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Home Of Joey Roland

Parade will signal the start of annual Fiesta

A big parade will kick off the weekend's annual Dieciseis de Septiembre Fiesta sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

The parade, set for 11 a.m. Saturday, will feature the 1999 Guadalupe Dieciseis queen Christy Garcia. She is the daughter of Ricky and Lucy Garcia and is an eighth-grader at Snyder Junior High.

Miss Garcia will reign over the two-day event held on the grounds of the church.

Besides the parade Saturday morning, fiesta-goers will have several food booths to select from beginning at 10 a.m.

The parade route will begin in the parking lot of Varsity Square Shopping Center and travel north on College Avenue to 13th Street.

The route will turn east on 13th Street and continue to the church.

There promises to be music for everyone Saturday and Sunday as DJ music will be provided from 1-3 p.m. both days.

On Saturday, an outdoor mass will be said at 6 p.m., followed by the traditional flag ceremony at 7 o'clock.

Miss Garcia will officially be crowned Queen of the Fiesta at 7:30 p.m. during coronation ceremonies.

From 8:30 until midnight, a live band will perform for a dance.

On Sunday, all the booths will open at 10 a.m. and there will be a talent show at 5 p.m.

Again on Sunday, the fiesta will feature a live band from 7-10 p.m.

History, culture and tradition explains why the Dieciseis de Septiembre is such a special day for the Mexican people and for Americans of Mexican descent.

It is a time to reflect on Mexican history, pass on the Mexican culture and tradition, and enjoy the celebration of freedom.

Like the Fourth of July, the 16th of September is an independence day. On this day, Mexico celebrates its independence from 300 years of Spanish rule.

The fight for independence began on the early morning hours on Sept. 16, 1810.

Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Catholic priest in the village of Dolores, made a monumental decision that revolutionized the course of Mexican history and marked the first struggle for Mexican independence.

Hours after Ignacio Allende and Criollo (Mexican born Spaniards) informed Hidalgo that plans of the revolution had been leaked to the Spaniards, Hidalgo summoned a mass.

In his famous "Grito de Dolores," Hidalago called on his people to retaliate against the Spaniards who had exploited and oppressed Mexicans for generations.

He urged the embittered Mexicans to recover lands stolen from their forefathers. In the calling, Hidalgo tapped into powerful forces that had been simmering for several hundred years. The people of Mexico were more than ready to win back their country.

Because of his actions, Hidalgo is still revered as the father of Mexican independence.

His actions will be honored during the weekend fiesta at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.



HOMECOMING CANDIDATES — Ira School's homecoming candidates are from left, Jamee Goolsby, Tara Allen and Morgan Clements. The Bulldogs host Paint Rock at 2 p.m. Saturday. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Homecoming event set for Ira Bulldogs

Ira School's homecoming activities were to kick off this afternoon with a 2:45 p.m. pep rally in the new gym. Open House was to be from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A taco supper will be served in the cafeteria from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ex-students basketball games are set for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A bonfire will follow on the baseball field.

Saturday's events begin with registration and refreshments in the new gym from 9 a.m. to noon.

A business meeting and program will be held in the new gym, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Ira Bulldogs will take on Paint Creek at 2 p.m. The 1999 homecoming queen will be crowned during halftime.

Candidates include Morgan Clements, Jamee Goolsby and Tara Allen.

Morgan is a junior and the daughter of Keith and Carla Clements. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is being escorted by senior Richard Wilkins, son of Ricky Wilkins and Mary Crane.

Jamee is a senior and the daughter of James and Gina Goolsby. She is being escorted by senior Jenson Gainer, son of Joee and Joni Gainer.

Junior Tara Allen is the daughter of Billy and Paula Allen. She is the head cheerleader and a member of the National Honor Society. Tara is being escorted by senior Jerek Brown, son of Jeff and Debra Brown.

All three are members of the Lady Bulldog basketball team.

A dance beginning at 8 p.m. in the old gym will conclude the homecoming activities.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A contented old-timer is one who doesn't worry about tomorrow because he's well-stocked on yesterdays."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Stephen Henry, in the Levelland-News Press, told a story about a blonde wanna-be helicopter pilot.

She went to a flight school insisting she wanted to learn to fly in a single day.

All the instructors were busy, so the school's owner agreed to instruct her on how to pilot the helicopter solo by use of a two way radio.

He took her out, showed her how to start the chopper, giving her the basics and sending her on her way.

After climbing to 1,000 feet, she radioed in. "I'm doing great. I love it. The view is so beautiful, and I'm starting to get the hang of it."

After 2,000 feet, she radioed in again, saying how easy it was to learn to fly.

The instructor watched her climb to over 3,000 feet, and was beginning to worry when she hadn't radioed in.

A few minutes later, he watched in horror as she crashed about half a mile away.

He rushed to pull her from the wreckage and asked what had gone wrong.

"I don't know," she said. "Everything was going fine, but as I got higher, it was starting to get cold. I can't remember anything after I reached up and turned off that big fan."

Larry Crabtree, in the Vernon Daily Record, also told about a single-engine plane piloted by two Aggies that crashed in a cemetery.

The plane's radio was still working and the radio tower responded to their SOS after the crash in the cemetery.

The Aggies replied, "So far we've got 150 dead, but we're still uncovering bodies."

And this blonde and Aggie combo story, courtesy of Jerry Tidwell, in the Hood County News:

Having been caught in a severe hailstorm, the Aggie went to a repair shop to see about getting the dents repaired. The estimate was $4,000.

The Aggie thought that was a little much and asked if there was another option.

Thinking he would have a little fun, the shop owner suggested he blow into the tail pipe real hard and the dents might pop out.

