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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A dime goes a long way these days. You can carry it for weeks without finding much it will buy."

You've heard of "no pray, no play." That was the rally cry of persons protesting the Supreme Court's decision to ban public prayer at all public school football games.

Now there is "praying, but no eating," at least in Minnesota where the former pro wrestler was elected governor.

Folks up there are having a free-for-all over casseroles. In Texas, we call 'em covered dishes, and it's common knowledge in Texas that entrance into the Pearly Gates will require at least one green-bean casserole or pea salad.

Anyway, Minnesota's state health department has outlawed the serving of hot dishes at public functions.

The state's health-conscious bureaucrats have decided that hot dishes could be hazardous to your health since they aren't prepared in state-inspected or state-licensed facilities.

One of Minnesota's state legislators, also an ordained Lutheran minister, realized that the ruling, although aimed at averting indigestion, would actually cause mass deprivation and depression.

The minister argued that his church probably couldn't function without the traditional pot-luck dinner.

The combination preacher-lawmaker got some colleagues together and cooked up a bill to exempt hot dishes served at church functions from the jurisdiction of the state health department.

When it came time for the vote, the speaker of the house ordered, All in favor say 'Ya, sure!' All opposed say 'whatever.'"

In the tradition of separation of church and state, the bill passed. At last report, the bill to preserve the traditional potluck dishes needed only the governor's signature.

He wouldn't dare veto it, 'cause everybody knows you don't get at odds with the cook.

And in the spirit of "no pray, no eating," we pass along this true story that involved Snyder's Harold Lacik.

Harold is a lot like a bunch of us older geezers — we hear what we want to hear.

Harold and wife, Irene, were in Lubbock visiting a friend in the hospital. The patient's elderly mother also was visiting, so the Laciks asked her if she would like to join them for dinner (supper, in Texas).

After going through the cafeteria serving line and finding a seat, Harold thought he heard his guest say that she wanted to pay. "No way," Harold said. "Absolutely not. There is no way I'm gonna let you pay."

About that time Irene kicked Harold under the table. Harold then learned that the request was to pray — not pay.

Rally officially underway for 300+ visitors

The 2000 Region VII Texas State Rally of the Holiday Ramblers recreational vehicle club officially got underway Tuesday with opening ceremonies in the evening in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The coliseum is headquarters for the weeklong event, which has attracted some 300 recreational vehicle enthusiasts from across Texas and other states.

The theme of this year's rally is "Land of the White Buffalo," and the coliseum has been decorated accordingly.

Attendees have come from all over Texas as well as Alabama, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee.

Nightly entertainment, various activities and tours of several scenic stops in Snyder are planned for the rally-goers.

Donna Fowler and Cindy Nix performed Tuesday for the Ramblers while Texas Sand will provide entertainment this evening.

A tour of the Wagon Wheel Ranch — complete with wagon rides, a chuck wagon dinner and entertainment by Tommy Allsup — is planned Thursday afternoon and evening.

The events wrap up Friday with entertainment provided by The Deep Creek Cloggers.

Visitors will have the opportunity to play games and attend various classes including arts and crafts.

BLOOD DRIVE — United Blood Services employee Christina Williams (left) fills vials with samples from Tony Martin. Martin, a Western Texas College sophomore, donated blood on the first day of this month's drive. The drive continues until 5 p.m. today at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for the hospital staff. The Price Daniel Unit visitation area will be the site of the drive Thursday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. in order for employees of the unit to donate. (SDN Staff Photo)

Greek ferry sinks, at least 59 drown

PAROS, Greece (AP) — A Greek ferry struck a patch of rocks in the Aegean Sea and sank, killing at least 59 of the more than 500 people aboard. Many of the victims panicked and jumped off the boat, rescue officials said.

The ship's captain and four crew members were arrested after the accident Tuesday night, amid reports at least some of them were watching a soccer match on television at the time. Government officials accused them of criminal negligence, and survivors criticized the shipping company for complete disorganization.

"You have to be blind not to see it," said Coast Guard chief Andreas Sirigos. "It is inexplicable how the ship collided with a well-known rock that carries a light visible from a distance of seven miles."

It was unclear how many people were aboard, and how many of them were foreigners. At least 443 people were rescued, including four Americans, authorities said. It was unknown if any Americans had drowned.

There reportedly were also passengers from Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Norway.

Many of the dead were young children, who were not required to be counted on the passenger list. A port official suffered a heart attack and died after hearing news of the sinking, the coast guard said.

Hospital board to meet Thursday

Contracts for home health management and emergency room coverage face Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers when it meets at 8 a.m. Thursday in the hospital's board room.

Action items include the consideration of the contract with ARAPHO Healthcare Resources to manage the hospital's home health department, and the contract with local physicians to man the emergency room.

Directors will hear a number of reports — including the medical staff report from Dr. Bid Cooper, an update on the Texas Medical Foundation from Jo Beth Hardegree, the annual home health evaluation from Sherma Barham, and the monthly financial report from hospital controller Selina McGuire.

The board will also consider approval of change orders concerning the radiology department project.

Interim CEO Steve Holmes also will present informational items.

New CEO George Parsley is also expected to attend the meeting as he will take over the hospital leadership Monday.

Bush aide: pants, not propaganda

AUSTIN (AP) — A pair of khaki trousers — not debate preparation materials from George W. Bush's campaign — was in the package a worker for Bush's media consultant was videotaped mailing last week, the employee says.

Yvette Lozano was the focus of an FBI inquiry after the debate materials were mailed to the Al Gore presidential campaign and investigators obtained a security videotape of her mailing a package in an Austin post office.

Lozano, reached outside her Austin home by The Associated Press late Tuesday, refused to comment and deferred all questions to the Bush campaign.

But The Dallas Morning News on Wednesday reported Lozano told investigators that the package she was videotaped sending Sept. 11 from an Austin post office contained pants being returned to the Gap clothing chain by her boss, Bush presidential campaign aide Mark McKinnon.

McKinnon, who showed reporters the box in which he received the pants, told ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" that he and Lozano have both offered to take polygraph tests.

"She was actually mailing this package right here, or a package in return for this one," McKinnon said. "It was a pair of pants that she mailed to the Gap in exchange for one of another color. It was just a terrible, unfortunate coincidence that she was mailing the pants on the day, which was apparently in the range of days when this other package (containing the tape) was mailed."

McKinnon dismissed as "absurd" suspicions that the Bush campaign mailed the package itself to cast suspicion on the Gore campaign. He also said the FBI has not responded to Bush campaign offers of possible leads in the investigation.

"What is an outrage is that they would leak a target, leak a suspect," McKinnon said. "That's one big problem. The other is that by targeting this young, innocent woman, whoever did this who was trying to help Al Gore is not being looked at."

Lozano, 30, said FBI agents questioned her Thursday and Friday, as part of a federal review of how the materials ended up being mailed to a Gore confidant.

Thomas Downey, a former New York congressman helping the Gore camp on the debates, told the newspaper he received the Austin-postmarked package Sept. 13 and immediately turned it over to the FBI.

FBI officials said the bureau has yet to open a full-blown investigation.

BOOK FAIR — Cassie Mhoon and Roman Romero, both sixth graders, look over a book at West Elementary's Scholastic Book Fair. The fair is underway this week. Today it is open from 4 to 5:30 p.m. On Thursday and Friday, it will be open 8 to 10 a.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC ready to host annual College Fair

Western Texas College will host its annual College Fair for area high school and college students from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the college gym.

Representatives from more than 30 colleges, universities, technical schools and branches of the armed services will be on hand to answer questions students have about their programs.

Four-year universities participating this year include the University of Texas, Texas Tech, Angelo State, Tarleton State, West Texas A&M and Abilene Christian, among others.

All students interested in transferring to one of the represented schools are encouraged to attend.

ASK US

Q—Are any local schools collecting Box Tops for Education off General Mills cereals?

A—The only school in the county is Stanfield Elementary.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 77 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 44; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low 50-55; SE wind 5-10 mph; Thursday, mostly sunny; high 80-85; SE wind 5-15 mph.

Kimberly Nolan
Sunny

Sunset: 7:34 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:36 a.m.
Of 270 days in 2000, the sun has shone 267 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

No matter how limited your vocabulary is, it's still big enough to let you say something you'll later regret.

U.S. Senate pressured to renew bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women's rights groups and President Clinton began heaping pressure on the Republican-controlled Senate to renew the Violence Against Women Act that is to expire Saturday.

"It is now time for the Senate to act," Clinton said. "With over 70 sponsors in the Senate, there is no reason for delay."

Passage of the act is at "the top" of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's list and could come up for a vote this week, his spokesman said.

The act's renewal passed the House, 415-3 on Tuesday. It authorizes $3.6 billion over five years for programs that include law enforcement and judicial training, grants for domestic violence shelters, child abuse prevention programs and a national domestic violence hot line. It was originally passed in 1994.

National Organization for Women President Patricia Ireland said renewal "is down to the wire."

"Some conservative members of Congress, including the leadership, apparently do not consider stopping violence against women a national priority," she said.

Judiciary Chairman Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said action has been taken to keep money flowing even if Congress does not meet Saturday's deadline. "It remains a priority of this Congress," Hyde said.

But the Senate version may face hurdles. Senate Republicans have floated the idea of attaching the legislation to a bill that would overhaul the nation's bankruptcy laws. The twinned proposals would then be appended to one of the 11 appropriations bills that Congress still must enact to keep the government in operation. Women's rights groups oppose such action.

House members voting against the measure were Republican Reps. Helen Chenoweth-Hage of Idaho, John Hostettler of Indiana and Mark Sanford Jr. of South Carolina.

The House action came one day after Clinton accused lawmakers of treating the measure like a political football for its stalled passage.

Vice President Al Gore said Tuesday the House "has taken an important bipartisan step toward final passage of this much-needed legislation."

The measure remains without a key provision that would allow rape victims to sue their attackers in federal court. The Supreme Court said in May that it is up to states, not Congress, to choose whether to protect women in that way, and Congressional Democrats tried but failed this year to reinstate the provision in acceptable language.

As left by the Supreme Court, the law now essentially provides a federal dispensary for grants and programs aimed at preventing family violence and helping abused spouses — normally women — flee it.

The bill, H.R. 1248, can be found at http://thomas.loc.gov

Central Awards

Central Elementary students received Super Kid awards during an assembly Friday.

Kindergarten: Ashley Kincheloe, Alma Cabrera.

First Grade: Daniel McVey, Teenwolf Gomez, Jessica Guardado.

Third Grade: Raven Luna, Shelby Garza, Sarah Palmer, Seth Naizer, Michael Guardado, Jonathan Kerr, Megan Thompson, L.A. Jaramillo, Samatha Medrano, Jake Strickland.

Students also received Positive Action Awards.

Kindergarten: Jamie Ramirez, Murillo Orlando.

First grade: Timothy Hagins, Brandon Mireles, Itzel Arellano.

Third grade: Aryn May, Jonathan Verduzco, Nick Zajicek, Alex Yruegas, Humberto Juarez, Meagan Downing, Brent Cole, Kristi Guerrero, Joshua Pesina, Jodi Hamilton.

Students who had earned 15 or more points in the Accelerated Reader Program were also recognized. They received a Principal's Award and certificates for a child's meal at Burger King.

Date Book

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2000

Today is the 271st day of 2000 and the sixth day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1912, W.C. Handy's song "The Memphis Blues" was first published.

On this day in 1964, the Warren Commission made public its report on the assassination of President Kennedy.

