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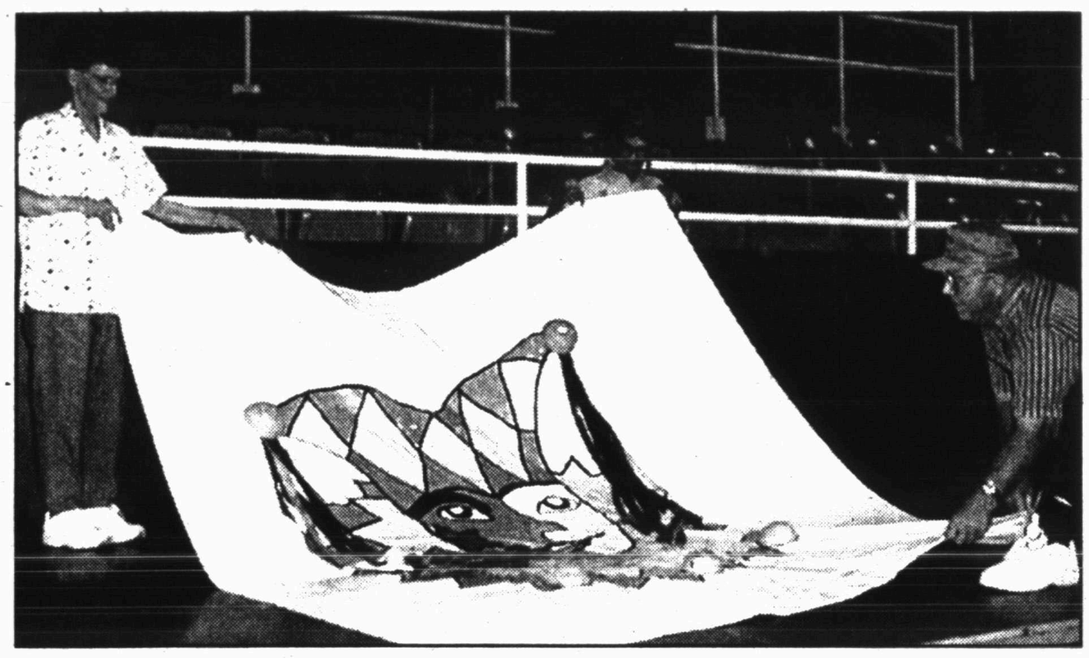
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BANQUET PREPARATIONS — Volunteers were at the Scurry County Coliseum this morning preparing decorations for Saturday's annual chamber banquet. The event kicks off at 6:30 p.m. and will offer Cajun cuisine as well as entertainment from Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke. Pictured from left are Syble Bley, Jessie Scarbrough and Tommy Williams. (SDN Staff Photo)

Banquet deadline is today



Frenchie Burke

The chamber of commerce banquet committee says it has planned an enjoyable "fun time" banquet.

Serving will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum and will feature The Rajun Cajun Fiddlin' Frenchie Burk and the Emil Schattel Band.

"Wear something bright and colorful and come and enjoy the music and Cajun food prepared by the Farmers Daughter in the Mardi Gras-decorated coliseum for an enjoyable evening," said Donna Fowler, chamber executive director.

The menu will consist of bouldine with red beans and rice, chicken gumbo, crawfish etouffee, fresh crawfish, salad, French bread, fruit topped cheese cake and tea.

Tickets are $12.50 for adults and $7 for children and must be purchased by 5 p.m. today at the chamber office.

The Sizemore Award, Education Award, Business of the Year Award, Vestal Award, President's Award, the Chamber's Choice Award, the McLaughlin Award and the Winston Award will be presented.

David Holt will serve as master of ceremonies.

Board of directors and officers will be recognized to include Mark Cypert, president; Michael Rodriquez, vice president; Paula McWilliams, secretary-treasurer; Jack Whitworth, president-elect; and Trent Driggers, past president. Directors include Darren Jackson, Mike Thornton, Carl Burleson, Michael Hartman, Dr. Missy Jones, Wilhelmenia Howard and Ben Murphy.

Water rates also draw ire...

Citizens voice opinions on taxes to city council

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Snyder City Council held a public hearing on the city's 2001 tax rate Tuesday night, and the public even showed up.

Normally, tax rate hearings are void of any public input, but some 30 citizens were in attendance and seven expressed opposition to the city's proposed tax rate as well as the increase in water and sewer rates.

Following the public hearing, however, the council voted unanimously to adopt a tax rate of $0.4246 per $100 valuation – up from the present $0.3935. The vote on the second reading of the ordinance will be held in September.

The new tax rate will increase yearly taxes on an average homestead by $10.68 per year. The average homestead in Snyder is valued at $32,890.

This ordinance also increases water and sewer rates by three percent.

If passed on second reading, the minimum monthly residential water rate will go from $9.13 to $9.40. Excess usage over the basic 2,000 gallons will increase eight cents, from $2.54 to $2.62. Sewer rates presently are $8.21 monthly for a residence, as compared to the new rate of $8.46.

Sanitation rates are unchanged.

In speaking against the increases, Pizza Inn owner Keith Herrley asked the council to go back to the drawing board to look for ways to save money.

"I think you should look at bringing the size of city government down," added Herrley.

Snyder Lock and Key owner Pete Wadleigh said citizens have to live within their means, and he thought the city also should.

Purple Sage Motel owner Helen Feinsoid echoed Wadleigh's sentiments.

"We have to do belt-tightening…I'm asking the city to do the same," said Feinsoid.

City Councilman James Ashley told the crowd that the city had indeed done some belt-tightening on the 2001 budget, and he emphasized that while homeowners' costs have gone up, so has the cost of operating the city.

"We've cut items every time we've met on the budget," said Ashley. "It's pretty lean, and less than it was two years ago."

Ashley said one of the reasons that water rates have to go up is to fund the city's water line improvement project.

"Since the program started, we've spent more than $3.5 million on new water lines," said Ashley.

City Manager John Gayle explained that the water line improvement project replaces old, cast iron pipes that causes citizens to complain of red water, and replaces pipes that rupture and wastes water.

"Our water loss has dropped from 18 percent to right at 10 percent since we started the project," Gayle said. "This is a savings within itself."

Gayle also said the city appropriates $45,000 for the STAR Program, and pays for two officers to patrol the schools.

"These costs were not here five years ago," said Gayle, who also noted that the city had not budgeted for a city engineer in the coming year.

Mary Dulaney replied to those comments by stating that none of those things were going to help citizens pay their taxes or their water bills.

Dulaney, and others, also commented on overgrown lots that needed mowing and the overall appearance of the community.

"I live in the oldest part of town," said Dulaney. "Just two blocks away from me, there are trees growing in the street."

"We're certainly not 'Sparkle City', anymore," added Feinsod.

Vic Chambers of the city's planning and zoning commission, directed his comments to the citizens in attendance.

"We're all citizens of Snyder," said Chambers. "What affects you, affects us. We're all in this together.".

Vernest Tippens presided at the meeting in the absence of Mayor Dayton Robertson. All council members were present to include Ashley, David Harrell, I.E. Martin, James Jenkins and Terry Martin.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Middle age begins about the time you get your head together, then the body begins to fall apart."

You can have fun just observing people. It's interesting to sit on a bench in the big city and try to guess what people do for a living or for fun.

We were reminded of this when we got a list of things that identify us Americans.

—We yell for the government to balance the budget, and then gripe because the service isn't as good as we wanted.

—We think speeding laws are good, but won't buy a car unless the speedometer reads over 100 mph.

—We know the line-up of our favorite team, but likely can't recall all the words to the "Star Spangle Banner."

—We spend half a day looking for vitamin pills to make us live longer, then drive too fast to make up for lost time.

—We tie up our dog, but let our kids run loose.

—We work hard on the farm so we can move into town where we can make more money to move back to the farm.

—At the office, we talk about just about everything except business. But while playing, we talk about business.

—We have more food to eat than any other country in the world, and more diets to keep us from eating it.

—We work long hours to keep earning power up with yearning power.

—We have more experts on marriage, but still have the world's highest divorce rate.

And some characteristics of a Texan:

—You know five spices – salt, pepper, BBQ sauce, ketchup and chili.

—The mosquitoes have landing rights.

—You have more miles on your tractor than your car.

—Driving is better after a rain because the potholes are filled with mud.

—You have two trailers for each vehicle.

—You have 10 favorite recipes for deer meat.

—Sexy lingerie is tube socks and a flannel nightie.

—The most effective bug repellant is a shotgun.

—The start of hunting season is a national holiday.

—You know that leaves can be an emergency substitute for toilet tissue.

—You know four seasons – summer, summer, still summer, and deer season.

Snyder ISD board approves budget, maintenance taxes

Snyder ISD board of trustees voted Tuesday to adopt the budget for the 2000-2001 school year and gave approval for the issuance of maintenance tax notes.

The maintenance tax notes will generate some $520,000 for the district for facility improvements.

Supt. Gayle Lomax said he would like to see the district use the funds for new heating and cooling units at East and Northeast Elementaries, but he said it would be at the board's discretion how the funds were used.

The money, however, must be used for repair or maintenance of existing structures.

A goal-setting meeting is planned Oct. 14 and the issue will be discussed further then.

Had trustees chosen not to issue the maintenance tax notes, the district would have stood to lose almost $600,000 in state funds the following budget cycle, as well as still being left with deteriorating structures.

"If we don't do it, we lose now and we lose then," Luann Burleson said in making the motion to adopt the budget and issue the notes.

The final figures reflect a budget of $19,289,760, as compared to $18,413,804 last school year.

The projected revenue for the year is slightly over projected expenditures — $19,291,000 in revenue compared to the $19,289,760 in budgeted expenditures.

The tax rate is the same as this year — $1.50 per $100 valuation.

In other action, the board approved amendments to the 1999-2000 budget in the amount of $380,635.

This figure includes $242,000 paid to former teachers and administrators who took the district's early retirement package in the spring.

The amendments also include $20,000 more in fuel costs than the district had originally budgeted, and $78,635 in repairs and building supplies for maintenance.

The vendor list for maintenance and transportation supplies was also approved.

Trustees also gave formal approval of contracts for four teachers.

These include Jenny Hunter as a speech assistant at Humble Smith, Peggy Williams as an elementary counselor, Vera Arrendondo as a pre-kindergarten teacher at Northeast Elementary and Dale Neves as a fourth grade teacher at East Elementary.

The resignation of Barbra Jones, a prekindergarten teacher at Northeast Elementary, was also accepted.

Mark McCormick presided and trustees present included Burleson, Richard Chambers, Cathy Peoples, Glen Clarady and Janet Stribling. Mike Levens was absent.

Season tickets remain on sale

Friday is the final day for Snyder Tiger football fans to purchase season tickets for a five-game home schedule.

Tickets are $20 and are available at the school administration office.

Tickets at the gate are $5 for adults and students.

WTC sets budget vote for Monday

Western Texas College trustees met briefly Tuesday evening and set Monday as the date to vote on the tax rate and adopt the budget.

