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Area man is guilty, jury finds

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

It took less than 15 minutes Tuesday for a seven-man, five-woman jury to find 23-year-old Derrick Dwayne Birmingham guilty of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Just before noon today, after deliberating about an hour, the jury sentenced Birmingham to a 12-year prison term. The maximum he could have received was 20 years.

Birmingham, a Colorado City resident, shot Saundra Jackson with a .380 calibre pistol in the early morning hours of May 31 while both were at a party at 1201 29th St.

Testimony from prosecution witnesses, including Birmingham's then-girlfriend Lakita Atkins of Loraine, told of an altercation involving Birmingham and Snyder resident Adrian Sneed.

Witnesses said Birmingham was knocked down by Sneed. At that point, Birmingham got a pistol from his girlfriend's father's car and began shooting toward a retreating Sneed. One of those bullets struck Jackson in the back and exited through her side.

At least eight bullets were recovered from the walls of the 29th Street residence by Snyder police officers.

District Attorney Dana Cooley's closing statements to the jury spoke of sending a message to anyone who wanted to come into Snyder and commit the same offense — they will be severely dealt with.

"Let's tell the people that they can't come to Snyder from L.A. or Houston, or Dallas, or Abilene or Colorado City and start shooting at random," said Cooley.

"We can't let this happen in any area of Snyder," she said.

Cooley said she felt Birmingham came to Snyder with the intent to shoot someone.

"On the way to Snyder from Colorado City, he asked his girlfriend if her father's pistol was in the car," said Cooley. "He then said he probably needed to put the bullets in his mouth so Laquita Atkin's father's fingerprints wouldn't be on them," said Cooley.

"That is intent!"

Cooley presented five witnesses for the prosecution. No defense witnesses were called by court-appointed attorney Issac Castro during the guilt or innocence first phase of the trial.

See Trial, Page 10

BALMY WEATHER, AGAIN — Alan Gray, left, and Will Wiggins took advantage of near perfect weather Tuesday to get some outdoor exercise as the temperature reached 77 degrees. That was in sharp contrast to the weekend's weather when the temperatures were in the mid-50s with a cold, north wind. (SDN Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

United Way drive hits 80%

Scurry County United Way wraps up the 1997-98 campaign drive Friday with a chance, it seems, to reach its goal of $60,000.

Donations have reached 80 percent of the goal, or $47,929. That leaves a little less than $12,000 needed to hit the top.

"We'd like to urge anyone who hasn't been contacted to get in touch with us. United Way needs your help," said Zola Schlegel, Scurry County United Way executive secretary.

She said a final outcome of this year's drive probably won't be complete until mid-November. Several divisions are still outstanding and at least one business won't be conducting its drive until next week, Schlegel said.

For bookwork purposes and so not to interfere with Christmas projects, the drive ends Friday. Funds will, of course, still be welcomed after that date.

Citizens may mail donations to Scurry County United Way at P.O. Box 1411, Snyder, TX 79549.

Scurry County United Way serves eight local and area agencies. They are the Scurry County Boys & Girls Club, Snyder Child Day Care Center, Noah Project-West, the West Texas Council of the Girl Scouts, the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts, the Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Scurry County Food Cupboard and the American Red Cross.

Goal: $60,000
Collected: $47,929

JCAHO initiative keys Cogdell board meeting

Presentation of data related to hospital accreditation appears to be the key topic for Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers, which meets at 8 a.m. Thursday.

Cogdell CEO Jeff Reecer will present information on the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations' (JCAHO) new Oryx Initiative.

This particular initiative is a way of measuring finances, patient care, emergency room care and the like with other hospitals of similar size.

Before the end of the calendar year, Cogdell administrators must select a company or companies which will compile that type of data to help prepare the comparisons.

"Currently most hospitals compare how they are doing against how they did the previous month. What the Joint Commission wants is a means for hospitals to compare themselves to each other," a Cogdell spokesperson said.

Routine reports — medical, nursing and financial — are also on the agenda, as are September's accounts payable and previous minutes.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A born loser is a guy who jogs backwards and puts on eight pounds."

Austin must be Texas' answer to California.

You may remember a city council controversy several months ago over the creation of a high-paid position in charge of walking paths. After a public uproar, the council reversed its decision.

But the Capital City remains interested in both walking and biking paths — which leads to the next decision of municipal folly.

The city council voted to purchase 10 bicycles to be used by employees getting around downtown. Since parking is at a premium, the logic is to ride bikes from one downtown building to another. It will also save gasoline, or so goes the rationale.

While we can't see many office types hopping on bikes and working up a sweat in the 100-degree Austin heat, the real question is the cost of the two-wheelers.

The mayor himself said it was "An only in Austin thing."

The council will spend $22,000 for the 10 bikes. According to our West Texas math, that's $2,200 each or $1,100 per wheel. Maybe the bikes will come with factory air.

Former Scurry County resident Jay Massingill was in Snyder a couple of weekends ago to attend the White Buffalo Festival.

Jay, who now lives in abilene, dropped by the office to leave a copy of Senior News, a publication to which he contributes articles.

Jay, former Scurry County auditor, admitted he was old, but was unsure if he was bragging, complaining or just being factual.

Jay says that while senses such as hearing, sight and smell have declined, his taste buds haven't diminished. "Fact is some things taste better than than ever before."

Proof is in the pudding — or other favorite foods. "Aging sometimes shrinks some body parts and expands others — like the waistline." Once wearing a size 32 pant, it's now a 38. "Built in pot shape."

But Jay remains upbeat. "I still wear the same size socks." But fortunately for those who still have their sense of smell — not the same socks.

Clinton welcomes China's Zemin

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warmly welcoming China's president to the White House, President Clinton gently reminded Jiang Zemin today of American concerns about his human rights record. All people must be "treated with dignity, free to express their beliefs," Clinton said.

On a crisp autumn morning, the U.S. president opened his daylong meetings with Jiang by urging stronger U.S.-China ties and delivering a generally optimistic outlook of the relationship. "Let us strengthen the bonds between us," he declared.

Jiang reminded Clinton about China's insistence that the United States should not impinge on Beijing's sovereignty.

"I hope that the development of China-U.S. relations will positively promote mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and common development of all countries in the world, different in history, culture, social system and level of development," Jiang said through an interpreter.

He then delivered a more upbeat message in English: "Let us the Chinese and the Americans join hands and together with people around the world work hard to bring about a new century of peace, stability and prosperity."

The two presidents, with their top national security and foreign affairs aides at their sides, discussed human rights, Tibet and Taiwan — all irritants in the U.S.-China relationship. Clinton told Jiang America's 18th century Founding Fathers distrusted government and so gave more freedom and power to the people. Jiang told of China's 4,000-year-old history of civil war, feudal societies and central government control.

They met for 90 minutes in the relaxed setting of the Yellow Oval Room on the second floor of the residence after Clinton gave Jiang a 15-minute White House tour.

Kids can get spooked out at Western Texas tonight

Halloween comes early for kids age 12 and younger tonight at Western Texas College.

The annual carnival is sponsored by the Student Senate and is free. Children should be accompanied by a parent.

The event is scheduled from 6 until 8 o'clock in the Student Center. Various campus groups have planned a number of booths, including a pie throw, dart throw and a Coke bottle craft.

Kids are also invited to trick or treat in the college dormitory.

Other activities are in store for Western Texas College students. A costume contest will be held at 5:15 p.m. today with the traditional Halloween Dance to run from 9 until midnight. WTC students get in free with their identification.

Non-WTC students can attend by paying $3.

Costume prizes will be awarded at the dance for individuals, couples and groups.

Greenspan says...

Market gyrations could be beneficial

WASHINGTON (AP) — The wild gyrations in the stock market in recent days could have a long-run benefit for the U.S. economy by slowing growth to a sustainable pace and dampening inflationary pressures, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said today.

"Things are less out of line" in the aftermath of Monday's market drop, Greenspan told the congressional Joint Economic Committee.

The remarks by the man who less than a year ago warned against "irrational exuberance" on Wall Street helped send stock prices soaring today, fueling a rally begun Tuesday.

Greenspan said if the markets now calm down, "It is quite conceivable that a few years hence we will look back at this episode, as we now look back at the 1987 crash, as a salutary event."

Even with Tuesday's market rebound, he said, consumers feel less wealthy than they did a week ago and this will dampen spending.

The stock market rally, already under way, accelerated as Greenspan spoke. Analysts said that part of the surge reflected a relief that Greenspan did not repeat warnings he had made just three weeks ago that economic growth might be unsustainable.

All the turmoil had to be viewed against the backdrop of a "continuing impressive performance of the American economy in recent months. Growth appears to have remained robust and inflation low, and even falling, despite an ever-tightening labor market," Greenspan said.

Many economists who had expected the Fed to begin raising interest rates now believe the recent market sell-off was doing the Fed's work for it.

Three misses takes contest

Five prognosticators had three misses each in last week's Snyder Daily News Football Contest, but Joe Shafer gets the top prize for picking the closest number of points in the tiebreaker, the Ira-Hermleigh game.

Shafer, 3109 41st St., predicted a total of 54 points in the tiebreaker. The actual total was 49. Shafer wins $50.

Second place and $25 goes to Jeff Mason of 2211 41st St. Mason guessed 62 on the tiebreaker.

Bobbie McKinney of 3718 Ave. U took third place and $15. McKinney picked 69 on the tiebreaker.

Also missing three, but eliminated by the tie-breaker, were Geral M. Greene of 2409 31st, who guessed 70, and Tabitha Rocha of 100 37th, who predicted 79 points.

Winners will be mailed their checks.

ASK US

Q—Where can you get an up-to-date Hermleigh city map?

A—Commissioner Jerry Gannaway can provide you with a recent map. He can be contacted at the county courthouse.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 77 degrees; low, 45; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 45; no precipitation; total for 1997, 23.20 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 50-55. Light S wind. Thursday, mostly sunny. High around 80. W-NW wind 5-15 mph.

Gabby Aguilar
Mostly sunny

Sunset: 5:57 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.
Of 301 days in 1997, the sun has shone 288 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value.

Albert Einstein

Astronaut will become first American to vote in space

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A couple hundred miles won't come between astronaut David Wolf and his right to vote.

Thanks to a new Texas law, a ballot has been sent to an American in orbit for the first time.

Lawmakers made the change after John Blaha, the U.S. astronaut on Russia's Mir space station a year ago, couldn't cast a ballot.

Under the old law, an absentee ballot had to be sent by U.S. mail. But in June, Gov. George W. Bush signed a bill saying astronauts registered to vote in Texas — where most of them live — can cast ballots from space.

Using new software developed by NASA, Tony Sirvello III, Harris County's elections chief, sent a ballot last week to U.S. flight controllers in Moscow. They transmitted it to Wolf on Mir, 240 miles above Earth.

The 41-year-old doctor and engineer, who arrived on the station in September for a four-month stay, will open the e-mail on a laptop computer. He has until 7 p.m. on Nov. 4 — Election Day — to get the ballot back to Sirvello via flight controllers in Russia.

Sirvello will read Wolf's e-mail and punch a ballot by hand with the astronaut's choices.

"He's lost that one bit of secrecy, but that's a give-and-take situation to where that's the only way he can vote," Sirvello said Tuesday.

NASA plans to use similar software once the international space station is up and running. Construction is scheduled to begin next summer.

"There's something about attaching you to the Earth, to be able to vote," Wolf said before he traveled to Mir. "You're still a member of that society, and I think that's an important thing for space travelers."

Wolf will be able to vote for mayor of Houston, six City Council positions and city controller. He can vote on whether to eliminate Houston's affirmative action program as well as 14 statewide amendments.

There also are three Harris County bond propositions and six city of Houston bond issues on the ballot.

Voting should help ease the isolation that astronauts on months-long flights typically feel, said Susan Anderson, the voting-from-space project manager at Johnson Space Center.