On this day in 1987, Dolly Parton's variety show, "Dolly," premiered on ABC television.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Samuel Adams (1722-1803), Revolutionary War patriot; Thomas Nast (1840-1902), cartoonist; Louis Auchincloss (1917-), writer, is 83; William Conrad (1920-1994), actor; Arthur Penn (1922-), director, is 78; Wilford Brimley (1934-), actor, is 66; Meat Loaf (1947-), singer, is 53; Mike Schmidt (1949-), baseball great, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, Allie Reynolds of the New York Yankees pitched a no-hitter against the Boston Red Sox. New York won 8-0, winning the American League pennant.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Every man's affairs, however little, are important to himself." - Samuel Johnson

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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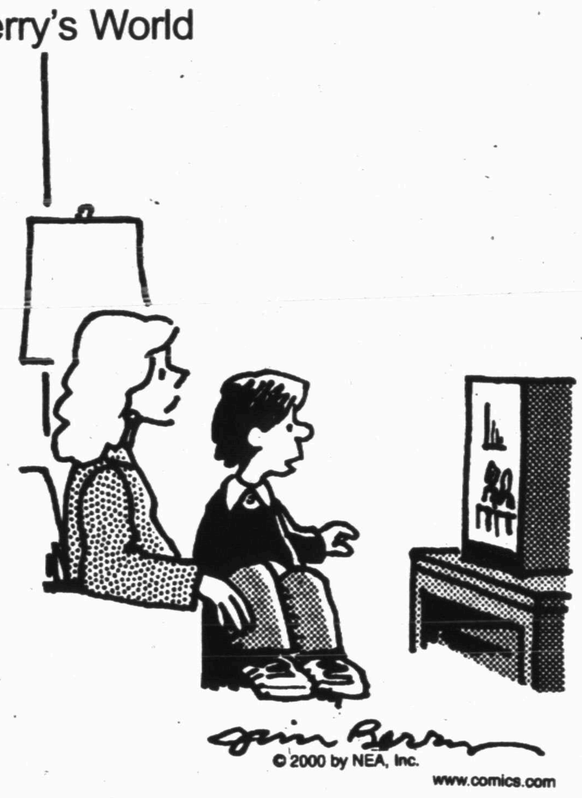
Berry's World



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"I WISH HARRY POTTER WERE RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 28, 2000

Through an unusual chain of events, advancement and/or recognition in your chosen field of endeavor could come about in the year ahead. It won't be luck; it'll be precipitated by you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A chance meeting today with an individual with whom you have much in common could result in something very interesting for you both. It'll also make the relationships stronger. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you've been stuck on dead center for quite some time regarding a matter of significance to you, this may be the day that a way will be found to get you off of it. Be alert.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Being surrounded by people with vivid imaginations could have a favorable influence on your thinking today. A fresh concept could be conceived to replace a stale one that failed you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is a strong possibility today that you might derive some type of unexpected windfall from a least-expected source. Be vigilant, because conditions are quite unusual now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) New ideas you implement today have excellent chances for success, so don't be reluctant to discard an outdated program or plan for a more progressive and innovative one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may have to make a quick decision today should prompt action be required to take advantage of an opportunity of a unique nature. You'll make the right decision.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Some of the ideas or suggestions offered out-of-the-blue by friends or associates today are apt to be quite sound and should be considered. One could put you on the track to something good.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An opportunity might pop up today that could offer some unique possibilities for advancing your personal interests, both socially and professionally. Don't let it slip away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could come up with an imaginative twist today for something that has always been done with a standard procedure. Your innovation may prove to be very helpful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) With a little imagination on your part today, possibly with someone else's castoffs, you will be able to do wonders to brighten up your surroundings. Aren't you the smart one!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Being placed under pressure today is likely to heighten your faculties and resourcefulness rather than push you down. Actually, it'll give you an edge over the other guy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Offer your new idea or project to the powers-that-be today. It's a good day for others to be receptive to fresh thinking. Peripheral benefits could be in store for you.

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In 1990, "Pretty Woman" was the No. 1 film in Germany, Sweden, Italy, Spain, Australia and Denmark.

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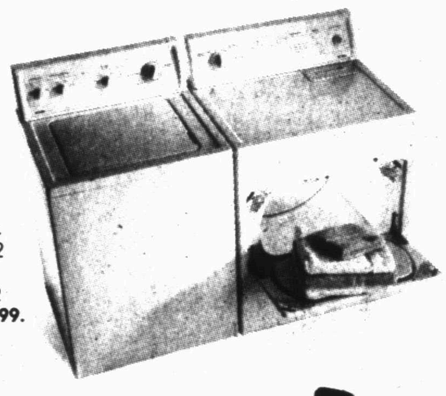

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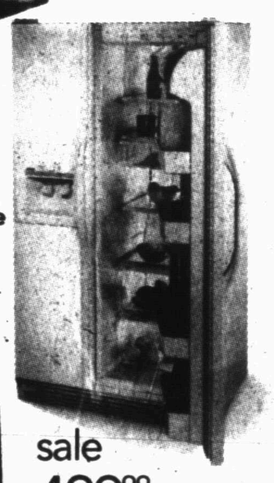

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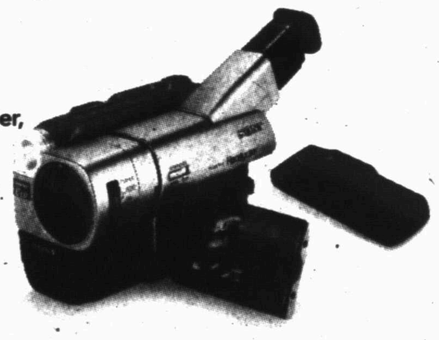

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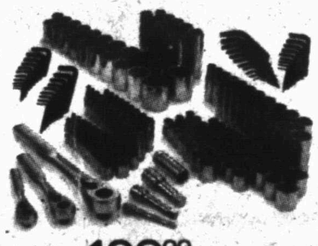

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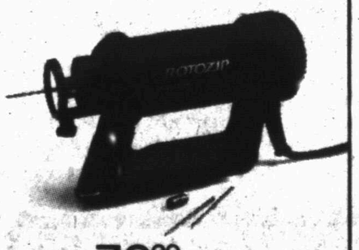

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Take papain for vezoars

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are phytobezoars and how does a person get them?

DEAR READER: Bezoars are concretions of foreign material, similar to hairballs in cats, that become trapped in the stomach. Phytobezoars are composed primarily of indigestible vegetable matter from food.

Bezoars are somewhat of a medical curiosity. They are ordinarily harmless but may cause symptoms of indigestion and bloating. Bezoars may be made up of hair, shellac, chewing gum, vegetable cellulose, pulp from oranges or grapefruits, wood fibers, and other indigestibles that people swallow.

On occasion, patients have an insurmountable compulsion to swallow inert substances that can lead to health problems. In more normal circumstances, bezoars form in people with delayed gastric emptying: food and other material remain in the stomach too long; the gastric contractions can twist and condense the stomach contents into an indigestible mass that cannot be propelled into the bowel. This can be the consequence of diabetes (which may cause a loss of coordinated intestinal contractions) or intestinal surgery (which can cause temporary gastric paralysis).

Fortunately, bezoars can often be dissolved with meat tenderizer: one teaspoon of papain in a glass of water four times a day. Or they can be fragmented (and excreted) by jets of water during endoscopy, when a patient's stomach is examined by a lighted, flexible tube.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've had a fertility problem for almost nine years. The doctor says that my husband's sperm count is very low because his body temperature is one degree too high, enough to block sperm production. What can we do?

DEAR READER: The testicles are ordinarily protected from excess heat because they lie outside the body in the scrotum. Scrotal temperatures are usually about three degrees cooler than rectal temperature. This is the reason why, in cases such as yours, fertility experts advise against jockey briefs: this type of undergarment may hold the testicles too close to the body, thereby inhibiting sperm production. (This is not, however, a consistently effective method of contraception.)

At least one study has shown that sperm counts deteriorate in the heat of the summer, which leads to less fertility and a deficit of births in the spring. However, other researchers believe that additional factors — such as increased exposure to light during summer months — may play an important role that has yet to be identified.

One fact is clear: Sperm production is definitely seasonal — and heat may be a consideration.

Perhaps your husband should discuss the situation with a urologist, who could advise him about ways to lower body heat into the normal range. For example, the use of Tylenol or aspirin might reduce body temperature and, by extension, testicular temperature, too. Also, your husband should wear loose-fitting garments, avoid hot environments and make every effort to encourage loss of body heat — by sleeping under fewer blankets, for instance.

A final thought: It's entirely possible that, despite your husband's low sperm count, you could become pregnant in vitro. That is, one of your eggs could be harvested and impregnated by sperm outside your body, then transplanted into your uterus where the embryo could grow. Admittedly, this is a tricky and difficult procedure, but — given the modern marvels of infertility therapy — it is certainly a possibility.

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On May 6, 1937, the German dirigible Hindenburg ex0ploded at Lakehurst, N.J.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Daughters-in-law need their own set of commandments too

DEAR ABBY: I read the "Ten Commandments for Mothers-in-Law" in your column. It implies that if the relationship is troubled, the fault is hers. However, relationships are a two-way street.

My son — a "rescuer" — married an insecure, controlling young woman. She is threatened by any participation on our part in their lives. Our son seems happy in his marriage, so we are getting on with our own lives without involvement with them or our grandchildren. A tragedy? Yes. One we can fix from our end? No. (Ironically, I scored high on your "Commandments for Mothers-in-Law.")

Adult children also bear a responsibility for making the relationship a success. To all daughters-in-law and sons-in-law who read the "Ten Commandments for Mothers-in-Law" and said, "Amen!" I offer this slightly modified version:

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

1. Thou shalt love, honor and respect your mother-in-law and father-in-law.

2. Thou shalt allow them complete independence.

3. Thou shalt speak only kindly and loyally about them.

4. Thou shalt not find fault.

5. Thou shalt not visit them too frequently, and never enter their home without knocking.

6. Thou shalt say thank you when they do something nice for you or your children.

7. Thou shalt not give them advice unless requested.

8. Thou shalt not deny them access to their grandchildren as a bargaining chip to get what you want.

9. Thou shalt respect their taste in home decorating, though it differs from your own.

10. Thou shalt petition the Heavenly Father, in whose love they abide, for their happiness.

I would also suggest that daughters-in-law remember that they are providing their children with a blueprint for how they themselves should be treated one day in the future when they become mothers-in-law.

Please print this, Abby. I know I speak for tens of thousands of mothers-in-law who will read this and say, "Amen!" — **DISAPPOINTED MOTHER-IN-LAW**

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Touche! I'm with you all the way.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a question regarding the proper way to pay someone back when they "pick something up" for you. In many cases when someone says, "I'm going to the store; would you like anything?" they come back from the store and won't accept any money.

We always intend to repay these people for the products they purchase. I've even tried stuffing the money into purses or diaper bags, but they always find it before they leave or just plain won't accept it.

Any suggestions? — **INDEBTED IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR INDEBTED: Yes. Take a moment to consider if there is something special you might do for these "angels." Consider knitting something for their baby, embroidering some tea towels or guest towels, or preparing homemade pastries or candy from a family recipe. Because it's something you made yourself, the gift would be doubly meaningful.

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U.S. has not achieved goal; Milosevic still in command

WASHINGTON (AP) — The administration line for Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is that he should be "out of power, out of Serbia and in The Hague."

It's a good sound bite but administration officials privately acknowledge that the goal of dispatching Milosevic to The Hague for trial on war crimes charges has always been a long shot.

A more realistic hope for the administration over the short term is that Milosevic will emerge from the current electoral process either severely weakened or driven from office altogether by disaffected voters.

It would be icing on the cake if he were to suffer the added humiliation of being hauled before the court, officials say.

The reason, officials say, is that any attempt to arrest the Yugoslav leader would be tantamount to a suicide mission, given the size of his security detail.

He is among dozens of Serbs, Croats and Muslims who have been indicted but who have yet to be taken into custody by the court, officially known as the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

There is not much hope that Milosevic will be bundled off to The Hague even if his main opponent in last Sunday's presidential elections, Vojislav Kostunica, eventually assumes office. He first must win an Oct. 8 runoff.

Kostunica has derided the Hague tribunal, calling it "a political institution."

"It's not even international ... it's an American tool for exerting pressure, and it even makes and changes its own rules during trials, which is legally unthinkable," he has said.

The tribunal handed down indictments against Milosevic and four top aides two months after the U.S.-led NATO air war over Yugoslavia began in March 1999. It was the first time an international court has charged a sitting head of state with war crimes.

The indictment said there was a credible basis to believe that the five were "criminally responsible" for the deportation of 740,000 Kosovo Albanians and for the murder of 340.

Kostunica's sharp criticism of the tribunal made him a difficult target for Milosevic during the campaign. The opposition leader also defended the performance of the Yugoslav Army during the Kosovo strife last year and was strident in his denunciations of the 11-week NATO air war. In his race against Milosevic, he steered clear of American officials, mindful that anti-Milosevic nationalists might be offended.

His tactics proved to be good politics. Milosevic appears to be weaker now than at any time since assuming power more than a decade ago.

The Clinton administration believes vote count manipulations by Yugoslav officials deprived Kostunica of a first round, absolute majority, victory on Sunday.

While showing hostility toward the West, Kostunica would be a far different president than Milosevic, U.S. officials believe. They say he could be counted on to rule democratically and to refrain from stirring up ethnic hatreds — all in sharp contrast to Milosevic.

The administration still insists that Milosevic be delivered to The Hague, but it has been less vocal about the issue lately. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has been focusing on the Yugoslav election campaign — and the prospect that Milosevic will emerge from the process totally discredited by his own constituents.

Albright told a Senate committee Tuesday that the authorities in Belgrade "have used every trick in the book to prevent a fair campaign, rig the election and distort the results. In so doing, they have fooled no one."

On the Net: State Election Commission statement: http://www.gov.yu/e2000/index.html

State Department: http://www.state.gov/www/regions/eur/index.html

Albright's comments to Senate Foreign Relations Committee: http://secretary.state.gov/www/statements/2000/000926.html

Scurry, Borden residents screen samples of water

Sixty-six residents of Scurry and Borden Counties took advantage of the rural well water screening program conducted last week.

One hundred forty-eight water samples were screened for salts, nitrates and bacteria levels.

Results of the screening were presented to the participants Thursday evening at the Scurry County Senior Center.

In addition to the water screening, information was provided to help rural residents assess the risk of ground water pollution and told of practices that can help protect ground water.