The board will convene at 7 p.m. Monday to handle the matter and will likely combine the regular September meeting with the business, college president Dr. Harry Krenek said.

A public hearing was scheduled Tuesday evening, but no one was present to address the board.

The proposed rate is 30.67 cents, which is 7.9 percent above the effective rate of 28.41 cents per $100 valuation.

The effective rate is the rate needed to generate the same amount of tax dollars as the previous year.

Administration has presented a $7.6 million current fund budget for the coming school year as well as a student services fee budget of $111,000 and an auxiliary-enterprises budget of $729,086.

Following the meeting, trustees toured the college firing range and were given the opportunity to fire the assault rifles and handguns used in the correctional officer training program.

COT training instructors Leanord Dodgen and Jim Petty also went through program and safety procedures and demonstrated chemical agents to the board members.

Lee Presswood presided and trustees present included Jackie Greene, Eddie Peterson, Dr. Jay Kidd, Scott Richburg and Drew Bullard. Carolyn Barbee was absent.

ASK US

Q—When is Snyder's homecoming game this season?
A—Friday, Sept. 15. The Tigers host Abilene Wylie.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 97 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 71; no precipitation; total for 2000, 15.01 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear, low in lower 70s; light SE wind. Thursday, mostly sunny. High in mid 90s. S wind 5-15 mph.



Jake Strickland
Sunny and Hot

Sunset:
8:18 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:16 a.m.
Of 235 days in 2000, the sun has shone 232 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Truth is the most valuable thing we have."
—Mark Twain

NTSB: Jet downed by explosion in fuel tank

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal investigators say an explosion of vapors in the fuel tank caused TWA Flight 800 to plunge into the ocean, killing all 230 passengers aboard, but four years after the crash they are still unable to pinpoint what ignited the blast.

A solid body of circumstantial evidence points to an electrical short as the cause, but there was not enough wire recovered from the wreckage to know for sure, said Robert Swaim of the National Transportation Safety Board.

"I would love to walk in here with a molten piece of wire and say, 'Here it is.'" said Swaim, who spent four years looking for the source of the ignition.

Swaim's conclusions came Tuesday on the first day of a two-day meeting to study investigators' reports on the crash and its cause. The hearing will continue Wednesday with a discussion on maintenance of the nation's aging fleet of aircraft and the observations of witnesses who claim they saw Flight 800 explode and crash into the waters off Long Island, N.Y.

A number of possible causes of the explosion were considered, including problems with the main landing gear, static electricity, a small explosive charge, a missile and a meteorite strike, he said.

Investigators zeroed in on the short circuit because of a combination of factors which, taken together, were telling. A crew member was recorded on the cockpit voice recorder remarking on the fuel flow indicator swaying crazily shortly before the crash. A buzz on the cockpit voice recorder went silent in the moments before the crash. Additionally, there had been recent problems with lights on the plane.

While wiring inside the fuel tank is very low voltage those wires are bundled together with higher voltage wires and a short could have been carried into the fuel tank, investigators said.

Air and fuel had been heated by an air conditioner positioned underneath the tank while the plane was delayed for three hours prior to takeoff. That helped to make the tank volatile when it climbed in altitude, NTSB investigator Joseph Kolly said.

Given those conditions, a spark as weak as the static electricity transferred between a person's hand a metal doorknob would have been sufficient for an explosion, Kolly said.

TWA Flight 800 went down shortly after leaving New York's John F. Kennedy Airport on July 17, 1996, bound for Paris.

The crash has spawned a host of conspiracy theories, the most prevalent being that a bomb or a missile brought down the plane.

Some still contend the government is trying to cover up the real cause, and one group, calling itself the TWA 800 Eyewitness Alliance, ran a full-page ad in Tuesday's Washington Times insisting missiles were to blame.

NTSB Chairman James Hall on Tuesday chastised those who continue to push those theories. The FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and his investigators all failed to find evidence of a bomb or missile blast, he said.

Bernard Loeb, aviation safety director of the National Transportation Safety Board, said that bomb and missile blasts leave distinct patterns.

"High-energy explosions leave distinctive damage signatures such as severe pitting, cratering, hot gas washing, and petaling. No such damage was found on any portion of the recovered airplane structure," Loeb said.

The physical evidence "leads to the inescapable conclusion that the cause of the in-flight breakup of TWA Flight 800 was a fuel-air explosion inside the center wing tank," Loeb said.

On the Net:
National Transportation Safety Board: http://www.ntsb.gov

Laying hens to get better treatment

WASHINGTON (AP) — McDonald's Corp. wants to make life easier for the chickens that supply its eggs and is ordering farmers to give the hens more space and stop the practice of withholding food and water to increase egg production.

Under the new rules, which were distributed to the fast-food restaurant chain's 27 suppliers Tuesday, caged hens must have 72 square inches of space, compared to about 50 square inches now. With the larger space, all the hens should be able to lie down at once.

The standards were recommended to the company by a panel of scientific advisers that McDonald's formed to address concerns about the way food animals are being treated, said Robert Langert, senior director of public and community affairs for McDonald's.

"This is our pathway to be a leader on this issue," Langert said.

The European Union already bans the practice of "forced molting," which involves removing food and water from hens for 5 days to two weeks. It's been linked to an increased incidence of harmful salmonella bacteria in eggs.

McDonald's also wants to phase out the practice of trimming the beaks of hens, which is done to prevent them from injuring each other.

A spokesman for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Bruce Friedrich, praised the new egg rules.

"It's the bare minimum of bare minimums that you refuse to starve and dehydrate animals to death," he said.

Over the past two years, McDonald's also has required beef and pork processors to improve their handling of livestock prior to slaughter. McDonald's, which has long been targeted by animal rights activists, conducts regular audits of the packing plants to determine whether the animals are being treated humanely and will suspend purchases from slaughterhouses that don't meet the company's standards.

"This has been a natural evolution from our animal welfare program," Langert said of the egg rules.

McDonald's gave its suppliers until the first quarter of next year to stop forced molting and until the end of the year to comply with the space requirement.

On the Net: McDonald's: http://www.mcdonalds.com
PETA: http://www.mccruelty.com

Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed that the fuel saving claims of this advertisement are 100% accurate.

Device May Increase Gas Mileage

BOSTON - National Fuelsaver Corp. of Boston has developed a low cost automotive accessory called the Platinum Gas Saver which is guaranteed to increase gas mileage while meeting all emission standards.

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gasaver adds microscopic quantities of platinum to the air-fuel mixture entering the engine.

Platinum has the unique ability to make non-burning fuel burn. With platinum in the flame zone, you increase the percentage of fuel burning in the engine from 68% of each gallon to 90%.

Since unburnt fuel is pollution, this 22% of each gallon would normally burn when it reaches the platinum of the catalytic converter.

Unfortunately, the converter's platinum burns this fuel outside of the engine, where the heat and energy produced from burning this fuel cannot be harnessed to drive your vehicle.

But when the Gasaver adds platinum to engine combustion, 22% more of each gallon burns inside the engine so that, in theory, 22% fewer gallons are required to drive the same distance.

After studying this process for five years, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Platinum Gas Saver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition to this study, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out carbon and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold over 400,000 Gas Savers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or raise octane."

For further information call:
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1-800-537-7427

Government Produced Test Data

The government studied fuel saving test data on vehicles made by several auto makers using the Gas Saver. This is the data they produced from a fleet of 15 identical 5-liter vehicles.

Vehicle Number	Miles/gal. without Gas Saver	Miles/gal. with Gas Saver	Percentage Increase
1	12.0	17.8	48.3%
2	11.3	16.6	46.9%
3	14.1	20.7	46.8%
4	13.0	18.8	44.6%
5	12.2	17.1	40.2%
6	9.6	13.3	38.5%
7	13.3	17.9	34.6%
8	9.8	13.1	33.7%
9	14.3	18.4	28.7%
10	10.8	13.9	28.7%
11	14.1	17.6	24.8%
12	15.8	17.5	10.8%
13	14.4	15.9	10.4%
14	13.1	14.0	6.9%
15	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

THURSDAY, Aug. 24, 2000
You are capable of becoming a more dominant influence in your organizational activities in the year ahead, be they social or business related. Many peripheral benefits will come of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What transpires today could be something exciting that will elevate your hopes and expectations for the future. It'll get you thinking positively again. 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.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even though you might not be aware of it, you'll have considerable influence over your peers today. It'll be the leadership you display that gives them such confidence in you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try to devote some time today to adding to your warehouse of knowledge. It's an exceptional day for researching, exploring and expanding your horizons.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because you'll possess an instinctual ability to perceive what resources are available to you today, your chances for success are enhanced. Use what's at your disposal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In order to be able to draw constructive conclusions today, it would be helpful to exchange your ideas with a couple of fast-thinking friends, using them as a sounding board for testing your ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll aid your own search to fit into the scheme of things by being as helpful to your friends as you can today. By proving your worth, you'll find your way.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Treating people in such a congenial way today makes you a popular person to be around. That smile on your face is a medicine that can be prescribed for just about anybody.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You put a little extra effort into what you do today because what you'll be doing will be for those close to your heart. Nothing is too much for those you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The sociable attitude you display today with all those you encounter instantly puts others at ease and lets the best of them come out. Wherever you go, fun is sure to follow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take the necessary measures to solidify your financial affairs today, because the aspects are now favoring you. Each step you take could help provide a pathway to profit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your greatest asset today is your ability to project constructive thoughts on those who need them. Sharing yourself with others could also turn out to be educational for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There's a lot more to you than meets the eye today, and you'll furnish the proof of this by showing others the resourceful way you handle subjective issues.

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Bridgestone/Firestone plans to fly tires from Japan to U.S.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. plans to airlift thousands of tires to the United States from its plants in Japan to alleviate a nationwide shortage caused by a recall of 6.5 million tires.

The first shipment of 5,000 tires was to leave Wednesday, and the company planned at least 10 more through Sunday.

Earlier this month, Nashville-based Bridgestone/Firestone recalled P235/75R15 ATX and ATX II tires as well as 15-inch Wilderness AT tires made at a Decatur, Ill., plant.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is investigating 62 deaths and more than 100 injuries possibly linked to the tires. In many cases, the tread separated from the tire, causing a blowout and a rollover accident.

Retired employees of the company's Decatur plant were expected to testify Wednesday that inspectors were pressed to examine 100 tires an hour — too many to do an adequate job, The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

The testimony was to be given as lawyers begin taking depositions in a Florida personal-injury case against the company.

Firestone spokeswoman Christine Karbowiak said the former employees are "disgruntled."

"Obviously we stand by our processes and procedures," she told the newspaper. "Out of 2,100 Decatur employees, we have a small handful of folks who are making allegations."

Several attorneys have filed lawsuits seeking class-action status to represent consumers affected by the recall, which is expected to cost the company $350 million. Attorneys general in several states also are investigating the safety of the tires and the expediency of the recall.

The Center for Auto Safety has filed a lawsuit contending 12 million more Firestone tires — all ATX, ATX II and Wilderness ATs still on the road — should be recalled.

