard-Beard, 67-73—140; Burnett-Burnett, 63-77—140; Curry-Henderson, 68-73—141; Goebel-Meek, 69-72—141; Graham-Smartt, 69-72—141; Guelker-Waldrip, 66-75—141; Daniell-Glasscock, 71-72—143.

Second Flight: Caldwell-Cumbie, 69-72—141; Burleson-Palmer, 67-75—142; Greene-Patterson, 66-77—143; Alderete-Rainwater, 72-74—146; Chandler-Jenkins, 71-76—147; Hill-Hill, 72-77—149; Sasser-Sasser, 72-78—150; Olsen-vonRoeder, 72-80—152; Owens-Levens, 71-83—154.

Third Flight: Hill-Williams, 67-72—139; Robertson-Robertson, 68-73—141; Garcia-Williams, 65-77—142; Rainbolt-Wilcox, 70-74—144; Hallman-Perry, 71-74—145; Cowan-Lammert, 71-77—148; Duke-Petty, 68-81—149; Eicke-Reed, 73-78—151; Greene-Greene, 73-78—151; Maddox-Sheridan, 70-82—152; McKinstry-Steakley, 66-78—152; Berryman-Rinehart, 75-81—156.

Fourth Flight: Jalbert-Greene, 67-77—144; Springer-Patterson, 67-79—146; Robertson-Trout, 73-77—150; Kretzschmer-Leary, 72-82—154; Kemp-Mandrell, 69-89—158; Hardin-Stehley, 77-84—161; Harrell-Robertson, 76-86—162; Braziel-Hines, 78-85—163; Ewing-Ferguson, 76-88—164; Cotton-Reed, 72-94—166; Coffee-Gray, 85-84—169; Williamson-Williamson, 82-90—172.

Major League Baseball

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	78	52	.600	—
New York	77	53	.592	1
Florida	63	66	.488	14½
Philadelphia	55	74	.426	22½
Montreal	54	73	.425	22½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
St. Louis	73	57	.562	—
Cincinnati	64	65	.496	8½
Chicago	56	73	.434	16½
Milwaukee	56	73	.434	16½
Houston	54	76	.415	19
Pittsburgh	52	76	.406	20
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
San Francisco	73	55	.570	—
Arizona	71	58	.550	2½
Los Angeles	68	62	.523	6
Colorado	66	64	.508	8
San Diego	63	67	.485	11

Saturday's Games
Colorado 11, Pittsburgh 4
Chicago Cubs 6, Los Angeles 4
Philadelphia 5, San Francisco 2
Montreal 5, Houston 4
Arizona 5, N.Y. Mets 1, 10 innings
St. Louis 6, Atlanta 3
Milwaukee 6, San Diego 5, 10 innings
Cincinnati 3, Florida 2

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Mets 2, Arizona 1
St. Louis 7, Atlanta 2
Houston 7, Montreal 3
Philadelphia 2, San Francisco 1, 10 innings
Colorado 9, Pittsburgh 1
San Diego 2, Milwaukee 1
Los Angeles 7, Chicago Cubs 6, 10 innings
Florida 7, Cincinnati 6

Monday's Games
Arizona (Schilling 10-8) at Montreal (Thurman 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Ankiel 8-7) at Florida (Burnett 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 12-4) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 6-7), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (B.Powell 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Rusch 8-10), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Yoshii 5-13) at Philadelphia (Person 6-4), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Williamson 5-7) at Atlanta (Maddux 14-7), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Clement 11-12) at Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 2-5), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 11-5) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 10-4), 8:05 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Arizona (Guzman 3-4) at Montreal (Vazquez 8-6), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Hentgen 13-9) at Florida (C.Smith 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hernandez 13-9) at Pittsburgh (Benson 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Miller 2-5) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 14-5), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Rose 1-2) at Philadelphia (Daal 3-15), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 8-14) at Atlanta (Ashby 8-11), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 5-2) at Chicago Cubs (Arnold 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 13-8) at Milwaukee (Haynes 11-11), 8:05 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	72	55	.567	—
Boston	68	59	.535	4
Toronto	68	62	.523	5½
Baltimore	59	71	.454	14½
Tampa Bay	56	73	.434	17
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Chicago	77	53	.592	—
Cleveland	67	59	.532	8
Detroit	64	65	.496	12½
Kansas City	60	70	.462	17
Minnesota	59	72	.450	18½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Seattle	71	59	.546	—
Oakland	68	61	.527	2½
Anaheim	67	63	.515	4
Texas	58	71	.450	12½

Saturday's Games
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 1, 1st game
Baltimore 2, Tampa Bay 0, 2nd game
N.Y. Yankees 10, Oakland 6
Detroit 8, Minnesota 2
Toronto 9, Texas 3
Boston 5, Kansas City 3
Seattle 11, Chicago White Sox 5
Cleveland 9, Anaheim 5

Sunday's Games
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 2
Kansas City 11, Boston 7
Minnesota 7, Detroit 6, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 7, Oakland 5
Chicago White Sox 2, Seattle 1
Toronto 6, Texas 4
Anaheim 10, Cleveland 9

Monday's Games
Boston (Ohka 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 4-9), 7:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 11-8) at Texas (Rogers 11-11), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 10-6) at Seattle (Abbott 8-4), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Parque 10-5) at Oakland (Hudson 13-6), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Loaiza 7-9) at Anaheim (Ortiz 4-4), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Boston (P.Martinez 14-4) at Tampa Bay (Eiland 1-1), 7:15 p.m.
Detroit (Weaver 8-11) at Baltimore (Parrish 9-5), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Woodard 0-2) at Texas (Glynn 3-2), 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Romero 2-3) at Kansas City (Stein 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 16-6) at Seattle (Moyer 11-8), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 13-5) at Oakland (Zito 2-2), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 9-10) at Anaheim (Karl 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Tiger netters win final tune-up

WICHITA FALLS — In its final tune-up before district competition, Snyder High School gained some much-needed confidence with a pair of tennis victories over the weekend.

After falling to Vernon on Friday, the Tigers rebounded with a 19-0 shutout of Wichita Falls Hirschi, and a 12-7 win over Burkburnett.

The victories improve Snyder's mark to 2-4 on the year, and will give the squad some momentum, heading into league action.

"The win over Hirschi was a good one for us, because it showed the kids how good they can be when they finish out their matches," said Snyder coach Brad Wikse. "Finishing out matches is what we've struggled with the most. Our record is 2-4, but we could very easily be 5-1, if we had finished out some three-set matches."

Snyder won 18 of 19 matches against Hirschi in straight sets, including three match-ups by a tally of 6-0, 6-0.

The SHS boys fueled the second victory, winning eight of nine contests. The Lady Tigers posted a 3-6 mark against Burkburnett, which featured the defending state champion in singles play.

Snyder will take the weekend off, before opening district competition Sept. 9 at Plainview.

Vernon 12, Snyder 7

Boys' singles: Gibson lost to Leavitt, 6-3, 6-0; Smith lost to Lehman, 6-0, 6-1; Best def. Lehman, 6-4, 7-5; Rodgers lost to Lytle, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; Gorman lost to Moore, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5; Kubena lost to Graham, 6-4, 6-3.