This information was developed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as the TEX*A*System Program which includes a self-analysis questionnaire to highlight practices a person may want to modify in their operation to reduce the risk of contaminating ground water supply. Information on reducing salt and nitrate levels and how to disinfect a well to eliminate bacteria was also presented.

This project was a joint effort of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Borden and Scurry County Agricultural Extension Services, Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, Borden and Scurry County Commissioners Court, and the Big Country Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) area.

This voluntary confidential, self-assessment program was designed to help rural residents check the quality of their well water and learn how to reduce the pollution risks associated with water wells.

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OLYMPIC COVERAGE

Americans pull off pair of upsets

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Do you believe in miracles? Do you believe in miracles?

The United States pulled off not one but two big Olympic upsets Wednesday. One of the latest shockers came in the obscure sport of Greco-Roman wrestling, the other in the national pastime.

A 29-year-old man from Wyoming, who had never won a world or NCAA title, beat a Russian generally considered the best Greco-Roman wrestler ever 1-0 in the superheavyweight gold-medal match.

Then in the nightcap, an American baseball team made up of mostly minor-leaguers took the gold 4-0 over a veteran Cuban team that had lost only once in three Olympic tournaments.

Cuba had won both of the previous baseball golds, hardly breaking a sweat along the way. The Cubans lost to the Netherlands in the preliminary round at the Sydney Games, showing that their international dynasty might be in jeopardy, but handed the Americans their only prelim loss.

Wednesday night was different. Starter Ben Sheets, Milwaukee's first-round draft pick last year, threw a complete game and limited to the Cubans to just three hits.

Mike Neill hit a first-inning homer, Ernie Young had a bases-loaded single and Pat Borders smacked an RBI double to account for the U.S. scoring.

When Neill made a sliding catch of Yasser Gomez's fly to left field for the final out, the Americans poured out of the dugout and turned into one big pile of blue jerseys. Manager Tom Lasorda draped himself in the stars-and-stripes and hugged his coaches and players.

Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner had trouble fathoming his triumph over Alexander Karelin.

Karelin hadn't been just unbeatable — he had been untouchable.

He hadn't lost in 13 years, winning three gold medals in the process. He hadn't been scored on in 10 years. He has a lift named after him. Great wrestlers gave up rather than be thrown around by him.

Gardner just outmuscled Karelin. The American forced the Russian to break a clinch and was awarded the only point of the match.

"When did I think I could beat him? About 10 minutes ago," Gardner said. "I kept saying, 'I think I can. I think I can.' But it wasn't until it was over that I knew I could."

Gardner's supporters mobbed him on the mat, but even they couldn't bring him down.

The United States pushed its medal total to 69 (29 gold, 15 silver, 25 bronze) at the end of competition Wednesday. Russia followed with 55 (18-16-21) and China had 51 (22-14-15).

— TENNIS: Venus Williams went from winning Grand Slam titles to an Olympic gold medal without missing a stroke.

The hard-hitting Williams crumpled Elena Dementieva of Russia 6-2, 6-4 in just 58 minutes to take the Olympic women's singles championship.

Williams extended her streak of consecutive singles victories to 32, and became the only player other than Steffi Graf to win Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Olympics in the same year.

"I guess I've graduated to a different level where I can be like some of the greats," Williams said.

— TRACK AND FIELD: The cloud that was hanging above Marion Jones moved over Gail Devers.

Chasing a 100-meter hurdles gold to go with the two she owns from the 100 dash in Barcelona and Atlanta, Devers pulled up halfway through her semifinal heat of the hurdles.

Devers said she sustained a partially torn left hamstring at a pre-Olympic meet and was hoping to nurse the injury through the Sydney Games.

"I thought I could make it through," she said. "It got progressively worse and worse."

With Dever out of the final, a woman from Kazakstan who was banned from the Atlanta Games for steroid use won the gold. Olga Shishigina finished in 12.65 seconds, while Nigerian Glory Alozie took the silver. Alozie's fiance was hit by a car in Sydney and killed days before the games opened.

Jones returned to the track a day after publicly supporting her husband in the wake of news that he flunked four drug tests.

She advanced through two heats of the 200 meters, then qualified for the finals of the long jump — two of the five events she hopes to win at these Olympics. She already took the gold in the 100.

Jones' husband, shot putter C.J. Hunter, said at a news conference Tuesday that he has never knowingly taken steroids.

On Wednesday, another field athlete was hit with drug charges.

Romanian Mihaela Melinte, the world-record holder in the women's hammer throw, got kicked off the infield at Olympic Stadium just before she was to compete because she failed a pre-games drug test.

— CYCLING: Shifting gears from the Tour de France to Olympic road racing proved too tough for Lance Armstrong.

The two-time Tour winner was 13th in the men's road race, well behind gold medalist and former Tour champion Jan Ullrich of Germany. Ullrich completed the 148-mile course in 5 hours, 29 minutes, 8 seconds. The top American, George Hincapie, finished eighth.

Armstrong still has a medal chance in Saturday's individual time trial, a stronger event for him than road racing.

— TAEKWONDO: Kay Poe reached the Olympics because her best friend gave up her spot on the U.S. team. Once Poe was in Sydney, a fighter from Denmark knocked her right back out of medal contention.

Hanne Hoegh Poulsen upset Poe 4-3 in a first-round flyweight match.

Poe was the world's top-ranked flyweight going into the U.S. trials last spring. Then she dislocated a kneecap in the semifinals, leaving her unable to compete in the finals against her best friend, Esther Kim.

Kim decided forfeit the match, giving the more-accomplished Poe a chance to go to the Olympics. On Wednesday, Kim watched Poe's loss from the stands.

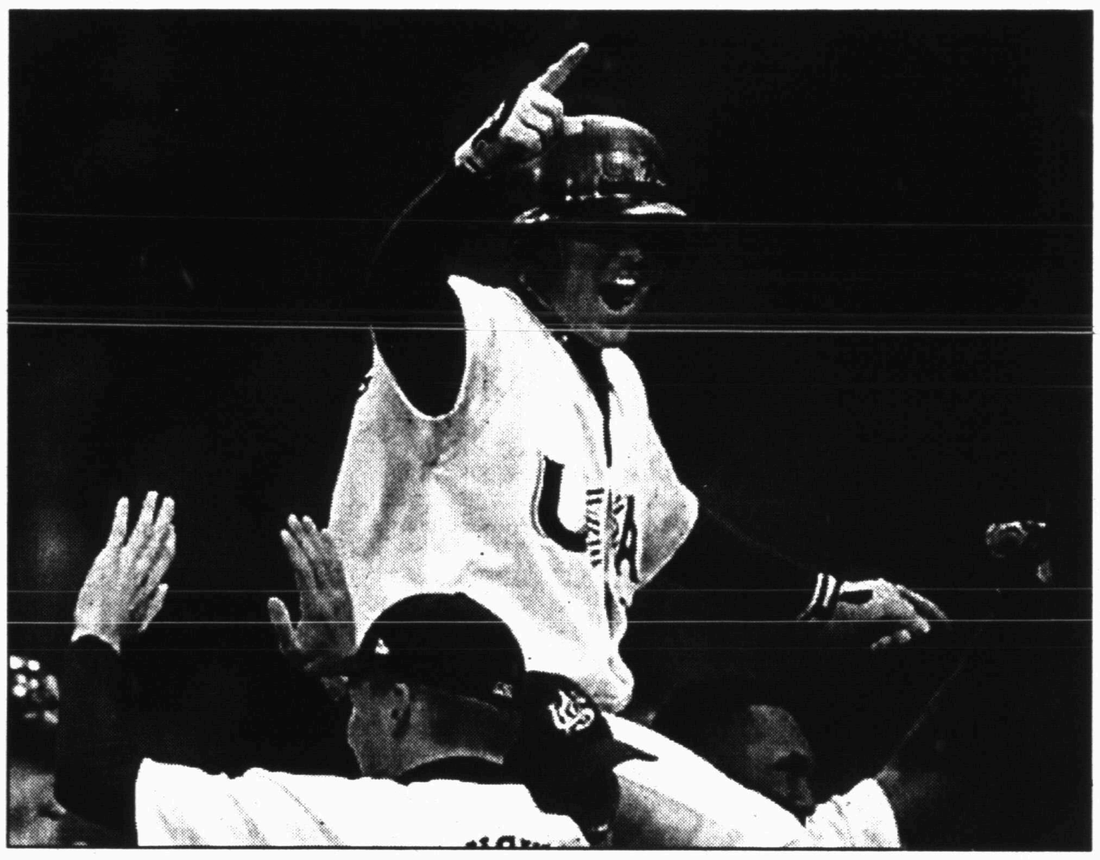
"We are all proud of her," Kim said. "She hasn't let anyone down."

— GYMNASTICS: The flap over whether all-around gymnastics winner Andreea Raducan of Romania gets her gold medal back will last at least another day.

Raducan was stripped of her medal because took over-the-counter medicine containing a banned stimulant. Romanian officials said the penalty was unfair because the 16-year-old was only trying to cure a cold and took the drug on doctor's orders.

After a 41/2-hour hearing Wednesday, the Court of Arbitration for Sport said it would rule on Raducan's case by Thursday.

— BASKETBALL: Lisa Leslie hit three long jump shots early in the second half to help the U.S. women break away from Slovakia 58-43 and advance to the semifinals of the Olympic tournament. Up next for the Americans is South Korea on Friday.



AMERICAN HERO — USA baseball team member Doug Mientkiewicz gets carried off on the shoulders of his teammates after blasting a solo home run to beat Korea in the semifinals, 3-2. USA moved on to defeat Cuba for the gold medal. (AP Photo)

Medal Leaders

206 Medal Events

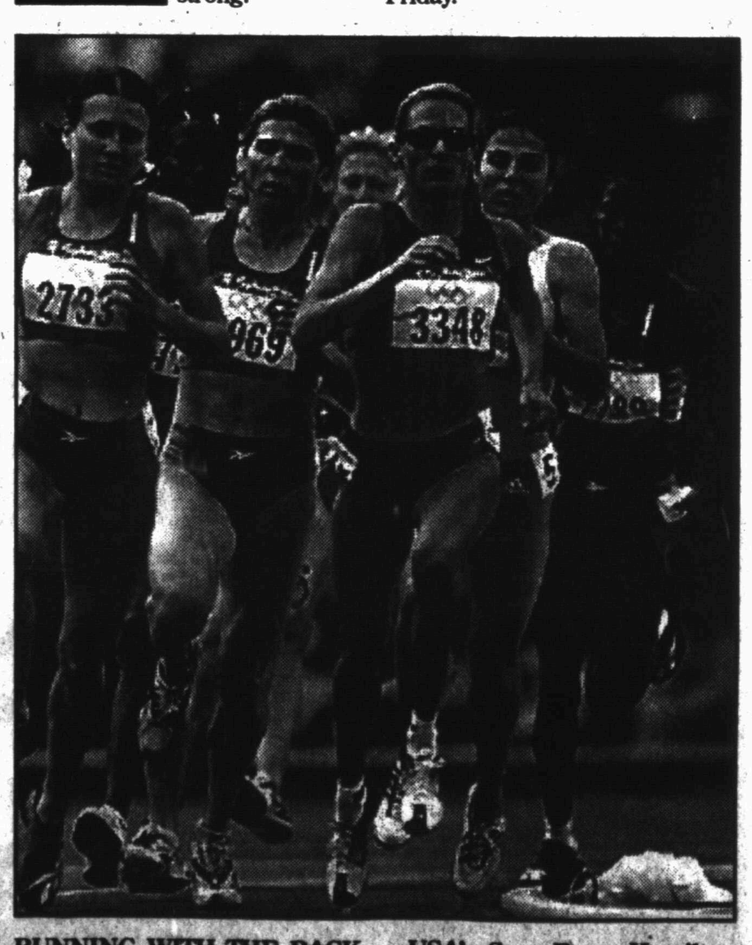
Country	G	S	B	Tot
United States	29	15	25	69
Russia	18	16	21	55
China	22	14	15	51
Australia	13	21	12	46
Germany	8	11	17	36
France	12	13	8	33
Italy	11	6	11	28
South Korea	5	7	9	21
Britain	6	8	5	19
Romania	10	4	4	18
Netherlands	8	6	3	17
Japan	5	7	4	16
Ukraine	3	7	5	15
Cuba	4	8	2	14
Belarus	2	1	10	13
Bulgaria	5	3	2	10

TV Schedule

NBC, MSNBC and CNBC television will highlight the following events during their coverage of the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. All times listed are Eastern Standard Time.

TODAY

NBC—10:00 a.m.-Noon
Track & Field.
7:00 p.m.-Midnight
Track & Field (finals): Women's 100-meter Hurdles, Men's 800-meter, Men's 400-meter Hurdles, Women's 400-meter Hurdles, Women's Discus. Decathlon begins. Cycling: Men's Road Race. Diving: Women's Springboard Semifinal.
12:35 a.m.-2:05 a.m.
Basketball: Women's Quarterfinal. Volleyball: Men's Quarterfinal.
MSNBC—10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tennis: Women's Singles Gold Medal Match. Baseball: Gold Medal Game. Water Polo: USA Men vs. Greece.
CNBC—5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m:
Boxing: Quarterfinals. Tennis: Men's Doubles Gold Medal Match.