He decided to give it a try. Wrapping his lips around the exhaust pipe, his blonde neighbor rushed over with concern and wanted to know what was going on.

"Well, silly, that's not going to work," she said.

"Why not?" asked the Aggie.

"Because you have to roll up the windows first."

Fair continues on Saturday

The 34th annual Scurry County Fair is underway at the coliseum and continues through Saturday.

Price of admission is $1 and a variety of exhibits are on the coliseum floor with displays from local merchants and service organizations, and booths full of handicrafts, food items, textiles and items made by school children.

Kiddie event entries will be accepted today from 1-9 p.m. The kiddie parade will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. in the annex of the coliseum.

Other kiddie events on Saturday are the tractor pull at 10 a.m., the fish pond beginning at 1 p.m. and the stick horse rodeo beginning at 2 o'clock.

The fish pond event is for one to three-year-old children.

The stick horse rodeo has two divisions. One division is for three-five-year olds, while the other division is for six to eight-year-old youngsters.

Stick horses can be provided, or youngsters can bring their own favorite stick horses.

The barrel race for kids is set for 2:30-3 p.m., and it will have the same divisions as the stick horse race.

The three-legged race, for ages eight and under, is set for 3-3:30 p.m.

Baked goods will be accepted today from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday from 8-9 a.m.

The domino tourney championship will be held Saturday at 9 a.m.

Saturday's horse show will be held at 10 a.m. and entries will be accepted one hour before the show opens.

The horseshoe and washer-pitching contest will be held Saturday. Entry fee in these events are $5 per person and prizes will be awarded.



BARNYARD VISIT — Katlyn Chandler (front) and O.T. Lane take a peep at the turtles during their visit this morning to the Scurry County Fair. The two attend Snyder Day Care Center. Ninety-three entries were received this year in the fair's kiddie barnyard division.

Snyder trustees give 'okay to school tax rate

Snyder ISD trustees met briefly Thursday evening and finished the district's budget process for 1999-2000.

State law this year provided for two budget hearings and the final one was held Thursday, drawing no public comment.

The district approved the existing tax rate of $1.50 per $100 valuation. The tax money will help finance the district's $18,418,304 budget.

Board president Mark McCormick presided at the meeting and board members in attendance were Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Janet Stribling and Bill Moss. Absent were Mike Levens and Glenn Clarady.

Also at the meeting were representatives of Central Elementary, Stanfield Elementary and Northeast Elementary who were recognized for their campus' TAAS scores.

Carol Bullard also made a presentation of art work by elementary students.

Killer of seven linked to anti-Semitic group

HOUSTON (AP) — The jobless loner whose attack at a Fort Worth church killed seven people and led to his suicide was connected to a violent, anti-Semitic group as early as three years ago, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Author John Craig told the newspaper in a copyright story for today's editions that shooter Larry Ashbrook boasted of membership in the Phineas Priests, an anti-Semitic movement that advocates killing Jews and minorities.

"When I heard about the shootings Wednesday night and I heard that the gunman was wearing black and killed himself, I knew it had to be a Phineas Priest," Craig told the newspaper. "I called some people I know in the white supremacist movement, and they told me it was Larry Ashbrook.

Mark Potok, spokesman for the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., said Ashbrook didn't appear in the center's hate-group files.

"I don't think it's clear at all what motivated Ashbrook," Potok said today. "It seems possible that religious hate obviously played some part of it but whether it's related to the white supremacy movement is unclear."

Police on Thursday said they had not found a link between the 47-year-old Ashbrook and hate groups. But Craig, one of three authors of the book "Soldiers of God, White Supremacists and their Holy War for America", said the 1996 interview had left him convinced.

Craig told the newspaper he attempted to notify Fort Worth police of Ashbrook's racist connections immediately after the shooting, but his telephone calls were not returned.

An Internet site set up by the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department said the group, which excludes women, fosters terrorism as it follows its own interpretation of "God's law."

Experts said the group gets its name from an Old Testament Book of Numbers story involving a man named Phineas who kills a mixed-race couple to appease God.

Witnesses to the shooting spree at the Wedgwood Baptist Church said Ashbrook spewed obscenities and ridiculed Baptists before opening fire on 150 teen-agers and adults attending a youth rally. He then sat down in a pew and turned the gun on himself.

"It all fits too well," said Craig, a former undercover operative and private investigator who lives in Houston.

Other Phineas Priest members linked to violence include Buford Furrow, who allegedly shot children in a Los Angeles Jewish day-care center and killed a Filipino-American mailman.

ASK US

Q - What are the names of the HMOs that are dropping Medicare coverage on Jan. 1, 2000.

A – Humana, HMO Blue, United Healthcare, Healthfirst HMO East Texas Medical Plan and Cigna will stop providing the coverage.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 80 degrees; low, 58; 7 a.m. Friday, 59; trace precipitation; total for 1999, 21.14 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low near 60. SE wind 5-15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy, 20% chance of storms. High mid 80s. S wind 10-20 mph.



Christina Villa
Chance of Storms

Sunset:
7:47 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:29 a.m.
Of 259 days in 1999, the sun has shone 252 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Success comes before work only in the dictionary.

Banks, wealthy investors lost money during global crises

WASHINGTON (AP) — Banks and wealthy investors lost $350 billion during the 1997-98 global economic crises, a group representing 300 private financial institutions around the world reported Thursday.

The International Institute for Economics also said its members should not be forced to participate in resolving these crises but should act voluntarily on a case-by-case basis.

When the United States and the International Monetary Fund bailed out Mexico in 1995, some members of Congress charged that the infusion of money saved many investors from huge losses. The charges were repeated when South Korea received a similar package in December 1997 and Brazil got financial aid in January of this year.