Boys' doubles: Gibson-Smith lost to Leavitt-Lehman, 6-2, 6-3; Best-Gorman lost to Lytle-Lehman, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; Rodgers-Kubena def. Moore-Graham, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Mixed doubles: Beccue-DePaz def. Basora-Teague, 6-1, 6-3.

Girls' singles: Vargas def. Robinson, 6-3, 6-3; Cotton lost to Quintero, 7-5, 6-0; Hardin lost to Petross, 6-3, 6-3; Sutter def. Bond, 6-1, 6-2; Jones lost to Haynes, 6-3, 6-7, 6-7; Dunham def. Fryman, 2-6, 6-0, 6-1.

Girls' doubles: Cotton-Hardin lost to Robin-Quintero, 6-2, 6-3; Jones-Vargas def. Petross-Marshall, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; Brumley-Cantu lost to Bond-Wilkins, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Snyder 19, WF Hirschi 0

Boys' singles: Gibson def. Thaggard, 6-1, 6-1; Smith def. Clark, 6-1, 6-1; Best def. Grimm, 7-6, 6-0; DePaz def. Fiore, 6-0, 6-4; Gorman def. Smith, 6-2, 6-3; Kubena def. Koontz, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Boys' doubles: Gibson-Smith def. Thaggard-Clark, 6-1, 6-2; Best-Gorman def. Grimm-Fiore, 6-3, 6-4; Kubena-Rodgers def. Patel-Lee, 6-0, 6-0.

Mixed doubles: Beccue-DePaz def. Grimm-Best, 6-1, 6-0.

Girls' singles: Vargas def. Do, 6-2, 6-1; Cotton def. Howard, 6-3, 6-0; Hardin def. Tran, 6-0, 6-0; Sutter def. Nguyen, 6-1, 6-1; Brumley def. Grimm, 6-2, 6-0; Cantu def. Sanchez, 6-1, 6-1.

Girls' doubles: Cotton-Hardin def. Howard-Sanchez, 6-3, 6-4; Jones-Vargas def. Do-Tran, 6-3, 6-4; Brumley-Cantu def. Magi-Nguyen, 6-0, 6-0.

Snyder 12, Burkburnett 7

Boys' singles: Gibson def. Barrick, 6-1, 6-4; Smith def. Clarkin, 3-0 (ret.); DePaz def. Greenwell, 6-4, 7-6; Best def. Robertson, 6-4, 6-4; Kubena def. VanDyke, 6-3, 6-2; Gorman def. Reid, 6-1, 6-4.

Boys' doubles: Gibson-Smith def. Barrick-Greenwell, 6-3, 6-1; DePaz-Rodgers lost to Clarkin-Robertson, 6-1, 6-2; Best-Gorman def. Dickey-Morris, 6-0, 6-3.

Mixed doubles: Beccue-Kubena def. DeWitt-VanDyke, 6-3, 6-1.

Girls' singles: Vargas lost to Doree, 6-0, 6-1; Cotton lost to Robinson, 6-4, 6-0; Hardin lost to Silva, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; Sutter lost to Andrajack, 6-4, 6-4; Jones lost to Caldwell, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; Dunham def. Meyers, 6-2, 6-3.

Girls' doubles: Cotton-Hardin lost to Doree-Robinson, 6-1, 6-4; Jones-Vargas def. Silva-Andrajack, 7-5, 6-2; Brumley-Cantu def. Ishoy-Caldwell, 6-2, 6-2.

Lady Tigers meet tough tourney teams

FT. WORTH — With the start of district action only eight days away, the Snyder Lady Tigers prepared for the competitive race by playing seven matches in two days against tough competition at the Justin Northwest tournament over the weekend.

Snyder went a full three games in all but two matches, and posted a 3-4 mark at the two-day event in Ft. Worth.

The full slate dropped the Lady Tigers' record to 7-6 on the year, but Head Coach Patty Grimmett believes her team is better for having faced the stiff competition.

"Those were some of the toughest opponents we'll face all year," said Grimmett. "It was a long weekend, with a lot of games, but I was proud of the way the girls hung in there.

"Our communication wasn't very good for a few matches. But after we talked about it, the girls played well as a team."

Snyder opened the tourney with a 10-15, 15-7, 15-10 victory over Azle, before falling in three games to Denton.

A convincing 15-2, 15-5 win over Denison, was followed by a setback to Graham, in which the Lady Tigers were edged in the third game, 17-15.

Snyder opened Saturday's action with consecutive setbacks to Buda-Hays and Boerne, before closing with a 15-9, 15-8 victory over Pampa.

"The girls closed out the tournament really well," Grimmett said. "We learned that we have to stay on the offensive, as much as possible. Sometimes we would be on a roll, and then our offensive production would start to taper off. But the girls are coming together, and starting to recognize their own mistakes."

Snyder will be back on the court at 4:30 Tuesday when it takes on Seminole and Midland High in Seminole.

Snyder def. Azle
10-15, 15-7, 15-10
Snyder service points: Kallemeyn, Mackey and Voss, 6; Eicke and Delce, 5; L. Billingsley and Geiger, 4; Webb, 2.

Denton def. Snyder
15-6, 7-15, 15-10
Snyder service points: Mackey, 7; Geiger and L. Billingsley, 6; Webb, 5; Kallemeyn, 4; Eicke, 2.

Snyder def. Denison, 15-2, 15-5
Snyder service points: Webb, 9; Eicke, 6; L. Billingsley and Mackey, 5; Geiger, 3; Kallemeyn, 2.

Graham def. Snyder
15-6, 11-15, 17-15
Snyder service points: Kallemeyn and Mackey, 8; L. Billingsley, 7; Eicke, 5; Webb, 4; Geiger, 3; Delce, 1.

Buda-Hays def. Snyder
15-3, 15-13
Snyder service points: Webb and Geiger, 5; Eicke, 3; L. Billingsley, 2; Kallemeyn, 1.

Boerne def. Snyder
15-13, 13-15, 15-13
Snyder service points: Mackey, 11; L. Billingsley, 8; Kallemeyn, 6; Geiger, 4; Webb and Eicke, 3; Delce, 2.

Snyder def. Pampa, 15-9, 15-8
Snyder service points: L. Billingsley and Mackey, 8; Kallemeyn and Delce, 3; Geiger and Voss, 2; Eicke and Webb, 1.

Local Sports Schedule

TUESDAY

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder freshmen, JV and varsity vs. Midland High and Seminole, at Seminole, 4:30

THURSDAY

FOOTBALL: Snyder JV at Monahans, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Monahans at Snyder freshmen, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Andrews at Snyder eighth grade, B game at 5 p.m., A game at 6:30

FOOTBALL: Snyder seventh grade at Andrews, B game at 5 p.m., A game at 6:30

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Monahans at Snyder, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Hermleigh vs. Three Way, scrimmage, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Ira at Trent, scrimmage, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Borden County vs. Jayton, scrimmage, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL: Snyder varsity at Wayland Baptist tourney

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Baltimore	4	0	0	1.000	74	43
Jacksonville	3	1	0	.750	96	80
Tennessee	3	1	0	.750	110	75
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	97	61
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	73	93
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San Diego	4	0	0	1.000	106	61
Oakland	3	1	0	.750	81	68
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	56	78
Kansas City	0	4	0	.000	56	110

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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
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Dallas	0	5	0	.000	79	116
Central						
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	94	62
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	87	72
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San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	98	106
Carolina	0	4	0	.000	48	100

Saturday's Game
Green Bay 34, Cleveland 33
End Preseason

Sports Briefs

Men's flag football

Registration is underway for Snyder men's Flag Football League. Cost is $220 per team, and must be paid before the season starts Sept. 23. All games will be played on Saturdays under the TAAF flag football rules. To sign-up, call Earl Ware at 573-0800, (817) 797-8078 or (817) 370-1317.