The safety advocacy group successfully pushed for 1970s recalls of the Ford Pinto and 14.5 million Firestone 500 tires.

Additionally, Bridgestone/Firestone is facing the threat of a strike at nine of its plants.

On Monday, Ford Motor Co. said it would temporarily halt production at three plants to make more than 70,000 replacement tires available to consumers.

The tires were standard equipment on some Ford trucks and sports utility vehicles, including the Explorer.

Barry Green, executive vice president of Lippincott & Margulies Inc., an image consultant firm based in New York, said the troubles facing Bridgestone/Firestone mean the company must work to regain the trust of corporations and consumers.

"It's a long, long road for them," he said. "I think they just have to be responsible to the marketplace and do what's right. They've lost not only customers, they've lost confidence with the automotive industry."

On the Net:
Center for Auto Safety:
http://www.autosafety.org
Bridgestone/Firestone:
http://www.bridgestone-firestone.com

Awards are halted

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — An awards show honoring the best in rap music had to be cut short when a fight broke out in the audience and scores of people tried to rush the stage.

When police tried to quell the disturbance Tuesday night at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, several in the audience turned on them and began pelting officers with bottles and compact discs.

No one was arrested and no one was reported hurt.

The second annual The Source Hip-Hop Awards Show was being taped for broadcast on UPN next week, but network officials said the fate of that broadcast is now in doubt.

Last year's awards show produced the highest ratings the network had ever drawn for a Friday night. That show also ranked No. 1 in New York and Miami and No. 1 among teen-age viewers, the network said.

Among those being honored at this year's show were Dr. Dre and Ice Cube, who received lifetime achievement awards. The show was sponsored by The Source magazine.

Date Book

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2000
Today is the 236th day of 2000 and the 65th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1923, the first radio comedy show began to be broadcast. The comedians were Billy Jones and Ernie Hare, who called themselves "The Happiness Boys."

On this day in 1947, President Harry Truman's daughter Margaret made her singing debut, at the Hollywood Bowl.

On this day in 1985, in what was touted as "The Battle of the Sexes," Martina Navratilova and Pam Shriver defeated Bobby Riggs and Vitas Gerulaitis in three straight sets at Atlantic City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Louis XVI (1754-1793), French king; Oliver Hazard Perry (1785-1819), U.S. naval hero; Edgar Lee Masters (1869-1950), poet-novelist; Gene Kelly (1912-1996), dancer-choreographer-actor; Vera Miles (1929-), actress, is 71; Mark Russell (1932-), comedian, is 68; Barbara Eden (1934-), actress, is 66; Sonny Jurgenson (1934-), football great, is 66; Keith Moon (1947-1978), musician.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1936, Cleveland right-hander Bob Feller pitched his first major-league game. He struck out 17 St. Louis batters and allowed six hits.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "All, all are sleeping on the hill." — Edgar Lee Masters, "The Hill"

TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (Aug. 22).

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Lactose intolerance can show up late

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 6-year-old daughter has been diagnosed with lactose intolerance. How did she get it? Is it permanent?

DEAR READER: Milk sugar (lactose) requires an intestinal enzyme (lactase) for digestion. When lactose travels undigested through the bowel, it is fermented by bacteria, leading to diarrhea, abdominal distension and pain. Lactase deficiency is relatively common: 75 percent of blacks and Indians, 90 percent of Asians, and about 20 percent of whites are born with insufficient lactase.

Fortunately, nature provides a method of overcoming this condition: enzyme induction. With repeated exposure to milk and milk products, children actually begin to manufacture lactase and, by the time they are out of infancy, they can digest lactose. Thus, most people suffer no symptoms of lactose intolerance until they enter middle-age. Then, because of dietary alterations (the consumption of less milk), they become lactase-deficient again and lactose intolerance may reappear.

Of course, some children and adults fail to respond to dietary lactose; their lactase deficiencies persist. In such cases, dietary modification is in order: avoidance of milk and milk products or — better yet — the use of over-the-counter lactase products, such as Lactaid. Your daughter may be able to overcome her intolerance by gradually increasing her consumption of milk. If this is unsuccessful, she may consider the options I mentioned, and you may wish to obtain further advice from her pediatrician.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 29-year-old female athlete with calcium deposits, bursitis and tendinitis in both shoulders, for which I have had cortisone shots. Neither the injections nor Tylenol have relieved my pain and limitation of motion. What can I do next?

DEAR READER: In its attempt to heal itself, the body sometimes causes more problems than it solves. Case in point: Calcium deposits in the shoulders.

Active tendons and joints often become mildly inflamed because of repeated movement. Over time, the body lays down calcium deposits in these tissues to prevent further damage. After a while, however, the deposits themselves cause irritation, much like a stone in the shoe. Pain, stiffness and limited movement result. These conditions are called calcific bursitis and calcific tendinitis.

Doctors often prescribe anti-inflammatory drugs (ibuprofen and others) to reduce the pain of calcium deposits. This is an option you might explore. Next, physicians try cortisone injections into the most painful areas. This didn't work for you, so I suggest the next step: physical therapy. With an intense rehab program (in conjunction with medication), your symptoms may diminish.

Finally, if pain and stiffness survive these treatments, you may have to consider surgery to remove the calcified areas. This should be a last resort. However, if you are considering this, I recommend that you be examined by an orthopedic specialist, who will advise you and discuss treatment options.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that tomato products protect against cancer?

DEAR READER: The Journal of the National Cancer Institute reported last year that people whose diets include tomatoes, both fresh and processed, have a 40-percent lower risk of developing cancers of the stomach, lung and prostate. The reason may be that tomatoes contain lycopene, an antioxidant. This compound is also plentiful in apricots, watermelon and pink grapefruit. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Viruses and Cancer." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Ship of tragic voyage sent to ocean bottom

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — The elegant setting belying its tragic history, the former Golden Venture was sent to the bottom of the ocean to form an artificial reef.

The ship, which grounded off Rockaway Beach, N.Y., in 1993 while carrying a cargo of Chinese immigrants, sank in 20 minutes Tuesday after holes drilled into its hull filled with water.

A crowd of boaters idling nearby cheered and horns blew as the 147-foot-long ship's stern tilted back into the Atlantic Ocean then slid slowly into the water, leaving behind a wake of foam and a small oil slick.

"Wasn't that cool?" said Palm Beach County environmental analyst Janet Phipps, who donned wet suits and scuba gear and swam 70 feet below to check the new artificial reef's position.

"It's beautiful. It's sitting perfectly upright in the sand," diver Tom Leyrer said after he resurfaced. "There were parrot fish checking out the bow. It's really going to be a good dive site."

The county paid $60,000 for the aging rust-colored ship, renamed the United Caribbean, after its owner couldn't find another buyer because the vessel needed too many repairs.

As the Golden Venture, the ship carried about 290 Chinese immigrants who paid up to $30,000 each to be secreted away under a tarp in the cramped belly of the freighter. Passengers were forced to live on a diet of rice, dirty water and spoiled food.

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Notice
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The City Council conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Snyder from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 10.30 percent on August 22, 2000 at 6:30 p.m.

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 5, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

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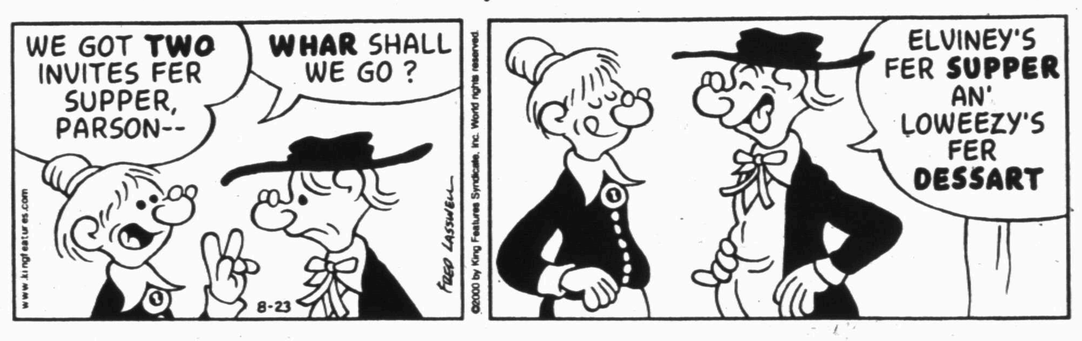
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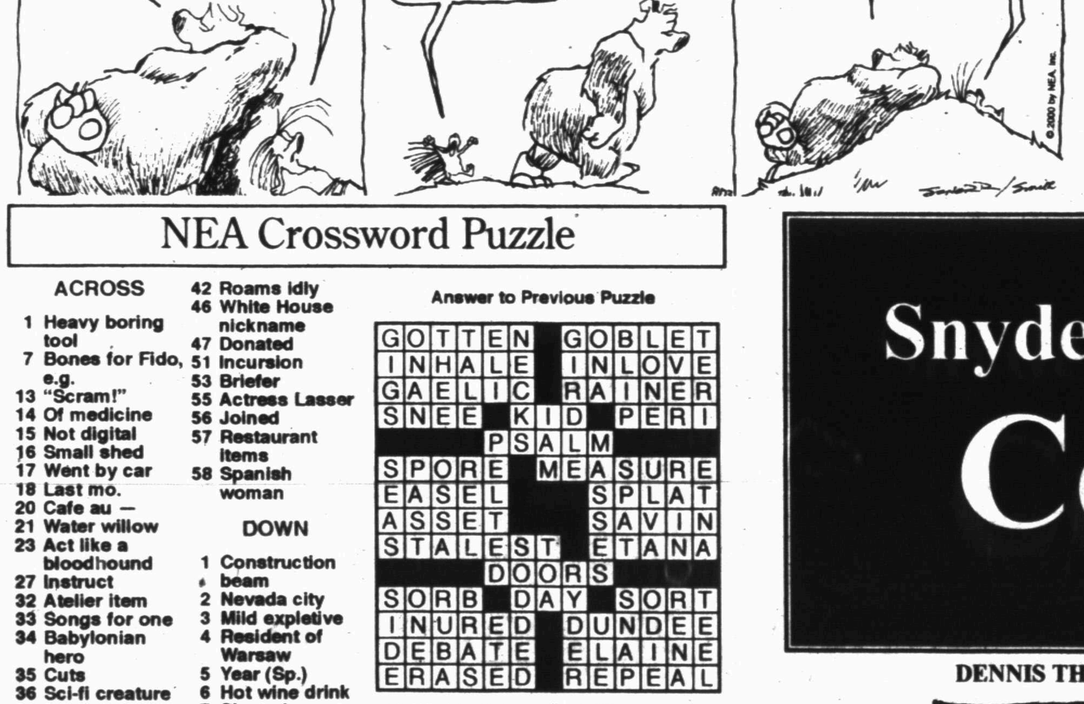
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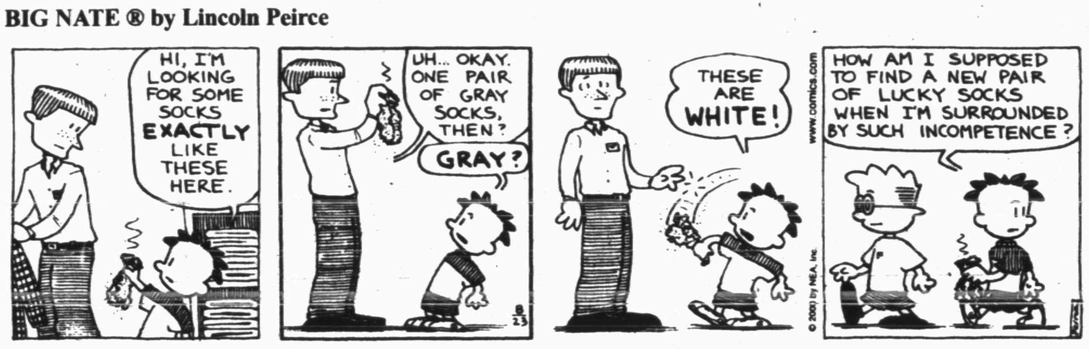
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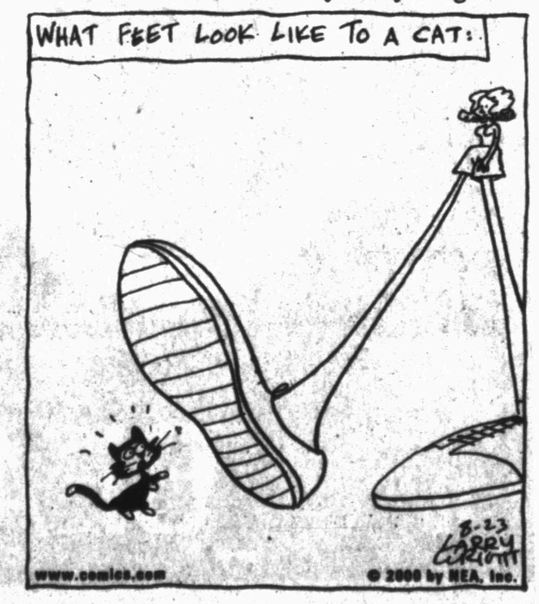