Blaha, who spent four months on Mir and had to skip last year's presidential election, said the point is to give astronauts the opportunity to exercise their rights as Americans.

ALL-REGION — These Snyder Junior High School choir students have been named to the Region XVI All-Region Choir. They will attend a two-day clinic, Nov. 21-22. The concert is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Monterey High School in Lubbock. Admission is $2 per person. From left, top row, Josh Ortegon, Wade Pinson, Wes Martin; middle row, Trace Dennis, Jeremy Miller, Rachel Cave, Kristen Early; bottom row, Stormy Clark, Shannon Chambers, Valerie Hernandez, Haley Elkins. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Federal judge loses law license

AUSTIN (AP) — Dallas federal judge Jerry Buchmeyer has lost his Texas law license — at least temporarily — after his son defaulted on an $11,745 student loan.

The punishment by the state bar has no effect on Buchmeyer's job as a $133,600-a-year jurist because federal judges are not required to be licensed attorneys.

"Other than being embarassing, it doesn't have any effect," Buchmeyer told the Austin American-Statesman.

Buchmeyer said he plans to pay off the loan soon. His suspended license, first granted in 1957, could then be reinstated.

The veteran federal judge said his son, Jon Buchmeyer, a University of Texas graduate now living in New York, never notified him that the loan was in default.

"I was stunned to find out several months ago that a default judgment had been entered, which I'm sure he received and never told me about," the judge told the newspaper Tuesday.

Records at the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. indicate Jerry Buchmeyer has not been cooperative with efforts to collect the overdue loan.

Notes from an Oct. 16, 1993, conversation showed that Buchmeyer hung up on an agency representative after declining to verify his address.

Buchmeyer said he didn't remember that.

He was notified Sept. 18 that his law license had been suspended, according to Kathy Holder of the State Bar's membership office.

In Texas, law licenses can be suspended for failing to repay student loans or to pay child support, State Bar dues, the occupational tax, or to complete continuing education requirements.

Buchmeyer has been on the federal bench since 1979.

Fen-phen class action suit filed

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman filed a class-action lawsuit Tuesday against makers of three diet drugs she calls an imminent public health danger in Texas.

Dexfenfluramine, also known as Redux, and fenfluramine — the first half of the once-popular fen-phen — were pulled off the market in September after studies linked the pills to heart damage. The Food and Drug Administration urged millions of dieters to immediately stop taking both drugs.

The lawsuit, one of several around the country, was filed in federal court in Houston on behalf of Texans who have taken the drugs.

Makers and marketers of the drugs have said a one-drug regimen benefits morbidly obese people. But they said they warned doctors and users of harmful side effects of combined drug use.

The suit seeks manufacturer-paid medical monitoring and revised patient warnings.

"They need to be aware of these dangers," said attorney Joe Phillips, who filed the suit.

Houston man executed for amusement center slayings

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — With his mother sobbing hysterically a few feet away, Kenneth Ray Ransom was executed for his part in a stabbing rampage that left four people dead at a Houston amusement center 14 years ago.

Ransom, 34, strapped to the Texas death chamber gurney Tuesday evening, had asked his mother, Pearlie, to be strong.

The woman fell to the floor of the viewing room and screamed when her son gasped as the lethal drugs began taking effect. She was lifted into a wheelchair and taken from the room before her son was pronounced dead.

Ransom's last statement included a lengthy Muslim chant. He also insisted he was innocent of the killings and said his death would be "an instrument to abolishing the death penalty."

"First and foremost, I'd like to tell the victims' families I'm sorry," he said. "I'm not sorry because I feel I'm guilty. I am sorry because of the pain all of them are going through each holiday, each birthday that they're without their loved ones."

Ransom was condemned for fatally stabbing one of the four employees killed July 1, 1983, at the Malibu Grand Prix, a video arcade and go-cart track in southwest Houston.

An accomplice, Richard Wilkerson, 29, was executed four years ago. A third participant, James Randle, who was 16 at the time off the killings, is serving a life prison sentence.

Federal judge approves inspection of prisons

TYLER (AP) — U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice has issued a court order that will allow attorneys and experts representing the interests of prison inmates to inspect Texas prisons.

The judge issued the ruling Tuesday in response to a motion by attorney Donna Brorby, who represents plaintiffs in the ongoing Ruiz lawsuit that alleged that the state's prisons subjected prisoners to unconstitutional conditions.

The judge said he wanted to be certain that the prisons are being operated in a constitutional manner before he relinquishes oversight over them.

Ms. Brorby and some experts will be allowed to inspect a limited number of state institutions, the judge said.

The judge said the inspections will focus on specific areas which are still under court supervision, such as medical and psychiatric care. He said the plaintiffs would have to give the state 10 days' notice before the inspections begin.

The state has filed a suit to end federal court supervision of Texas' prison system, which began as a result of the decades-old Ruiz lawsuit.

The lawsuit prompted Justice to call for improvements after he determined that unconstitutional conditions existed.

Assistant Attorney General Jay Aguilar told the judge he did not believe the newly enacted Prison Litigation Reform Act was meant to "restart litigation" and said the state had a right to limit discovery.

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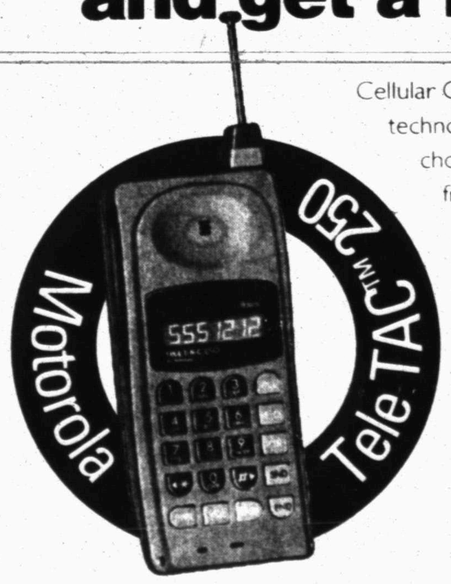

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Many fear shots exposed them to AIDS

MONROE, Conn. (AP) — Like thousands of older Americans across the country, hundreds of people in tiny Monroe decided to get flu shots after their doctors said the illness strikes the elderly especially hard.

Now the people who got the free flu inoculations fear they could have been exposed to the AIDS and hepatitis viruses. The doctor who administered the vaccines used fresh needles for each patient, but failed to change syringes each time.

He gave the shots to 468 people this month at three clinics sponsored by Monroe, in southwestern Connecticut about 10 miles north of Bridgeport.

More than 450 residents, most of them elderly and many of them frightened, packed an auditorium at Masuk High School on Tuesday to question state health officials about the risks.

"I don't understand how something like this could be happening in this day and age. This is really horrible," said Mary Ann Marini, 63.

State officials assured people that the chance of exposure to any blood-borne virus was extremely remote. Still, they recommended that those who received the flu shots be given a free hepatitis B vaccine as a precaution.

Dr. Claude Light resigned as the town medical director on Monday after state health officials received a complaint that he failed to change syringes for each patient.

Light said he didn't realize that the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now require that the syringe as well as the needle be changed for every shot.

He used one syringe for each vial of flu vaccine. Each vial contains doses for 10 to 12 people.

"I thought the procedure I was using was perfectly acceptable," Light said by telephone from his private practice. "When (the standards) changed, I probably should have changed, but I didn't know. I thought what I was doing was risk free, no problem."

Light said no blood was drawn, so there was little risk of contamination of the syringes.

Epidemiologist Aaron Roome of the state Department of Public Health and Addiction Services called the risk "extremely low," saying exposure could only come if blood from an infected person was drawn back into the syringe and injected into the next person.

He said HIV exposure would be even more remote because the AIDS-causing virus is not as hardy as hepatitis B and not be as easily transmitted.

The first of three doses of the vaccine were to be administered at a free clinic today.

The town will pay bills not covered by insurance if residents want to go to their private physicians for HIV and hepatitis B tests. A state health department spokesman said Light's actions at the town clinics will be investigated.

FAA launches flight safety data program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Routinely checking the information on airliner flight data recorders could catch safety problems before they cause an accident, the new head of the Federal Aviation Administration says.

So Jane F. Garvey announced Tuesday that her agency plans to begin collecting routine flight data.

"The analysis of routine flight data provides significant benefits by identifying trends," Garvey told the Aero Club of Washington. "These trends point out potential problems and enable us to take corrective steps before an accident happens."

These recorders provide vital information on the cause of accidents, but when flights are routine the data is simply recorded over on the next trip. The new program would change that, by collecting data from each flight for analysis.

In the program, called Flight Operations Quality Assurance, airlines voluntarily provide the data from the aircraft flight data recorders for analysis.

Garvey said her agency is preparing a new regulation that would protect airlines and pilots from punitive actions by the government based on routinely provided information, and protecting the information from public disclosure.

Similar programs already operate in Europe, and a two-year test here showed they can be valuable, she said. The information collected can help evaluate crew performance, adapt training programs and indicate areas where procedures need change.

For example, during the test program one airline discovered that its airplanes were regularly approaching a particular runway too fast and at too steep an angle.

"It turned out the approach had been designed years ago, and it had been designed for piston-engine aircraft, not the turbine-powered aircraft in operation today," Garvey said. "Needless to say, we quickly corrected that approach."

Snow-covered town mourns death of young transplant patient

LAKIN, Kan. (AP) — A 7-year-old girl who had heart and lung transplants was among the victims of the autumn blizzard that buried the Rockies and Plains over the weekend.

Kalana Calkins, who had the transplants in 1994, died after the storm cut power to her house — and the machines that helped her breathe. Snow drifts that closed roads prevented her parents from taking her to the hospital and blocked help from reaching their home.

"Everybody around here is really sad that this happened, but it's turning into a celebration of her life, too," said Lori Heman, a close friend of Kalana's parents, Peggy and Roger Calkins.

Kalana's health began failing in recent weeks. Her body was beginning to reject the transplanted organs, and her condition turned worse just as the blizzard set in early Saturday.

Nearly a foot of snow driven by 50 mph winds cut power to the Calkins' home, three miles outside Lakin, 35 miles east of the Colorado state line.

The family began a desperate effort to take Kalana to Kearny County Hospital, just 3½ miles away. While trying to reach the highway near their home Saturday morning, the Calkins' four-wheel-drive vehicle got stuck in thick mud. They managed to return home and call for help.

Emergency crews tried to reach the family's home in special snow vehicles, but a downed power line over the road forced them to detour. Rescuers also got stuck.

With his daughter's situation worsening, Roger Calkins wrapped Kalana in a blanket and headed out across snowy fields to the nearby home of Kalana's aunt, Tracy Manly.

"She was up and down all night," Ms. Manly said. "She told her parents she was glad they were her best friends."

Screenwriter's lawsuit dismissed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A screenwriter's lawsuit against the estate of Dodi Fayed was dismissed after the plaintiff failed to show up at a court hearing.

Peter Slate had sued Fayed, claiming he reneged on a deal to pay him $100,000 for a movie script.