"The reality is that no matter what prism you look through to view the relative roles of the private and public sector in Mexico, Korea or Brazil, there is no bailing out of the private sector by the official sector," said Charles Dallara, the institute's managing director. "You can't find it."

Dallara said Russia was the only country where investors put money in with any confidence they might recover their capital if anything went wrong.

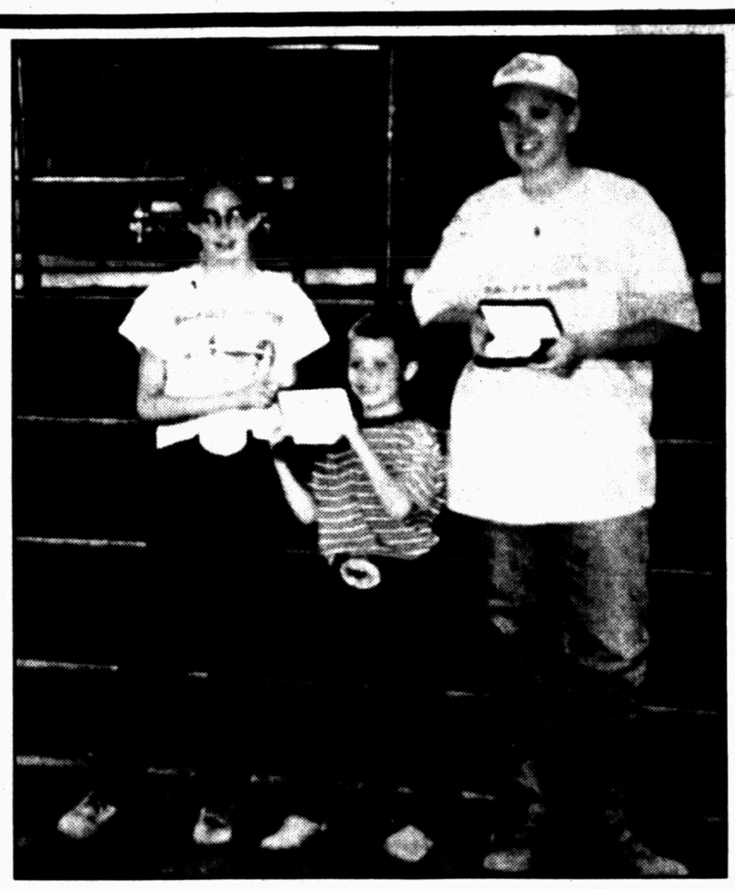
They believed "the IMF would continue for political and global security concerns, if not for economic reasons, to support (Russia's) reform program. That calculation was wrong," he said.

Dallara presented the institute's findings in a letter to finance ministers and central bank governors in advance of annual meetings of the IMF and the World Bank next week.

One of the issues to be discussed is burden-sharing, in which private investors pay a larger share of the official bailouts of nations on the verge of collapse.

Dallara said involving the private sector in these crises is a valid objective but burden-sharing is a flawed concept.

He advocated voluntary consultations between the banks and the IMF and other international financial institutions to see if market-based solutions can be found.



HORSE SHOW SATURDAY — The Scurry County Fair Horse Show will be held Saturday in the coliseum annex, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Last year's all-around winners include from left, Meggan Minor, 9-12; Garrett Hale, 8 and under; and Veronica Williams, 13 and up. (Contributed Photo)

Jones let out of jail by judge

LUBBOCK (AP) — The former lover of ex-Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros was freed Thursday, a week after Cisneros was fined but given no jail time for lying to the FBI about payments to her.

Linda Jones' 31/2-year sentence was reduced to time served — nearly 18 months — for her cooperation in the Cisneros case, according to court documents filed in federal court in Lubbock.

Ms. Jones, 50, was to be the star witness in the government's prosecution of Cisneros. But Cisneros pleaded guilty last week to a single misdemeanor count of lying to the FBI in a plea deal. The agreement, which included a $10,000 fine, called for no prison time or probation.

Cisneros admitted in court that he falsely told the FBI, while under consideration for a Cabinet post, that he had never paid his ex-mistress more than $2,500 monthly after their affair ended. He gave Linda Jones more than $250,000 between 1989 and 1994, prosecutors said.

She pleaded guilty in January 1998 to 28 counts involving fraud, conspiracy and money laundering for, among other things, lying about the payments and concealing evidence.

She was freed Thursday in Washington, where she had been under the custody of Independent Counsel David Barrett, one of her lawyers said. Authorities would not say where she was held in custody, but said it was not in prison.

"I am relieved that she is going to get out and be reunited with her family," said attorney Sam Ogan. "She had gotten such a high sentence that I'm glad this episode is finally over."

Barrett, who has refused to talk to reporters since the abrupt end of the Cisneros prosecution, offered no comment.

U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings, who had sentenced Ms. Jones, granted Barrett's motion to release her.

Cisneros' plea marked a sharp reversal for Barrett, who had indicted the one-time Clinton Cabinet member in 1997 on 18 felony counts of conspiracy, obstruction and lying to the FBI.

Millions in punitive damages against Ford are thrown out

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ford Motor Co. is entitled to a new trial to determine damages in a fatal rollover accident because jury misconduct may have tainted a $290 million award, a judge has ruled.

Superior Court Judge Roger Beauchesne in Modesto said deliberations were affected by a juror's dream and a television show.

The judge upheld the jury's unanimous finding that a defective roof was responsible for the deaths of a husband, wife and son when their Ford Bronco overturned on a freeway in June 1993.

On July 12, the jury awarded surviving family members and $290 million in punitive damages and $5 million in compensation, an amount Beauchesne reduced by $469,000.