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13 "Scram!"
14 Of medicine
15 Not digital
16 Small shed
17 Went by car
18 Last mo.
20 Cafe au —
21 Water willow
23 Act like a bloodhound
27 Instruct
32 Atelier item
33 Songs for one
34 Babylonian hero
35 Cuts
36 Sci-fi creature
39 Business-woman Lauder
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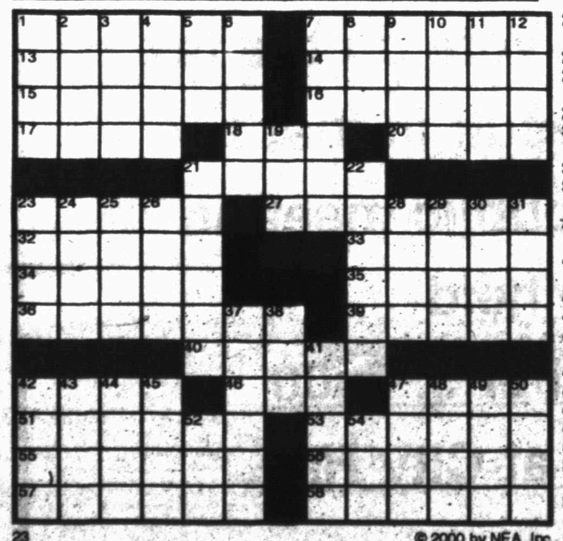
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5 Year (Sp.)
6 Hot wine drink
7 Slanted
8 "Norma —"
9 And others (2 wds.)
10 Wild buffalo
11 Small monkey
12 Highlander
19 Fib
21 Not long ago (2 wds.)
22 Reddish brown
23 Appear
24 Western defense org.
25 "No man — — island"
26 Swamps
28 Jail occupants
29 Landed
30 Drink liquor excessively
31 Existence
37 Dodges adroitly
38 It may be spare!
41 Equatorial constellation
42 Golden
43 Small ox
44 Thrash soundly
45 Earth
47 Smile
48 About (2 wds.)
49 Swerve
50 Opera role
52 Enzyme ending
54 Compass pt.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers notch two wins at Midland

MIDLAND — In a survival of the fittest Tuesday night, Snyder's Lady Tigers managed to add two more wins to their victory total.

In back-to-back matches Tuesday, Snyder knocked off Midland Lee, 9-15, 15-9, 15-7, before taking care of Pecos, 15-11, 16-14.

The Lady Tigers improved their record to 4-2 on the season, and in doing so, displayed the toughness needed to compete in the upcoming district race.

"It was tough on the girls, because it was really hot and we had to play one match, right after the other," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett. "But the girls hung in there. They kept battling and that was good to see."

Against Midland Lee, the Lady Tigers controlled the pace of play. The only stumbling spot for Snyder was in its service game where it served up numerous errors to allow the Lady Rebels to stay in the match.

"We made way too many service errors against Midland Lee," said Grimmett. "Serving has been one of our stronger aspects this year, but we didn't do a very good job of it in the first match. But the girls made up for it with extra effort in other areas."

At the net, the Lady Tigers stifled Midland's offensive efforts. Snyder registered 13 blocks against the Lady Rebels, with five of them coming from Rina Geiger.



Grimmett

Snyder continued to shine at the net against Pecos, recording another eight blocks and 11 kills.

In the second match of the night, the Lady Tigers struggled in their transition from defense to offense, and the Lady Eagles took advantage to stay in the game.

"We hard a hard time getting our offense set up against Pecos," Grimmett said. "There were quite a few times where we had to just bump it over to them, and they made the most of it."

Next up for the Lady Tigers is the Justin Northwest tournament. Snyder opens the event at 9 a.m. Friday against Azle.

Snyder def. Midland Lee
9-15, 15-9, 15-7

Snyder service points: Mackey, 15; Geiger, 7; Collier and Eicke, 5; Webb, 4; Kallemeyn, 3. **Kills:** Delce, 5; Kallemeyn, 3; Mackey, 2; Geiger, K. Billingsley and Voss, 1. **Blocks:** Geiger, 5; Delce, 4; Voss, 3; Kallemeyn, 1.

Snyder def. Pecos
15-11, 16-14

Snyder service points: Webb, 7; Geiger and Mackey, 6; Eicke and L. Billingsley, 5; Collier, 1. **Kills:** Delce, 4; Kallemeyn, 3; Geiger and Voss, 2. **Blocks:** Delce, 4; Geiger, 3; Kallemeyn, 1.

Sports Briefs

Golf parents' meeting

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

Slingin' Sammy Baugh tourney

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

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

WGA playday

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

Horseshoe pitching

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

Woods uses special golf balls

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Tiger Woods endorses "Nike Tour Accuracy" golf balls in TV and magazine ads, but he really plays with custom-made balls unavailable to everyday duffers, Nike acknowledged after being sued in federal court.

Nike Inc. said the balls used by Woods, who is one of the longest hitters in golf with drives that travel 300-plus yards, have a slightly harder inner and outer core than the balls sold to the public.

Devils joins Yanks, Nets

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The New Jersey Devils finally became part of the YankeeNets family of teams, the sports conglomerate announced.

Terms were not disclosed, but the deal was reportedly for $175 million.

The National Hockey League last month approved the sale of the Devils from John McMullen to Puck Holdings LLC, an affiliate of YankeeNets.

YankeeNets owns baseball's New York Yankees and the NBA's New Jersey Nets, and its principals are Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, and Nets owners Lewis Katz and Ray Chambers.

Jordan makes first deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — In Michael Jordan's first trade as a front office executive, the Washington Wizards sent disgruntled center Ike Austin to the Vancouver Grizzlies for four players: Dennis Scott, Cherokee Parks, Obinna Ekezie and Felipe Lopez.

The deal gives the salary cap-strapped Wizards a needed jolt of new blood, while it rids them of a seven-year veteran who wanted out after losing his starting job to Jahidi White last season.

In final preseason game...

Cowboys, Rams will play it safe

IRVING (AP) — Three preseason games in 11 days is no way to treat the Super Bowl champions.

"That's pretty impressive, eh?" said St. Louis Rams offensive lineman Adam Timmerman. "Getting out healthy is the most important thing right now."

The Rams (1-2) wrap up their tortuous close to the preseason Thursday night against the Dallas Cowboys (0-4).

St. Louis is playing it so safe that Kurt Warner won't take a snap and Marshall Faulk and Isaac Bruce won't take many. Dallas will use quarterback Troy Aikman for most of the first quarter, but Emmitt Smith won't break a sweat.

For Dallas, the up-close look at the Rams could be quite instructive. The defense will get to test itself against an offense that shattered records last season, while the Cowboys' offense will see the system it is trying to mimic.

New offensive coordinator Jack Reilly essentially re-installed the formula Dallas used in the mid-1990s, but with some new twists. Many of the changes are similar to what Mike Martz called last season as St. Louis' offensive coordinator and continues to use now that he's the Rams' head coach.

Despite some encouraging signs this preseason, the Cowboys have continued to stumble once they get close to the end zone.

"We've got to make plays in the scoring areas," coach Dave Campo said. "A lot of our red-zone attack has not been shown, but that's no excuse. When you're first-and-goal from the 3-yard line, you need to get the ball in the end zone."

Offensive lineman Erik Williams will make his first preseason debut. Coaches will make a game-time decision on whether to use tight end David LaFleur for the first time this summer.

The Rams' vaunted offense pumped out just three points in a loss to Tennessee a week ago Monday, then seemed to snap back into shape with 335 yards and 24 points in the first half Saturday night against Buffalo.

"I think the only times we were stopped were the times we stopped ourselves," said Warner, who was 14-of-21 for 196 yards and two touchdowns after throwing just six passes in the previous two games. "It felt good to get into a rhythm and be out there moving the football up and down the field like we did last year."

The Rams will be without cornerback Dre' Bly (hamstring strain), receiver Darrius Blevins (concussion) and linebacker Leonard Little (ankle).

Running back Trung Canidate, the Rams' top draft pick, is recovering nicely from an ankle injury and could play.

"We're going to be very cautious with him on the artificial surface," Martz said. "We'll just see what he's like out there during pregame warmups and we might play him a little bit."

JV spikers sweep matches

MIDLAND — Snyder held off Midland Lee, then trounced Pecos, to chalk up a pair of victories Tuesday night in junior varsity volleyball action.

The Lady Tigers dropped the first game of their match with Midland Lee, 15-17, but took the final two games, 15-9, 16-14, to close out the win.

Lori Chesser tallied 13 points to pace the Lady Tigers from the service line.

Dara Chambers posted nine points, while Amber Alexander accounted for eight. Shelley Fisk and Leticia Martinez recorded six points apiece, and Chaelyn Robinson added five.

Snyder continued its strong play against Pecos, routing the Lady Eagles, 15-4, 15-5.

Chambers' nine service points led the Lady Tigers.

Martinez registered seven points, with Alexander serving up six. Fisk totaled five points, while Lauren Day scored two, and Robinson chipped in one.