Superior Court Judge Lawrence Crispo dismissed the lawsuit Tuesday because neither Slate nor his lawyer, Farhad Novian, appeared in court.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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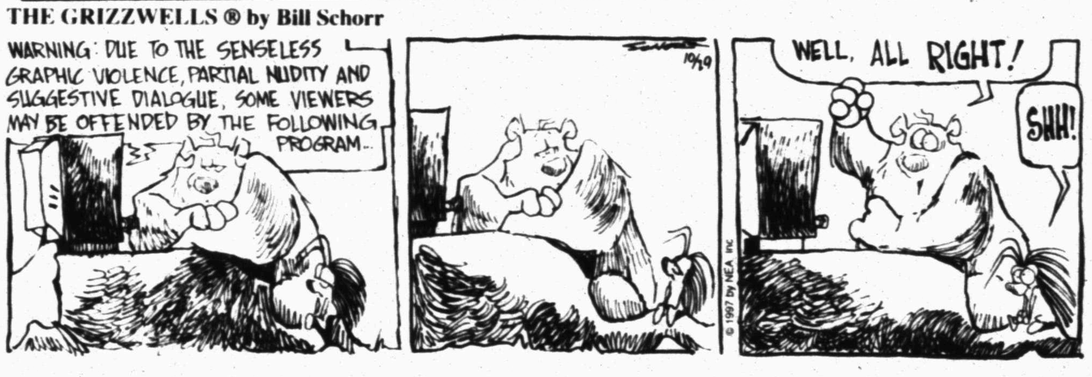

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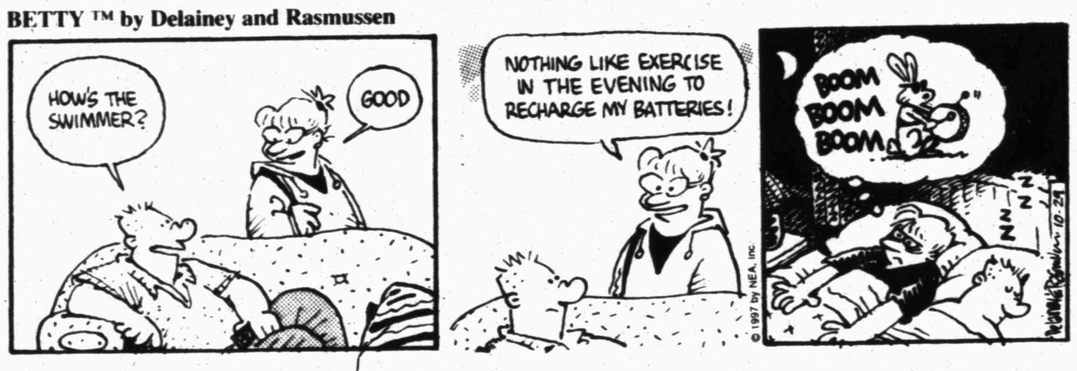

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18 Goodnight girl
19 Spice-rack item
21 1958 Oscar movie
23 Building addition
24 Hawaiian timber tree
27 Departed
29 Electric fishes
32 Violent one
34 Computer type
36 Electorate
37 Tiny
38 Vast period of time
39 Pitcher
41 Old age
42 Negative prefix
44 Author of Picnic
46 Loving
49 German submarine
53 War area, for short
54 Area in the Pacific
56 Prefix for cycle
57 Folksinger Joan —
58 — and file
59 Canine assn.
60 Leave — — Beaver
61 Loyal

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1 Pueblo Indian
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3 Keep
4 Employing
5 Small organisms
6 Reach
7 Midday
8 Ghostly
9 Short book
10 Soft cheese
11 Dry
16 — counter
20 Napped
22 Prickly shrub
24 Pepper beverage
25 Wind instrument
26 Occurring involuntarily
28 Actress Burstyn
30 Lounge lazily
31 Went quickly
33 Gentleman (Sp.)
35 BB weapon, e.g. (2 wds.)
40 Small hairpiece
43 Rain clouds
45 Siskel's partner
46 Square column
47 Unlit
48 Trim
50 Gravel ridges
51 Japanese aborigine
52 Capture
55 Containing nitrogen (pref.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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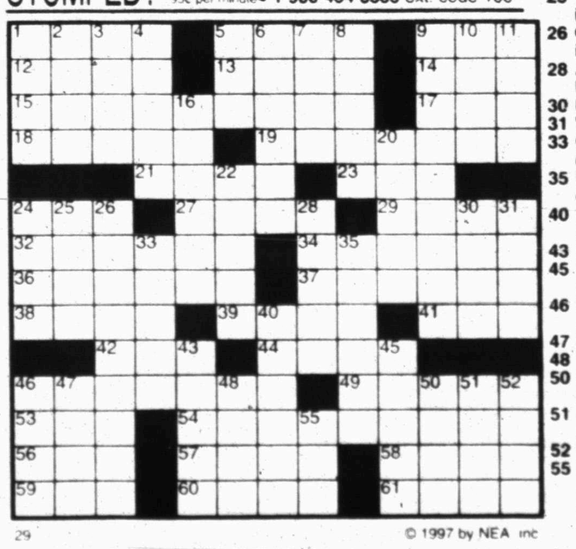

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SPORTS

Lady Tigers to face Randall in bi-district volleyball match-up

The wondering is over for the Lady Tigers.

The Snyder High School volleyball team is through waiting to find out the who, when and where of its bi-district match.

The Lady Tigers will face Canyon Randall on Saturday at Lubbock Monterey, beginning at 6 p.m.

Snyder enters the postseason as the No. 2 team out of District 2-4A, while Randall finished third in 1-4A.

The Lady Raiders ended district play in a three-way tie for first with Hereford and Dumas, but dropped back-to-back matches Tuesday night to fall into the third slot.

The Lady Tigers were also in action on Tuesday. Snyder hosted a practice match with 3A playoff-bound Denver City.

SHS fell to the Phillies, 14-16, 16-14, 15-10, but Snyder coach Patty Grimmett believes her team got a few things accomplished.

"We were able to see how we would react in some different situations," Grimmett remarked. "Like, we ran out of substitutions and had to go with who we had on the court at the time. The girls got to play in some positions they usually don't get to, so now they'll know what to do if that situation arises in the playoffs."

Statistically, Snyder is led by Lila King and Halea Husetis, two seniors with postseason experience.

King has registered 51 points off her serve, while Huestis' play at the net has tallied 50 kills for the Lady Tigers in district play.

But Grimmett has been to the postseason before and knows what to expect.

"From here on out we're going to have to play tough," she said. "The pressure will be on both teams to win."

One of the strongest aspects of the Lady Tigers this season has been their ability to convert defense into offense and Grimmett hopes that will hold true on Saturday.

"We're going to have to execute our offense and play strong defense," the SHS coach said. "Sometimes we have a tendency to sag toward the middle on defense and that makes us vulnerable to the hit down the line.

"But we've done a good job all year of picking up the ball when the other team blocks it. We need to be able to do that in the playoffs to keep the other team on the defensive."

The winner of Saturday's match moves on to face District 3-4A champion El Paso Burgess in the area round on Tuesday.

Also advancing from Snyder's district will be first place Lamesa and third place Estacado, which faces Dumas this weekend.

Snyder will have more players available for the playoffs, as four Lady Tigers were moved up from the junior varisty squad. Tessa Hildebrand, Courtney Rinehart, Cara Best and Christina Holder will suit up for SHS on Saturday.

Lila King

Halea Huestis

Denver City def. Snyder 14-16, 16-14, 15-10
Snyder service points: Amanda Huff, 9; Halea Huestis and Michelle Lewallen, 8; Keila Helms, 7; Lila King and Felsha Biggers, 3; Traci Eicke, 2.

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan SDN Sports Editor

Well, after three District 2-4A football games, here is how the playoff hunt breaks down for the Snyder Tigers.

Now this is a twisting, turning, up and down, roller-coaster kind of look at the final two weeks of action. So please be sure to stay seated and keep your hands firmly in place on the newspaper in front of you, until the ride comes to a complete halt.

Before we begin this odyssey, it should be noted that there can be numerous different endings to the season. These are only the possibilities which include Snyder advancing to the playoffs.

Now having said that, let's begin the journey.

Thanks to Plainview's victory over Levelland on Friday, Snyder must defeat Plainview to advance.

So far, not so scary.

Next, a Tiger victory this week over PHS and next week over Levelland, would give Snyder the third playoff spot regardless of all other outcomes.

That still didn't produce any screams, but we're starting to pick up speed. (Remember, all of the following scenarios are in addition to an SHS win this Friday over Plainview.)

First, if Levelland tops Frenship this week, then the Tigers must notch a victory Nov. 7 at Levelland to advance.

But, if Frenship knocks off Levelland, Snyder has two different opportunities to make it to the postseason.

Of course, the first way is with a victory over the Lobos.

But, *here comes the steepest drop and the sharpest corner on this ride*, the other route would be via a Snyder loss at Levelland.

Whoa, how's that stomach feeling?

That's right. If Frenship defeats Levelland, then Levelland defeats Snyder, and Plainview handles Lamesa, there would be a three-way tie for third place between the Tigers, Lobos and Bulldogs. The advancing team would be decided by positive points scored.

Hang on, here's that corner.

But, if Frenship defeats Levelland, then Levelland defeats Snyder, and Lamesa upsets Plainview, there would only be a two-way tie betwen the Lobos and Tigers. The tiebreaker would be head-to-head competition and Levelland would advance by virtue of its victory over Snyder.

Well, that's the end of the thrill ride. It was pretty exciting and it didn't even mess up your hair.

And if you enjoyed that, then just imagine what the next two Friday nights will be like.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	7	3	1	15	38	27
Philadelphia	7	4	1	15	36	31
NewJersey	6	4	0	12	30	21
N.Y.Rangers	3	5	5	11	31	34
Florida	3	5	3	9	23	33
N.Y.Islanders	3	5	2	8	26	26
TampaBay	2	8	2	6	21	38

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	7	5	2	16	39	35
Boston	7	4	1	15	35	30
Ottawa	6	3	3	15	36	29
Montreal	6	3	2	14	31	20
Carolina	3	7	3	9	31	41
Buffalo	3	7	2	8	28	40

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	9	1	2	20	47	22
St.Louis	9	2	1	19	43	25
Dallas	8	4	1	17	39	28
Phoenix	5	3	2	12	34	28
Toronto	3	6	2	8	24	34
Chicago	2	10	0	4	16	37

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	7	2	4	18	44	33
Anaheim	4	4	4	12	26	31
LosAngeles	4	5	4	12	41	39
Edmonton	4	6	1	9	23	36
SanJose	4	7	0	8	28	35
Vancouver	3	6	2	8	26	32
Calgary	2	8	2	6	31	42

Monday's Games
Montreal 4, Chicago 2
San Jose 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
New Jersey 5, Philadelphia 0

Tuesday's Games
Dallas 3, N.Y. Rangers 2
Los Angeles 2, Florida 2, tie
Anaheim 2, Toronto 2, tie
Colorado 3, Buffalo 2
Calgary 6, Pittsburgh 3

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Anaheim at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Switzer says offense needs to hold up its end of the bargain

IRVING (AP) — Most teams in the NFL can win with a great defense.

Not the Dallas Cowboys.

Coach Barry Switzer said the Cowboys should be undefeated because of their defense, but a faulty offense inside the 20 has them at 4-4 after the first half of the season.

"We played good enough defense to be 8-0, and our special teams were great," Switzer said. "But we haven't been able to score inside the green zone and that's what's wrong with this damn football team. Our players know it, our coaches know it, our opponents know it and the media knows it."

The "green zone," in Switzer's lexicon, is known elsewhere in the NFL as the "red zone."

Dallas is next-to-last in the NFL, ahead of San Diego, in scoring touchdowns from inside the 20. Dallas placekicker Richie Cunningham leads the NFL in scoring with 86 points on 25-of-27 field goal accuracy.

Dallas' defense is rated second in the NFL.

"We've been inside the 20-yard line 30 times like Green Bay and San Francisco," Switzer said. "We just have to put the damn thing into the end zone."

The Cowboys are seven-point underdogs traveling to San Francisco on Sunday, and another loss could severely endanger Dallas' streak of five consecutive NFC East titles.

"We have to worry about the mental aspect of this team because success breeds confidence and self-esteem," Switzer said. "Good things can happen when you least expect them, like they did to (Chicago coach) Dave Wannstedt last night."

The previously winless Bears upset Miami 36-33 on Monday night.

Switzer said San Francisco has a solid defense and, offensively, "Steve Young looks like he has never been hurt. He looks like a rookie out there scrambling around and making plays. He's still the most dangerous quarterback playing the game today."