RUNNING WITH THE PACK — USA's Suzy Favor Hamilton (3348) and Poland's Anna Jakubczak (2733) lead the field in the first heat of the women's 1,500m run. Favor Hamilton won the heat with a time of 4:08.08. Jakubczak was second. (AP Photo)

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SPORTS

WTC rodeo teams will rely on depth

Heading into the first rodeo of the year, Western Texas coach Greg Rhodes was faced with a problem. But it was a problem he didn't mind having.

"We have so much depth this year, that I had a hard time deciding who to carry on the teams this week," said Rhodes, whose WTC squads open the rodeo season Thursday at Alpine. "Everybody has been performing so well, so it was a difficult decision. We have more depth this year than we've had in a long time."

That could spell bad news for the fellow members of the Southwest Region, who watched last year as Western Texas won both the men's and women's regional titles, and the women's national crown.

"We had some success last year, but this is a whole different year," Rhodes said. "It's going to be a very competitive region, especially on the women's side."

Five members of last year's Lady Westerner squad are competing for other schools in the region, after finishing their eligibility at WTC.

Jill Childers, Brandee Brock and Erin Kelly will ride for Tarleton, while Kacey Hannard and Sequin Downey will compete for West Texas A&M.

This week's Lady Westerner team will be comprised of sophomores Jamie Standifer and Tibba Smith, and freshmen Jennifer Freeland and Margaret Ann Jameson.

Riding for the WTC men will be sophomores Rawley McFarland, Houston Hutto and Cimarron Boardman, along with freshmen Trevor LaValley, Shawn Willingham and J.W. Todd.

"Our men's team was the toughest to decide on," Rhodes stated. "This week, I went with one strong person in each event, but it could change from week to week, depending how the region shapes up."

One key member of the Westerners who won't be available this season is Wes Stevenson. The sophomore suffered a broken leg during a non-collegiate rodeo last month, and will miss the entire season.

"We was a key member of this team, and it always hurts to lose someone of his caliber," Rhodes remarked. "Luckily, we have some guys who should be able to pick up the slack."

Competition in Alpine begins Thursday, with the final round slated for Saturday.

JV spikers drop match

Andrews made a comeback in the final two games Tuesday night to knock off Snyder, 4-15, 15-6, 15-12, in junior varsity volleyball action at the SHS gym.

Shelley Fisk led the Lady Tigers from the service line with nine points, while Loryn Brown and Amber Alexander served up seven points apiece.

Leticia Martinez tallied four points, with Dara Chambers notching three. Lauren Day added two points, and Chaelyn Robinson chipped in one.

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

SHS freshmen top Andrews

It took all three games, but Snyder finally disposed of Andrews, 15-4, 10-15, 15-7, in Tuesday's freshman volleyball action.

Kelbi Drum served up to 10 points to lead the Lady Tigers, while Dominique and Desiree Braziel posted seven apiece.

Erin Burleson registered six points, with Misha Wofford serving five. Acee French finished with three points, and Sara Thornhill and Missy Vasquez chipped in one each.

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

Local Schedule

THURSDAY

RODEO: WTC at Sul Ross

FOOTBALL: Plainview at Snyder JV, 5 p.m.

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

FOOTBALL: Snyder seventh and eighth grade at Merkel, 4, 5 and 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL: Trent at Hermleigh Jr. High, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

FOOTBALL: Snyder at Plainview, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Ira at Blackwell, 7:30

FOOTBALL: Hermleigh, idle

FOOTBALL: Borden County at Wellman-Union, 7:30

RODEO: WTC at Sul Ross

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Atlanta	94	63	.599	—
New York	89	68	.567	5
Florida	74	82	.474	19½
Montreal	67	90	.427	27
Philadelphia	64	93	.408	30
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-St. Louis	92	65	.586	—
Cincinnati	82	75	.522	10
Milwaukee	71	86	.452	21
Houston	6.	88	.439	23
Pittsburgh	66	91	.420	26
Chicago	63	94	.401	29
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Francisco	93	64	.592	—
Los Angeles	84	73	.535	9
Arizona	83	74	.529	10
Colorado	79	78	.503	14
San Diego	75	82	.478	18

x-clinched division title

Tuesday's Game

Florida 5, Montreal 4, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 9, Houston 4
Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 1
Philadelphia 10, Chicago Cubs 4
Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 4
Colorado 7, Arizona 6
St. Louis 7, San Diego 1
Los Angeles 9, San Francisco 0

Wednesday's Games

Montreal (Armas 7-8) at Florida (Burnett 2-7), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (McKnight 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 5-10), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 10-12) at N.Y. Mets (Reed 10-5), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 11-8) at Chicago Cubs (Wood 7-7), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bell 7-8) at Milwaukee (Rigdon 4-4), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 11-12) at Colorado (Tavarez 10-5), 9:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 11-7) at Los Angeles (Prokopec 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Ankiel 10-7) at San Diego (Tolberg 4-4), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Montreal at Florida, 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at San Diego, 5:05 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 10:10 p.m.

American League
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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	87	69	.558	—
Boston	82	75	.522	5½
Toronto	82	75	.522	5½
Baltimore	70	87	.446	17½
Tampa Bay	65	91	.417	22
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Chicago	93	64	.592	—
Cleveland	86	71	.548	7
Detroit	76	81	.484	17
Kansas City	74	83	.471	19
Minnesota	68	89	.433	25
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	88	69	.561	—
Oakland	87	69	.558	½
Anaheim	80	77	.510	8
Texas	70	87	.446	18

x-clinched division title

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 2, Toronto 1
Cleveland 4, Minnesota 2
Tampa Bay 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
Boston 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Kansas City 7, Detroit 6
Seattle 5, Texas 0
Oakland 10, Anaheim 3

Wednesday's Games

Anaheim (Levine 3-4) at Oakland (Heredia 15-11), 3:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 12-15) at Cleveland (Bere 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Castillo 9-5) at Baltimore (Ponson 9-12), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Neagle 7-6) at Tampa Bay (Lidle 3-6), 7:15 p.m.
Detroit (Nomo 8-11) at Kansas City (Suppan 9-9), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Crawford 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Eldred 10-2), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Davis 7-5) at Seattle (Garcia 8-5), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Anaheim at Oakland (Appier 15-11), 3:35 p.m.
Texas (Helling 15-13) at Seattle (Moyer 13-10), 6:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 13-10) at Cleveland (Colon 15-8), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 10-11) at Baltimore (Rapp 8-12), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 13-7) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 6-10), 7:15 p.m.
Detroit (Mlicki 6-11) at Kansas City (Meadows 6-2), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (RMartinez 10-8) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 15-10), 8:05 p.m.

In key district showdown...

Lady Tigers tame Mustangs

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

In a key district volleyball match, Snyder's experience proved to be an advantage over Andrews' youthful squad.

Snyder took advantage of almost every Andrews mistake Tuesday night to record a 15-9, 16-14 victory at the SHS gym.

The match wrapped up the first half of the league schedule, and moved Snyder into a tie for second place with Andrews. Lake View holds a two-game lead in the district race.

Andrews, which featured five sophomores and a freshman on its roster, battled the more experienced Lady Tigers, but made crucial mistakes at key times.

"Andrews came out playing really well. They're hitters were doing a great job," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett. "But our girls adapted to what they were doing, and it forced them into making some mistakes. Our girls did a great job of adjusting, both offensively and defensively."

Led by sophomore Karli Bane, the Lady Mustangs jumped out to a 6-3 lead in the opening game, before the Lady Tigers started shutting down Andrews' attack.

Front-line seniors Ashley Delce, Rina Geiger and Kameron Kallemeyn answered Andrews' big hitters with a formidable blocking scheme that forced Andrews out of its offense.

Offensively, the Lady Tigers got on a roll midway through the opening set, reeling off 12 of the final 15 points to take the first game, 15-9.

"Andrews was doing a good job with its blocks at first, but we did a good job of finding the open spot," Grimmett said. "Our girls would call out where the opening was, and our hitters would find it. It was really a team effort, tonight."

Snyder used the momentum from Game 1 to build a 10-2 advantage in the second set, before Andrews mounted a rally.

The Lady Mustangs trimmed the margin to 10-7, but key mistakes by Andrews kept the momentum with Snyder.

Andrews committed three service errors, and three more with its serve-receive, and Snyder took advantage of every extra opportunity.

With Snyder leading, 11-10, Andrews botched a serve and Kallemeyn answered with a kill, followed by a Geiger block.

The Lady Mustangs managed their only lead of the second game at 14-13, before the Lady Tigers posted the final three points of the match, two of them on Andrews errors.

"This was a big win for us," Grimmett remarked. "It puts us in a tie for second place, and we proved to ourselves that we can win at home. We've struggled at home this year, but the crowd really helped out tonight, and our girls fed off that."

Snyder begins the second half of its District 4-4A schedule at 3 p.m. Saturday when it hosts Levelland.

In Tuesday night's other league action, Lake View toppled Frenship. Big Spring downed Plainview, and Levelland knocked off Estacado.

Snyder def. Andrews, 15-9, 16-14

Game 1

Andrews service points: Natalie Mosley, 9; Karli Bane, 4; Lindsey Reid and Beth Rinker, 1. **Kills:** Bane, 5; Nitra Woods and Katie Fariss, 1. **Blocks:** Bane, 2; Liz Kessler, 1.

Snyder service points: Cameron Mackey, 5; Laura Billingsley and Kate Wright, 4; Whitney Webb and Rina Geiger, 1. **Kills:** Ashley Delce, 5; Geiger and Kameron Kallemeyn, 2; Mackey and Katie Voss, 1. **Blocks:** Delce, 3; Kallemeyn and Voss, 1.

Game 2

Andrews service points: Sheila Medina, 4; Bane, 3; Rinker and Mosley, 2; Reid, Fariss and Kessler, 1. **Kills:** Bane, 3; Kessler, 2; Woods, 2. **Blocks:** Bane, 1.

Snyder service points: Webb, 7; Mackey, L. Billingsley and Kallemeyn, 3. **Kills:** Geiger, 4; Delce, 3; Kallemeyn, 2; Mackey and Voss, 1. **Blocks:** Delce and Geiger, 2; Kallemeyn, 1.

District 4-4A Volleyball

Team	District W	District L
Lake View	7	0
Snyder	5	2
Andrews	5	2
Big Spring	4	3
Frenship	3	4
Plainview	2	5
Levelland	2	5
Estacado	0	7

Tuesday's results: Snyder def. Andrews, 15-9, 16-14; Lake View def. Frenship, 15-6, 15-11; Big Spring def. Plainview, 9-15, 15-9, 15-6; Levelland def. Estacado, 15-6, 15-11.

District 4-4A Statistics

Offense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Frenship	878	837	1,715	571.7	137
Estacado	678	294	972	324.0	89
Levelland	707	259	966	322.0	53
Snyder	723	147	870	290.0	91
Plainview	377	480	857	285.7	76
Big Spring	524	183	707	235.7	47
Andrews	534	159	693	231.0	47
Lake View	338	330	668	222.7	37

Defense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Levelland	473	108	581	193.7	37
Snyder	262	350	612	204.0	39
Andrews	669	130	799	266.3	59
Big Spring	488	333	821	273.7	48
Estacado	871	126	997	323.3	70
Lake View	575	452	1,027	342.3	93
Plainview	471	572	1,043	347.7	85
Frenship	910	213	1,123	374.3	103

Rushing	Carries	Yards	Average	TDs
Jaime Bueno, Andrews	80	439	5.5	2
Jorge Rodriguez, Frenship	49	436	8.9	5
Jason Tezeno, Levelland	63	379	6.0	2
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	47	318	6.8	5
Kendal Briles, Frenship	37	299	8.1	5
Jason Woodruff, Big Spring	47	290	6.2	2
Jamar Hall, Lake View	54	288	5.3	1
Tovares Brandon, Snyder	41	274	6.7	1
Corey Morrison, Estacado	23	228	9.9	2
Kevin Romero, Levelland	25	172	6.9	1

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TDs
Kendal Briles, Frenship	30	57	781	0	9
Kyle Miller, Plainview	29	66	480	2	3
David Lankford, Lake View	22	57	330	2	2
Corey Morrison, Estacado	20	48	294	0	4
Kevin Romero, Levelland	22	48	224	4	2
Jason Choate, Big Spring	16	33	183	4	1
Ryan Newbrough, Andrews	12	34	159	1	2
Jesse Haines, Snyder	12	27	147	1	2

Receiving	Catches	Yards	Average	TDs
Patrick Shelby, Frenship	7	334	47.7	3
Adam Naron, Plainview	9	257	28.6	1
David Thomas, Frenship	11	251	22.8	2
Brad Hallman, Lake View	10	178	17.8	1
Bryan Moore, Frenship	10	163	16.3	2
Willis Morrison, Lake View	8	103	12.9	0
Kody Holley, Plainview	3	91	30.3	1
Mark McClendon, Frenship	3	87	29.0	1
Lawrence Johnson, Levelland	4	87	21.8	1
Matthew Grimmett, Snyder	5	86	17.2	2

Scoring	TDs	Points
Kendal Briles, Frenship	5	32
Brylon Bradic, Plainview	5	32
Jorge Rodriguez, Frenship	5	30
Patrick Shelby, Frenship	3	18
Willis Morrison, Estacado	3	18
Jason Woodruff, Big Spring	2	17
Wade Pinson, Snyder	2	14
Barry McCormick, Frenship	2	14
Chris Mandrell, Frenship	0	13
13 tied with	2	12

Defense	Tackles	TFL	Sacks
Bowe Butler, Big Spring	56	3	0
Heath Fries, Frenship	46	2	2
Mark Medley, Snyder	33	3	1
Brad Burns, Frenship	31	0	0
Kevin Noles, Levelland	31	0	0
Jayme Jackson, Andrews	30	2	0
Brant McAdams, Plainview	29	0.5	0.5
Andrew Honesto, Levelland	28	6.5	3.5
5 tied with	27	0	0

Sports Briefs

Horseshoe pitching

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Braves clinch NL East

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Fizer signs with Bulls

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None of the traditional ways of ensuring school safety could stop gunfire from erupting Tuesday as a 13-year-old and a 15-year-old traded shots in the school's crowded breezeway shortly before noon.