During deliberations, one juror allegedly talked about a nightmare in which children of the jurors were killed in a Ford Bronco that was rolling over while the automaker's lawyers chanted, "Where's the proof?"

A second juror said she'd heard about an episode of "60 Minutes" in which a report about fires in Ford Mustangs included callous remarks by Lee Iacocca, the former Ford executive who introduced the Mustang and later became chief executive of Chrysler.

Beauchesne granted Ford a new trial on the punitive damages, saying the two jurors' comments may have influenced the deliberations. He noted that the jury vote on punitive damages was 9-3, the exact majority needed.

Ford spokesman Jim Cain said the ruling was gratifying, but the company maintains the Bronco wasn't defective and may appeal further.

The $290 million verdict had been the second-largest of its kind, coming just two weeks after a Los Angeles jury awarded $4.9 billion to six people who were severely burned when their Chevrolet exploded in a rear-end collision.

In the Ford case, Juan Romo was driving the 1978 model Bronco when he swerved to avoid a van and rolled over. Romo's mother, Salustia, 40; his father, Ramon, 39; and his brother, Ramiro, 18, were killed.

Laurence Drivon, a lawyer for the Romos, said plaintiffs' lawyers will review the ruling before deciding on their next step.

Meanwhile, relatives of three men killed or injured in a Feb. 1 explosion at a Ford plant outside Detroit have reached settlements with the company.

Final details of the agreements were approved Wednesday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Paul Teranes. Terms were not disclosed, but Brian Herrington, an attorney representing injured worker Patrick Pilzinski, told The Detroit News that the settlement with his client was "well over $1 million."

Company and plaintiff settle for $23 million

CANTON (AP) — A woman who blamed the diet drug combination fen-phen for her heart damage will settle her case against the manufacturer for a fraction of the $23.3 million a jury awarded her.

American Home Products Corp.'s settlement with Debbie Lovett was confidential, but company spokesman Doug Petkus said it was less than 10 percent of the jury award.

News of the settlement came Thursday amid reports that American Home is close to settling hundreds of diet pill lawsuits filed against it for at least $3 billion.

American Home made fenfluramine, the "fen" in the fen-phen combination and gave the drug a brand name of Pondimin. It also made Pondimin's chemical cousin Redux.

Ms. Lovett, 36, blamed American Home and subsidiary Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories for damage she suffered after taking fen-phen for more than three months starting in October 1995.

Her lawsuit was the first of thousands filed nationwide to reach a jury. Jurors last month found the company was fully liable for Ms. Lovett's ailments, but settlement negotiations followed the verdict.

American Home Products said the settlement means the case will be dismissed and the company will waive all appellate rights.

Ms. Lovett's attorney, Kip Petroff, would not disclose the amount of the settlement, but said it was reached after considering state law that caps monetary awards in civil lawsuits.

American Home Products marketed Pondimin and Redux until September 1997, when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration pushed for their withdrawal after a study linked the drugs to potentially fatal heart valve damage.

Fenfluramine had been sold since the 1970s but became widely used in the 1990s when doctors prescribed it in combination with another drug, phentermine.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, Sept. 18, 1999

Even though things might start off slow, the year ahead should be a very gratifying one for you. Areas where you were previously unlucky could now be your most fortunate ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might get a few signals today that someplace far away has beneficial developments that could turn out to be to your ultimate advantage. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Some kind of thoughtfulness you showed to another in the past might be repaid to you today on a grander scale than what you had put out. It'll warm your heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll enjoy sharing the fruits of your success today with an influential contact who helped you attain your achievement. Without this person, you couldn't have accomplished it alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not be reluctant to make a second effort today on an ambitious aim which had been previously thwarted, because it now has an excellent chance of being fulfilled.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Lady Luck may be taking a more active interests in your affairs today. She could extend her benevolence by improving something that is already quite good that you have going for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you might discover that something that you've been wanting to change wasn't as difficult to do as you had originally led yourself to believe.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't make the mistake of thinking you have to do everything alone today. You'll have plenty of competent allies to accomplish what you can't do on your own.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you think in terms of being helpful and of service to others today rather than concentrating solely on your needs, this could be a very rewarding day for you in ways you'd least expect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) One of the things you might enjoy the best today is having your mettle tested. Fortunately for you, you could do rather well in situations that have competitive components.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Especially in matters over which you may not have total control, things will have a way of working out to your ultimate advantage today. Expect to be successful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Mingle with the masses today, especially in arrangements where there are lots of people involved. You could be quite lucky for one another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Both today and tomorrow, conditions could be more propitious than usual for you concerning your business or commercial dealings. Even though it's a weekend, spend some time in this area.

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Date Book

Friday, Sept. 17, 1999

Today is the 260th day of 1999 and the 89th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1787, the Constitution of the United States was signed by a majority of delegates at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, Pa.

On this day in 1911, C.P. Rogers took off from New York City, beginning the first transcontinental airplane flight. He landed 82 hours later in Pasadena, Calif.

On this day in 1967, the Doors performed "Light My Fire" and People Are Strange" on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Carlos Williams (1883-1963), poet; Warren Burger (1907-1995), U.S. chief justice; Hank Williams Sr. (1923-1953), singer-songwriter; George Blanda (1927-), football great, is 72; Roddy McDowall (1928-1998), actor; Anne Bancroft (1931-), actress, is 68; Maureen Connolly (1934-1969), tennis great; Ken Kesey (1935-), writer, is 64; John Ritter (1948-), actor, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1920, the American Professional Football Association was founded in Canton, Ohio.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A classic is a book that survives the circumstances that made it possible yet alone keeps those circumstances alive." — Alfred Kazin

TODAY'S MOON: First quarter.