A stronger running game makes the 49ers a better team, Switzer said.

"They have a running game now," Switzer said. "They can line up in the I-formation with William Floyd at fullback and Garrison Hearst at tailback and they have a fine rushing team. They can dissect people in a hurry like they did New Orleans last week."

Two years ago, the 49ers came to Texas Stadium with a 5-4 record and knocked off the Cowboys (then 8-1) 38-20. Last year, Dallas beat San Francisco 20-17 in overtime at 3Com Park on Chris Boniol's field goal.

San Francisco holds a 13-12-1 series advantage, but Dallas is 5-1 in NFC championship games against the 49ers.

Switzer said San Francisco (7-1) hasn't been seriously tested yet.

"They will find out something this weekend," Switzer said. "I think we're the best team they've played. They'll find out some things."

Series avoids worst rating with extra-inning heroics

NEW YORK (AP) — With a seventh game that produced the highest TV rating for baseball since 1991, the World Series narrowly avoided having its worst rating ever.

Game 7 had a 24.5 rating and a 39 share, Nielsen Media Research said Tuesday. It was baseball's best showing on network television since the previous seventh game, a 32.2 rating when the Minnesota Twins beat the Atlanta Braves in 1991.

It was also the highest-rated sporting event on television since the 43.3 rating when Green Bay beat New England in last January's Super Bowl and higher than any NBA Finals game. But it also was the lowest rating for a seventh game since 1968, when the St. Louis Cardinals and Detroit Tigers got a 21.2 for an afternoon game.

The World Series finished with a 16.8 cumulative rating, the second-lowest ever behind Oakland's earthquake-interrupted sweep of San Francisco in 1989. This year's rating was 3 percent above the 1989 figure and 3 percent below the 17.4 for last year's Series between the New York Yankees and the Braves. The 29 share this year matched the lowest ever, set last year.

"Given the fact that we had a shaky start at the beginning, it turned out OK," acting commissioner Bud Selig said. "We're going to try to find ways to improve the rating. There's no question we have to work on that."

Through four games, the cumulative rating was 14.4, 15 percent below 1989. Don Ohlmeyer, a top NBC executive, had hoped for a four-game sweep, saying he'd rather have his entertainment programs on the air. Ohlmeyer suggested that NBC re-sell its baseball TV rights to any network that would take them, including A&E, remarks he later apologized for.

Ratings for Game 7 improved steadily through the night. It began with a 18.8 from 7:55 p.m.-8 p.m. EST, went up to 20.8 for the next half hour and 22.8 from 8:30-9 p.m.

It then increased to 23.3, 24.0, 24.8 and 25.8 for the following 30-minute periods, and peaked at 28.7 from 11-11:30 p.m., getting a 53 share. The rating dropped to 28.1 from 11:30 to midnight and 22.6 for the final 30 minutes of the NBC's broadcast, which included the final six minutes of the game and the Marlins' celebration.

Houston hurler leads free agent class of '97

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul Molitor, Darryl Kile and Kenny Lofton are among the newest baseball free agents, and figure to be among the most sought-after players this offseason.

Kile, a right-hander who will be 30 next season, was 19-7 with a 2.57 ERA for the Houston Astros.

Lofton hit .333 with 27 steals for the Atlanta Braves following his spring training trade from the Cleveland Indians.

Molitor, who will turn 42 next August, said he isn't sure whether he wants to play next season. While he hit .305 in his second season with the Minnesota Twins, getting 10 homers and 89 RBIs, his hometown team lost 94 games and finished a half-game out of last place in the AL Central.

Twenty-six players filed Tuesday, raising the total to 62 after two days. Players can file for free agency through Nov. 10, the day before teams must submit their protected lists for the expansion draft on Nov. 18.

In other moves Tuesday, the Boston Red Sox declined to exercise 1998 options on right-handers Bret Saberhagen and Jim Corsi, Toronto exercised its $800,000 option on left-hander Dan Plesac and San Francisco exercised its $550,000 option on right-hander Mark Gardner.

Boston said it's interested in resigning Saberhagen and Corsi, but at lower prices. Saberhagen's option was for $600,000, while Corsi's was for $500,000.

Saberhagen, a two-time Cy Young Award winner, missed all of the 1996 season because of shoulder surgery, and the Red Sox signed him to an incentive-filled contract following Roger Clemens' departure for Toronto.

Saberhagen's original goal was to return to action by midsummer. He finally got back to the majors in late August and made six starts, going 0-1 with a 6.58 ERA in 26 innings.

BOWLING NEWS

Mens' Commercial

10-21-97

Teams	W	L
Whit's Auto	81½	30½
Team 7	63	49
Eddins-Walcher	61	51
The Shack	60½	51½
Team 2	55½	56½
Stooges	44½	67½
P&P Longhorns	44	68
Reef Chemical	38	74

High series scratch: Greg Hodge, 579.
High series handicap: Charles Bennett, 636.
High game scratch: Harold Komegay, 212.
High game handicap: Robert Coffey, 237.
Splits and special mentions: Bob Motley and Don Johnson, 3-10; David Hoops, 3-7-10; Don Pavlovsky, 2-7; Greg Hodge, 3-9-10, 5-6, 2-7; Saul Aviles, 2-4-5-10.

Jack & Jill

10-22-97

Teams	W	L
House of Antieks	27	1
Stone Welding Service	16½	11½
Just In Time	16	12
Stephens Office Supply	15	13
Merle Norman Studio	15	13
Landes Storage	14	14
Musslewhite	14	14
KSNY	11	17
J.C. Wells Drilling	7	21
Dr. Brian Cave	4½	23½

High series scratch: Kevin Jones, 602.
High game scratch: Jeff Smith, 231.
Splits and special mentions: David Lyle, 6-7-10; Joel Hook, 9-10; Deborah Beall, 5-7; Susan Wilson, 2-7.

Roll & Hope

10-20-97

Teams	W	L
Team 5	19	9
Baze Gun Repair	17½	10½
Redman Pipe Supply	17	11
IGA 100	16	12
The Rose Barber Shop	13	15
IGA 400	11	17
Martin Herefords	11	17
City National Bank	7½	20½

High series scratch: Bernie Sealy, 587.
High series handicap: Alma Posey, 671.
High game scratch: Cindy Aikin, 188.
High game handicap: Geneva Findley, 237.
Splits and special mentions: Donna Smith and Setsuko Jones, 4-5; Laurie Jordan, 5-6; Bernie Sealy, 201, 203, 587; Alma Posey, 524.

DISTRICT 2-AAAA STANDINGS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Estacado	3	0	7	1
Frenship	3	0	5	3
Snyder	1	2	1	7
Levelland	1	2	3	5
Plainview	1	2	2	6
Lamesa	0	3	0	8

Friday's games: Plainview at Snyder; Levelland at Frenship; Estacado at Lamesa.

Next week's games: Snyder at Levelland; Lamesa at Plainview; Frenship at Estacado.

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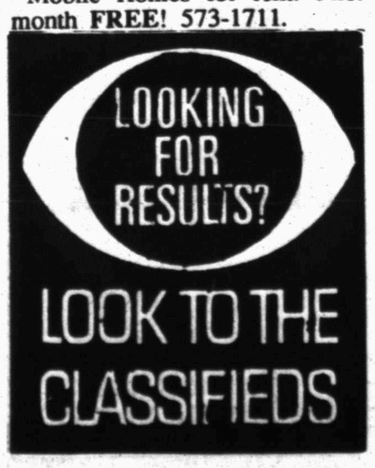

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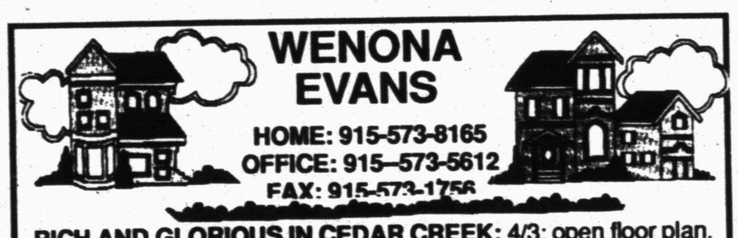

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Wal-Mart sets cookie contest

Snyder's Wal-Mart is inviting all cookie bakers to enter its first-ever "Lovin' the Oven" cookie contest on Nov. 1.

Entrants need to fill out the accompanying entry blank and return it and a dozen cookies to the service desk at Wal-Mart on Nov. 1 by 2 p.m. for judging. Prizes will be awarded at 4 p.m.

Cookies will be judged on appearance, texture, flavor and most important, overall yumminess!

First place winner will receive a "Loving the Oven" T-shirt and Black & Decker mini-chopper. The second place winner will win a Proctor Silex hand-mixer and the third place winner will win an AirBake cookie sheet.

If the local cookie baker winner wins the nationwide grand prize, they will receive a Kitchen-Aid Standmixer and will be featured in the company's January circular.

See complete details at the store and fill out the blank to enter.

"Lovin' the Oven"
1st Annual Wal-Mart Cookie Contest Entry Form

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____
Phone # _____

Spoken words, sign language use the same part of brain

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Words are words, whether spoken or signed, when it comes to brain power.

Researchers say people who grew up speaking and those who grew up signing language use the same parts of the brain to interpret words or word parts.

Even more important, one of those areas had been thought to process only speech because it is hooked directly to the auditory nerve, Laura Ann Petitto of McGill University in Montreal announced Tuesday at the Society for Neuroscience meeting.

"Now we see signed languages processed in that area," she said. "How could it be possible? What is that tissue responsible for?"

She and researcher Robert Zatorre compared brain scans of people who either saw a printed noun on video and spoke a related verb, or watched a videotaped signed noun and responded with a signed verb. They also were shown videotapes of meaningless finger movements and of meaningful signs.

The scans were used to see whether more blood flowed into certain brain areas when people were reading and responding to written or signed words, and to parts of words. Higher flows were seen in two areas, one linked to the mouth and one near the ear.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