The younger boy got the gun from outside a chain-link fence and shot the 15-year-old, only to have the older youth grab the gun and shoot him in the back as he ran away, police Lt. Marlon Defillo said. The hospital identified 13-year-old as Darrell Johnson, and the police identified the 15-year-old as William Pennington.

Police said it wasn't clear what prompted the argument between the two boys, but said detectives believed the dispute started several hours before the shooting.

A 13-year-old boy who allegedly passed the gun to Johnson is a former student at the school who had recently been expelled for fighting, police said.

The wounded boys, both eighth-graders, were in critical condition Wednesday. Johnson will be booked with attempted murder when he is released, Defillo said. The teen who allegedly slipped the .38-caliber revolver into the school was identified by police as Alfred Anderson. He faces felony charges.

"This horrifying event brings too close to home the widespread proliferation of gun violence and underscores our fighting belief that handguns are too easily available to children," Mayor Marc Morial said.

Several fights had been reported over the past few weeks at the 600-student school, which sits in a poor neighborhood next to a rundown housing project.

School superintendent Alfonse Davis denied that the shooting was linked to any previous violence. "There's no connection between this incident and any past incidents," he said.

Pandemonium broke out after the shooting, as hundreds of parents lined up to collect their children. Some yelled at police and security guards, angry that no one saw the gun before the gunfire.

Beronica Lewis hugged her daughter, Neshetta, 15, when she came out of the school, saying she didn't want to send the child back for classes. "They could come back here and shoot again," Lewis said.

Anderson was arrested without incident about five hours after the shooting at his home in a nearby housing project, Defillo said. He was booked on charges of illegally carrying a weapon and being a principal to attempted first-degree murder. He faced a detention hearing Wednesday.

Dozens of students were in the breezeway and hundreds were in a nearby cafeteria when the shots were fired. Teachers kept them inside classrooms while the two wounded boys were taken to Charity Hospital.

Pennington, shot in the chest, had a kidney and spleen removed during surgery. Hospital spokesman Jerry Romig said Wednesday that it was likely that both youths will recover fully.

Classes at the middle school were canceled until Monday, although the school will remain open for students who want to talk with counselors. Two or three police officers will be assigned to the school when it reopens, in addition to the usual 10 assigned to the neighborhood.

In 1998, New Orleans was one of the first cities to sue gunmakers to recover the cost of gun violence and accidental shootings involving children. About 25 other municipalities have filed similar lawsuits. Some have been dismissed while courts have allowed others to continue.

On the Net:
Carter G. Woodson Middle School:
http://www.nops.k12.la.us/schools/middle/woodson.htm
National Association of School Resource Officers:
http://www.nasro.org
Safe & Drug Free Schools Program:
http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS

U.S. turns down visa request

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y. (AP) — A 70-year-old cancer patient who last saw her son when she left him in Cuba in 1968 wants to see him again before she dies, but her family says immigration officials won't let him into the United States.

The family has enlisted three members of Congress to write letters asking immigration officials to reverse their decision to deny Jorge Febles Sanchez a visa.

Bersabe Febles almost died Tuesday in a Long Island hospital, the relatives said.

"(The U.S. government) won't allow him to come and see this wonderful person, who is losing her life," 46-year-old daughter Ibis Pozo told Newsday. "All I want is for him to come and see her. Is that asking too much?"

The relatives, all U.S. citizens, said Sanchez, now 48, has his own family in Cuba and would have tried to move to the United States long ago if he wanted.

The Febles family was separated in 1968 when fleeing Cuba for the United States. Sanchez, then 15, was left behind with hopes that a bribe to a government official would allow him to come a few days later, but the official disappeared, and the son was stranded.

U.S. immigration officials declined to discuss specifics of the case publicly, Newsday reported Wednesday. One official noted that in general, even applicants seeking visas for humanitarian reasons must show strong economic and social ties to their home countries. The family said Sanchez can't do that because Cuba's Communist government owns virtually everything on the island.

Sanchez applied for a visa for a temporary U.S. visit through a Havana office on Aug. 14, but he was rejected and told he could apply again in a year.

Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer and Republican Reps. Rick Lazio and Peter King have sent letters to the U.S. Interests Section in Havana on Sanchez's behalf.

The Cuban government would be unlikely to block a trip if Sanchez won a visa, the family said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 09-27-00
♠ A 5 3
♥ 6 4
♦ A 6 5 3
♣ A 9 4 3

West
♠ Q J 10 8
♥ J 7 2
♦ J 8
♣ Q 10 7 6

East
♠ 9 7 4
♥ Q 10 9 8 5
♦ Q 10 9 2
♣ 8

South
♠ K 6 2
♥ A K 3
♦ K 7 4
♣ K J 5 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2000

Spot the spots for variety

By Phillip Alder

Pablo Picasso made a good point when he said, "There are painters who transform the sun into a yellow spot, but there are others who, thanks to their art and intelligence, transform a yellow spot into the sun."

In bridge deals, there are those who worry only about the honor-cards; they transform beautiful deals into the colorless exercise of cashing top tricks. The experts pay close attention to the key spot-cards, using them to generate extra tricks.

For the rest of this week, we will see how small changes in the spots and trick-count can greatly alter the correct way to play particular suit combinations.

You cruise into three no-trump. After West leads the spade queen, how would you continue?

As always when in no-trump, start by counting your top tricks. You should find eight, two in each suit. So, you need to establish only one more trick. That could come from the diamonds, if the missing cards split 3-3. Yet that is against the odds. Much better is to broach the clubs. And you have a safety-play available: a line that guarantees three tricks whatever the lie of the missing cards.

Start by cashing the club king. Then lead low toward the dummy. If West discards, win with dummy's ace and play back toward your jack. Here, though, West follows low. Call for dummy's nine. If East can win the trick, the suit has split 3-2 and you have three club winners. With this layout, the nine wins and you are home.

Get value from critical spots, like dummy's club nine.

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Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Harvey Elliott and R.S. Yorgesen.

DISMISSALS: Novella Benitez, Betty Kincheloe, Judy Russell and Robert Vazquez.

CENSUS: 32 (Med./Surg.-7, Long-term Care-25).

Births

Jay and Melinda Owens of Snyder announce the birth of their seven-pound, six-ounce son, Reed Bonham Owens. Reed was born at 8:21 a.m. on Sept. 21 in Abilene Regional Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Norvell and Betty Langston of Roscoe. Paternal grandparents are H.E. and Wanda Norsworthy of Fort Worth and Jesse Owens of Sweetwater.

Gabriella Sanchez announces the birth of her nine-pound brother, JuanDiego on Sept. 20 at Covenant Medical Center Lakeside in Lubbock. Parents are Cindy and Andrew Sanchez. Grandparents are Juan and Irene Martinez of Snyder, Modesta Sanchez and the late Louis M. Sanchez. Great-grandparents are Jose and Fusebia Ornelas of Colorado City.

Man treated at Cogdell for cat bite on Tuesday

• ***Cat bite***
A report for cat bite was filed at 9:12 a.m. Tuesday after a 45-year-old man came to Cogdell Memorial Hospital for treatment. The man was bitten at his 603 North Avenue T residence, and the cat was taken to the animal shelter for 10 days for observation.

• ***Gas drive-off***
A clerk with West-T-Go notified officers at 9:36 a.m. Tuesday that a subject had left the store without paying for $50 worth of gasoline.

• ***Dog drugged***
A man reported to police at 3:11 p.m. Tuesday that his dog had been drugged in the 1200 block of 28th Street.

• ***Fight***
Police were called to the Coleman apartments at 4:07 p.m. Tuesday to a report of a fight. An offense report for Class A assault was filed, and a criminal trespass warning was served to a male subject.

• ***Arrests***
A Department of Public Safety trooper arrested a 56-year-old man at 11:39 a.m. Tuesday on FM 1606 on a variety of charges including no drivers license, no liability insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection, not wearing a seatbelt, expired registration on his pickup and an expired registration on his trailer.

The man also had outstanding city warrants for disorderly conduct/language, public intoxication and failure to appear.

A warrant for Class B theft sent a 42-year-old woman to jail at 4:09 p.m. Tuesday.

A 20-year-old man was taken into custody at 4:51 p.m. in the 900 block of 30th Street on misdemeanor warrants for assault causing bodily injury, and evading arrest.

• ***Accidents***
A two-vehicle accident occurred at 8:05 a.m. Tuesday in the 400 block of 37th Street. Involved were a 1996 Honda Accord driven by Nova Love Dea, 39, of 2206 32nd and a 1997 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Gregory Clay Graves, 44, of 2442 Sunset.

At 8:09 a.m. Tuesday, officers investigated a two-vehicle mishap in the 4000 block of College involving a 1993 Ford Mustang and a 1963 Chevrolet Impala.

The Mustang was driven by Ashley Paige Tucker, 17, of 3901 Avenue O, Apt. 38, and the Impala was driven by Leonardo Gutierrez Jr., 27, of 2310 Avenue N.