Golf parents' meeting

All parents of Snyder junior high and high school golfers will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the junior high.

WGA playday

Snyder County Club Women's Golf Association will hold its weekly play day at 9 a.m. Tuesday. Format will be scramble.

Bowling meeting

Snyder Men's Commercial Bowling League will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Lanes. Rules and number of teams competing will be discussed. League play starts Sept. 7.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh tourney

The ninth annual Slingin' Sammy Baugh Golf Tournament to benefit the SISD golf program will be held Sept. 9 at Western Texas College. Format will be a four-person scramble with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Cash prizes will be awarded, with $600 going to the first-place team. Entry fee is $140 per team, and the deadline to register is Sept. 8.

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.

Comets win fourth WNBA title

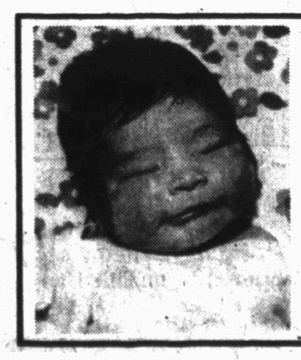
HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Comets completed another championship run by beating the New York Liberty 79-73 in overtime Saturday for their fourth WNBA championship in a row, remaining the only champions in the league's history.

The only NBA team to win at least four in a row was the Boston Celtics, who won eight in a row, ending in 1966. The last major sport pro team to win four in a row was the NHL's New York Islanders, from 1980-83.

Woods coasts to victory

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Tiger Woods cruised to another landslide victory, this time by 11 strokes in the NEC Invitational.

Woods completed his romp over a world-class field with a 3-under 67 to finish at 259. It was his lowest 72-hole score as a professional, and it broke the Firestone record of 262 set 10 years ago by Jose Maria Olazabal.



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3774 Dalton Drive Lg. Home 3-1¾+1cp $375T
1907 15th 3-1-2cp.....$20T
2810 El Paso 3-3, Sunroom, 2865 sq ft...$88T
3190 Gary Brewer Rd. 4-1¾+2cp.$75T
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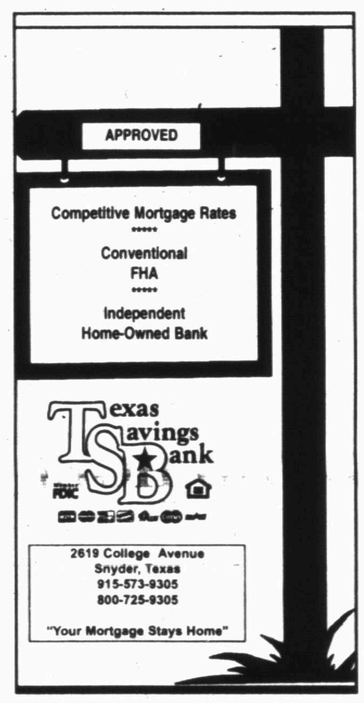

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Survey: Violent crime rate plunged by 10.4% in 1999

WASHINGTON (AP) — Continuing a trend that began in 1994, the nation's violent-crime rate dropped by a record 10.4 percent last year, the Justice Department reports.

It was the biggest decline in the 26-year history of the department's broadest measure of crime — that reported by victims in surveys, but not necessarily to police.

The property crime rate fell 8.9 percent from 1998 to 1999, said the Bureau of Justice Statistics' victimization study, released Sunday.

It estimated there were 28.8 million violent and property crimes in 1999, the lowest figure since the survey was begun in 1973, when it found an estimated 44 million crimes.

The violent-crime rate decline began in 1994. The decline in the overall property crime rate extends back to 1974.

As with earlier, similar reports, President Clinton called the figures "further proof that the Clinton-Gore administration's anti-crime strategy of more police on our streets and fewer guns in the wrong hands has helped to create the safest America in a generation."

At Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush's headquarters, spokesman Ray Sullivan said: "It's typical for the Clinton-Gore administration to take credit for good things in America but ... much of the credit for the decline in crime has to go to governors and local officials who have passed tougher laws, longer prison sentences and lowered parole rates."

Academics have cited a wider set of causes, including the aging of baby boomers past the crime-prone years, a subsiding of the crack cocaine epidemic of the late 1980s, antigun campaigns by local police and federal gun controls, crime prevention programs aimed at young people, and a healthy economy.

The 1999 survey figures confirmed preliminary FBI figures for last year released in May. The FBI data showed the total of seven major violent and property crimes reported to police dropped for an eighth consecutive year in 1999, down 7 percent from the year before.

The statistics bureau's survey is the government's broadest measure of crime because it is based on regular interviews throughout the nation with more than 77,000 people over age 11. Thus it collects data not only on crimes reported to police but also on the larger number that go unreported.

The FBI data is based on reports made to 17,000 police agencies nationwide.

Last year, 44 percent of violent crimes and 34 percent of property crimes were reported to police, the statistics bureau found. The most frequently reported offense in the survey was motor vehicle theft; the least reported was personal theft.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

That itchy feeling

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband has the seven-year-itch. What can be done about this?

DEAR READER: Several years ago, a female patient complained to me about her husband's seven-year-itch. I embarked on a lengthy discussion about marital infidelity. At the conclusion of my lecture, she smiled and said: "This has nothing to do with infidelity."

"Huh?" I questioned.

"His problem is this awful rash that affects him every six or seven years. It drives him crazy. He itches for about a month and then everything's OK for several years."

I was chastised — as well I should be — and referred him to a dermatologist.

So, at the risk of being wrong again, I'll assume that your question refers to a marital problem, not a skin affliction (in which case, he ought to see a dermatologist).

I wish there were a medication to help men with the uncomfortable and destructive desire to wander after several years of marriage, a phenomenon called the seven-year-itch. However, I don't believe the average physician is capable of handling this pervasive and complex behavioral disorder. The most satisfactory resolution to this problem is, in my opinion, marriage counseling.

There are varied causes for men and women to seek out alternative partners after having been married for a few years. These reasons range from the mundane, such as boredom and the fear of becoming less attractive, to the more serious, such as emotional disturbances that can be violently fueled by drug and alcohol abuse.