High Low Last	
AMR Corp	118 9-16 114¾ 117 13-16+2 13-16
AT&T Corp	49⅝ 48 48⅞+ ¼
AirTouch	39 9-16 38⅝ 39 + 2⅛
Albertsons	37¼ 36¾ 36 13-16— 1-16
AlldSignal s	37 5-16 36¼ 36⅜— ¼
Alltel	36⅝ 35¾ 36 1-16— 5-16
AmerOnline	80 9-16 77⅞ 80⅝+2 9-16
AmStoress	25¾ 25 1-16 25⅜+ ⅛
Ameritech	66 5-16 65⅛ 65 15-16+11-16
Amoco	91 15-16 90 13-16 91 7-16+ 7-16
AndarkPtr	71⅛ 70 71 3-16— 5-16
ArmcoInc	5⅝ 5⅛ 5 9-16+ 1-16
AtlRichfld s	80⅝ 79 5-16 80⅝+ ⅜
ATMOS Egy	26 25 11-16 25 15-16— 1-16
Aviall	13 7-16 13 3-16 13 5-16+ ⅛
BakerHughes	46⅛ 44¼ 45 15-16+ 2⅝
BellAtl	81 15-16 81 81⅛+ ⅛
BellSouth	47 7-16 46⅛ 47 1-16+ ⅛
BethSteel	10⅝ 10⅛ 10 3-16+ ¼
BritPet s	86¼ 84⅞ 86¼+2 1-16
BurlNoSFe	94 15-16 93⅛ 94⅛+ 1⅜
Caterpillar s	54 3-16 52 9-16 54 1-16— 3-16
CenSoWst	21⅛ 21 3-16 21 7-16— 1-16
Chevron	82⅝ 80⅝ 82 — ⅛
Chrysler	36⅛ 35 1-16 35⅞+ ⅜
Coastal	60 1-16 58⅛ 60 1-16+1 13-16
CocaCola	58 15-16 57 15-16 58⅛+ ⅜
ColgatePalm s	71 3-16 69 70⅝+ ⅛
ComclMetals	32¼ 32⅛ 32 11-16
CooperIn	52 9-16 52 1-16 52 9-16+ ⅛
CyprusAmax	21¼ 21 21⅛+ ⅛
DallSemicn	50 5-16 49⅝ 49 15-16+ ⅛
DeltaAirl	103 9-16 102⅝ 103 7-16+15-16
DigitalEq	49 15-16 48 3-16 49⅝+ 2
Dillards Inc	38⅝ 37 11-16 38⅛+ 1⅜
DowChem	91¼ 89 9-16 90⅞+ ⅞
DresserInd	43 41⅞ 42¼+ 9-16
DuPont s	58 55 15-16 57⅞+ 1⅜
EastmanChem	62⅛ 62 62 5-16— 7-16
EstKodak	60⅞ 59⅝ 60 9-16+13-16
EDS Corp	33 7-16 32 1-16 32⅝— ⅛
Entergy	24 11-16 24⅛ 24 9-16— 3-16
Exxon s	61⅛ 59 15-16 61 1-16— ⅝
FstBksAm	17 1-16 17 1-16 17 1-16— 1-16
Flowers s	19 7-16 18 9-16 19⅝+1 5-16
FordMotor	45 1-16 44⅞ 45 1-16+1⅛
GTE Cp	44⅛ 43⅝ 43⅞+11-16
GenDynam	81 11-16 80 13-16 81⅛— ⅛
GenElecs	67⅞ 66¼ 67 3-16+11-16
GenMills	67⅞ 66⅞ 67 9-16+ ⅛
GenMotors	68 66 67 15-16+1 1-16
GaPacif	90⅛ 87⅛ 88⅞— ⅛
GlobalMar	32¼ 31 5-16 31⅞+11-16
Goodrich	44⅛ 43 13-16 44⅛+ ⅛
Goodyear s	61 7-16 60⅝ 61 7-16+11-16
GtAtlPac	30 15-16 30⅝ 30⅞+ ¼
Halliburtn s	60 57⅝ 60 + 3
Hanson ADS	25¾ 25⅝ 25 9-16
HarteHanks	35⅝ 35 5-16 35 11-16+ ⅜
HomeDepot s	54 5-16 53⅝ 54 5-16+ 1
HoustonInds	22 21¾ 21⅞— ⅛
IBM s	102¼ 100 101 15-16+2 9-16
IntlPaper	48⅝ 47¼ 48⅛+ 1⅛
JohnsonJn	58 56 9-16 57⅞+ 1⅜
K mart	13¼ 12⅞ 13⅛+ 7-16
Kroger s	31⅛ 30 13-16 31 5-16+15-16
Litton	51¼ 50 13-16 51¼+13-16
LockhdMart	95⅞ 93⅛ 94 13-16+ 2⅛
Lowes Cos	42½ 41⅛ 42½+1 3-16
Lubys	19 15-16 19⅝ 19 15-16+ ⅛
LucentTech	83⅛ 81⅛ 83 3-16+ 4¼
MayDeptStrs	55⅛ 53 11-16 55 1-16+1 5-16
Medtronic s	45 13-16 43⅛ 45⅝+ 2⅝
Mobils	72⅞ 71 9-16 72½+ 5-16
Monsanto	43¼ 42⅝ 43⅛+ 5-16
MorganJP	116 113⅞ 115⅞+ 1⅛
Motorola	63⅛ 62⅝ 62 15-16+ ⅛
NCR Corp n	30⅞ 30⅝ 30 11-16+ 5-16
NationsBk s	61⅛ 59⅝ 61⅛+1 15-16
Navistar	23⅛ 22⅝ 23 — ⅛
Norwests	32⅞ 32 1-16 32 13-16+ ⅜
OryxEngy	27⅞ 27 5-16 27 13-16+ ⅜
Penney JC	56⅝ 55 9-16 56 7-16+11-16
Pennzoil	76⅛ 75 3-16 75⅜— 5-16
PepBoys	25⅛ 24⅞ 25 3-16+ 5-16
PepsiCo	37⅞ 36 11-16 36⅝—15-16
PhelpDodge	76⅝ 75⅞ 75 15-16+ 1-16
PhilipPet	48⅛ 47⅞ 48
PilgrmPrd	14 13 13-16 13⅞— ⅛
Polaroid	45⅞ 45⅛ 45 13-16+ 7-16
Praxair	45 43⅛ 44 11-16+ 2⅝
ProctGamb s	70 7-16 69⅝ 69 13-16— 5-16
PubSNwMx	-19⅝ 19 11-16 19 11-16— ⅛
RoyalDut s	54 11-16 53⅝ 54 + 1⅜
SBC Comm	64 7-16 63 5-16 64 + ⅜
SaraLee	51⅛ 50 51 +1 1-16
SearsRoeb	42 9-16 41¼ 42 9-16+ 1⅜
SherwinW s	28 7-16 27 5-16 28⅛— 3-16
SmthBc ADS s	46⅝ 45⅝ 46⅛+1 5-16
SouthernCo	23 9-16 23⅝ 23 7-16— 5-16
SwstAirlines	33⅛ 32⅝ 33 + 5-16
Sprint	53⅝ 52 3-16 53⅛+ ⅜
SunCo	39 15-16 39⅝ 39 13-16+13-16
TNP Ent	26⅛ 26⅛ 26⅛+ ⅜
Tandy s	37⅛ 36⅛ 36⅛— ¼
TempleInland	60⅛ 59⅞ 60⅛+ ¼
Tenneco	47⅞ 47 1-16 47⅞+ 3-16
Texaco s	59⅛ 58 5-16 59⅝+1 5-16
TexInd s	43 15-16 42⅝ 43 13-16+13-16
TexasInst	117 114⅛ 115⅝+ 3⅝
TexasInst wi	58⅛ 57⅛ 57⅛+ 1⅛
TexUtil	36¼ 35 13-16 36⅛+ 7-16
Textron s	58 57⅛ 57 11-16+ 3-16
Travelers s	71⅛ 70 3-16 70⅞+1 1-16
TriconGlbR n	31⅛ 31 31 5-16+ ⅜
TrinityInds	46 5-16 45 11-16 45 15-16— 7-16
TritonEngy	40⅝ 39⅛ 40⅝+2 1-16
Tyler	5 4⅞ 4⅞— 1-16
US WestCm	40 11-16 40 1-16 40⅛+ 1-16
USWstMda	26 3-16 25 9-16 26 1-16— 5-16
USX Delhi	18⅞ 18 13-16 18⅞+ ⅛
USX-Marathn	35 5-16 33⅛ 35 3-16+ ¼
USX-USS	33¼ 33 33⅛+ 9-16
UnCarbde	47⅞ 47 47 11-16+ 1
UnionPacif	64 3-16 63⅝ 63 15-16— ⅛
UnitedTech s	72⅞ 71 72 9-16+ 3⅛
Unocal	40⅛ 39 11-16 40 3-16+ 5-16
WalMart	35⅞ 34 5-16 35 9-16+ 1
WstnGasRs	24⅞ 24⅛ 24 9-16— ¼
WestghEl	27⅞ 26⅝ 27 9-16+ 7-16
WinnDixie	37 7-16 36 9-16 36⅝—15-16
Woolworth	19 5-16 19 19⅛— 3-16
Xerox Corp	83⅞ 81 13-16 83⅛+ ⅞
ZenithE	8⅝ 8 5-16 8½+ ¼

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Oct. 30, 1997

Material conditions look better than usual for you in the year ahead. New developments could offer you additional resources and give you a good year financially.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your salesmanship qualities might not be as dynamic and convincing as usual today, and you might let your prospects off the hook by being a poor closer. 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.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you have a beneficial idea, it's best not to discuss it prematurely with others today. Someone might try to walk off with your concept.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today, steer clear of shops that are promoting exotic merchandise. You might end up buying gadgets or items for which you'll have no need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, you might forsake your usual tenacity and wind up taking yourself out of the running just when the goal is within sight.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Before springing into action on a flash of inspiration today, put your thoughts down on paper so that they can be studied further.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you're working on a new endeavor, be practical and patient. If you try to accomplish all objectives in one leap, you could misfire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually, you're not influenced by companions. Today, however, you may yield to peer pressure and comply with their thoughts instead of your own.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be tolerant with co-workers today, especially those who don't grasp ideas as rapidly as you do. It won't hurt you to repeat information.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It is best not to borrow money from a friend today if you're uncertain about when you'll be able to repay it. Do not jeopardize the relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, if you're indecisive about an issue that affects everyone, wipe it from your mind for awhile. You can come back later when you have a fresh perspective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It might be wise today to shelve temporarily any assignments that are very exacting. Your concentration might not be up to par.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An easy-come, easy-go attitude today could cause you to lose an opportunity. Indifference might let something important slip through your fingers.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 10-29-97
♠ A J 7 5 4
♥ 10 8 3
♦ J 8
♣ A 8 3

West
♠ K 10 8 3 2
♥ ---
♦ 10 5 2
♣ Q 10 5 4 2

East
♠ Q 9 6
♥ K 9 7 6 5 4 2
♦ 7
♣ K J

South
♠ -
♥ A Q J
♦ A K Q 9 6 4 3
♣ 9 7 6

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♥
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 3

Nothing by wire, only on paper

By Phillip Alder

The 10th Internet daily bulletin from Albuquerque included no deals. However, there were several in the printed version available at the tournament.

This deal contained some interesting features. How did South try to make his ambitious six diamonds after West led a spade?

When North cue-bid three hearts, South, Brian Gunnell, expected both a stronger dummy and a heart lead. However, West had a good excuse for not leading his partner's suit.

South decided to play for a 4-4 spade break, which would allow two club losers to be discarded. Yet dummy was short of entries. So, after throwing a club on the spade ace, Gunnell ruffed a spade in hand, then led a diamond to dummy's eight! (This finesse looks dangerous, but with the inferred 7-0 heart break, West was more likely to have the trump 10.) Declarer continued with a spade ruff in hand, a trump to dummy's jack, and another spade ruff, getting the bad news.

After drawing the last trump, Gunnell played a club to dummy's ace, finessed the heart queen, and exited with his last club. Bingo! East had to win with the king and return a heart, allowing declarer to repeat the finesse. South's 12 tricks were one spade, three hearts, seven diamonds and one club.

No doubt you noticed that the defense missed a chance. Under the club ace, East must sacrifice his king. Then, when declarer exits with the club nine, West must go up with the queen to ingest East's jack: the so-called Crocodile Coup.

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Scurry County Country

Crop Report

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — With this year's rice harvest drawing to a close, producers are feeling the effects from last spring's weather, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Arlen Klosterboer, Extension agronomist-rice, said this year's rice yields are down 10 percent to 12 percent. He said the late-planted crop is the main reason producers are seeing lower yields.

"The farmers were not able to get in and plant as early as they needed to because of the wet weather," Klosterboer said. "This has resulted in decreasing yields."

Klosterboer said the quality of the crop also is down slightly in some areas. He said this is primarily due to high nighttime temperatures during the summer.

John Cosper, Wharton County Extension agent, has had different reports in his county. So far, he said, quality is looking very good despite low yields.

Both Klosterboer and Cosper report a decrease in acreage planted. In 1996, 265,000 acres of rice were planted. This year, only 235,000 acres were planted.

Cosper said many factors played a part in the decrease of acres planted this year.

One, he said, was the wet fall, winter and spring delaying some farmers until the end of May or beginning of June. Instead of planting and potentially losing one-third of their yields, many opted to take insurance on the crop and not plant, he said.

"Normally there is a ratoon crop, or a second crop, planted on 75 percent of the crop land," Cosper said. "This year, because of the weather, there is only 15 percent planted."