A hit and run accident report was filed at 6:26 p.m. in the Wal-Mart parking lot. A parked, unoccupied 1984 Lincoln Continental owned by Robert Merritt of 808 Avenue R and an unknown vehicle that left the scene were involved.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	33.25	32.81	32.88	—.69
AT&T Corp	28.13	27.56	27.88	+ .06
Albertsons	21.19	20.81	21.19	+ .19
Alltel	50.38	50.00	50.00	+ .06
AmerOnline s	55.72	54.57	54.65	—.92
AmEl Pw	36.25	35.69	36.25	—.19
AnderkPtr	64.00	62.30	62.35	—.65
ATMOS Egy	20.44	20.44	20.44	—.13
Aviall	6.44	6.25	6.31	+ .06
BP Amoco s	53.25	52.56	52.69	—.06
BakerHughes	36.56	35.25	35.50	—.50
Bank of Amer	54.13	52.31	52.38	—1.44
BellSouth	37.63	37.00	37.19	—.44
Beth Steel	3.06	2.94	3.00	
BurlNoSFe	21.25	20.88	21.00	+ .19
Caterpillar	34.75	34.00	34.06	—.94
Chevron	84.25	82.81	83.38	+ .06
Citigroup s	54.19	52.69	52.75	—.75
Coastal	74.31	72.06	73.88	+ 1.38
CocaCola	55.31	54.00	55.00	+ .06
ColgatePal	45.00	44.65	44.70	—.49
ComclMetals	24.13	23.56	23.88	—.13
CooperIn	34.00	33.63	33.69	—.38
DaimlrChry	47.65	46.40	46.50	+ 1.50
DallSemicn s	32.75	31.56	31.86	+ .19
DeltaAirl	45.63	44.75	44.94	—.75
Dillards Inc	10.56	10.19	10.50	+ .44
DowChem s	24.88	24.50	24.56	+ .16
DuPont	38.88	38.31	38.38	—1.31
EastmanChem	36.69	36.13	36.63	+ .06
EstKodak	46.81	40.25	40.31	—3.88
EDS Corp	44.38	43.25	43.25	—.69
Entergy	36.25	34.69	36.06	+ .25
ExxonMobil	88.44	86.69	87.44	+ .81
Flowers	20.50	19.88	20.38	+ .56
GenDynam	62.63	62.19	62.50	+ .38
GenElec s	58.75	57.81	58.25	—.06
GenMills s	35.38	34.88	35.38	+ .56
GenMotors	67.25	66.38	67.25	+ .94
GaPacGP	23.13	22.06	22.06	—.63
GlobalMar	30.63	29.19	29.31	—.56
Goodrich	40.25	40.00	40.19	+ .31
Goodyear s	18.44	18.01	18.01	—.48
GtAtlPac	10.94	10.69	10.94	+ .25
Halliburtn	49.00	47.19	47.31	—.31
Hanson ADS	25.88	25.63	25.81	+ .38
HarteHanks	26.94	26.75	26.75	—.25
HomeDepot s	54.94	54.13	54.63	+ 1.25
HoneywellInl	36.06	34.56	35.50	—.44
IBM	120.31	118.63	118.94	—.44
IntlPaper	28.13	27.19	27.25	—.50
JohnsonJn	94.81	93.44	94.63	+ .13
K mart	6.25	5.81	6.00	—.06
Kroger Co	22.44	22.13	22.44	
Litton	42.94	42.31	42.63	—.13
LockheedM	33.30	32.98	33.25	+ 1.25
Lowes Cos	47.94	47.00	47.31	+ .19
Lubys	5.63	5.50	5.56	
LucentTech	30.44	29.69	29.81	—.56
MayDeptStr	20.31	19.63	20.13	+ .19
Medtronic	49.44	48.94	49.06	—.19
MorganJP	166.88	162.75	162.75	—1.31
Motorola s	30.38	29.00	29.00	—.88
NCR Corp	38.25	36.94	38.06	+ .69
Navistar	31.00	30.63	30.88	+ .13
Penney JC	11.63	11.31	11.50	—.06
PepBoys	4.94	4.75	4.94	+ .06
PepsiCo	45.19	44.44	45.06	+ .63
Pharmacia	58.31	58.00	58.19	+ .19
PhelpDodge	41.94	41.38	41.56	+ .13
PhilipPet	63.88	62.69	63.[illegible]0	+ 1.06
Polaroid	14.13	14.00	14.00	+ .25
Praxair	36.38	35.31	35.38	—.25
ProctGamb	61.69	60.13	60.69	—1.06
PubS NwMx	26.06	25.56	25.94	+ .25
RadioShack	64.38	62.56	64.25	+ 2.75
ReliantEngy	44.00	41.56	42.25	+ .88
RoyalDut	60.75	59.81	59.81	—.19
SBC Comm	48.69	47.94	48.31	
SaraLee	19.69	19.38	19.38	—.31
Scripps EW	49.19	49.00	49.19	+ .25
SearsRoeb	34.25	33.48	34.20	+ 1.45
SherwinW	20.19	20.00	20.00	+ .13
SmithKlBchm	66.13	65.56	65.69	+ .88
SouthernCo	32.50	31.38	32.13	—.13
SwstAirl	23.50	23.19	23.38	—.13
SprintFON	26.50	25.00	26.38	+ 1.38
SprintPCS s	32.19	31.00	31.56	+ .06
Sunoco Inc	27.94	26.69	26.88	—.13
TXU Corp	37.75	36.81	37.50	—.06
TempleInland	38.00	37.50	37.63	—.13
Texaco	51.31	50.44	50.75	+ .56
Textnd	28.81	28.75	28.75	
TexasInst s	50.88	49.56	49.81	+ 1.19
Textron	46.13	45.25	45.50	
TriconGlbR	29.31	29.00	29.19	—.50
Trinityinds	23.25	23.00	23.06	+ .06
TritonEngy	39.75	39.13	39.44	+ .31
TyterTech	2.00	1.94	1.94	+ .13
USX-Marathn	27.75	27.31	27.44	
USX-USS	15.44	15.19	15.25	+ .06
UnCarbde	37.56	37.00	37.06	—.25
UnionPacif	38.31	37.50	37.50	
UnitedTech	67.88	66.69	67.63	+ .50
Unocal	35.44	34.56	34.81	—.06
Venator Grp	13.06	12.56	13.00	+ .19
VerizonComm	43.69	43.31	43.63	+ .25
WalMart	47.94	47.13	47.81	+ .75
WellsFargo	46.25	45.31	45.56	—.56
WstnGasRs	24.75	24.06	24.44	+ .31
WinnDixie	14.63	14.13	14.19	+ .06
Xerox Cp	15.50	14.94	15.00	—.44

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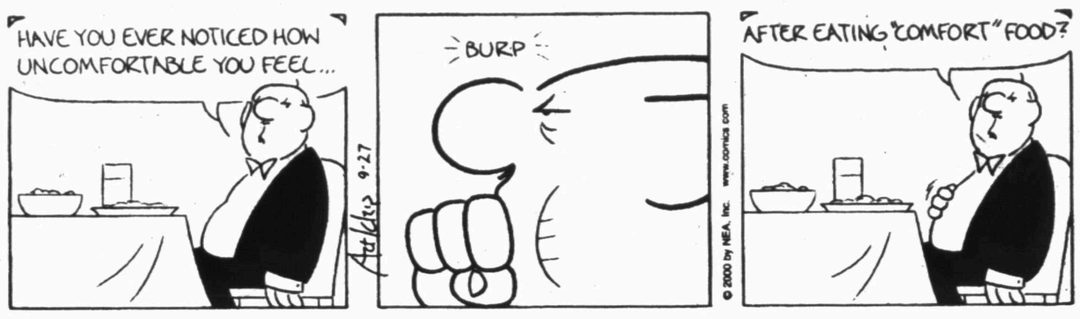

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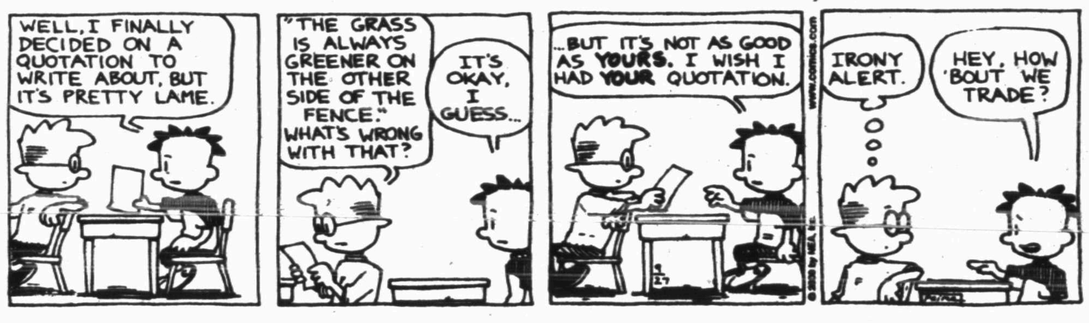

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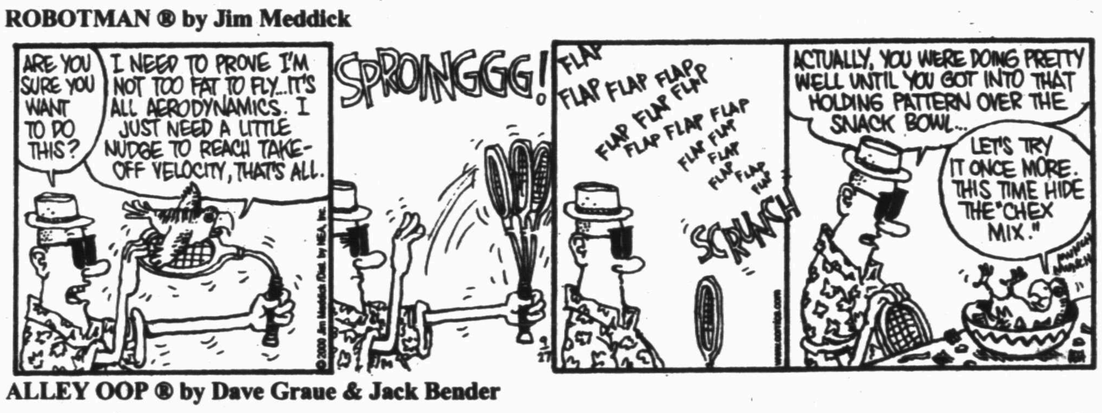

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"Sorry about the two scars. We had your X-ray upside down for a while."

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Fool's gold
7 Shade of green
12 Pictures
13 Part of the vitamin B complex
14 Documents
15 Plaza Hotel girl
16 Mao — -tung
17 Female rel.
18 Unit of light
21 Related on the mother's side
23 Nonprofit TV
26 Of the dawn
28 Conceits
29 Unrefined metal
30 Annoyingly slow
31 Apollo's twin
33 Protects
36 Mother of Castor and Pollux
37 It's charged!
38 Alleviate
40 Turkish flag
41 Holiday drink
42 Barbecue
44 "Verb" ending
45 Forbid
46 Chum
48 Woman's clothing size
51 Spiny tree
55 Laborer
56 12th grader
57 Anoint
58 Most peculiar

DOWN

1 Card spot
2 Ms. Sumac
3 Seance sound
4 "By the time — — to Phoenix"
5 Concise
6 Ancient Jewish ascetic
7 Greasiest
8 Cambodia's neighbor
9 Here (Fr.)
10 Force (Lat.)
11 Compass pt.
13 Wise counselor
18 Stomach enzyme
19 "Hey!"
20 Sweeping (leaves)
22 Tennis player Andre —
23 Grapefruit's kin
24 Wedding stars
25 Type of bagel
27 Brood of pheasants
32 Guido's high note
34 Recipient of a bequest
35 Sewing tool
39 Texas city (2 wds.)
43 Spiked the punch
45 Actor Murray
47 Nation
48 School grp.
49 Vast age
50 Dead heat
52 Co., in France
53 Greek island
54 Skill

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	H	U	T	T	O		B	Y	P	A	S	S
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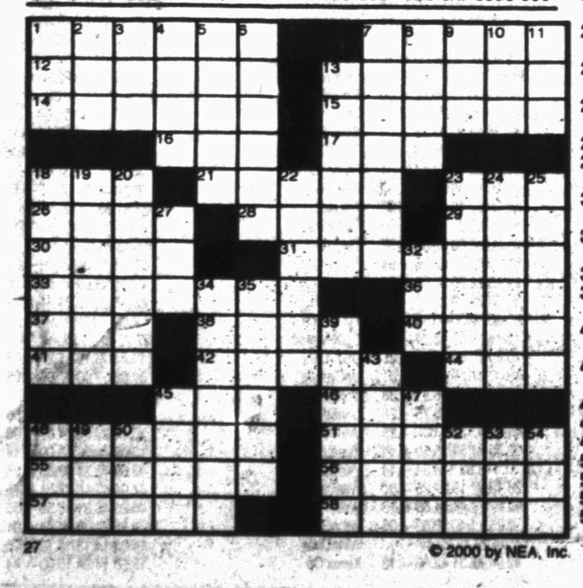

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Snyder Daily News Comics

DENNIS THE MENACE ® by Hank Ketcham

"... AND THIS IS CALLED A SQUARE KNOT."

Scurry County Country

Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Do you know what you are having for dinner tonight? If you haven't even thought about it, you are not alone. Three-fourths of Americans haven't given any thought to dinner by 4:30 p.m.

The Texas Beef Council is helping families who don't have time to spend hours in the kitchen by creating beef products that are fast and easy to prepare. Among the new products are fully cooked beef crumbles, or ground beef that can be used as an ingredient straight from the bag. Veal bacon is a lower fat alternative to pork bacon and boneless beef filets can replace chicken breasts.

The Beef Cattle Short Course at Texas A&M provided an opportunity for Lisa Williams, vice president of communications for the Texas Beef Council, to spread the word about new beef products. Williams said home meal replacements, or fully-cooked, microwaveable dinners, are the fastest growing products in the food industry.

These items are usually found in the deli section of grocery stores, and some retailers are even changing the way the stores are arranged to accommodate the increasing supply. Consumers can buy items like fajitas, pot roast, meatloaf and meatballs that are fully cooked and microwaveable.

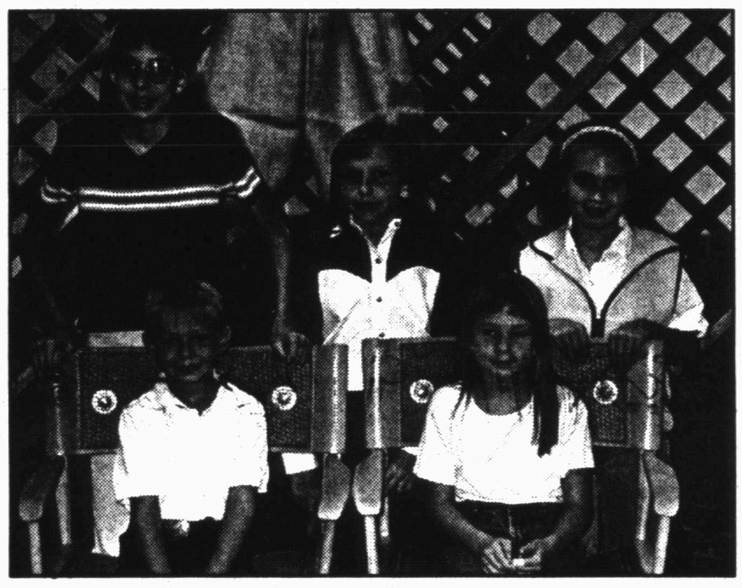
"This year 80 percent of dinners will be cooked in 15 minutes or less," said Williams. "One of the priorities of the beef industry right now is to bring as many beef products as we can to the market and provide products that add value to consumers."