I suggest that you ask your doctor to refer you to a marriage counselor in your community. Then ask the therapist how to approach the problem of including your husband in the active process of treatment. Remember, however, you are not responsible for your spouse's behavior. He is. You need to focus on yourself first and then, if possible, the marriage. The therapist can guide you.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am the victim of obsessive sexual behavior that I know harms my family, my friends and others. I cannot describe to you the extent of my addiction and my behavior, because you couldn't print it if I did. I hate myself. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Sexual obsession has increasingly been recognized as a disease, similar to drug abuse, alcoholism and compulsive overeating. As you infer, it can be a devastating disorder, leading to profound interpersonal upheavals and — most important from a medical perspective — a variety of sexually transmitted diseases, some of which are fatal and incurable, such as AIDS. Like other addictions, the ailment is marked by intense feelings of self-loathing and loss of self-esteem, which serve no useful function other than self-incrimination. Your time and energy could be put to more useful purposes. I recommend that you contact Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (800-977-4325) for free information and the location of experienced therapists and support groups. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Where to Find Sex Information." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 08-28-00
♠ K 9 8 4
♥ A J 10 7
♦ 6
♣ A K Q J

West
♠ ---
♥ 9 8 6 5 3 2
♦ J 8
♣ 10 9 7 6 2

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

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

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			3 ♦
3 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ??

The Lightner can strike successfully

By Phillip Alder

Part of the art of good writing is saying something unoriginal in a new way, not with a cliche or trite phrase. I liked this comment on subjectivity by George Santayana: "The same battle in the clouds will be known to the deaf only as lightning and to the blind only as thunder."

Moving from lightning to Lightner, at the end of last week I gave a deal in which the Lightner Slam Double didn't work too well, because the opponents ran from one slam that they would not have made (if East had found the killing opening lead) to one they did make. Perhaps the moral is to double only when you know that they cannot streak to something more successful — as in this deal.

East opens with a textbook three diamonds, describing a hand with seven decent diamonds and some 6-10 high-card points. After South overcalls three spades, North takes a stab at six spades via Blackwood.

Without the Lightner Slam Double, West would lead the diamond jack, and declarer would cruise home. The double, though, commands West to lead either a heart or a club. Which should he select?

Having one more heart than clubs suggests a heart lead — and here it works beautifully, the slam being defeated at trick two. However, if another time you miss partner's void, please don't write in — this double isn't underwritten by Lloyd's of London. Note, though, that East wasn't worried about the opponents running to a different slam. He could beat six no-trump; and if the bidding was trustworthy, neither opponent had a diamond void.

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Markets

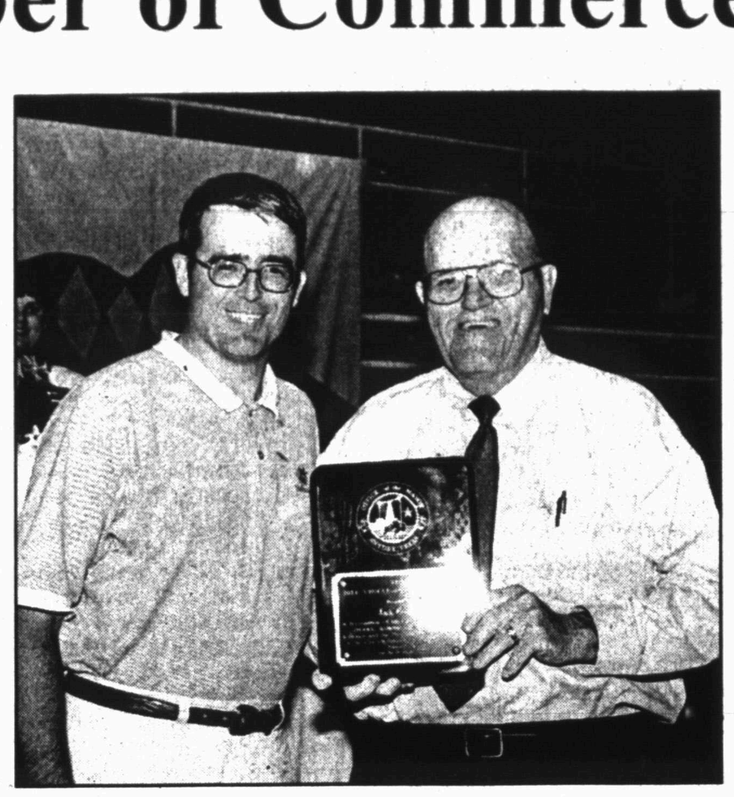
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp s	33.44	32.50	33.19	+ .38
AT&T Corp	31.38	31.13	31.25	
Albertsons	22.13	21.75	22.00	+ .13
Alltel	51.38	50.25	50.38	— .44
AmerOnline s	59.81	58.56	59.06	— .88
AmEl Pw	35.44	35.00	35.44	+ .31
AndarkPtr	61.88	61.21	61.65	— .23
ATMOS Egy	21.13	20.63	21.13	+ .06
Aviall	6.38	6.25	6.38	+ .13
BP Amoco s	56.31	56.00	56.31	+ .19
BakerHughes	37.19	36.88	37.19	+ .38
Bank of Amer	52.56	51.38	52.44	+ .69
BellSouth	37.38	36.88	37.19	— .13
Beth Steel	3.69	3.56	3.63	
BurlNoSFe	22.94	22.38	22.75	— .25
Caterpillar	37.75	37.00	37.19	— .44
Chevron	86.56	85.88	86.00	— .88
Citigroup s	58.31	56.88	58.19	+ 1.25
Coastal	71.31	70.13	70.69	+ .56
CocaCola	57.75	56.00	57.56	+ 1.56
ColgatePal	54.13	52.88	53.81	+ .81
CooperIn	35.44	34.75	35.25	+ .25
DaimlrChry	55.25	54.69	55.06	+ .63
DallSemicn s	39.75	39.00	39.69	+ .56
DeltaAirl	50.75	49.56	50.50	+ .94
Dillards Inc	13.81	13.44	13.63	+ .19
DowChem s	27.13	26.69	27.00	+ .50
DuPont	47.81	47.06	47.56	+ .50
EastmanChem	45.19	45.00	45.00	— .19
EstKodak	65.06	64.19	64.44	— .69
EDS Corp	50.75	50.06	50.69	+ .38
Entergy	31.13	30.94	30.94	— .06
ExxonMobil	82.81	82.56	82.63	— .31
FstBksAm	18.88	18.88	18.88	+ .25
Flowers	21.00	20.94	21.00	
GenDynam	64.13	62.88	63.38	— .75
GenElec s	60.13	59.44	60.00	+ .63
GenMills s	33.13	32.25	33.00	+ .69
GenMotors	73.31	72.3[illegible]	73.19	+ 1.75
GaPacGP	26.25	25.88	25.94	— .25
GlobalMar	32.13	31.56	31.88	+ .19
Goodrich	42.56	41.25	41.69	— 1.13
Goodyear s	23.75	22.81	23.75	+ .81
GtAtlPac	13.88	13.75	13.81	+ .06
Halliburtn	53.06	51.88	52.88	+ .19
Hanson ADS	30.25	30.13	30.13	— .19
HarteHanks	25.44	25.06	25.19	— .13
HomeDepot s	50.81	50.06	50.25	— .38
HoneywellIntl	40.31	39.69	39.81	— .06
IBM	131.94	129.75	131.31	+ 2.31
IntlPaper	31.69	31.13	31.31	— .25
JohnsonJn	96.44	94.19	96.19	+ .75
K mart	7.25	7.13	7.13	
Kroger Co	22.13	21.88	22.06	+ .19
Litton	58.25	56.63	56.94	— 1.13
LockheedM	29.13	28.38	28.44	— .25
Lowes Cos	49.56	48.94	49.06	— .31
Lubys	5.94	5.69	5.75	— .13
LucentTech	41.81	40.69	41.81	+ .69
MayDeptStr	24.44	24.13	24.19	— .19
Medtronic s	52.44	51.94	52.44	+ .75
MorganJP	147.13	143.25	146.75	+ 2.75
Motorola s	35.88	35.31	35.63	+ .13
NCR Corp	38.81	38.56	38.69	— .13
Navistar	38.88	38.44	38.44	— .31
Penney JC	15.50	15.13	15.44	+ .25
PepBoys	5.75	5.56	5.56	— .13
PepsiCo	44.00	42.75	43.88	+ 1.13
Pharmacia	58.44	58.00	58.25	— .75
PhelpDodge	42.31	41.38	41.81	— .50
PhilipPet	62.19	61.50	61.63	— .06
PilgrmPrd B	7.25	7.19	7.19	+ .06
Polaroid	17.69	17.25	17.56	— .06
Praxair	44.19	43.75	43.88	— .13
ProctGamb	63.19	62.63	63.19	+ .44
PubS NwMx	21.13	20.75	21.06	+ .38
RadioShack	63.50	62.44	62.50	— 1.00
ReliantEngy	37.25	36.44	36.94	+ .63
RoyalDut	61.94	61.56	61.81	
SBC Comm	42.38	41.31	42.31	+ 1.13
SaraLee	19.25	18.94	19.19	+ .13
Scripps EW	49.94	49.[illegible]	49.94	
SearsRoeb	31.81	31.[illegible]	31.19	— .06
SherwinW	23.00	22.63	22.75	— .13
SmithkdBchm	67.38	66.63	66.88	— .31
SouthernCo	28.75	28.06	28.69	+ .31
SwstAirl	23.88	23.44	23.81	+ .31
SprintFON	32.63	31.75	31.88	— .44
SprintPCS s	50.13	48.69	49.75	+ .81
Sunoco Inc	27.88	27.56	27.69	— .19
TXU Corp	34.31	33.88	34.19	+ .25
TempleInland	43.06	42.06	42.06	— .94
Texaco	52.88	51.88	51.94	— .56
TexInd	33.25	32.69	32.69	— .56
TexasInst s	68.31	66.88	68.13	+ 1.06
Textron	57.94	57.50	57.88	— .06
TriconGlbR	30.31	30.06	30.13	+ .06
TrinityInds	19.44	19.38	19.44	+ .25
TritonEngy	45.50	44.75	44.75	— .50
TylerTech	2.25	2.06	2.25	+ .06
USX-Marathn	27.19	26.88	26.94	— .31
USX-USS	17.38	17.19	17.38	+ .25
UnCarbde	42.00	41.44	41.94	+ .88
UnionPacif	41.38	41.19	41.25	— .13
UnitedTech	63.19	62.50	63.06	— .19
Unocal	33.75	33.44	33.50	— .31
Venator Grp	14.94	14.75	14.81	+ .06
VerizonComm	44.69	43.63	44.44	+ 1.31
WalMart	50.63	48.81	48.88	— 1.63
WellsFargo	44.81	44.19	44.81	+ .25
WstnGasRs	21.63	21.44	21.56	+ .31
WinnDixie	14.31	14.06	14.19	— .13
Xerox Cp	16.81	16.50	16.69	+ .13