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Churches are no longer sacred ground in U.S.

DALLAS (AP) — The panic and terror that followed Wednesday night's shootings at a Fort Worth church are hauntingly familiar to another North Texas congregation.

It was nearly 20 years ago that five people died and 11 were injured in the First Baptist Church of Daingerfield when a flak-jacketed gunman interrupted Sunday services with a fusillade of bullets from an assault-style rifle.

Church pastor John Stone said the tragedy on June 22, 1980, stunned the community and sent waves of fear through congregations across the nation.

"There wasn't a church in the nation that didn't take another look at their security," Stone said.

And now, churches again are trying to understand how something so evil could happen in a place so sacred.

A gunman shouting anti-Baptist rhetoric fatally shot three adults and three teen-agers at Wedgwood Baptist Church Wednesday night. Another teenage girl died later at a hospital. The shooter, 47-year-old Larry Gene Ashbrook, wounded seven others before putting the gun to his head and killing himself.

Stone said the shootings, while incomprehensible, should not deter the church from its spiritual mission.

"There are some who will say they have been robbed from the one place that they always thought to be safe," he said. "But God is faithful. God will heal."

Stone said churches should not rush to turn their buildings into fortresses. "Panic shows that we don't have faith and trust in the Lord."

Daingerfield church members quickly decided future worship services would continue in the sanctuary where members died, and resisted suggestions to restrict access into the building.

"God's house is open to all," he said. "That's where they will find salvation in Christ."

But the Rev. Joe Williams says churches must realize they are no safer than any other public place.

"We ' thought that people respected God, but we know they do not," he said. "I don't think any place is safe unless you have an armed guard at every door."

Williams, an FBI chaplain in Oklahoma, helped coordinate counseling for survivors of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing in April 1995. Two weeks ago, he was in Arlington for a seminar on random violence sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Williams recommended that churches train all staff how to react in the event of a crisis and ask members who are law enforcement officers to stand guard at church doors.

At Broadway Baptist Church in downtown Fort Worth, security cameras monitor entrances and a guard roams the halls.

Still, members have called church leaders asking for reassurance after the Wedgwood shootings.

"Parents are asking, 'Where are my children safe?'" said associate pastor Jorene Swift. "But we don't understand why this happens. There are no answers."

Ms. Swift said church leaders will consider further security measures, but it's unlikely they will install metal detectors or start locking doors.

House panel to reconsider farm policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — With lawmakers working on another multibillion-dollar bailout of the farm economy, the Republican chairman of the House Agriculture Committee says it's time to consider changes to the government's GOP-authored farm policy.

"I don't know how much more we have to be hit over the head with a 2-by-4 until we look at this," said Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas.

Combest announced plans Thursday to hold hearings early next year with an eye toward implementing any changes to the 1996 "Freedom to Farm" law by next fall.

Republicans have so far resisted rewriting the law, which ended a Depression-era system of farm subsidies, but commodity prices plummeted last year because of a worldwide glut of grain and are expected to remain depressed through 2000.

The 1996 law scaled back price-supporting subsidies and ended restrictions on what farmers could plant. In return, farmers were guaranteed fixed but declining annual payments through 2002, when the law will expire. Critics say that doesn't provide enough help when commodity prices are low.

Congress gave farmers $6 billion in additional aid last year and is working on a similar package that could exceed the $7.4 billion approved by the Senate last month.

Republicans have faulted the Clinton administration, saying it hasn't pushed hard enough to open new markets for U.S. crops. Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash., said he is "fundamentally supportive" of the 1996 law but added, "I also think there can be some fine-tuning."

Combest, who became chairman of the committee this year, only reluctantly supported the law in the first place after voting against an earlier version in 1995.

Both Combest and the American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest farmer organization, say they are interested in a proposal by Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, for a new system of subsidies that would be tied to crop yields and commodity prices.

The Farm Bureau has strongly supported the 1996 law and remains opposed to other changes sought by Democrats and organizations that tend to represent small-scale farm operations.

Combest's announcement came one day after the White House wrote to House and Senate appropriators, declaring that the 1996 law is failing because of "fundamental shortcomings" and urging lawmakers to consider finding a new way to subsidize growers.

President Clinton signed the measure into law but said then that it wouldn't provide a sufficient safety net when commodity prices were low.

"Chairman Combest should be applauded," said Tom Buis, a lobbyist for the National Farmers Union, which has long opposed the law. "Something isn't working when we're not getting the price from the market and we keep having to come back to Congress all the time to make ends meet."

U.S. banks are ready for 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal banking regulators sought to reassure the public Thursday that the nation's banking system is ready to deal with any problems that arise from the Year 2000 date change.

Comptroller of the Currency John D. Hawke Jr. said federal bank examiners have conducted Year 2000 computer examinations in each insured financial institution at least twice, with the largest banks receiving continuous Y2K oversight.

The Y2K concern stems from the fact that many older computers and software recognize only the last two digits of the year, meaning they might mistakenly interpret "00" as 1900.

"Right now, 99.7 percent of all federally supervised financial institutions have finished their renovations and tests of their systems," Hawke told reporters at a joint news conference with other banking supervisors.

And the small number still making checks, Hawke said, "are receiving intensive, on-site supervision to ensure that they, too, will experience no disruptions of the systems their customers depend upon."