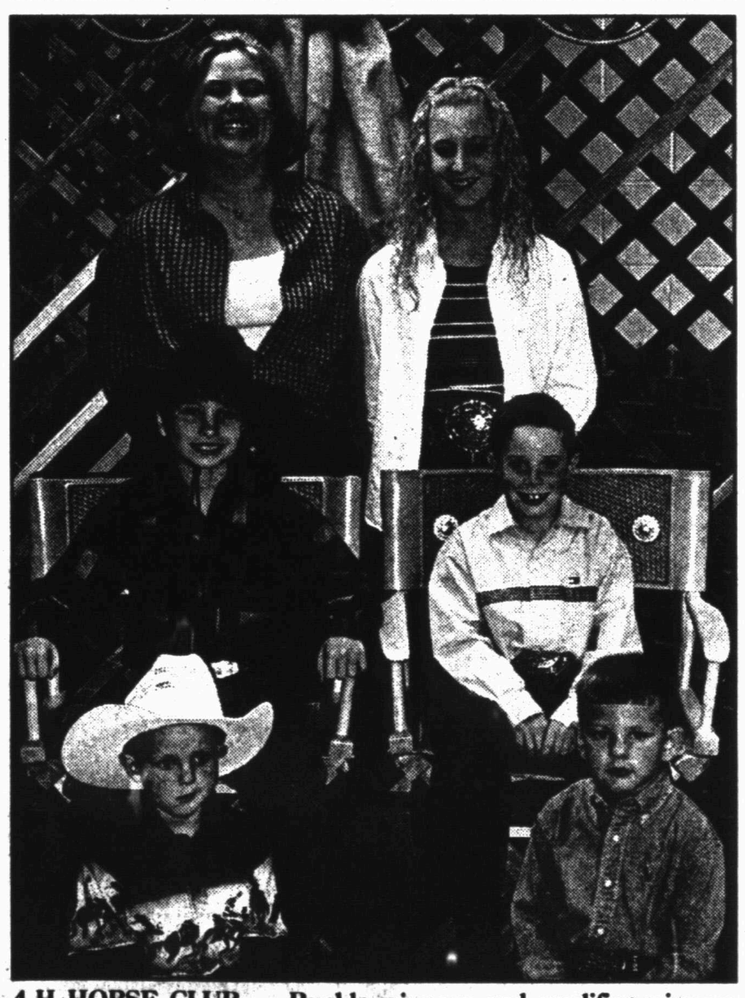
Williams said the beef industry is providing solutions for busy parents and working families while helping beef producers.

"By tapping into this market, we can bring dollars to the industry and increase demand," said Williams. "Hopefully those dollars will trickle down to the cow calf producer."

The Beef Check Off program is a producer-funded organization that sponsors research and development as well as promotion and marketing of new beef products. Every time a beef animal is sold, "$1 is collected for research and promotion. Williams said the Check Off program works as a catalyst to develop new products, meet consumer needs and increase demand.

The Texas Beef Council web page, www.txbeef.org provides useful tips and recipes for beef consumers. It provides nutrition information and lean beef tips, as well as recipes and ways to use new beef products.





4-H HORSE CLUB — Buckle winners and qualifier winners received awards at the annual 4-H Horse Club banquet Saturday evening. Member awards were presented to (top photo) from left, Kaden Nachlinger and Brittany Mayer. Participation award winners, (middle photo) front row, Jessie Herring, Katie Herring; back row, Jamie Herring, Jodie Herring and Kelsie Stafford. Buckle and qualifier winners (bottom photo) are from left, first row, Rowdy Mhoon, Ethan Head; second row, Cassie Mhoon, Garrett Hale; top row, Allison Canon, Cindy Nachlinger. Cassie Nachlinger is not pictured. (Contributed Photos)

TPWD Report

By Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist

Despite the current dry conditions, bobwhite quail hunting in the Panhandle district should be fair for the 2000-2001 season. Quail surveys conducted throughout the Panhandle district resulted in an average of 14.8 birds per survey route in 2000. This figure is up from 7.6 birds per route in 1999, yet still short of the long-term average of 18.9 birds per route. Hunters should not expect a banner year for quail hunting in 2000. A couple of years of favorable rainfall are needed before a significant improvement in quail numbers are seen.

Forty-two quail surveys are conducted annually along randomly selected 20 mile survey routes. The surveys are conducted along the same routes each year. Data from one or two survey routes does not provide sufficient information to make reliable estimates of quail population. However, once data from numerous survey routes are compiled, a better picture of the quail population in relation to the long-term trend is seen.

According to Lionberger, "Favorable rainfall amounts during the spring contributed to improved range conditions earlier. However, since these early rains, above normal temperatures with little or no rainfall have prevailed. While drought conditions have a negative effect on quail habitat, proper habitat management can be helpful in maintaining quail populations. Practices such as rotational grazing, half-cutting of mesquites and disking (during the dormant season, prior to mid-March,) can be helpful tools for improving quail habitat. Reductions in livestock stocking rates in response to drought conditions may be necessary on some ranges. No matter what other management practices are used, an overstocked range will result in a decrease in the quality of quail habitat.

Quail require four types of cover. These cover types are nesting cover, loafing cover, escape cover and screening cover. Nesting cover consists of the previous year's growth of mid to tall perennial grasses, such as little bluestem. Escape cover consists of areas of dense vegetation and low growing brush species, such as lotebush, skunkbush, sumac and sand plum. Low growing brush species also provide loafing cover. Screening cover consists of vegetation that provides overhead protection from predators. Broomweed is a good example of this type of cover.

Food for bobwhites consists of

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TPWD Continued

seeds and greens of forbs and some grasses, fruits of brush species and insects. The goal of the quail manager is to provide all of the quail's food and cover needs, in proper and arrangement and in close proximity.

Free technical assistance concerning wildlife management is available through Texas Parks and Wildlife's Private Land Enhancement Program. In the Snyder area contact Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist at 915-863-2755. In the Panhandle contact Danny Swepston, district wildlife biologist at 806-655-3782, for the wildlife biologist in your area.

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Wireless telegraph service from the United States to Japan began in 1941.

Horse Club presents awards

Seventy people attended the 4-H Horse Club banquet Saturday at the First United Methodist Church and awards were presented.

Recognized friends of 4-H were Tommy Riley, Perry Echols, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Garcia and Mr. and Mrs. Van Hale.

In addition, six sponsors received recognition — Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank, American State Bank, First American Bank, Texas Savings Bank and Western Texas Exes Association.

Anyone interested in the 4-H Horse Club should call Clinta Lester, secretary at the Scurry County Extension Office.

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,202 head of cattle for the Saturday, Sept. 23, sale. Compared to last week: feeder steers and heifers were steady to $3 higher. Slaughter cows were steady to $1 lower and bulls were steady. Bred cows were weak, pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 94.50-106
400-500: 90-98
500-600: 86-90.50
700-800: 73-77.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 86.50-95.50
400-500: 81-86
500-600: 72-82.50
600-700: 78-79
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 480-580
Aged cows: 525-620
Pairs: 705-720
Aged pairs: 525-610
Slaughter cows: High yielding: 29-34
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 52-52.50
Slaughter bulls: Low dressing: 44-44.50

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 798 head of cattle for the Thursday, Sept. 21, sale. Cows were $2 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 35-40
Canner and low cutters: 28-35
Slaughter bulls: 45-51
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-110
400-500: 90-109
500-600: 83-93
600-700: 80-85
700-800: 77-83
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 85-95
400-500: 82-90
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 75-85
700-800: 65-75
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 75-85
700-800: 65-75
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 600-850
Grade: 500-600
Springers: 325-625
Baby calves: 75-200
Doodlers: 125-240

Graham

Graham Livestock Comm., Inc. had a run of 2,415 head of cattle for the Monday, Sept. 25, sale. Packer cows were steady and bulls were $1 lower. Bred cows were steady. Steers were $1 to $2 higher. Heifers were steady to $1 higher. Market was active and demand good.

Representative Sales
Randall Denson, Stamford
4 Blk Steers, 357 lbs. @ $112.50
6 Blk Steers, 268 lbs. @ $115
Binker Quillin, Seymour
Young Red Pr., 1,290 lbs. @ $760
Young Blk. Pr., 1,270 lbs. @ $710
Doug Lindemann, Holliday
4 Blk. Hfrs., 512 lbs. $82
4 Blk. Steers, 420 lbs. @ $100
Jerry Stapp, Sweetwater
2 Blk. Steers, 542 lbs. @ $95.50
CTR Cow 1,430 lbs. @ $40
Rocking J Ranch, Throckmorton
3 Blk. Heifers 790 lbs. @ $78.50
5 Blk. Steers, 649 lbs. @ $85.50
Loren Williams, Albany
Red WF Hfr., 410 lbs. @ $85
Red WF Bull, 455 lbs. @ $93
Randy Jones, Santo
Red WF Steer, 510 lbs. @ $91
Red WF Hfr., 480 lbs. @ $82

NOTICE

On August 8, 2000, TXU Electric Company in accordance with Order No. 7 in Docket No. 22880 –Application of TXU Electric Company to Increase Interim Fuel Factors and to Implement an Interim Surcharge of Fuel Cost Under-Recoveries – filed a revision of its request to assess a surcharge on its customers' electric service bills to recover an undercollected balance of fuel cost revenues. The revision allows for TXU Electric to surcharge customers for its cumulative fuel cost underrecovery amount as of July 31, 2000 plus interest.

The surcharge in the amount of $315,490,008, inclusive of interest through November 2000, will be implemented in TXU Electric's November billing month and recovered over a fourteen month period. This compares to the originally proposed and noticed underrecovery amount through June 30, 2000, of $167,164,099 to be recovered over a six month period.

All of TXU Electric's customers and classes of customers whose electric service rates include charges for fuel costs pursuant to TXU Electric's tariffed Rider FC, titled "Fuel Cost Factor," and all territories served by TXU Electric are affected by both the proposed fuel factor and the proposed surcharge in the Petition. These changes will be subject to final review by the Commission in TXU Electric's next reconciliation proceeding at the Commission. Persons with questions or who want more information on this Application may contact TXU Electric, 1601 Bryan Street, 32nd Floor, Dallas, Texas 75201 or call 1-800-242-9113 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this Application is available for inspection at the above address. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this Application should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989.

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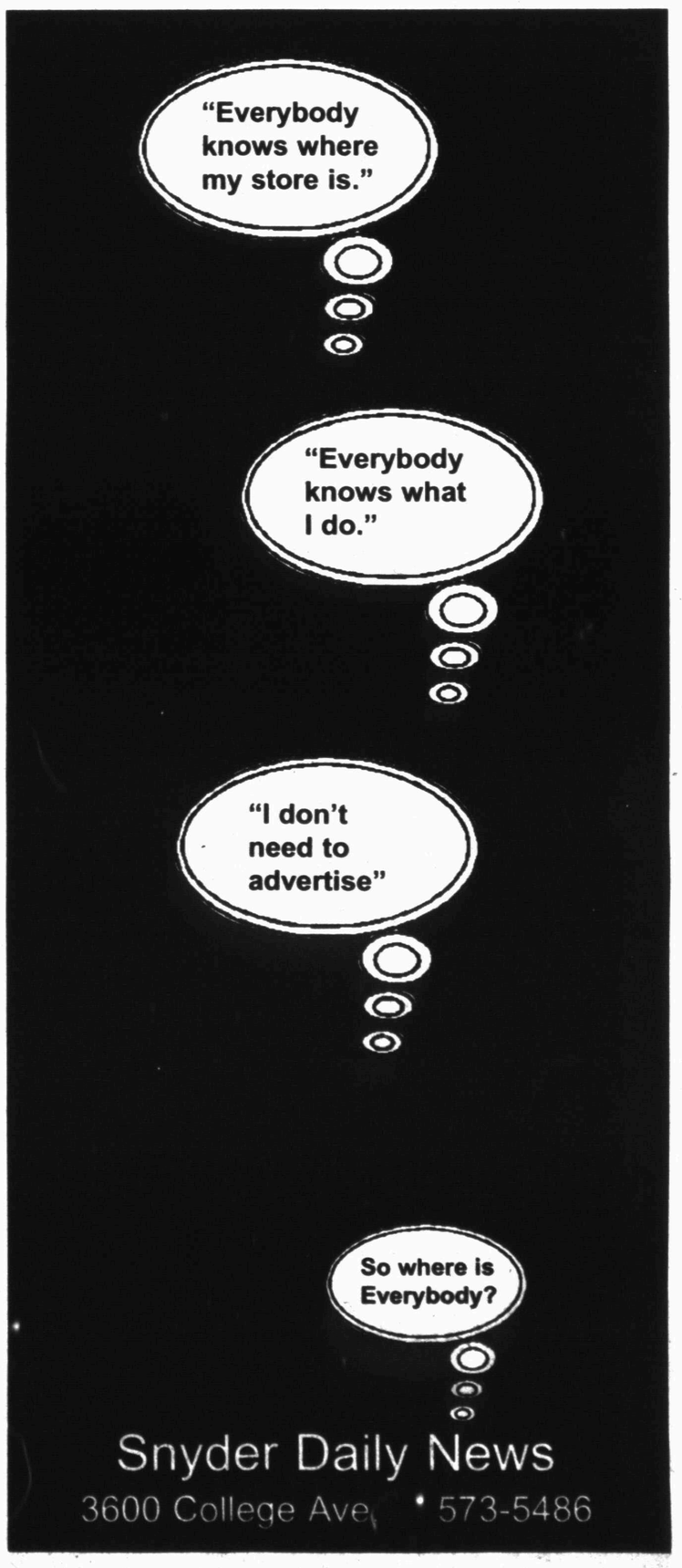

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Milosevic wants to engineer runoff

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic's opponents appealed to Belgrade residents to pour into the streets Wednesday, pledging to defend their apparent victory in the presidential election despite the regime's efforts to engineer a runoff.