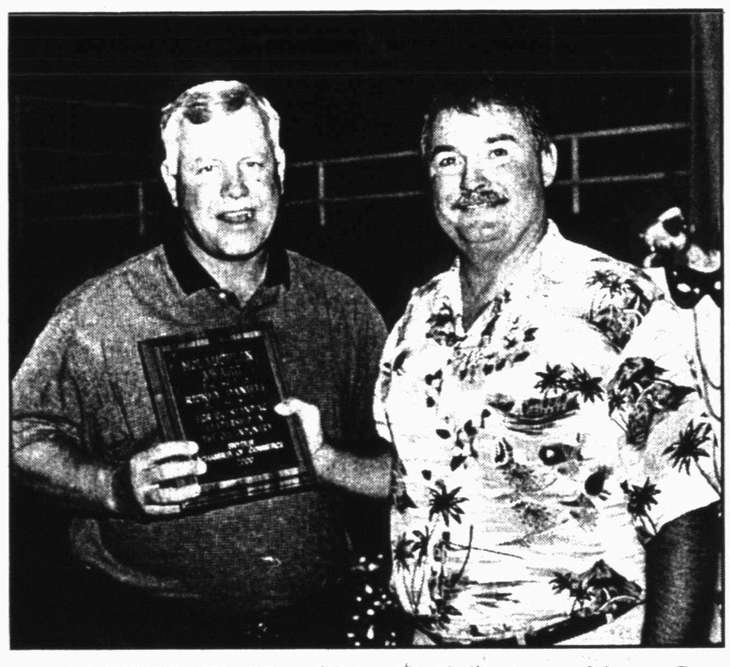
Snyder Chamber of Commerce Banquet 2000

SIZEMORE AWARD — Nancy Smith, member of the Snyder of Chamber of Commerce Goldcoats, received the Sizemore Award at the banquet Saturday evening. It was presented to her by last year's recipient, Donna Gray (left).



VESTAL AWARD — Jack Denman, right, was presented the Vestal Award at Saturday's chamber of commerce banquet at the coliseum. The presentation for service to the city and community was made by Mayor Dayton Robinson.

EDUCATION AWARD — The Education Excellence Award was given in memory of educator Bill Moss who died April 4. His wife, Judy Moss, was unable to attend and Sarena Terry, their "adopted" daughter, accepted the award. It was presented by SISD Supt. Gayle Lomax.



McLAUGHLIN AWARD — Rickey Daniell, owner of Arrow Construction, was given the McLaughlin Award at the annual chamber banquet held Saturday. Daniell received the award from Dalton Walton, right.

WINSTON AWARD — This year's Winston Award was given to ranchers S.D. and Judy Hays. Wade Hatter, great-grandson of pioneer rancher Wade Winston, made the presentation.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR - - Snyder Chamber of Commerce executive director Donna Fowler presented a plaque for Business of the Year to the Spanish Inn, accepted by Joni Rodriguez, right. The annual banquet was held Saturday evening in the coliseum

CHAMBER'S CHOICE AWARD — Warden Wilhelmenia Howard, left, accepted the Chamber's Choice Award to TDCJ Price Daniel Unit for their help throughout the year. Chamber executive director Donna Fowler presented the award.

SEATED AT HEAD TABLE — Mary Counts, Jack Whitworth, chamber of commerce president-elect, and his wife, Libby, were seated at the head table at the banquet Saturday.