Snyder, now 3-3, has the weekend off, before traveling to Seminole on Tuesday.

Freshmen split contests

MIDLAND — After dropping its first match of the evening, Snyder's freshman volleyball squad used a team effort to win the nightcap.

Snyder got service points from 11 different players Tuesday night to knock off Midland Lee White, 15-11, 15-4. The victory came on the heels of a 15-4, 15-4 setback to Midland Lee Maroon.

In the victory, Misha Wofford served up nine points to pace the Lady Tigers, while Dominique Braziel and Ashley Martinez added five more.

Sharday McKinney, Erin Burleson and Kelsi Johnson tallied two points apiece. Desiree Braziel, Kelbi Drum, Beth Clements, Acee French and Missy Vasquez posted one point each.

In the opening match, Desiree Braziel's three points led Snyder. Drum and Dominique Braziel registered two points apiece, and Johnson chipped in one.

Snyder will be in action again at 1 p.m. Saturday when it visits Levelland.

Rangers slip by Yankees, 5-4

NEW YORK (AP) — Had the Texas Rangers played like this all season, they might be returning to New York for another October showdown.

Instead they can only take solace with a rare regular-season win at Yankee Stadium.

Rafael Palmeiro hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning after Tim Crabtree got out of a bases-loaded jam to give Texas a 5-4 win over the Yankees on Tuesday night.

"That was pretty much our playoffs there," Crabtree said. "In that situation, with the game on the line and the crowd really excited, it really had a playoff atmosphere."

The Rangers, who were swept out of the first round the past two seasons by the Yankees, are last in the AL West and will likely be sitting at home when the playoffs start.

The Rangers wasted a 4-0 lead and appeared to be on the way to their 32nd loss in 40 games at Yankee Stadium when New York loaded the bases with two outs in the seventh.

Crabtree (2-6) relieved Rick Helling and fell behind Derek Jeter 3-1 before striking him out on a high fastball. Crabtree pumped his fist as he left the mound, retiring Jeter for only the fourth time in 12 career at-bats.

"That wasn't really the matchup I wanted," Texas manager Johnny Oates said. "Jeter has had some success against Crabtree."

Palmeiro, who went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, then put them back ahead leading off the eighth, hitting a 2-0 pitch from Denny Neagle (3-4) into the right-field stands for his 32nd homer.

Helling took advantage early of a Yankees' lineup missing the injured Bernie Williams and David Justice. The right-hander retired 17 straight batters after Luis Polonia led off the first with a double.

With two outs in the sixth, Polonia hit his first homer since joining the Yankees on Aug. 3, making it 4-1. After Jeter walked, O'Neill lined his 15th homer into the right-field seats to cut Texas' lead to one.

"I pitched as well as I have all season for 5 2-3 innings," said Helling, who gave up four runs and five hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Major League Baseball

National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	76	49	.608	—
New York	74	52	.587	2½
Florida	62	63	.496	14
Montreal	53	69	.434	21½
Philadelphia	52	72	.419	23½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	69	56	.552	—
Cincinnati	61	63	.492	7½
Chicago	54	70	.435	14½
Milwaukee	54	71	.432	15
Pittsburgh	52	72	.419	16½
Houston	52	74	.413	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	71	53	.573	—
Arizona	70	55	.560	1½
Los Angeles	63	61	.508	8
Colorado	63	63	.500	9
San Diego	61	65	.484	11

Tuesday's Games

San Diego 16, N.Y. Mets 1
Philadelphia 5, Cincinnati 4
Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 2
Houston 10, Chicago Cubs 7
Milwaukee 4, Arizona 3
Los Angeles 14, Montreal 6
Florida 7, San Francisco 5
Colorado 7, Atlanta 6, 12 innings

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta (Maddux 13-7) at Colorado (Rose 1-1), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (C.Smith 2-4) at San Francisco (L.Hernandez 12-9), 3:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 6-4) at Cincinnati (Williamson 5-7), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 1-5) at Houston (Miller 2-4), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ritchie 6-6) at St. Louis (Ankiel 7-7), 8:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Haynes 10-11) at Arizona (Schilling 10-7), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 3-3) at Los Angeles (Brown 10-5), 10:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 13-5) at San Diego (Clement 11-11), 10:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia (Daal 3-14) at Cincinnati (Parris 7-14), 12:35 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 8-5) at Los Angeles (Park 12-8), 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Hentgen 12-9) at Atlanta (Ashby 8-10), 7:40 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	68	54	.557	—
Boston	65	57	.533	3
Toronto	65	61	.516	5
Baltimore	55	69	.444	14
Tampa Bay	55	69	.444	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	74	51	.592	—
Cleveland	65	56	.537	7
Detroit	61	63	.492	12½
Kansas City	58	67	.464	16
Minnesota	56	71	.441	19

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	70	55	.560	—
Oakland	66	58	.532	3½
Anaheim	65	61	.516	5½
Texas	57	67	.460	12½

Tuesday's Games

Texas 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
Anaheim 11, Boston 4
Toronto 7, Kansas City 5
Seattle 8, Detroit 4
Tampa Bay 3, Minnesota 2
Cleveland 14, Oakland 6
Only games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Seattle (Abbott 8-4) at Detroit (Nomo 5-10), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 13-5) at Cleveland (Colon 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Stein 4-3) at Toronto (Loaiza 7-9), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 11-11) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 10-6), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 4-3) at Boston (Ohka 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rekar 4-8) at Minnesota (Redman 11-6), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Parrish 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Lowe 3-1), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Texas (Perisho 2-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 14-6), 12:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 11-7) at Detroit (Moehler 10-7), 1:05 p.m.
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Economists say Fed's tightening days done at the present time

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second straight meeting, the Federal Reserve elected not to raise interest rates, a move that led some economists to predict the Fed's 14-month string of interest rates boosts to ward off inflation is nearing an end.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues opted to leave short-term interest rates unchanged Tuesday, citing a moderating economy and strong productivity growth, a key to helping keep inflation in check.

In explaining their decision, Fed policy-makers used what many economists described as more upbeat language.

That prompted the most optimistic economists to declare that — barring surges in inflation or economic growth — the central bank is done with its latest cycle of raising interest rates, which started in June 1999.

"We believe that the Fed is finished tightening," said Merrill Lynch's chief economist Bruce Steinberg.

Others expressed a more cautious outlook.

"For now, it sounds as if the Fed is uncertain that it will have to tighten again, in contrast to the certainty it felt in the second half of 1999 and early 2000," said David Orr, First Union's chief economist. "Bottom line: less likelihood of further rate hikes this year."

Other analysts said they still expected at least one more rate hike, probably at the Nov. 15 or Dec. 19 meetings.

No economists predicted a rate boost at the next meeting on Oct. 3, citing the Fed's long-standing preference to remain on the sidelines if possible in the closing weeks of a presidential campaign. The presidential election is Nov. 7.

Over the past 14 months, the Fed has raised rates six times, pushing its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge on loans to each other, up to 6.5 percent, including a half-point increase on May 16.

Those increases have raised the borrowing costs for millions of Americans with banks' prime lending rate, a benchmark rate for many consumer and business loans, which is now at a nine-year high of 9.5 percent. The prime rate stood at 7.75 percent before the Fed began its drive to push rates higher in June 1999.

Economists said the tone of Tuesday's four-paragraph statement explaining its actions was much more positive than the statement issued on June 28, when policy-makers also chose not to raise rates.

FEC to decide which Reform Party candidate to get funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reform Party's latest internal feud could again land it in a federal courtroom. The fight this time is over who is the party's real presidential nominee.

But for now, it is for the Federal Election Commission to decide whether conservative firebrand Pat Buchanan or the little-known John Hagelin gets $12.6 million in federal campaign funds.

Whatever the outcome, both sides say the next likely step is into federal court.

Each candidate claimed the Reform mantle this month at the party's convention, a raucous gathering that ended with supporters of each naming him as the nominee.

Election law requires a "minor party" candidate seeking federal funding to certify they are on the ballot in at least 10 states. The FEC has 10 days to rule on an application once a candidate submits the required paperwork. Buchanan and Hagelin expect to turn in those forms by Wednesday's end.

FEC Chairman Darryl Wold said it is possible that both will be eligible for the money. However, the federal statute "doesn't provide any guidance in that regard, so we don't have any experience to fall back on. Agency attorneys are now analyzing what should be done in that case.

"We'll be in uncharted waters. It doesn't mean we'll be at sea or adrift, but we would open a new path," Wold said Tuesday.

Any FEC action require votes from four of the six commission members. The agency holds a regular meeting Thursday but the issue of Reform Party funding was not on the agenda.

Reform Party members supporting Buchanan say the former Republican defeated his opponent by a nearly 2-to-1 margin in a primary ballot count. Supporters of the party's founder, Dallas billionaire Ross Perot, insist fraudulent ballots corrupted the tally, and say Hagelin is the real nominee.

At stake are $12.6 million in taxpayer funds, a figure based on Perot's performance in the 1996 general election.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP) -