Prices also affected many farmers' decision as to whether or not to plant rice this year, Cosper said.

"The price is flat right now," he said. "There were not any red flags waving encouraging farmers to plant rice this year."

The other deciding factor was the 1996 Farm Bill. Under the bill, Cosper said, landowners will still receive transition payments even if no rice has been planted.

Because of these three things, Cosper said acreage is down almost 3,500 acres in his county alone.

Despite low yields and lost acreage, both Cosper and Klosterboer said recent weather conditions have been quite cooperative for harvesting.

"Rice can generally handle a lot of rain as long as there is not much wind with it," Cosper said. "As long as there is not a freeze, the rest of the crop and harvest should be OK."

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

PANHANDLE: soil moisture short to adequate. Ranges fair to good. Cattle good with some supplemental feeding under way.

Sorghum harvest delayed by high moisture. Wheat in need of rain.

Soybean harvest nearing completion. Sugar beet harvest under way.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges good. Livestock in good condition. Rain has delayed harvest of most crops. Cotton, sorghum, sunflower harvest under way. Wheat planting under way.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture adequate to surplus.

Pastures, ranges fair. Cattle good with supplemental feeding under way. Cotton harvest under way with fair to average yields reported. Armyworm damage reported on wheat. Pecans good. Peanut harvest delayed by rain.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures fair. Livestock good. Cotton harvest delayed by rain. Sorghum harvest under way with excellent yields. Wheat planting under way. Drought caused poor soybean yields in some areas.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture adequate. Perennial pastures grazed out; winter pasture planting under way. Cattle condition good; some hay feeding. Cotton harvest continues. Oats in good condition. Pecan harvest under way.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges dry in some areas; rains have improved others. Livestock in good to excellent condition. Cotton harvest in full swing; recent moisture will hamper harvest. Boll weevil rampant in some fields.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture very short to adequate. Pastures, ranges fair to good. Livestock condition fair to good; supplemental feeding increasing. Cotton, sorghum yields good. Oat planting continues. Early pecans being harvested; good outlook.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges benefited by rainfall. Good cattle condition. Irrigated peanuts average; dryland are a disaster. Pecan harvest beginning soon. Wheat planting beginning where dry.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture adequate. Summer grasses are going into winter dormancy, Livestock remain in good condition. Spinach, cabbage, carrots and other winter vegetables making excellent progress. Pecan harvest gaining momentum.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 1,440 head of cattle for the Thursday, Oct. 23, Sale. Cows were $2 to $3 cheaper. Calves and yearlings were $2 better. Trading was good and demand good.

Slaughter cows: 31 to 37.50; canners and low cutters: 25 to 30; slaughter bulls 40 to 49.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 95 to 117; 400 to 500; 85 to 110; 500 to 600, 73 to 83; 600 to 700, 72 to 77; 700 to 800, 70 to 76.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 75 to 85; 400 to 500, 73 to 77; 500 to 600, 65 to 75; 600 to 700, 65 to 72.50; 700 to 800, 62.50 to 68.50.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 70 to 82.50; 700 to 800, 62.50 to 70.

Cow and calf pairs, good: 550 to 675; grade, 425 to 550.

Springers: 350 to 550; baby calves: 75 to 150; doodlers: 125 to 210.

Colorado City cattle auction

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,117 head of cattle for the Saturday, Oct. 25 Sale. Feeder steers were steady. Steers 600 lbs. and up, and cattle 500 lbs. and back were $1 to $2 higher. Heifers were $1 to $3 higher. Packer cows and bulls were $2 to $3 lower. Trade and demand good.

Steers:
200 to 300: 92 to 105
300 to 400: 87.50 to 106.50
400 to 500: 87 to 103
600 to 800: 70 to 89

Heifers:
200 to 300: 83 to 103
300 to 400: 78-100
400 to 500: 72 to 90
600 to 800: 67.25 to 76

Young bred cows: 525 to 600.

Medium age to older bred cows: 350 to 510.

Young cows and calves: 525 to 785.

Medium age to older cows and calves: 475 to 570.

Packer cows: 25 to 39.80.

Packer bulls: 40 to 48.25

Market plunges may hurt exports, California claims

SACRAMENTO (AP) -- California agriculture observers fear the currency crisis in Southeast Asia coupled with a strengthening U.S. dollar may hurt the state's farm exports, especially specialty crops.

"Drops in all three market sectors — bulk, intermediate and consumer-oriented goods — are expected," said California Farm Bureau spokesman Louis Brown."But the consumer-oriented products, which includes California fruits and vegetables, will be hit the hardest."

Federal analysts expect U.S. farm exports to decline $575 million this year to Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysa. All are among the top 15 overseas markets for California crops.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts, County Extension Agent

Agricultural illnesses: In addition to the recognized problems with traumatic injury and death in agriculture, there are serious issues relating to the health of those who work in farming. In recent years, much work has been done in partnership with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to better identify these health problems. A clear pattern of health problems associated with agriculture is emerging. It is not surprising that some of these illnesses may vary somewhat with the different types of agriculture in the country, but the majority of these problems occur throughout agriculture.

Hearing Loss — Studies show that well over 50 percent of randomly selected farmers have evidence of hearing loss. Over a quarter of these losses may be severe. The type of loss ("sensorineural") and its tendency to affect higher sound frequencies strongly suggests that excessive noise (tractors, chain saws, animal confinement facilities) is a major contributor to this problem. Other co-factors might include carbon monoxide, exposures to agrichemicals and other compounds. This high frequency loss may significantly hinder communication and may not respond well to amplification with hearing aids.

Arthritis — A pattern of problems with knees, shoulders, hips, and back is emerging, particularly in dairy farming. Studies of the X-ray findings in these cases often indicate the changes of "osteoarthritis," a wear and tear phenomenon affecting the cartilage surfaces which cushion the movement between bones. This particularly troublesome when weight — bearing bones are involved. Musculo-skeltal pain from arthritis, tendonitis and muscle strain problems appear to be common in workers harvesting vegetables and in orchard workers. Much of this may relate to continuously repeated motions or to lifting or carrying of excessive weight.

Cancer — As a group, farmers tend to have fewer incidences of cancer than the general population, largely because they smoke less. However, increasing evidence suggests that certain types of cancer occur more frequently than in non-farmers. A number of investigators are examining a possible link between lymphoma and certain types of agrichemicals. Rates of brain, prostate and stomach cancer appear to be higher than expected in some studies. The potential causes of such increased rates is unclear. In the case of increased rates of skin and lip cancer, however it seems certain that excessive sun exposure is a major factor.

Respiratory disease — Despite smoking less, farmers have increased rates of chronic bronchitis. Components of agricultural dusts are sufficiently irritating to the ariways of the lung to cause mucus overproduction leading to repeated cough with phlegm. This dust is also a factor in the asthma and allergic problems (runny nose, irritated eyes) which may occur with entry to barns and confinement housing.

"Farmer's lung disease" is an immune — mediated irritation of the lung stimulated by inhalation of microorganisms living in feed and bedding materials. Toxic fumes can also be encountered by people working in agriculture. Occasionally entry of a recently — filled silo may lead to nitrogen dioxide exposure causing "silo-fillers disease," a potentially lethal lung injury. Equally dangerous fumes may be encountered in areas of manure storage associated with animal confinement facilities.

Infections — Exposure to animals may also lead to transmission of animal-borne diseases to the worker. It is unclear how often this occurs, but rates clearly vary with the type of infection and the organ involved. The skin is certainly the most commonly affected organ with a variety of fungal and viral infections being readily contracted from livestock.

Other, more serious diseases may be carried by livestock but seem to be transmitted infrequently. Rates of transmission of gastroenteritis and diarrheal disease from livestock have not yet been clearly defined.

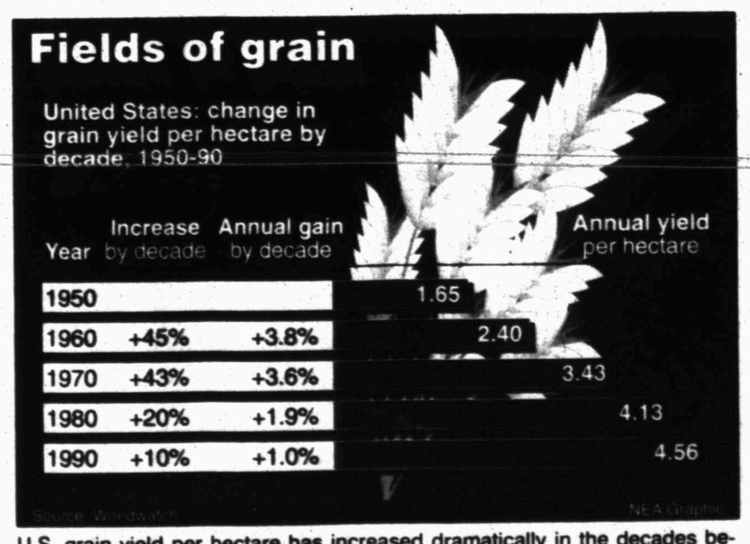
Pesticide-related problems — Possible links between pesticide exposure and cancer are common concerns which may have some validity. There are however a wide variety of other potential effects related to pesticides. These range from peripheral neuropathy (problems with sensation and movement related to injury of the nerves carrying messages to and from the brain) to infertility. Defects in concentration, memory and other key brain functions may eventually be shown to relate to pesticide exposures. Skin rash is likely the most common ill effect of these exposures.

Emotional stress and depression — Virtually anyone working in farming is subject to major stressors (finances, weather, equipment failure, working conditions) over which they have little control. These are compounded by the pressures of time, multiple jobs, family conflict, etc.

Studies from the Midwest suggest that suicide rates have been elevated during periods of severe economic stress. Depression appears to affect farmers in certain categories and this may relate to levels of stress. The effects of chemical ecxposures and other factors remain to be studied further.

As can be seen, much remains to be learned about the types, rates and causes of occupational disease in agriculture. However, even now it is clear that much can be done to reduce the risk of these problems for those working in farming. Noise, dust and exposures to toxins ranging from sunlight to agrichemicals account for many of the problems listed above.

Thus attention to abatement of noise and dust, good ventilation, proper chemical handling, application and post-application procedures can all substantially reduce risk of illness. Protective equipment including sunglasses, sun blocking skin creams, hats and shirts, hearing protection, respirators, resistant boots, gloves and garb should be readily available and consistently used whenever there is potential for exposure.



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Younger students indulge in drugs more often, survey says

ATLANTA (AP) — Illegal drug use among high school students has stabilized in the last year, but younger students are indulging more often, according to a drug institute survey.

Older students are turning more toward cigarettes and liquor, while use of marijuana and other illegal drugs increased slightly among younger students, according to a survey released Tuesday by the Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education.

The country's largest survey of adolescent drug use included 141,077 students from junior and senior high schools in 28 states. They replied to anonymous questionnaires distributed by teachers between September 1996 and June 1997.

High school students reported a statistically insignificant increase in drug use, from 24.2 percent to 24.6 percent, the institute said. Smoking increased from 33.4 percent to 34.7 percent, while drinking rose from 39.8 percent to 39.9 percent, the survey showed.

Meanwhile, students in the sixth through eighth grades reported drinking beer and using inhalants less, while use of marijuana, cocaine, uppers, downers, hallucinogens and heroin increased from 10.9 percent to 11.4 percent, the survey said. Drug use was described as once a month.

The New York Times said the institute's findings contradict some major findings in an earlier annual survey for the Department of Health and Human Services. The government study, called the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, reported in August that the number of teen-agers using drugs in the previous month had dropped from 10.9 percent in 1995 to 9 percent in 1996.

Rising drug use tends to be reported more accurately than declines, Eric D. Wish, director of the Center for Substance Abuse Research at the University of Maryland, told The Times.