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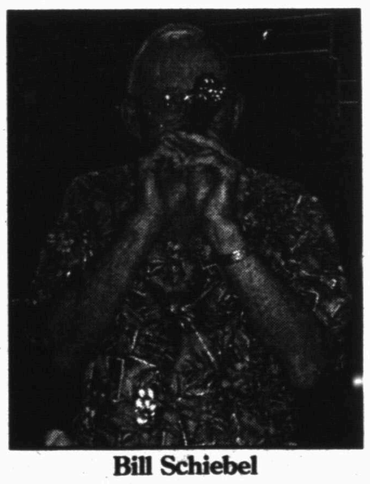

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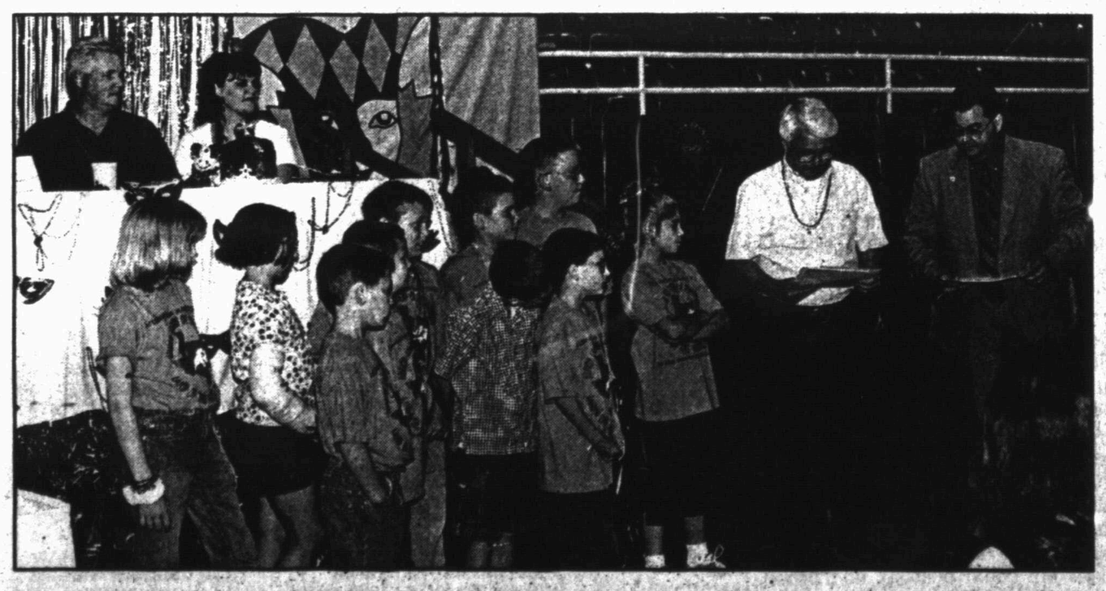

JUNIOR LEADERS PARTICIPATE — Rep. David Counts and James Beachamp, aide in Charlie Stenholm's office, presented certificates to children who attended the chamber's Junior Leadership classes this past summer.

CHAMBER BANQUET — Seated at the head table at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet were, from left, David Holt, master of ceremonies, and his wife, Donna, and chamber president Mark Cypert.

Record-tying dry spell hits N. Texas

DALLAS (AP) — A history-making drought in North Texas has all the signs of continuing for days — or even weeks — and the rain forecast elsewhere in the state isn't much better.

With no precipitation in the forecast Monday, the record of 58 consecutive days without rain in the region — first set in 1934 — was vulnerable.

A rainless Sunday tied the record, which had been repeated in 1950.

"We will have the record all ourselves," said Lonnie King, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Fort Worth.

The National Weather Service forecast this week calls for continued temperatures at or exceeding the century mark along with dry skies.

"We could very well have 65 to 70 days without rain," Michael Mach, another NWS meteorologist in Fort Worth, said.

A 58-day drought interval first occurred in Texas May 25 to July 21, 1934 during the Dust Bowl years of the Great Depression.

"But one thing to keep in mind about 1934 was the streak was broken by 0.01 inches of rain — barely above a trace," said Mach.

The dry spell happened again Nov. 4 to Dec. 31, 1950.

This year's streak started July 1, and more heat and sunshine are forecast for the region, said Joe Harris, an NWS meteorologist in Fort Worth.

Statewide, agriculture and livestock producers estimate they've already lost $595 million this year to the parched conditions, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

Few areas of Texas have escaped the drought. In Central Texas, a steady drop in the Edwards Aquifer has threatened supplies in San Antonio and surrounding cities that rely upon the underground reservoir. In the Houston area, many livestock ponds and small lakes are low or dry.

Northwest of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, volunteer crews outside Throckmorton have been struggling to complete a pipeline to another town's reservoir. Throckmorton residents, who have not had rain since spring, are within weeks of losing their own water supply to the drought.

Cora Lee Brannon said her prized impatiens, begonias and even one of her oak trees have shriveled up and died this month on her one-acre property in the Fort Worth suburb of Southlake.

"Mother nature is not kind in Texas," she said. "Like everybody, it's been a struggle to keep the spring things alive. It just doesn't make any sense to try to keep them alive."

Despite two months without rain, the region is only about a half inch below normal for the year, Harris said.

North Texas has received 21.19 inches since Jan. 1, and average rainfall for that period is 22.31 inches. Heavy rains in June minimized the deficit, Harris said.

Harris said the record will continue until rain is measured at the agency's rain gauge at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

And even a bit of rain won't be enough to snap the extended drought.

Harris said it could take a year or more to restore the state from the drought because it's a slow process of filling up reservoirs and recharging soil moisture.

Second-largest semiconductor deal inked

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Applied Micro Circuits Corporation announced it will buy MMC Networks for about $4.5 billion in stock, making it the second-largest deal in semiconductor history.

The merger — which is expected to close by the end of the fourth quarter — is part of a growing trend of consolidation in the semiconductor industry.

San Diego-based AMCC announced Sunday it would issue 0.619 shares of its common stock for each common share of MMC stock as part of the transaction.

The largest such merger came in June when Texas Instruments, a Dallas-based semiconductor giant, acquired Burr-Brown Corp., a manufacturer of analog and mixed signal integrated circuits, for $7.6 billion.

MMC Networks, a semiconductor company based in Sunnyvale, which manufactures computer network processors and communications management technology.

Applied Micro Circuits makes high-bandwidth integrated circuits for high-speed traffic on fiber-optic networks.

Its purchase of MMC is the next logical step in the company's strategy of providing complete solutions in the optical networking market, company officials said.

San Antonio may charge if jaws of life has to be used

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio is poised to become the first major city in Texas to charge accident victims who have to be pried from mangled wreckage.

Part of the city's proposed 2001 budget, the plan calls for drivers in accidents to be assessed a $440 fee if firefighters have to use the Jaws of Life or other high-dollar rescue tools, the San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday.

City officials envision insurance companies paying the fees, but questions remain about uninsured motorists and whether all drivers might end up paying as a result of higher insurance costs.

The city's proposed $1.17 billion budget for 2001 calls for a number of new user fees aimed at raising revenue without increasing property taxes. The City Council still has to vote on the fees as part of the process to adopt the city budget.

Public hearings on the budget are scheduled on Monday, Thursday and Sept. 14, the day of the budget vote.

District Fire Chief Carl Wedige acknowledged that the details have yet to be worked out.

"What if they're uninsured? What if it's a single-vehicle accident? ... Do you hold the party responsible to pay that amount?" Wedige said.