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp s	33¼	32⅜	32 7-16—	1⅜
AT&T Corp	31⅜	31	31 1-16—	¼
Albertsons	25	21½	22 15-16—4	1-16
Alltel	55 9-16	54 7-16	55 9-16 +	½
AmerOnline s	57 13-16	56⅝	57½—	¼
AmEl Pw	35⅞	35 7-16	35 13-16	
AndarkPtr	62⅞	61¼	62 13-16 +	2⅜
ATMOS Egy	21 15-16	21¾	21⅞ +	1-16
Aviall	5¾	5⅝	5¾ +	1-16
BP Amoco s	57½	57⅛	57⅛ +	½
BakerHughes	39	38 5-16	38 7-16 +	7-16
Bank of Amer	54⅞	54¼	54½ +	1-16
BellSouth	36 5-16	35⅝	36 1-16 +	¼
Beth Steel	3⅞	3 13-16	3 13-16—	1-16
BurlNoSFe	23¾	23 3-16	23 3-16—	9-16
Caterpillar	37⅞	37 1-16	37⅛—11-16	
Chevron	88 15-16	87 9-16	88¾ +	2⅛
Citigroup	77⅜	76⅜	76 11-16—	⅝
Citigroup wi	58	57¼	57¼—	⅞
Coastal	71¼	69¼	70 13-16 +	1 7-16
CocaCola	59 3-16	58⅜	58½—	⅜
ColgatePal	53	52	52 7-16 +	1½
ComclMetals	28½	28 7-16	28 7-16—	1-16
Cooperin	35	34 1-16	34 5-16—	½
DaimlrChry	54¾	54¼	54 11-16—	3-16
DallSemicn s	38¼	36⅞	37⅜—	⅜
DeltaAirl	50⅜	49	49 1-16—	1½
Dillards Inc	13 15-16	13⅜	13⅜—	3-16
DowChem s	27¼	26⅞	27 1-16—	1-16
DuPont	48 9-16	47 9-16	47 13-16—	197-256
EastmanChem	45 13-16	45⅜	45 7-16—	9-16
EstKodak	64¾	63¾	64 —	11-16
EDS Corp	50½	49 5-16	49 9-16—	15-16
Entergy	32	31 11-16	32 +	3-16
ExxonMobil	84 11-16	83¾	84½ +	1⅜
FstBksAm	17¾	17¾	17¾—	¼
Flowers	21½	21¼	21½ +	⅛
GenDynam	64¼	63⅜	64 +	1-16
GenElec s	56 15-16	56⅛	56⅞ +	⅜
GenMills s	32 15-16	32 3-16	32 13-16 +	5-16
GenMotors	69 5-16	68¾	69 —	5-16
GaPacGP	26 11-16	25 7-16	26 —	11-16
GlobalMar	32⅞	32⅜	32⅝ +	¾
Goodrich	39 7-16	38 13-16	38⅞—	¼
Goodyear s	24 9-16	23 9-16	23⅝—	15-16
GtAtlPac	15	14 11-16	14 11-16—	11-16
Halliburtn	54	53¼	53 15-16 +	1⅜
Hanson ADS	30 1-16	29⅞	29 15-16 +	⅛
HarteHanks	25⅛	24⅞	25 +	⅛
HomeDepot s	51 7-32	50½	50 13-16—	⅜
HoneywellIntl	38⅞	38⅛	38 5-16—	5-16
IBM	121 1-16	119⅞	120⅝—	¾
IntlPaper	32⅛	31 3-16	31⅜—	15-16
JohnsonJn	97 15-16	96⅞	97⅛—	⅝
K mart	7 1-16	7	7 1-16	
Kroger Co	22¼	20⅞	21¾—	1¼
Litton	55⅜	54⅜	54⅜—	¾
LockheedM	28¾	28 3-16	28⅜—	13-16
Lowes Cos	47¾	46½	47¾ +	1¼
Lubys	6	5 11-16	5 11-16—	5-16
LucentTech	41	40¾	40 13-16—	11-16
MayDeptStr	24⅝	24⅜	24⅝ +	¼
Medtronic s	50¾	49½	50 9-16 +	⅜
MorganJP	148 11-16	145½	147 15-16—	9-16
Motorola s	36 5-16	35¾	36 3-16—	1-16
NCR Corp	38 11-16	37¼	38⅝ +	1⅛
Navistar	38 15-16	38½	38 13-16	
Penney JC	15⅝	15¼	15⅝ +	3-16
PepBoys	5¾	5½	5 11-16 +	1-16
PepsiCo	43 11-16	43 1-16	43⅜ +	⅛
Pharmacia	56⅞	56 9-16	56 11-16—	⅝
PhelpDodge	41 3-16	40 13-16	40 13-16—	¼
PhilipPet	61⅝	60¼	61½ +	1 11-16
PilgrmPrd B	6 15-16	6 13-16	6 15-16 +	1-16
Polaroid	17¾	17 9-16	17⅝ +	⅛
Praxair	44⅞	44⅛	44⅛—	½
ProctGamb	64½	63⅞	64⅜ +	5-16
PubS NwMx	21 13-16	21 9-16	21 13-16 +	¼
RadioShack	64¾	62 11-16	64 1-16 +	1 1-16
ReliantEngy	36 15-16	36 7-16	36⅞ +	¼
RoyalDut	64⅛	63 11-16	64 +	2
SBC Comm	40 7-32	39⅞	40 3-16 +	3-16
SaraLee	18 15-16	18¾	18 15-16	
Scripps EW	50⅝	50 5-16	50⅝ +	3-16
SearsRoeb	31 11-16	31¼	31 9-16 +	1-16
SherwinW	23 1-16	22 11-16	22 13-16—	5-16
SmithkldBchm	66⅜	65¾	66 5-16—	⅜
SouthernCo	27⅜	27 1-16	27 5-16	
SwstAirl	23⅜	23	23¼—	1-16
SprintFON	31 3-16	30 7-16	30¾—	½
SprintPCS s	48¾	46⅝	47 7-16—	1 9-16
Sunoco inc	28	27	28 +	1¼
TXU Corp	34 7-16	34 3-16	34 5-16 +	1-16
TempleInland	43¾	43	43 3-16—	½
Texaco	53 15-16	52¾	53 13-16 +	1⅝
TexInd	34 1-16	33 15-16	33 15-16—	3-16
TexasInst s	66⅜	63½	66¼ +	⅜
Textron	58⅜	57¼	58 1-16—	15-16
TriconGlbR	31 3-16	30 7-16	30 7-16—	13-16
TrinityInds	19¼	19	19⅛ +	⅛
TritonEngy	47½	46 5-16	47 3-16 +	13-16
TylerTech	2 11-16	2⅜	2 7-16—	⅛
USX-Marathn	28 11-16	27¾	28½ +	⅜
USX-USS	17⅛	16¾	17 —	1-16
UnCarbde	42½	42	42 —	5-16
UnionPacif	42⅝	40⅞	41 3-16—	1⅝
UnitedTech	63½	62⅜	62⅞—	⅝
Unocal	35	34 5-16	34 15-16 +	1⅛
Venator Grp	15⅛	14¾	15 1-16 +	7-16
VerizonComm	41⅝	40 9-16	40 13-16—	9-16
WalMart	49 15-16	49 1-16	49⅛—	⅜
WellsFargo	45¾	45 3-16	45⅜—	3-16
WstnGasRs	22	21 11-16	21 15-16—	1-16
WinnDixie	14¾	14⅜	14 7-16—	9-16
Xerox Cp	16 11-16	16 7-16	16 9-16—	1-16

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Diversified

By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Home Water Treatment Units: Fast Facts
Part II

In part I of our series, we discussed the need for water testing to determine the need for a home water treatment. After you have discovered a problem, the next step is to select a unit specifically designed to treat it. No single unit will solve all water problems. This section describes some common types of water treatment units and explains how they work.

***Physical Filters:** these simple units are designed to remove particles from the water, such as grit, sediment, dirt and rust. They often are made of fabric, fiber ceramic, or other screening material.

Some filters can remove even small organisms like cysts and bacteria and small particles like asbestos filters. The filters are inadequate for the microbiologically unsafe water because they cannot remove all disease-causing organisms.

***Activated carbon filters:** These filters may improve the smell, taste and appearance of your drinking water by removing some organic chemical contaminants. They cannot remove most inorganic chemical-like salts or metals — but may reduce some, like chlorine. Do not use these filters exclusively on water that contains harmful organisms.

To remove lead from your drinking water, get a specially-prepared activated carbon filter. Ask the salesperson for a written assurance of its effectiveness against lead.

Carbon filters may become saturated with the chemical impurities they remove. This is especially true with activated carbon filters. Also, municipal drinking water usually carries harmless levels of bacteria even though it has been disinfected. These bacteria can collect and multiply on an activated carbon filter. Therefore, you should change the filter cartridge according to the manufacture's instructions.

Before purchasing an activated carbon filter, ask if the filter can be replaced. If so, find out how often it should be replaced; how to tell when it needs to be replaced; where you can buy replacement filters and how much they cost. Activate carbon filters are available in several forms; granular power, powered coated paper and pressed carbon block.

***Reverse osmosis:** With these units, water passes through a membrane and is collected in a storage tank. RO units remove substantial amounts of most inorganic chemicals, such as salts, metals (including lead), asbestos, minerals, nitrates and some organic chemicals. RO units alone are not recommended for use on micro biologically unsafe water. RO units have several disadvantages. They typically waste about 75 percent of the tap water put into them. For one gallon of RO filter water, it may take four gallons or more of tap water. Also the tap on the storage tank flows more slowly than the tap on your regular faucet.

***Distillation Units:** These units, which are available in many different shapes and sizes, vaporize water and then condense it. This process removes most dissolved solids, such as salts, metals, asbestos, fibers, particles and organic chemicals.

Distillation units, however, may not remove all chemical pollutants and some bacteria may pass through in some instances. Although distillation may be an effective water treatment, the water heating will add to your energy use.

***Ultra violet (UV) Disinfecting:** These units may destroy bacteria and inactivate viruses, without leaving a taste or odor in the after. UV units cannot remove most chemical pollutants. The EPA questions whether UV is effective against spores and cysts.

Next week, part III in the series will take into consideration the other factors to evaluate before choosing your water treatment unit. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Scurry County Extension Office at 915-573-5423.

Markets

Colorado City

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 663 head of cattle for the Saturday, Aug. 19, sale. Compared to last week: Feeder steers were mostly steady to $1 higher. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady to $1 higher. Bred cows were and pairs were steady. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 107-115
400-500: 105-116
500-600: 88-93
600-700: 84.50-90
700-800: 80-83.50
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 199-110
400-500: 91-93.75
500-600: 82.50-85
600-700: 81-83
Replacement cows:
Young bred cows: 590-670
Aged cows: 460-590
Pairs: 750-900
Aged pairs: 580-680
Slaughter cows: High yielding: 43-45.50
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 55-58

Lubbock

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 643 head of cattle for the Thursday, Aug. 17, sale. Cows were $2 better. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 42-47.50
Canner and low cutters: 32-41
Slaughter bulls: 47-56
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 100-130
400-500: 90-115
500-600: 85-96
600-700: 85-92
700-800: 80-87
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 95-125
400-500: 85-100
500-600: 85-92
600-700: 80-85
700-800: 75-84
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 85-95
700-800: 70-80
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 700-850
Grade: 550-675
Springers: 425-650
Baby calves: 125-200
Doodlers: 175-240

Graham

Graham Livestock Comm., Inc. had a run of 2,065 head of cattle for the Monday, Aug. 21, sale. Calves, packer cows and bulls were steady on all classes. Packer bulls were $1.50 higher; bred cows were $20 higher on best kinds Cows and calves were $10 to $20 higher. Market was active and demand good.

Representative Sales
Ray Prideaux, Archer City
5-5-year-old Blk. Pairs 1,152 lbs. @ $960
Mack Dobbs, Peaster
4 Black Pairs, 1,296 lbs. @ $760
3 Bred Yearlings Blk. cows 1,278 lbs. @ $690
Caldwell & Son, Abilene
3 Char. Hfrs, 411 lbs. $90
Char Steer, 706 lbs. $89
Lonnie Rayburn, Holiday
Black WF Hfr., 345 lbs. @ $95
2 BRH Bulls, 515 lbs. @ $79
W.J. Reynolds, Est., Breckenridge
Red Bull 355 lbs., @ $112
Black Bull, 490 lbs. @ $110
Ronnie Alcorn, Rhome
Red Hfr. 615 lbs., @ $82.50
Black Bull, 505 lbs., @ $95
Joe Alexander, Throckmorton
CTR Cow, 1,310 lbs. @ $43
CNR Cow, 880 lbs., @ $41.50
J.M. Moore, Albany
Black Hfr., 430 lbs., @ $94
Black Hfr., 310 lbs., @$110
Jim Leech, Albany
3 Blk Strs 410 lbs. @ $114
3-5 Cattle Co., Archer City
Red WF Hfr. 320 lbs. @ $105

Crops in state are affected by drought

AUSTIN (AP) — Blistering heat and dry conditions are keeping agricultural and rural communities in the state from sharing in the booming economy, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service said.