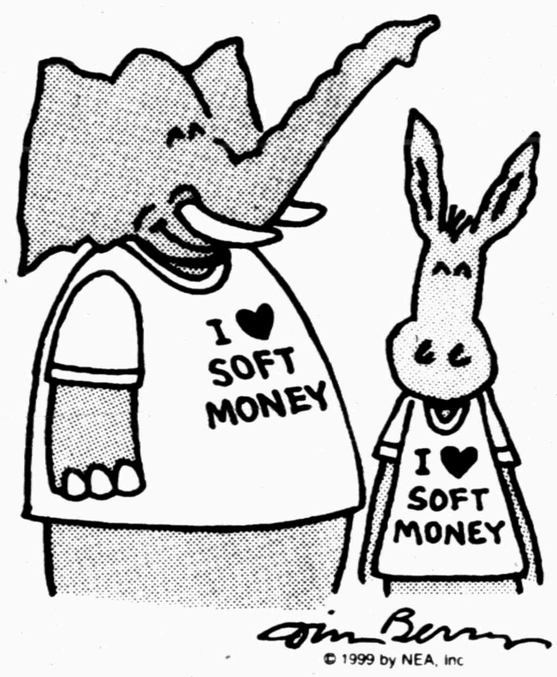
Edward Kelley Jr., a member of the Federal Reserve who is overseeing that agency's Y2K preparations, said the Fed had ordered up extra currency to meet demands from Americans worried about getting access to their deposits in the new year. But he said the Fed hoped that precaution would be unnecessary.

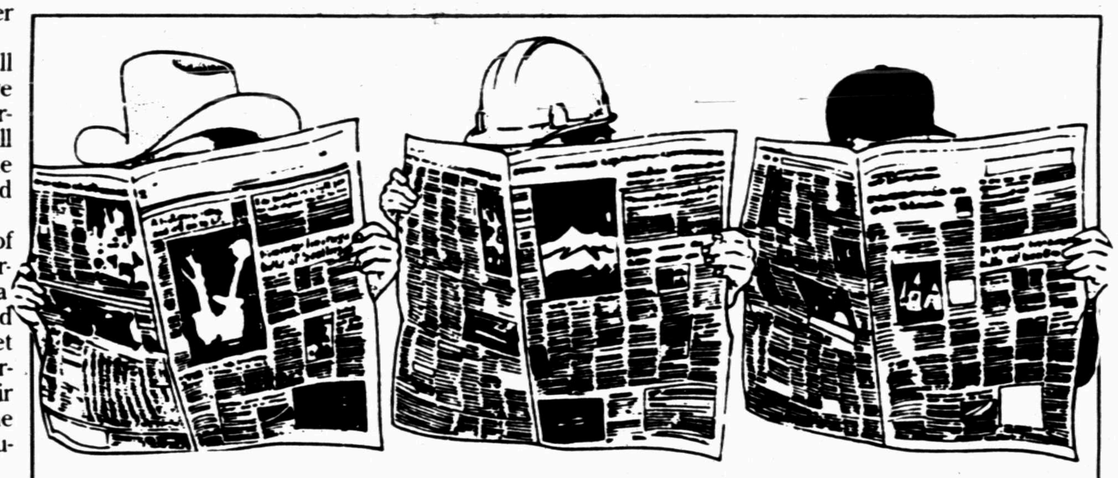
"We have stressed that we see no need for the public to hold extra cash," Kelley said. "We feel strongly that the most sensible thing to do with your money is to leave it where it is, but our responsibility is to make sure the public knows that currency will be readily available."

Ellen Seidman, director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, advised consumers to keep copies of their financial records and balance their checkbooks regularly and also be wary of possible Y2K scams as the new year approaches.

"Be skeptical and tell friends to be skeptical if someone asks for account information, credit card numbers, Social Security numbers or your mother's maiden name," she said.

Berry's World





Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Son's Dream of Wedding Dance Is Nightmare for Divorced Mom

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My son is marrying a wonderful lady in a few short weeks. My problem is, he's insisting that I dance with his father, whom I divorced a few years ago.

My divorce was very hard on me, but afterward I lived my life without fear — until now. I am engaged to a wonderful man whom my son appears to like. I am so upset over this request that I touch or put my arms around my ex-husband that I don't know what to do. This man put me through pure hell before I left, and my son knows it. When I left I had nothing. My parents paid for my divorce, apartment and my son's college education.

His father lied, would bring his girlfriend into our home with us there, never paid bills, even borrowed our son's cell phone, ran up $900 in charges and refused to pay. When an important event is going on in my son's life, I'm there and always civil to his father. But I will not let that man touch me ever again.

Please help me. I want to attend the wedding, but I can't stand the idea of my ex touching me. I'm shaking as I write this.

SHAKING IN HARRISBURG, PA.

DEAR SHAKING: Stop shaking and speak up! Tell your son and his fiancee that you will not, under any circumstances, dance with your ex. Your reasons are valid; perhaps your son needs to be reminded of them.

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DEAR ABBY: You stated to "Roman Catholic in New Jersey," who talked about a time in years past where we in America were more "tolerant and caring" toward our neighbors, that you remember a gentler time when "America pictured itself more a melting pot and less a patchwork quilt."

A gentler time for whom? Certainly not for ethnic minorities, whoever they happened to be at any time in our history. Whether they be Irish, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Hispanic, African-American, etc., all were and some remain excluded from mainstream America. The patchwork quilt you mention is a product of that exclusion — and to think otherwise is looking at reality through rose-colored glasses.

A glaring example of that exclusion is here in Los Angeles. It is common knowledge that the fall television schedule has all but eradicated any sense of inclusion, with programming almost exclusively comprising white actors. Los Angeles is one of the largest multicultural cities in the world!

I certainly agree with you about how this world would be a more hospitable place if attitudes were more inclusive, and I recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations that work toward that goal. But please do not continue to perpetuate the myth about the so-called "gentler time."

IRMA R. BARRAGAN,
MOORPARK, CALIF.