"Those are some of the issues we're looking at now. The predominant thing I've heard (from other departments that charge fees) is that they just bill the insurance company, so if there's no insurance company, there's no billing."

If insurance companies are billed for the $440 fee, they will pass the cost on to consumers, according to Jerry Johns of the Southwest Insurance Institute, an industry organization monitoring trends in Arkansas and Texas.

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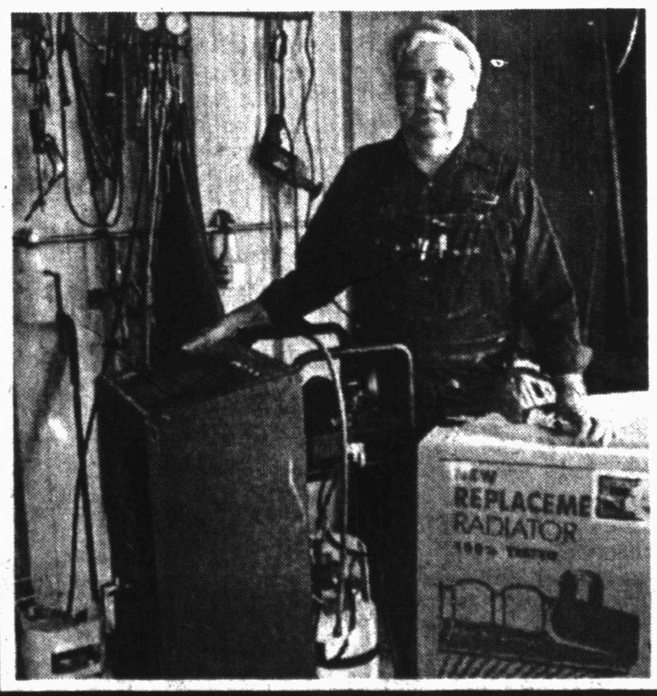

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Texas incarceration rate leads nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — If Texas were a separate country, it would be putting a percentage of its population behind bars faster than any other nation, according to a study being released Monday.

The report by Justice Policy Institute, which supports alternatives to prison, showed that the Texas prison population's annual growth rate was 11.8 percent during the 1990s, which meant it added one in every five inmates to the nation's prisons.

"If Texas were a country, it would have the highest incarceration rate in the world, easily surpassing the United States and Russia, the next two finishers, and seven times that of the next biggest prison system in China," according to an Institute statement issued Monday.

The study report stated that Texas imprisoned people at a faster rate than any other state in the last decade, but its crime rate is higher than other large states with smaller prison populations. In fact, the state's crime rate fell at half the national average and the least of any of the nation's five largest states, the report stated.

A Texas prison official said the last decade's growth was a response to a prison revolving door during overcrowded conditions, and the state's incarceration rate slowed in the latter part of the decade.

The study zeroed in on Texas' prison system after the Bureau of Justice said that the Texas prison population urpassed California.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Aug. 25—Stanley Green, Tommy Hayes, Evelyn Mebane and Modesta Rosas.

DISMISSALS: Mary Alvarado and baby, Martha Braziel, Misty Cortez and baby, Barbra Jones, Frank Winter, John Beyer, Carrie Gaona, Annie Lee and Edith Witte.

CENSUS: 36 (Med./Surg.-9, Long-term Care-25, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

ADMISSIONS: Aug. 26—Beatrice Bilberry, Shawntel Alabundi; Aug. 27—Essie Dawson, Beatrice Garza, E.L. Jones.

DISMISSALS: Aug. 26—Stanley Green; Aug. 27—Modesta Rosas and baby and Shawntel Alabundi.

CENSUS: 40 (Med./Surg.13, Long-term Care-25, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Births

Modesta Rosas of Fluvanna announces the birth of her son at 11:07 p.m. on Aug. 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, eight ounces.

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Beatrice Garza of Snyder announces the birth of her daughter at 11:17 a.m. on Aug. 27 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 14 ounces.

Woman facing charges of aggravated assault

• ***Woman assaults officers***

A domestic disturbance in the 1400 block of Avenue K Saturday night resulted in the arrest of two subjects, including one woman for assaulting three police officers.

Josphine Olivarez Lujan, 36, faces three felony charges of aggravated assault against a public servant.

She is alleged to have kicked Cpl. Brian Peterson and officers Kenny Burns and Mike Duddleston while they were attempting to arrest her.

Her address is listed as 119 Mt. Nebo in Dallas.

A 36-year-old man was arrested on the scene for disorderly conduct/fighting and resisting arrest.

The report of the fight came in shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday.

• ***Hit and run***

Officers were called to Mark's Paint and Body Shop at 9:10 a.m. Saturday in reference to an unknown subject running into the garage door and then leaving the scene.

• ***Domestic violence***

An offense report for assault/family violence was filed at 9:55 a.m. Saturday.

• ***Intoxicated people assaulted***

A subject contacted officers at 11:15 a.m. Saturday to report that he had been assaulted at the College Park Apartments. Officers spoke with the man, who was intoxicated. He declined to file charges at the time.

A 911 call was received at 3:27 a.m. Saturday from an another intoxicated man who advised he had been assaulted.

Sgt. Brian Haggard said the subject had cuts to his head and was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital and later released.

The detective is investigating the incident. He said the man was so intoxicated that he did not recall what had happened to him.

• ***Bicycle stolen***

Maria Hidalgo reported at 3:25 p.m. Saturday that a bicycle had been stolen from 2807 Avenue C.

• ***Obscene language***

At 9:59 p.m. Saturday, a caller requested officers contact subjects at the old Lawrence IGA parking lot in reference to using obscene language at passing vehicles and at customers going into Allsup's. Officers notified the subjects of the complaint.

• ***Marijuana found***

At 3:59 a.m. Saturday, a clerk with Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive notified officers that a bag of marijuana had been found at the convenience store.

A small amount was recovered and was placed in evidence to be destroyed.

• ***Money taken***

Dr. Gloria Gerstener reported at 2:47 p.m. Sunday that an undetermined amount of cash had been taken from the office.

• ***Vehicle damaged***

A report for state jail felony criminal mischief was taken at 4:36 p.m. Sunday in reference to someone keying a 1999 Chevrolet Suburban owned by Mary Ramos of 1509 21st Street. The incident reportedly occurred at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

• ***Criminal mischief***

Rocky Rodriguez told officers at 8:08 p.m. Sunday that his residence on County Road 3176 had been hit with bullets about a month ago.

• ***Arrests***

A 36-year-old man was jailed Saturday night on a warrant for failing to wear a safety belt.

A warrant for no liability insurance and failure to appear landed a 41-year-old woman in jail at 10:19 a.m. Sunday.

Officers arrested a 40-year-old man at 6:51 p.m. Sunday for public intoxication.

Driving while intoxicated sent a 45-year-old man to jail at 9:20 p.m. Saturday.

• ***Accidents***

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 1:54 p.m. Sunday in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Involved were a 1997 Pontiac Century driven by Dotty Jewel Hart, 82, of 2006 37th Street and a 1993 Ford Thunderbird driven by Rebecca Ann Dominguez, 32, of 312 25th Street.