Milosevic's police, however, refused to permit organizers to use a central square for an evening rally and ordered workers to dismantle a stage erected there. Police said the demonstration would disrupt the work of the State Election Commission, which is located in the same building.

It was unclear whether the move was intended to ban any demonstration or was simply part of a war of nerves between the opposition and the authorities.

"They are just trying to increase tensions," opposition spokesman Cedomir Jovanovic said. He added that the opposition would press ahead with the rally, either elsewhere in Belgrade or in the area but further away from the building itself.

In Washington, President Clinton dismissed Yugoslav government plans for a run-off as an apparent attempt to steal a fair election.

"It certainly appears from a distance that they had a free election and somebody's trying to take it away from them," Clinton said Wednesday at the White House.

His comments came a day after Milosevic defied international and domestic appeals to step down and instead announced a runoff election against challenger Vojislav Kostunica — who in turn insisted he won Sunday's election outright and rejected the possibility of a new race.

The election commission reported Tuesday that Kostunica finished first with 48.22 percent while Milosevic earned 40.23 percent. A runoff is required since no candidate received more than 50 percent. It was set for Oct. 8.

Opposition results showed that with 98.7 percent of the ballot counted, Kostunica had 52.54 percent of the vote to Milosevic's 32.01 percent, Jovanovic said. The figures are said to be based on reports by the opposition's poll watchers who monitor the count at the precinct level.

"Elections are not car races in which a contestant can catch up in the second round," Jovanovic said. "Our victory is not negotiable."

A runoff would give Milosevic time to maneuver, create more favorable conditions for himself, clamp down on opposition media and activists and resume his nationalist campaign portraying Kostunica as a "NATO lackey and Western stooge."

Earlier Wednesday, opposition activists gave out 10,000 ballots.

Obituaries

Bill Martin

1917-2000

COLORADO CITY – Funeral service for Bill Martin, 83, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Kay Reed officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Bill Martin

Mr. Martin, a former resident of Scurry County, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, in Mitchell County Hospital following a brief illness.

Born Jan. 15, 1917 in Robert Lee, he grew up in the Dunn area and married Vergie Shoffner on Oct. 8, 1937 in Dunn.

Mr. Martin worked as a warehouseman for Halliburton for 20 years before retiring. He moved to Colorado City 12 years ago and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Vergie Martin of Colorado City; a son and daughter-in-law, Buck Paul and Nancy Martin of Summerville, Ala.; a son-in-law and his wife, Dale and Leslie Geiger of Colorado City; a sister, Nettie Faye Glaspie of Marble Falls; two brothers, I.E. Martin of Snyder and Frank Martin of Lufkin; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patsy Geiger; his parents, John W. and Kathy Gary Martin; and three brothers, Charlie Martin, Herbert Martin and Joe Martin.

Leila Darlin

1914-2000

Funeral service for Leila B. Seaton Darlin, a resident of Scurry County since 1976, is set for 4 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side Church of Christ, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Darlin, 85, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, at her home in Snyder, following a lengthy illness.

Born Oct. 4, 1914 in McCaulley, she married Walter D. Darlin on Nov. 27, 1932 in Spur. He died on March 15, 1977.

Mrs. Darlin was a homemaker and a longtime member of the Church of Christ. She lived in Lubbock and Brownfield before moving to Snyder where she was a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Era Bratcher.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Cynthia Darlin of Snyder and Walter Bruce and Mary Lou Darlin of Burleson; two sisters, Cora Rose Jones of San Angelo and Julie Woodard of Brownfield; four brothers, B.D. Seaton, J.C. Seaton, Ira E. Seaton and Bradley Seaton, all of Brownfield; three grandchildren, Sherry Hernandez of The Colony, Kenneth Wayne Darlin of Lubbock and Casandra Darlin of Snyder; and two great-grandchildren, Amber Hernandez and Michael Hernandez, both of The Colony.

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Cleone Fulford

1921-2000

Cleone Fulford, longtime Fluvanna resident, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Fulford, 79, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Fluvanna Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born July 25, 1921 in Gatesville, she married Ray Fulford on Jan. 7, 1939 in Clariot, Tex.

A resident of Fluvanna since 1939, Mrs. Fulford was a beautician and a member of the Fluvanna First Baptist Church and Quilting Club.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Edgar Kinsey, David Kinsey and D.D. Kinsey; and one sister, Leona Markham.

Survivors include her husband, Ray Fulford of Fluvanna; a son, Victor Fulford of Lubbock; three brothers, Ellis Kinsey of Stephenville, Wesley Kinsey of Robert Lee and Arvin Kinsey of Dallas; three grandchildren, Lance Fulford, Xan Fulford and Jai Fulford; and three great-grandchildren, Hagen Fulford, Braxton Fulford and Candra Fulford.

Verna Crawford

1905-2000

Verna Mary Crawford, a resident of Snyder the past 38 years, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

Mrs. Crawford

Funeral service for Mrs. Crawford, 95, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired minister, and Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 24, 1905 in Comanche, she married Brad Crawford on March 11, 1929 in Brownwood. He died in 1962.

A former resident of Lubbock and Seminole, Mrs. Crawford moved to Snyder in 1962. She was a longtime Sunday school teacher in Seminole and also taught Sunday school a number of years at the Greenhill Baptist Church in Snyder.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Brad Crawford Jr.; a grandson, Brett Bell; four sisters; and five brothers.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Bob Bell of Snyder; four grandsons, Bruce Bell of Midland, Lance Crawford of Kerrville, Dr. Kevin Crawford of Lubbock and Kyle Crawford of Brownsville; seven great-grandchildren, Amber LaMonte of Hempstead, Josh Bell of Jacksonville, Fla., Cheyenne Crawford and Keylon Crawford, both of Kerrville, Colin Crawford, Kylie Crawford and Cadan Crawford, all of Lubbock; and one great-great-grandson, Corwin LaMonte of Hempstead.

Pallbearers will be Bruce Bell, Josh Bell, Lance Crawford, Dr. Kevin Crawford, Kyle Crawford and George W. Ellis.

Gladys Wade

1906-2000

Gladys Ida Wade, a former resident of Snyder, died today in Corn Heritage Village in Corn, Okla., following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Wade, 94, is set for 4 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church Chapel in Snyder with a son, the Rev. John Wade of Abilene, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 10, 1906 in Merkel, she married Anthem Wade on June 4, 1939 in Roscoe. Mrs. Wade, a homemaker, moved to Snyder in 1983 and had moved to Weatherford, Okla. She and her husband were missionaries on the Indian reservations in Oklahoma.

Survivors include her husband, Anthem Wade of Corn; a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Ron Rooker of Weatherford, Okla.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Judy Wade of Lake Kiowa, Tex., and the Rev. John and Ann Wade of Abilene; two sisters, Pat Keeth of Weslaco and Ruth Wiman of San Angelo; two brothers, Talmadge Wiman of Sweetwater and Jim Wiman of Lubbock; and two sisters-in-law, Bird Wade of Snyder and Gladys Shaw of Abilene.

John Nix

1972-2000

LEWISVILLE – John Paul Nix, the grandson of Alma Laurence Gladson of Snyder, died Sunday, Sept. 24, at his home in Highland Village from injuries sustained in a 1990 automobile accident.

Funeral service for Mr. Nix, 27, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Lakeland Baptist Church in Lewisville.

Born Dec. 16, 1972 in Dallas, he was a 1994 graduate of Marcus High School in Flower Mound.

Survivors include his parents, John and Rene'e Nix of Highland Village; a sister, Kristie York of Denton; a brother, Zachary Nix of Longview; and a great-grandmother, Gladys Bond of Eastland.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Wayland Gladson of Snyder; and his paternal grandmother, Dorris Nix Duff of Snyder.

Patsy Zimmerman

1934-2000

AMHERST – Patsy Lenora Spradling Zimmerman, a native of Scurry County, died Monday, Sept. 25, in White Dove Nursing Home in Littlefield.

Funeral service for Mrs. Zimmerman, 66, was set for 2 p.m. today in the Hammons Funeral Home Chapel in Amherst with George Wayne Davis officiating. Burial was to follow in the Fairlawn Cemetery.

Born June 6, 1934 in Scurry County, she grew up in the Hermleigh area and lived in Bangs for 15 years where she worked in a restaurant and for a child protective agency. She moved to Meridian in 1994 and to Littlefield in 1998. She was a seamstress, homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Po Davis of Haskell; a daughter, Sue Montgomery of Amherst; a sister, Leona Renfro of Austin; four brothers, Jim Spradling of Reno, Nev., Donnie Spradling of Redwood, Calif., and Bick Spradling and Johnny Spradling, both of Meridian; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Guillermo Espinosa

1968-2000

ELDORADO –Guillermo Espinosa Jr. of Austin died Monday, Sept. 25, in Austin.

Graveside service for Mr. Espinosa, 32, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Born Aug. 16, 1968 in Grant, Neb., Mr. Espinosa was employed as a waiter.

Survivors include his mother, Manuela R. Espinosa of Snyder; three sisters, Annaberta Hoxsey of Snyder, Anna Maria Rangel of Abilene and Lori Perez of The Woodlands; three brothers, Tony Martinez and Isidora Martinez, both of Eldorado, and Ernest Rangel of Victoria.

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ONGOINGS

West book fair

West Elementary's Scholastic Book Fair is underway this week in Room 8. Times are 4-5:30 p.m. today and 8 to 10 a.m. Thursday and Friday.

Snyder Junior High open house

Snyder Junior High will have an open house from 4-5:30 p.m. today. First six-weeks report cards will be distributed to parents at this time. All parents are urged to attend to pick up report cards and visit with teachers.

FBC worship service

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

WTC college fair

Western Texas College will host its annual college fair for area high school and college students from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday.

Bicycle rodeo

Snyder Cub Scouts will have a bicycle rodeo at 6 p.m. Thursday at Stanfield Elementary.

Northeast family reading night

The Northeast Elementary family reading night will be from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday. Pizza and soft drinks will be served and childcare will be provided.

Joint class reunion

SHS classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945 will have a reunion Friday and Saturday. All events will take place at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. A social will be held Friday from 7:30-9:30 p.m., and a coffee will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday. A dinner is set for 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

Weigh Down registration

It's not too late to join the Monday night class for Weigh Down at the Word is Life fellowship hall. Class begins Monday at the church, 312 Coliseum Dr. Call Claudia Sanchez at 573-9615 to register.

Author to visit Stanfield

Texas author Herb Marlow will visit Stanfield Tuesday. The first storytelling session begins at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Lord's Acre fish fry

The sixth annual Lord's Acre fish fry will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church Wesley Hall. Tickets are $3 for six years and under, and $6 for everyone else. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at the church office.

SHS choir boosters

The SHS choir boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the choir room to paint signs for freshman students. All choir parents are invited

Chicken spaghetti supper

Snyder Tennis Booster Club is selling tickets for a chicken spaghetti supper to be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, in the SHS cafeteria prior to the Snyder-Frenship football game. $5 tickets may be obtained from any tennis player, at the door or by calling 573-2700 or 573-1730. Carryouts will be available. Proceeds will be for the building fund.

His Joy Ministries Conference

The seventh annual His Joy Ministries Conference will be Oct. 6-7 at Word is Life Church. Barbara Murrell from Canton will speak for the third time. Music by Far Above Ministries and His Joy Ministries. Call 573-8401 for registration.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered at Western Texas College from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 10 and Oct. 24. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Country and gospel music

A country and gospel music program will be held on the second Saturday of each month at the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center. The first one will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Everyone is invited and there is no charge. Call 573-3996 for more information.

Discovery School

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

Tiger Times yearbook

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

Museum needs holiday quilts

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

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church (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 return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Cash Five

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

4-21-29-33-35

Pick 3

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

7-7-0