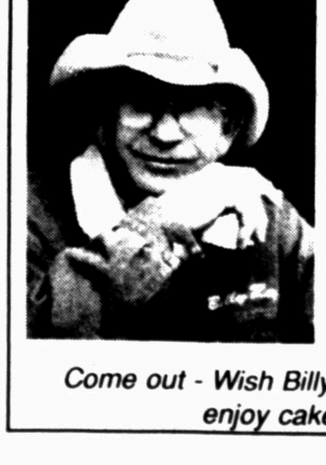
DEAR IRMA: Perhaps the "good old days" weren't so good for everybody. American history is a collection of events — many of which we can point to with pride, some of which are deplorable. Although we can learn from the mistakes of the past, we cannot change them. We can change only the future.

Flawed as it may seem to be, the United States of America still stands as the No. 1 land of opportunity in the world.

P.S. Let's hope the fall television schedule is a temporary aberration.

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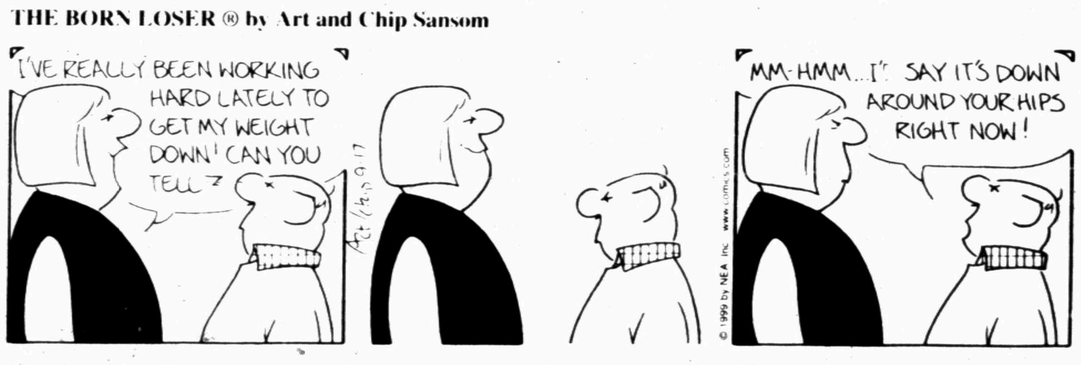


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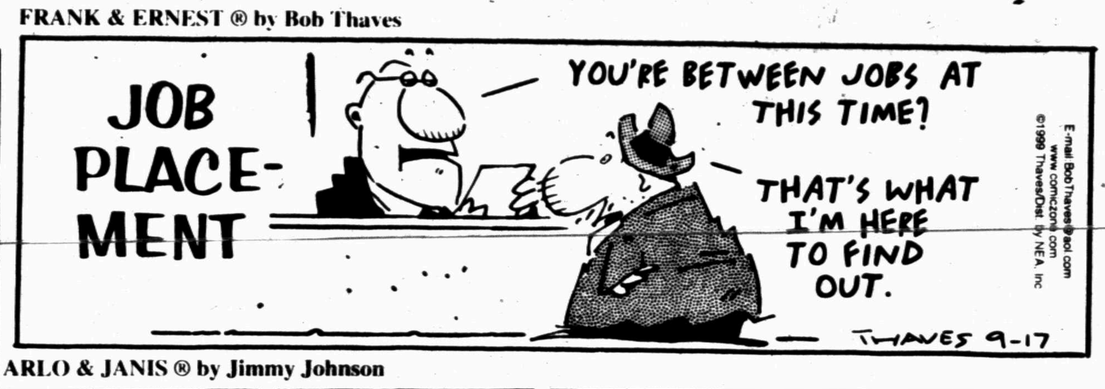
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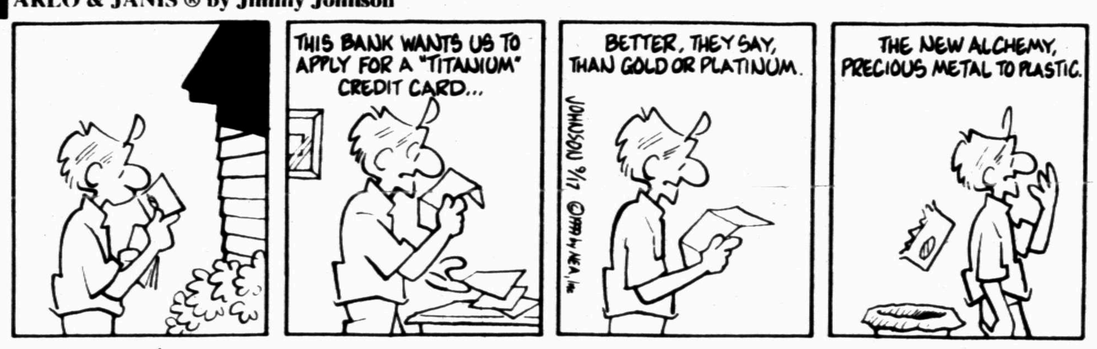
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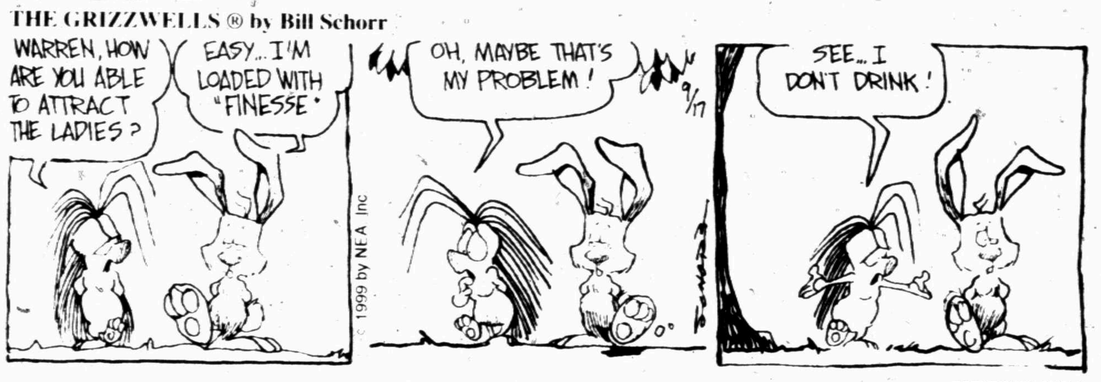
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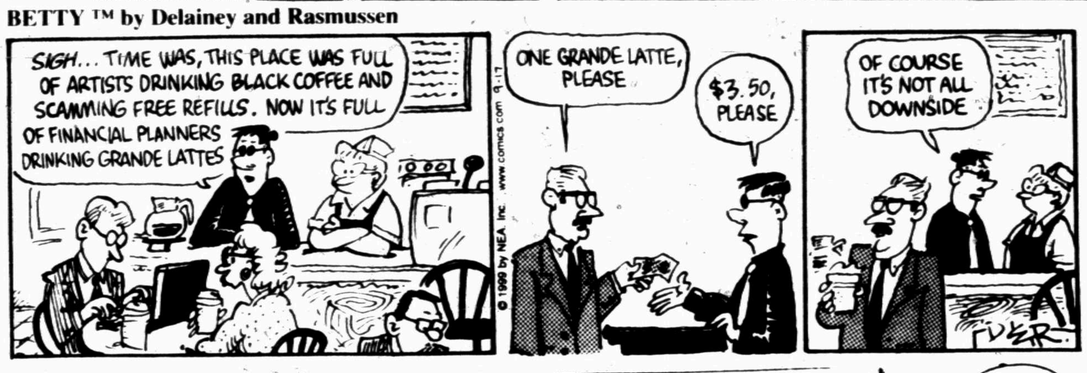
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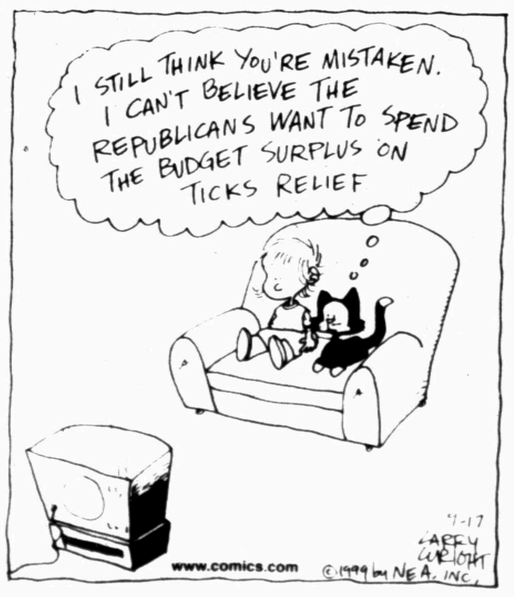