An accident report was filed at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in the 2800 block of Avenue H. According to police reports, eight-year-old Daniel Joseph Ramirez was in a 1993 Ford Taurus parked at 2804 Avenue H when the car was accidentally put into reverse. It rolled across Avenue H and struck a tree.

Obituaries

Martinez infant

Infant

Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Snyder Cemetery for Francisco N. Martinez Jr., infant son of Cecilia Jaramillo and Francisco Martinez Sr., both of Snyder.

Lupe Hernandez, pastor of the Church on the Rock, will officiate and Wright Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Francisco was stillborn on Tuesday, Aug. 15, in a Lubbock hospital.

Other survivors include his three stepbrothers, Ariel Jaramillo of Austin, Julio Jaramillo and Roberto Jaramillo, both of Snyder; one stepsister, Jessica Guadiana of Snyder; his maternal grandmother, Cecilia Floyd of Snyder; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Thomas Newman

1910-2000

MAY – Thomas Jackson Newman, a former Scurry County resident, died Saturday, Aug. 26, in the Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Newman, 90, was set for 11 a.m. today in the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel in Early. Interment was to follow in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Brown County.

Born Aug. 24, 1910 in Scurry County to the late Sam Henry and Etta Runnels Newman, he moved to Brown County from Snyder in 1957. He was a farmer and rancher.

Mr. Newman married Bessie Sawyer in 1931 in Mitchell County. She died on Feb. 23, 1999.

He also was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Newman; a grandson, Thomas Newman; and four sisters.

Survivors include four sons, Doyle Newman of May, Garland Newman of Blanket, Thomas Newman of Lubbock and Billy Newman of Brownwood; a brother, Henry Newman of Abilene; two sisters, Mozell Loveal of Abilene and Marcel Morris of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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Vera Youngblood

1906-2000

LAMESA – Vera Mixon Youngblood, a Scurry County native, died Saturday, Aug. 26, in Lamesa.

Funeral service for Mrs. Youngblood, 94, was set for 4 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church Chapel with Mike Riggins and Dennis Teeters officiating. Burial was to follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Born June 2, 1906 in Pyron in Scurry County, she married Alton Youngblood on Dec. 12, 1926 in the Redwine Community. He died in 1983.

Mrs. Youngblood moved to Dawson County in 1922 from Amarillo. A homemaker, she was a member of the Key Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Arlan Youngblood of Lamesa; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Billy McFarland

1924-2000

Billy G. McFarland of Eden died Friday, Aug. 25, in Eden.

Funeral service for Mr. McFarland, 76, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Mount Calvary Lutheran Church with Archie Harlow, pastor, officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Veterans Honor Guard from the Brady VFW Post 3234.

Graveside service is set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in Snyder's Hillside Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Heart of Texas Funeral Home in Brady.

Born Aug. 18, 1924 in San Saba County, he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He married Mattie B. Underwood on July 14, 1955 in Yuma, Ariz.

Mr. McFarland had lived in Eden for the past year, having moved from Brady where he had lived for 11 years. He worked for Holly Sugar Company for 30 years prior to his retirement, and he was a member of the Brady VFW and the Mount Calvary Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mattie McFarland of Eden; one grandson; and one special friend, Ellen Edwards of Eden.

He was preceded in death by a son, Winston Lewis McFarland.

Nell Boatenhamer

1937-2000

TATUM, N.M. – Funeral service for Nelda Jane "Nell" Boatenhamer, a former Snyder resident, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Tatum First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Boatenhamer, 62, died Saturday, Aug. 26, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a brief illness.

Born Sept. 9, 1937, she married Bill Boatenhamer in 1955. Mrs. Boatenhamer was a homemaker and a member of the First Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar and Polly Floyd; and by one brother and sister-in-law, Clint Eldon and Bonifa Floyd.

Survivors include her husband, Bill Boatenhamer of Tatum; a daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Ricky Rickman of Lovington, N.M.; two sons, Billy Boatenhamer of Tatum and Brad Boatenhamer of Waco; a sister and brother-in-law, Danna Lee and Jerry Hardisty of Monahans; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Eddie Don and Martha Floyd and John and Darla Floyd, all of Snyder; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Northside Baptist revival

A revival continues through Sunday at Northside Baptist Church, 1909 16th Street. Evangelist is Harley Higginbotham of Hugo, Okla., with special music by the Higginbotham Family. Tonight's service is at 7 p.m. and Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Hermleigh booster club

The booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the school cafeteria. Officers will be elected.

Football booster club

The Football Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight at the Student Center.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Esther, a Woman of Destiny," followed by "The All Sufficient Word of God."

SHS choir yard signs

Parents of former choir students who would like to recycle the signs are asked to bring them to the choir room on between 7 and 10 this evening and from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. through Friday.

SHS band boosters

The band booster meeting scheduled for tonight has been cancelled. The next meeting will be announced later.

NE Elementary cookbooks

Copies of the Northeast Elementary Millenium Cookbook will be sold from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the front halls of West Elementary, or call Diane Arnold at 573-2159 or Libby Whitworth at 573-6870. Copies are $7 each.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scout registration will be held at the scout hut, 2501 35th Street, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Family night out

West Elementary's family night out will be held from 5 p.m. until closing Thursday at Snyder Lanes and Grill. All students are asked to bring their families and eat at the bowling alley.

Cub Scout rally

A Cub Scout rally will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the West Cafeteria for boys in grades 1-5. All boys interested in the scouts are asked to bring their parents. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 573-7065, or 573-3310.

Central Elementary Parent Council

The council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school cafeteria. All parents and staff are encouraged to attend.

Genealogical Society meeting

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Children's Room at the Scurry County Library. President Pat Outlaw will give a short program, "Learning About Genealogy." After a business meeting, members will be available to help visitors with research.

Word is Life Deliverance Church

Jean Krisle will be at Word is Life Deliverance Church at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The church is located at 312 Coliseum Drive.

FBC worship service

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

Fiesta stack-up dinner

The SHS Choir Booster Club will have a fiesta stack-up dinner from 5-7 p.m. before the home game against Monahans on Friday. Tickets can be purchased from any choir student, or at the door for $5. Carry-outs will be available.

Snyder Junior High pictures

School pictures at the junior high will be taken Friday.

Faith Revival Church fundraiser

The church will have an enchilada plate dinner from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday for $5 a plate. The church is located at 3212 Ave. J. Call Olga Perez at 574-8099 for more information.

Pyron homecoming

The Pyron Homecoming will be held Saturday at the Inadale Community Center. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the evening meal will be served at 7 p.m. The meal will be catered at $7 per plate. Contact Mrs. Viola Stirl, 13652 FM 644, Loraine, 79532-3110.

Weigh down workshop

Exodus out of Egypt, a weigh down workshop, begins with an orientation and registration at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, in the fellowship hall of Word is Life Church, 312 Coliseum Drive. The 12-week session begins at 7 p.m. Oct. 2. Coordinator is Claudia Sanchez. For more information call 573-9615.

Weigh down workshop

The weigh down workshop will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, beginning Oct. 5. Orientation will be Sept. 21. For more information, call Debbie Hicks at 574-1061.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church (across from the hospital), is open to everyone 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 please return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

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

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