The losses will continue without a speedy turnaround that could come from a tropical storm, the extension service said in a summary of estimated drought losses to date.

According to the extension service, the projected losses to farmers and ranchers from the dry weather will be close to $595 million. Losses last year totaled $223 million.

Temperatures have averaged about 5 degrees above normal in parts of Texas though mid-August and most of the central to western areas of the state received less than 25 percent of normal rainfall in July.

Last month, Gov. George W. Bush even declared a state of disaster for 195 counties stricken by drought.

The extension service says the largest losses will be in cotton crops, which covered 6.3 million acres this spring. The loss is expected to reach $285 million.

Since July, sustained high temperatures and lack of rainfall has caused a setback across about five million acres of cotton planted in the Rolling Plains and Southern High Plains of West Texas.

The Texas Agricultural Statistics Service estimated that a million acres already had been lost by the beginning of August.

The reduced Texas crop likely will have minimal impact on the overall price level as production appears to be sufficient to hold U.S. prices down, the extension service said.

However, many yield losses to Texas farmers will not be covered adequately by crop insurance that covers only 50 to 65 percent of average yields, the extension service said.

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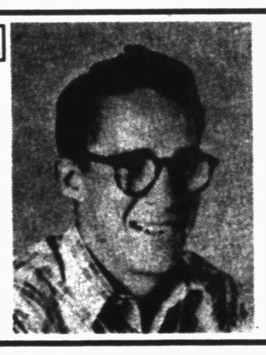
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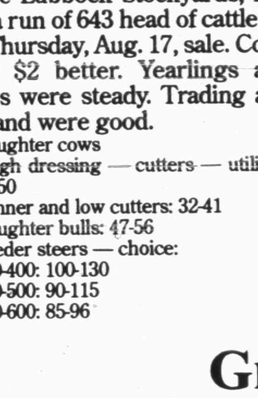
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Reno won't appoint someone to probe Gore

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno has decided not to appoint a special counsel to investigate fund raising by Vice President Al Gore during the 1996 campaign, a government official said Wednesday.

Reno's decision was not a surprise and was expected to be announced at her weekly news conference later in the day.

The decision is good news for Gore's presidential campaign. It comes less than a week after it was disclosed, on the day of Gore's acceptance speech to the Democratic National Convention, that Independent Counsel Robert Ray has impaneled a new grand jury to decide whether President Clinton should be indicted after he leaves for office in connection with his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

The attorney general's decision, first reported in Wednesday's editions of The New York Times, also was likely to renew criticism of her by Republicans in Congress. They bitterly criticized Reno's two early decisions not to seek an outside investigator to look into fund-raising telephone calls that Gore made from his office and into whether he lied to investigators when he said he thought the money he raised was to be used for general party-building rather than for the Clinton-Gore re-election effort.

This time, Robert J. Conrad Jr., head of Reno's campaign task force, urged her, after he interviewed Gore in April, to name an outside counsel to determine whether Gore lied about whether he knew that a campaign event at a Buddhist temple in California was a fund-raiser.

That event has led to convictions of others on charges that the true donors were concealed.

"This time, no other prosecutors in the government thought it was even a close call," said one government official, who requested anonymity.

In the earlier decisions, at least one of Reno's senior Justice Department aids had dissented from her conclusions.

In those cases, she technically would have been asking a three-judge federal panel to appoint a special counsel. But the law has since changed and the attorney general now appoints outside investigators directly.

The vice president has repeatedly maintained that he didn't know he was attending a fund-raiser when he visited the California temple where $60,000 in illegal donations were funneled to the Democratic National Committee during the Clinton-Gore re-election campaign.

Natural gas well re-erupts on Tuesday

ANAHUAC (AP) — After being partially clogged by sand, a raging natural gas well has erupted again with full force, prompting dozens of additional evacuations and increasing the danger of a flash fire.

The re-eruption Tuesday, which spewed 14,000 cubic feet of gas and light oil per minute, prompted the Texas Department of Public Safety to expand the evacuation area to 2.5 miles, displacing 100 more families, most from the town of Double Bayou. The number of displaced families Tuesday reached 130.

A 1,000-foot column of white vapor, which occurs when the normally odorless and colorless natural gas hits humid air, continued to gush from the drill hole.

The 10,000-foot well, drilled by Aspect Resources LLC of Denver, blew out Sunday when drillers hit an unexpected gas pocket at about 9,500 feet, authorities said. The well is in a pasture owned by rice farmer Dalton Edmonds, off Farm-to-Market Road 562 about six miles southeast of Anahuac.

"Sometimes, gas has been bottled up so long underground that it's overpressurized and spews out like a seltzer bottle," Aspect Vice President Alex Campbell told the Houston Chronicle in Wednesday's editions.

The company expected to find natural gas at about 10,000 feet — but not under so much pressure that the blowout prevention equipment would fail, Campbell said.

Authorities remain concerned about a fire threat, which could be started by something as harmless as static electricity, although the gas had not ignited as of early Wednesday.

Blowout experts planned to use a bulldozer Wednesday to slide the oil rigging from the site, which was to be flooded with water to prevent friction from sparking a fire.

They also plan to saw off the wellhead with a tool that uses pressurized water and sand. Campbell said a new blowout prevention device will then be used to cap the hole permanently.

Officials of Boots & Coots International Well Control of Houston, which worked to prevent the blowout Saturday, earlier estimated it would take four or five days to cap the well because pressure was so intense.

At least four roads around the drilling site were expected to remain closed through Wednesday.

The Federal Aviation Administration established an air restriction within a five-mile radius of the blowout site.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Aunt welcomes big family but not all their friends

DEAR ABBY: I am a single woman (no children) who hosts several family parties during the year. I have six brothers and sisters. All are married, and they have a total of 16 children. Everyone in the family is invited to these family get-togethers — and I used to looking forward to seeing them. The problem is, my brother's five children each bring a boyfriend or girlfriend. I never know when these "extra five" people are coming, and it makes planning a party difficult. (If all the nieces and nephews started bringing their friends, there would be 32 children!)

My brother never tells me that their kids' friends are coming — and when they do come, they socialize only with each other. When I was a teen-ager, if we did not want to attend a family gathering, we stayed home; we did not invite our friends. Isn't it inconsiderate to bring uninvited guests to someone's home?

My mother tells me not to say anything, just to be happy we all get together and get along. My feeling is if others approve of uninvited guests at their parties, that is their decision. I believe it is my choice who attends a party I host. Do you think I am being old-fashioned? — **IRRITATED AUNT IN OHIO**

DEAR IRRITATED: There's nothing old-fashioned about good manners. Inform your siblings you would prefer that your parties be "family only" — then relax the rule once a year and make it an open house where everyone is invited.

You are fortunate to have a large, loving family. Not everyone is so blessed.

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DEAR ABBY: I am trying to find out what "business casual" means. The dress code for men has just changed in my office, and ties and suits are now optional. Most wear dress shirts and khaki pants. Some men are sporting necklaces. Where do you draw the line? — **FASHION-CONFUSED IN L.A.**

DEAR FASHION-CONFUSED: You've asked an intelligent question. Everyone would be better served if some guidelines were issued. The problem lies in the hesitance of many employers to issue a specific dress code, which has left many people confused. What is or is not acceptable attire is a line that must be drawn by the employers.

Whether employees wear a suit and tie, slacks and a sport coat, or khakis and a casual shirt, attire in the workplace should always look neat and professional. While some employers feel that casual dress improves productivity, I have received mail from readers telling me just the opposite.

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DEAR ABBY: My brother has asked me to be his best man. The problem is, I am not a man — I am a girl. I am honored to have been asked, but I don't know what to wear. I don't want to wear what the bridesmaids are wearing because I will look like I walked the wrong way or something. Are there tuxedos for women? — **STUCK IN FRANKLIN, TENN.**

DEAR STUCK: Yes, there are elegant tuxedos for women — some with pants and some with skirts. If the wedding isn't formal, a simple, elegant dinner suit would also be appropriate. Ask your brother and future sister-in-law which they would prefer.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 08-23-00
♠ K 7 6 4 3
♥ A K Q J
♦ Q 9
♣ 7 2

West
♠ 10
♥ 10 9 5 4
♦ K 8 7 5 2
♣ 8 6 3

East
♠ A Q J 9 8
♥ 7 2
♦ 6 4 3
♣ A 9 4

South
♠ 5 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A J 10
♣ K Q J 10 5

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ??

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2000

No bids, just a double

By Phillip Alder

Jonathan Swift, who is best-known for "Gulliver's Travels," stated, "The best doctors in the world are Doctor Diet, Doctor Quiet and Doctor Merryman." At the bridge table, though, sometimes Doctor Double prescribes the perfect potion.

Yesterday, we looked at a deal in which a defender who had bid a suit subsequently doubled three no-trump. As mentioned, I think that the double should ask for the lead of another suit, not the one he bid. The doubler has a lower-ranking solid suit, which he is hoping partner will hit with his opening lead.

Yet what does it mean if a player doubles three no-trump when his side hasn't bid? If the opponents start the auction with 1NT-3NT, the doubler has a solid suit. (If the doubler's partner is uncertain as to which suit this is, he selects his shorter major.) But what if the opponents have been bidding suits before settling in three no-trump? Then the doubler is announcing that he is strong in the dummy's first-bid suit and is asking his partner to attack there — as in this deal.

Without the lead-directing double, West would select the diamond five, giving declarer an easy 10 tricks: four hearts, two diamonds and four clubs.

After the double, though, West opens with the spade 10. Having got the right lead, East still has to be careful. He must overtake with his jack and continue the suit to drive out dummy's king. Then, when he gets in with the club ace, he can take enough spade tricks to defeat the contract.

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Berry's World



"OH! OH! I don't like the looks of this."

Notice
of Vote on Tax Rate

The Western Texas College Board of Trustees

conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Scurry County Jr. College District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.9 percent on Tuesday, August 22, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

The Western Texas College Board of Trustees is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on Monday, August 28, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at WTC Boardroom, Administration Building.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Just in case, Florida readies for Debby

MIAMI (AP) — Debby weakened to a tropical storm Wednesday and was still hundreds of miles away, but it was likely to grow again and many people weren't taking any chances.

Even though no storm watches had been issued for Florida yet Wednesday morning, Monroe County officials ordered all visitors to start leaving the Florida Keys. Only one highway joins the chain of islands and their only surface link to the mainland is a pair of two-lane highways from Key Largo.

South Floridians stuffed shopping carts with bottled water, canned food, milk, batteries and emergency supplies — just in case.

"I think it might hit. It's coming so fast," Mirla Sotolongo said as she piled plywood in her shopping cart Tuesday at a Home Depot. "When they issue the warning, everybody is going to run out there and I'd rather avoid that. Better to be safe than sorry."

NIH opens door to stem cell research

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton on Wednesday touted new federal guidelines allowing scientists to conduct federally funded research on cells taken from human embryos, saying they offer "potentially staggering benefits."