"When you find an increase in these drug surveys, they usually do reflect that something's going on, because the bias is so much towards under-reporting use," he said.

"It's now literally at age 10 where you can see the onslaught of drugs," survey coauthor Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, director of President Clinton's Office of the National Drug Control Strategy told the Times. "There's a shred of good news that drug use is stabilizing among older kids."

The Atlanta-based institute is a nonprofit group offering drug prevention programs for parents, youth, schools, businesses and governments. The group is funded by private donations and by school systems who use their questionnaires to monitor student drug abuse.

Institute officials said they were heartened by one statistic in the survey: The number of students whose parents talked to them about drugs increased from 29.6 percent to 30.8 percent, the first rise in five years.

"Adolescents who have strong role models and positive role models are less likely to be involved in drug use," institute spokesman Andrew Bearman told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Mexico lets newly captured banker return to house arrest

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican prosecutors are fuming at the courts for returning a fugitive banker to house arrest — at the same luxury home he fled last week, eluding 24 armed guards.

Accusers of Jorge Lankenau Rocha, who is suspected of having bilked depositors out of $171 million, fear he will follow past Mexican financiers who allegedly engaged in bank fraud but avoided prison.

"The rich hire high-priced lawyers to get them impunity ... something the average Mexican cannot afford," assistant attorney general Jose Luis Ramos said angrily.

Lankenau surrendered Tuesday in the northern city of Monterrey, four days after escaping court-ordered house arrest at his mansion there.

The banker, wearing a business suit and unshaven, appeared unfazed at a subsequent court hearing in Mexico City, where he was ordered returned to house arrest — over prosecutors' objections.

"The attorney general's office argued that he shouldn't be released (to house arrest) ... given the serious nature of the crime," prosecutor Everardo Moreno, visibly upset, said later.

House arrest offered Lankenau not only a swimming pool, library and bar, but an easy escape, Ramos said. "That house is full of secret tunnels and doors. It was the worst place to place him under house arrest."

Ramos urged President Ernesto Zedillo to overhaul Mexico's system of treating white-collar crime, changing criminal procedures that let high-powered defendants stretch out trials and avoid arrest.

Also fuming are the nearly 150 investors who put their money into Lankenau's Abaco Financial Group and Confia bank. Lankenau is accused of channeling the money into an offshore account, which he allegedly then dipped into for his own use.

On Tuesday, authorities denied suggestions that the guards assigned to watch the banker may have aided his escape last week.

His case follows the unresolved 1994 cases of Carlos Cabal Peniche and Angel Rodriguez, bankers who fled the country in 1994 following financial scandals, apparently after being tipped off about impending arrest warrants.

It was unclear whether the Lankenau's case could further delay efforts to clean up Banco Confia, which is being managed by the government and is to be sold to U.S.-based Citibank.

Citibank had agreed in principle to assume a 100-percent stake in Confia on Aug. 28, and pledged to inject $250 million of capital into the venture.

Attackers kill priest who worked with untouchables

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A Catholic priest was found beheaded in a forest in northern India, apparently killed for aiding the region's no-caste untouchables, colleagues said today.

A search party from the Australian-run mission that employed the Rev. A.T. Thomas found his decapitated body Monday near Sirka village, three days after Thomas was abducted from the village's meeting place.

He was the third Catholic clergyman killed in the past two years in Bihar, India's least-developed state, where caste-based gang wars have killed hundred of residents in recent years.

Thomas, an Indian working for Province of the Society of Jesus, had established 15 schools and health projects for Harijans, or untouchables, who occupy the lowest rung in the hierarchy of the Hindu caste system.

"He was working for uplifting the Harijans in remote areas. That may have been a threat to the upper castes," the Rev. George Pereira of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India said in New Delhi.

Police were looking into Thomas' past mediation in land disputes, police Superintendent Bihuthy Pradhan said in Bihar.

The priest earlier had been involved in a successful court fight by the untouchables to cultivate land claimed by upper caste Hindus.

"It looks like an act of revenge," the Rev. Father Phil Crotty said in Melbourne.

Police were offering a $28 reward — a month's wages in that area — for the return of the priest's missing head.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Should I worry about a hydrocele?

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the prognosis for a hydrocele?

DEAR READER: A hydrocele is a collection of fluid under the membrane that surrounds the testicle. The collection can be quite small and hardly noticeable, or it may be very large and equal the size of the testicle itself.

In this case, the patient may experience a sense of pressure, fullness or pain, especially after prolonged standing.

The condition is harmless and common.

Removing the fluid with a needle gives only temporary relief, as the fluid will soon reaccumulate. Therefore, if a person is bothered by the symptoms I mentioned, the appropriate therapy is surgical excision of the fibrous sheath, a simple operation.

In any case, the prognosis is excellent.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of a variety of health problems, my doctor has prescribed the following medications: Cozaar, Maxzide, K-Dur, folate, vitamin E, Lodine, Premarin, Propulsid, Prilosec, Accolate, Aerobid, Proventil inhaler, and Pamelor.

I feel awful.

DEAR READER: I'm not surprised. You are taking 13 medicines, all of which have potential side effects. Heaven knows how these powerful drugs are interacting in your body. I believe that your situation represents precisely the problem that I constantly carp about: overmedication. While you should address the issue with your doctor, let me make some obvious suggestions:

— Cozaar, Maxzide: Used for hypertension. One or the other might suffice.

— K-Dur: A potassium supplement. Should not be needed with the other drugs that you are taking.

— Folate, vitamin E: Safe. But E can cause fatigue. Don't exceed 800 units a day.

— Lodine: An anti-inflammatory for arthritis. Causes intestinal bleeding. Substitute Tylenol or ibuprofen as a trial.

— Premarin: Female hormone. Make sure you have annual mammograms.

— Propulsid, Prilosec: Used for gastric hyperacidity. One or the other should suffice, both not needed.

— Accolate, Aerobid, Proventil: Prescribed for asthma. Use as directed, but don't overdo.

— Pamelor: Anti-depressant. Many side effects, including heart problems and seizures. Do you really need this?

Let me know how your doctor responds to this thumbnail analysis of your prescriptions.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips On Medicines." 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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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Merchant's Marketing Demand Is Blow to Customer's Privacy

DEAR ABBY: Yesterday I went into a store that was having a sale. While I was there, I saw some tables that had decorative items for 50 percent off. I found two things I wanted. The sale amounted to less than $20, so I paid cash for them.

Before the salesman gave me my purchase, he demanded my name, address and telephone number. Abby, this was a cash sale. He held my purchases until I reluctantly gave him my name and address. (I steadfastly refused to give him my telephone number, since it is unlisted.)

This isn't the first time I've had this happen with a cash sale. What in the world are businesses thinking of? If I pay cash for something, why should I be obliged to give them this information? I strongly object to this practice. It is an invasion of privacy.

I would appreciate it if you would publish this letter. Businesses that do this should be aware that they may have lost any future business from this particular customer. If I must give this kind of information when I make a cash purchase, I'll shop someplace else next time.

DISGUSTED SHOPPER,
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DEAR DISGUSTED SHOPPER: Some places of business do this because they want to add your name to their mailing list. However, you are under no obligation to give personal information — and in the future you should tell the store manager how you feel about it.

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DEAR ABBY: I read the excellent letter from the Carrollton, Ga., librarian, encouraging people to ask for help at the public library. May I add another suggestion?

As a children's librarian, I wish more families would bring their kids to the library and explore all the wonderful services we have to offer them. With the current prices of family entertainment, many parents would be pleasantly surprised to discover the free materials and programs that are available at their public library.

Consider the fun of attending a puppet show and taking home books and videos, or bringing the children to an evening story-time and browsing through magazines and tapes after the program.

Mom or Dad can drop by the library after work, and in a few minutes head home with a whole evening's fun for the family.

The public library shouldn't be "the best-kept secret" in your neighborhood. Please come by and ask us what we can do for you.

MISS JUDI IN DALLAS

DEAR MISS JUDI: Thanks for a valuable suggestion. I'm pleased to give it space in my column. Your love for your profession is reflected in every paragraph of your inspiring letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the librarian who was helpful and enjoyed answering questions — I only wish she worked in our city library.

I have never seen our librarian get out of her chair. She sighs, rolls her eyes, and gives directions by jerking her thumb over her shoulder. All this is accomplished without uttering a single word.

STILL SEARCHING IN RICHLAND, WASH.

DEAR STILL SEARCHING: If you're still wandering through the stacks, start searching for this woman's boss and repeat what you have written to me. Your librarian needs motivation, and I hope she receives it before she drives away the people she's paid to serve.

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Prop 11

Summary: **Limiting the state debt by requiring a two-thirds vote of the Legislature plus statewide voter approval before the current 5 percent of the average amount of general revenues for state debt can be raised.**

For: The current system of statutory debt restrictions are ineffective in that the state debt can be raised by the Legislature when it wants to borrow more money. Voter approval allows Texas citizens to have the final decision on the amount of debt the state can incur.

Against: The Constitution currently has adequate means of protecting against unnecessary debt. Voter approval is used through the issuance of general obligation bonds. Theis proposition is short-sighted and should be more flexible.

Prop 12

Summary: **Requiring a deadline for the Texas Supreme Court on action taken on a rehearing.**

For: Currently, a judgment on a case is not final until the court rules a motion for rehearing. In some cases final judgment can be tied up for years. A deadline will place a reasonable length of time on final judgments for cases.

Against: Legitimate reasons exist which may delay deciding on a motion. The most common reason for delay has been remedied by a new computerized docketing system.

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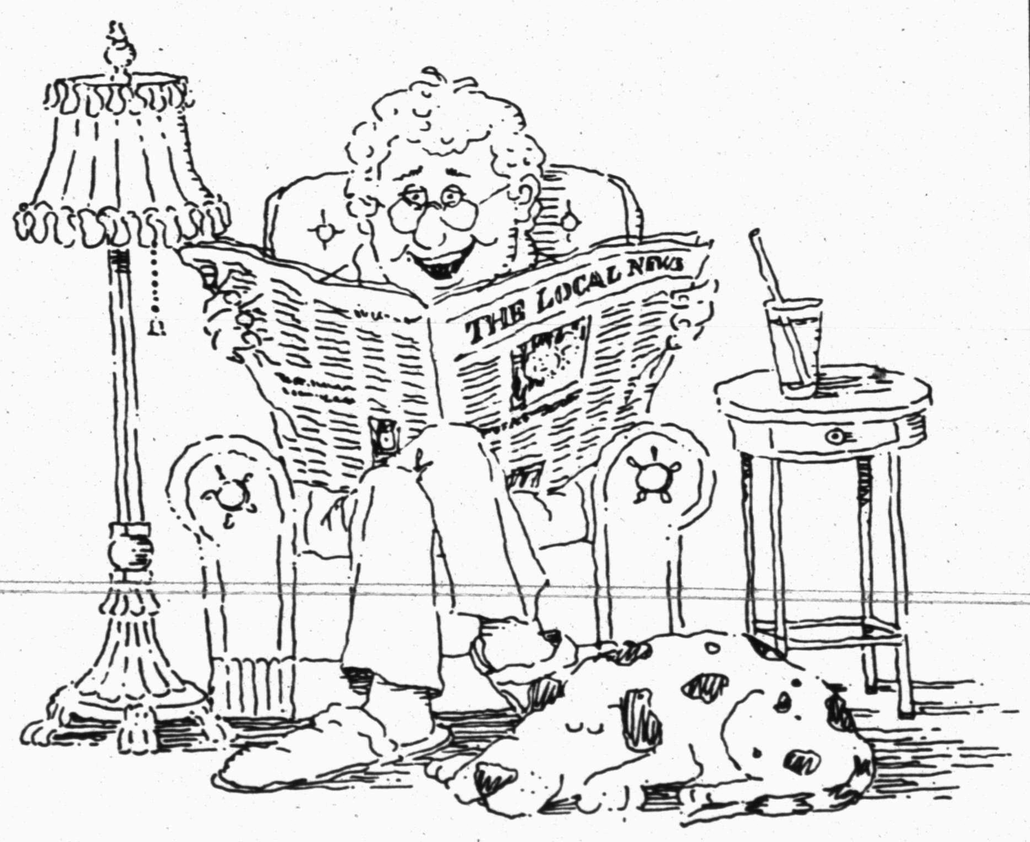

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Visit by China's president 'a big deal'

WASHINGTON (AP) — On a Washington excitement scale — with a Yasser Arafat handshake on the White House lawn rating a 10 and a presidential child-care conference a 1 — the American visit of China's Jiang Zemin ranks among the biggest of deals.