The guidelines for the research are vehemently opposed by anti-abortion groups. They set out the criteria the National Institutes of Health will use to consider applications for federal grants to study embryonic stem cells, according to an advocate who was briefed on the standards and the schedule for issuing them.

Experts believe the cells could be invaluable in treating many serious diseases, such as diabetes and Alzheimer's. But some oppose the research on grounds that to get the cells, scientists must destroy human embryos.

At an impromtu news conference, Clinton acknowledged the controversy surrounding this new scientific initiative.

Woman tries to comprehend 11 deaths

LUBBOCK (AP) — She's had four days to try to comprehend the loss of 11 family members to a pipeline explosion. So far, Martha Chapman has come up with only one explanation — togetherness.

"This family has lived together, loved together, camped together, fought together, but never once been without love," Chapman said as relatives kept a vigil for survivor Amanda Smith, who remained in critical condition on Wednesday. "That is why so many of us have left this earth together."

The explosion caused a fireball to sweep through the family's campsite along the Pecos River in southeastern New Mexico on Saturday. The heat of the blast turned sand into glass and parts of a nearby bridge into powder.

On Tuesday, National Transportation Safety Board investigators said they found corrosion in a 22-foot section blown off the pipeline. They have not pinpointed the cause of the blast, but the parts of the pipe showing corrosion will be sent to Washington for testing.

El Paso Natural Gas Co., which owned the pipeline, defended its record in the wake of the explosion 25 miles south of Carlsbad, in southeastern New Mexico.

The losses have been huge for everyone involved, but they will most likely be the hardest for 25-year-old Amanda Smith, said her brother, Jerry Rackley. She still doesn't know what happened.

Smith lost her parents, Don and Glenda Sumler; her father-in-law, Bobby Smith; her husband, Terry Smith; her 5-year-old daughter, Kirsten; her 3-year-old son, Dustin; her brother- and sister-in-law, Royle and Amy Heady; and their three daughters to the blast.

Smith was hospitalized in critical condition, burned over 20 percent of her body. Doctors say smoke inhalation is causing her to have heart and lung problems.

"We need her," Chapman said as she wept. "She is my son's wife. She is my daughter."

The Heady family and the extended Smith-Sumler clan legally became one when Terry and Amanda married. However, they had long considered themselves one, even before the wedding vows.

Outdoor trips became a family tradition years ago. Both Don Sumler and Bobby Smith loved fishing, hunting and camping — and passed their favorite pastimes on to their children.

Amy and Royle Heady's twin daughters were 6-months-old and had already been camping 20 to 30 times, Chapman said. Their older sister, 22-month-old Kelsey also died.

Through prayers and memories, the family says it has found courage to face each day.

Russia sets day of mourning for 118 men who died in sub

MOSCOW (AP) — Russians lowered flags to half-staff Wednesday and lit candles in churches in memory of 118 sailors killed in a nuclear submarine as the vast nation marked an official day of mourning.

The loss of the Kursk, which suffered a devastating explosion during naval exercises in the Barents Sea, has left many Russians in shock, wondering if their crisis-ridden nation will ever return to stability. Former submariners wept in the streets, and many Orthodox churches held all-night vigils.

President Vladimir Putin asked television stations to refrain from running entertainment shows, but regular programming continued during the morning, including soap operas. Some stations honored the dead by showing the names of the crew with pictures of the Kursk.

At Vidyayevo, the Kursk's base, a mourning ceremony was canceled at the request of sailors' relatives, many of whom want such a rite delayed until the bodies are brought up from the wreck.

"Until the bodies of our husbands are retrieved, until we see them with our own eyes, we will not mourn," said Oksana Dudko, whose husband Sergei was the ship's deputy commander.

The federal government has promised to give each of the dead crewmen's families compensation equivalent to 10 years of officer's pay. Deputy Prime Minister Valentina Matvienko said Wednesday that that sum totaled $850,000 — an average of about $7,000 total per sailor. The regional governments of St. Petersburg and Kimono each promised an additional $1,100 per family, according to news reports.

While quite generous by Russian standards, the figures highlight the low pay that plagues the Russian military. Servicemen often take second jobs and are barely able to feed their families.

Putin had been expected to attend the canceled ceremony. Instead, he returned to Moscow early Wednesday after a long and emotional meeting with sailors' relatives, who complained about the botched Russian rescue operation and the generally dismal conditions in the Russian navy.

Russians assailed Putin for taking so long after the Aug. 12 accident to show concern.

Obituaries

Henrietta Trevino

1924-2000

Enriquetta "Henrietta" S. Trevino, a former Snyder resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, in Defiance, Ohio.

Funeral service for Mrs. Trevino, 76, is tentatively set for Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born July 15, 1924 in Sabinal, she married Manuel Trevino in 1948. He died in1998.

Mrs. Trevino had lived in Snyder from 1987-96 and was active as a quilter at the Senior Citizens Center. A homemaker and a domestic worker, she was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, Maria and Felipe Contreras; a sister, Josefina Alejandro; three brothers, Ascencio Contreras, Dimas Contreras and Felipe Contreras; and two grandchildren.

Survivors include five daughters, Maria Hernandez of Snyder, Enedina Rangel and Odilia Rubio, both of Defiance, Irma Cain of Paulding, Ohio, and Sylvia Rubio of Ruskin, Fla.; three sons, Wescesiao "Windy" Galvan and Manuel Trevino, both of Pueblo, Colo., and Jose Trevino of Carson, Nev.; 26 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

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Snyder man still in Lubbock hospital

One Snyder man injured in a motor vehicle accident here Sunday remains in Lubbock's University Medical Center today while a second man involved in a car wreck in Lubbock Tuesday has been discharged from the hospital.

Todd Dobson, 18, of 3215 40th Street was listed in satisfactory condition at UMC this morning. He sustained injuries Sunday morning when his 1995 Pontiac Grand Am left the roadway off Business 84 at an accelerated pace after he went into an epileptic seizure.

After hitting a turnrow, the vehicle went airborne some 30 to 40 feet high for a distance of 75 to 80 feet before crashing into a tree.

Bill Tune, owner of Deep Creek Boot and Shoe Repair in Snyder, was treated at the Lubbock hospital's emergency room Tuesday morning after his vehicle was broadsided by another vehicle as he was pulling into a McDonald's.

Report of forgery under investigation

• ***Forgery***

Marshall Finley came to the sheriff's office at 1:34 p.m. Tuesday to report the forgery of a court document.

The incident is under investigation and no other details were available.

• ***Harassing phone calls***

A woman contacted officers at 11:28 a.m. Tuesday in reference to receiving harassing phone calls.

• ***Vanity stolen***

At 5 p.m. Tuesday, Tammy Deere spoke to a deputy to report the theft of an antique vanity from a rent house northwest of Snyder.

• ***Attempted theft***

A man reported at 5:02 p.m. Tuesday that two juveniles were trying to steal property out of his shed. The parents of the juveniles were advised of the complaint.

• ***Four arrested***

Outstanding warrants for no driver's license and failure to appear landed a 17-year-old male in jail at 7:51 p.m. Tuesday. A 36-year-old man was also arrested at that time on warrants for permitting an unlicensed person to drive and failure to appear.

A 51-year-old woman and a 17-year-old male were booked into custody at 8:40 p.m. Tuesday, each on warrants for failing to wear a safety belt and failure to appear.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Aug. 22— Veronica Aguilar, Martha Braziel, Ninfa Rosas and Lezli Guerrero.

DISMISSALS: Ophelia Trevey.

CENSUS: 43 (Med./Surg.-11, Long-term Care-25, ICU-1, OB-3 and Nursery-3)

Births

Paul and Sherry Faulkenbery of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter, Bailey Alexis Faulkenbery, at 5:21 p.m. on Aug. 17 in Hendrix Medical Center in Abilene. Bailey weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Jesse and Carolyn Faulkenbery of Snyder. Great grandparents are Clorette Faulkenbery of Snyder and Elvin and Jewel Stewart of Mineral Wells.

Maternal grandparents are Wayne and Janet Highfield of Snyder and great-grandparents are Faye Melton of Snyder and Robert Highfield of Ohatchee, Ala.

Joe and Mary Alvarado of Snyder are parents of an eight-pound, 13-ounce son born at 8:13 a.m. on Aug. 22 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Javier and Misty Cortez of Snyder are parents of a daughter born at 7:17 a.m. on Aug. 22 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds.

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events WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

FBC worship service

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

WTC student dance

Western Texas College will host a Hawaiian Luau dance for all WTC students and their dates from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday in the student center. The dance will feature a live DJ and students are encouraged to wear Hawaiian shirts and shorts. WTC students are admitted free with college ID. For others, the cost is $3.

Queen candidate

Our Lady of Guadalupe queen candidate Bonnie Pesina will have a turkey dinner from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday at the church center located at 1108 13th St. Prices are $5.50 for adults and $3 for children.

Sound of Jubilee Ministries

Sound of Jubilee Ministries will present the special ministry of Gary and Rhonda Coe of Odessa Wednesday through Friday at 7 p.m. The church is located at 908 E. Highway 180.

Northside Baptist revival

A revival begins Sunday and continues through Sept. 3 at Northside Baptist Church, 1909 16th Street. Evangelist is Harley Higginbotham of Hugo, Okla., with special music by the Higginbotham Family. Sunday services are at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and weekday services are at 7 p.m.

NE Elementary cookbooks

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

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scout registration will be held at the scout hut, 2501 35th Street, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31.

Pyron homecoming

The Pyron Homecoming will be held Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Inadale Community Center. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the evening meal will be served at 7 p.m. The meal will be catered at $7 per plate. Contact Mrs. Viola Stirl, 13652 FM 644, Loraine, 79532-3110.

Weigh down workshop

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

SHS choir yard signs

Parents of former choir students who would like to recycle the signs are asked to bring them to the choir room on Mondays between 3:30-7 p.m.

Glory Room open

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

Ira annuals

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

Dieciseis parade

Anyone wishing to participate in the Dieciseis parade sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Church can call Lucy Garcia at 573-5996.

Bulldog quilt

Ira High School seniors are raffling a quilt made by Doris Sanders. Tickets are $1 and can be purchased from any senior or at the school. The raffle will be held Nov. 3 during halftime of the Ira-Loraine football game.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-8:45 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Call 573-8511, ext. 322 for additional information.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Pick 3

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

6-5-9

Cash Five

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

5-21-24-28-37

Woman charged with statutory rape

CONYERS, Ga. (AP) — A 21-year-old woman was charged with statutory rape after she gave birth to a child fathered by her then-13-year-old husband.

Summer Jessica Strickland of Conyers was arrested last week. According to Newton County records, she married her boyfriend, now 14, on Aug. 7, five weeks after the baby was born.

The case presents a kind of legal paradox. Although the couple was allowed under Georgia law to marry because they are parents, it was illegal for them to have sex before marriage.

Georgia law describes statutory rape as "sexual intercourse with any person under the age of 16 and not his or her spouse." The maximum sentence is 20 years in prison.

Authorities are basing Strickland's charges on an Oct. 10 sexual encounter that led to her daughter's July 4 birth.