Not often does a guest get to say, "I speak for a billion people."

Rounding off his country's population to the nearest fraction of a billion, that's just what he said, after a red carpet, 21-gun welcome at the White House today.

"I wish to take this opportunity to convey to the great American people the cordial greetings and best wishes of the 1.2 billion Chinese people," said Jiang in Chinese, pausing for interpretation.

He also spoke the diplomatic equivalent of "the whole world is watching," the slogan anti-Vietnam war demonstrators used to chant on the other side of the White House gates.

"All the people in the world and persons of insight are following closely the course of development of China-U.S. relations," said the Chinese president.

Jiang comes as a power, not a supplicant. Nuclearly armed, he represents a country that would be formidable in a war with America. Commercially emerging, he represents a market big enough to make throats go dry among American business titans. Indeed, he is spending far more time with corporate barons than with President Clinton.

Unlike Ronald Reagan, Clinton rarely gets the chance to be host to something so potentially important. Reagan during his eight years in office got the chance to ease his counterpart from the "Evil Empire" — the Soviet Union — toward partnership and actual warmth.

For Clinton, the most comparable moment was the sunny morning of Sept. 13, 1993, when three American presidents and nine secretaries of state were mere spectators to Arafat's hand shake with Yitzhak Rabin on the White House lawn, a grasp that generated a gasp and loud applause.

The scholar, Richard Haas of the Brookings Institution, paraphrased Woody Allen's observation that just showing up is 80 percent of life. For Clinton-Jiang, he said, showing up is 90 percent.

And yet, maybe because China is not perceived as a military threat to the U.S. mainland, scant evidence of excitement was to be seen on the streets of Washington.

Paula Jones wants to drop part of claim in her lawsuit

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The woman suing President Clinton for alleged sexual harassment wants to drop her claim that a state trooper's depiction of her as an eager mistress tarnished her reputation.

Paula Jones filed a motion to amend her lawsuit Tuesday, less than two weeks after lawyers for trooper Danny Ferguson began questioning potential witnesses about her past.

Bill Bristow, Ferguson's attorney, has defended the questioning, saying it's his job to "determine what her reputation was."

Mrs. Jones' lawyers have begun talking to potential witnesses about Clinton's past, and one scheduled for a deposition next month is Gennifer Flowers, who has claimed she had a long romantic relationship with Clinton. She has been subpoenaed to give a deposition in two weeks.

Ferguson allegedly set up a hotel room meeting in Little Rock between Jones and then-Gov. Clinton in May 1991.

Mrs. Jones' $700,000 lawsuit against Clinton and Ferguson alleges that Clinton exposed himself and asked her for oral sex. She was a state employee at the time and claims Clinton later used his influence to land her in a dead-end job.

Clinton has denied the allegations and said he does not recall meeting Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. Jones filed a defamation lawsuit against Ferguson, accusing him of being the source of a published account that depicted her as eager to be Clinton's mistress. If the loss-of-reputation charge is dropped, Ferguson will remain a co-defendant, accused of conspiring with Clinton to violate Mrs. Jones' constitutional rights.

Defamation claims against Clinton have already been dropped.

As part of the quest for witnesses for Mrs. Jones' case, a former high school classmate of Clinton was questioned for about four hours in Dallas on Tuesday.

Negotiator: Separatist leader avoided all talk of surrender

ALPINE (AP) — Armed separatists were cooperative during negotiations to release two hostages, but things changed when it came to attempts to bring them out of the mountains, a Texas Ranger has testified.

Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren was not interested in discussing the group's surrender, preferring instead to dwell on his belief that Texas remains an independent nation, said Ranger Capt. Barry Caver, who commanded officers laying siege to the separatists' encampment.

"He went off on his international law rhetoric, which I didn't really understand and didn't really care about," Caver said Tuesday in the trial for McLaren and his top lieutenant, Robert Otto.

Caver is expected to continue testifying today. District Attorney Albert Valadez also expects to call an FBI informant who had contact with McLaren during the hostage situation.

McLaren and Otto are charged with engaging in organized criminal activity for allegedly plotting to kidnap two people who lived near Republic members in the Davis Mountains Resort, a rural community 175 miles southeast of El Paso.

The April 27 abduction, carried out by three of McLaren's followers, sparked the standoff with nearly 300 state troopers and Texas Rangers. The siege ended May 3 when the group agreed to lay down its weapons.

Caver said he began negotiating with two of the suspected abductors, Gregg Paulson and Richard Keyes III, soon after he arrived on the scene, about three hours after Joe and Margaret Ann Rowe were taken hostage.

He soon cut a deal to exchange a Republic member arrested earlier in the day for the Rowes. "I felt like I needed to do everything possible to get Mr. and Mrs. Rowe out safely without suffering any more injuries," Caver said.

Joe Rowe was injured by glass shards when a Republic member shot his way into his home.

Earlier, the Rowes testified about their abduction, and Valadez played a tape of Mrs. Rowe's frantic 911 call.

Mrs. Rowe is heard on the tape telling the dispatcher that Republic of Texas members are "running around our yard with guns."

"Send somebody out here," she pleads just seconds before being interrupted by the crackling sounds of a militia member shooting through the door where her husband had taken cover.

Trial

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District Judge Ernie Armstrong presented the case to the jury at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, and at 3:30 the jury was back in the courtroom with the guilty verdict.

This morning, the defendant testified in the punishment phase as did his mother, Doris Birmingham and a brother-in-law, Michael Pruitt.

Domestic troubles prompt one arrest

Domestic troubles resulted in the arrest of one person this morning as officers took into custody a man prowling around his former wife's residence.

Officers arrested the 30-year-old male at 1:58 a.m. today in the 1900 block of Coleman on an outstanding Scurry County warrant for assault/family violence.

In activity Tuesday, officers were called to the 3000 block of 39th Street at 11:43 a.m. as a fight was in progress involving several juveniles. Two juveniles were taken to the police station and later released to their parents.

Officers were called to Wal-Mart at 2:52 p.m. and 3:35 p.m. in reference to shoplifters. Offense reports for Class C theft were submitted in both instances.

An offense report for Class A assault was submitted at 4:59 p.m. as a 13-year-old female was reportedly assaulted by another juvenile. The victim was transported by private vehicle to Cogdell Hospital where she was released following treatment.

A two-vehicle minor accident was investigated at 6:42 p.m. in the 2700 block of 38th Street. Involved were a 1991 Ford pickup driven by Kenneth Wood of 2705 38th St. and a parked, unoccupied Chevrolet pickup owned by Arrow Construction.

A Snyder EMS unit was requested at the soccer fields at the junior high at 6:59 p.m. in reference to a 16-year-old male soccer player being injured. He was transported by EMS to Cogdell Hospital where he was admitted. His condition was listed as satisfactory this morning.

A report of a stolen 20-inch bicycle was made at 7:38 p.m. from 511 20th Street.

The fire department responded to a report of a grass fire at 4:12 p.m. Tuesday on CR 221, west of Snyder.

Cat missing since Hurricane Bertha located at hospital

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) — Fifteen months had passed since Hurricane Bertha ripped ashore and Paulette Tipton's cat, Tiger, disappeared.

Then she saw the classifieds: "FOUND CAT: Yellow and white, long hair, male. Found 10/23, Bethel Road area. Call Needham Animal Hospital."

Could it possibly be?

Tipton telephoned the hospital, drove over to have a look and there he was. Tiger, long lost Tiger.

"I told him he could eat Starkist tuna for the rest of his life," Tipton said.

While making preparations for Hurricane Bertha, the family lost track of the cat. They had just moved to Wilmington, and Tipton said she thought the unfamiliar surroundings and the blasting winds of that summer day in 1996 might have killed Tiger.

Turns out Tiger had been just a few miles away the whole time, using his charm to seduce food from strangers.

A woman whose house he sought out in recent weeks had taken him to the animal hospital, thinking he was better off put to sleep than homeless. Mercifully, the hospital placed the ad instead.

Tiger, 14, reclined on a plaid couch Tuesday afternoon, nursing an infected bite wound on his head but otherwise appearing fit. His future travels will be limited.

"He's not leaving this house," Tipton said. "Not for a daily romp or anything."

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Blood drives continue

Texas Blood Institute and Snyder Hospital Advisory Council are sponsoring a series of blood drives, the first of which began Tuesday. Today the drive will be held until 5 p.m. at Cogdell Hospital. Others are:

Thursday — Price Daniel Unit from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday — Western Texas College from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Post office open house

Snyder Post Office also will be holding an open house on Friday, from 10 a.m. until noon. The public will be able to tour the post office, and refreshments will be served.

Computer training

The county clerk's office will be closed for computer training this afternoon. Early voting will continue as usual in the county courtroom.

Historical commission

The Scurry County Historial Commission will meet for a brown bag luncheon at noon Thursday in the Dermott School. Business will include election of officers.

Snyder Drama Patrons

Snyder High Drama Patrons will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the drama room. All parents of drama students are invited.

Trinity United Methodist revival

Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting a revival through Friday featuring John Sheasby. Services begin at 7 p.m.

Sheasby and his wife, Beverly, are conducting Bible study at noon daily. The noon meal is brown bag with drinks furnished.

Hoops Club meeting

Snyder Girls Hoops Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school student center.

Fall Festival of Fun

First Baptist Church will presents its annual Fall Festival of Fun from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Family Life Center. The event is open to children from pre-school to the sixth grade. There is no admission charge. The festival features 24 booths where children can compete for candy and other prizes. A concession stand will be open and door prizes will be given away.

Company G Reunion

Matney's Raiders return to Snyder for their 24th annual reunion this week. Members will be returning Thursday, with headquarters set up at Willow Park Inn. A business meeting, open to the public, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Saturday's banquet and memorial service is set for 6:30 that evening. Friends are invited to visit during the reunion at Willow Park Inn.

Test voting machine

Public testing of the voting machine will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday in the courthouse.

RVOS Lodge to meet here

RVOS Lodge 203 will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Savings and Loan.

Free WTC game admission

Any child under the age of 12 who attends the Lady Westerners' basketball game at the coliseum Friday night in costume will be admitted free, if accompanied by a parent. Tip-off is at 7 o'clock.

Courthouse trick or treat

Young ghosts and goblins are invited to Scurry County Courthouse from 5 until 6 p.m. Friday to trick or treat.

Healthcare spookhouse

Snyder Healthcare, 5311 Big Spring Highway, will have a spookhouse from 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Halloween costume dance

Hermleigh Senior Class is sponsoring a Halloween costume dance in the Hermleigh Gym immediately following Friday's home football game. The dance will last until 1 a.m. Cost is $3 for those in costume; $4 without.

PTK garage sale

Phi Theta Kappa, WTC's international honor society, is planning a garage sale Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. at 304 36th Place. All money raised will be used toward the Nashville trip.

Grace Lutheran annual bazaar

Grace Lutheran Church Women's Group is planning its autumn bazaar from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The bazaar will be held at the church, 5500 College Avenue, near Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Cash Five

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

3-10-20-22-38

(three, ten, twenty, twenty-two, thirty-eight)

Pick 3

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

5-8-2

(five, eight, two)