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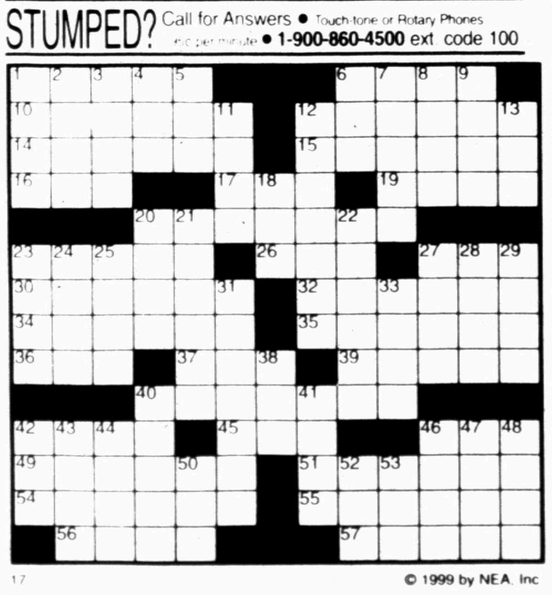
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers set for 5-4A opener

After playing just two of its first 20 matches at home, the Lady Tigers are getting back on the bus for their biggest four-match road trip of the season.

Snyder opens the District 5-4A volleyball season Saturday at 3 p.m. in Andrews, beginning a stretch of four straight road contests to open league play.

The Lady Tigers enter district with a record of 11-9, while Andrews heads into Saturday's match-up 11 wins against 11 losses.

Snyder will follow-up the opener with visits to Sweetwater, Big Spring and title-favorite Lake View, before returning home Oct. 2 to host Fort Stockton.

The opening stretch will be grueling, but it also has its advantages. Should the Lady Tigers need to make up late ground in the playoff chase, they will have the home court edge in four of their last five matches.

On Saturday, Snyder will likely rely to its play at the net, which powered it through the non-district schedule.

Up front, the Lady Tigers have been paced by a cast of players, led by juniors Kameron Kallemeyn and Ashley Delce. Seniors Christina Holder and Tessa Hildebrand have also had success at the net.

Snyder and Andrews are the only two 5-4A members who have yet to play a district match.

Lake View, which improved to 15-3 on the year, is 1-0 in league action after disposing of Sweetwater, 15-5, 15-4. The Maidens temporarily share the top spot in the standings with Fort Stockton, which knocked off Big Spring, 15-9, 15-7.

Andrews comes into the match-up on the heels of a loss to Hereford, while Snyder is carrying the momentum of Tuesday's victory over Seminole.

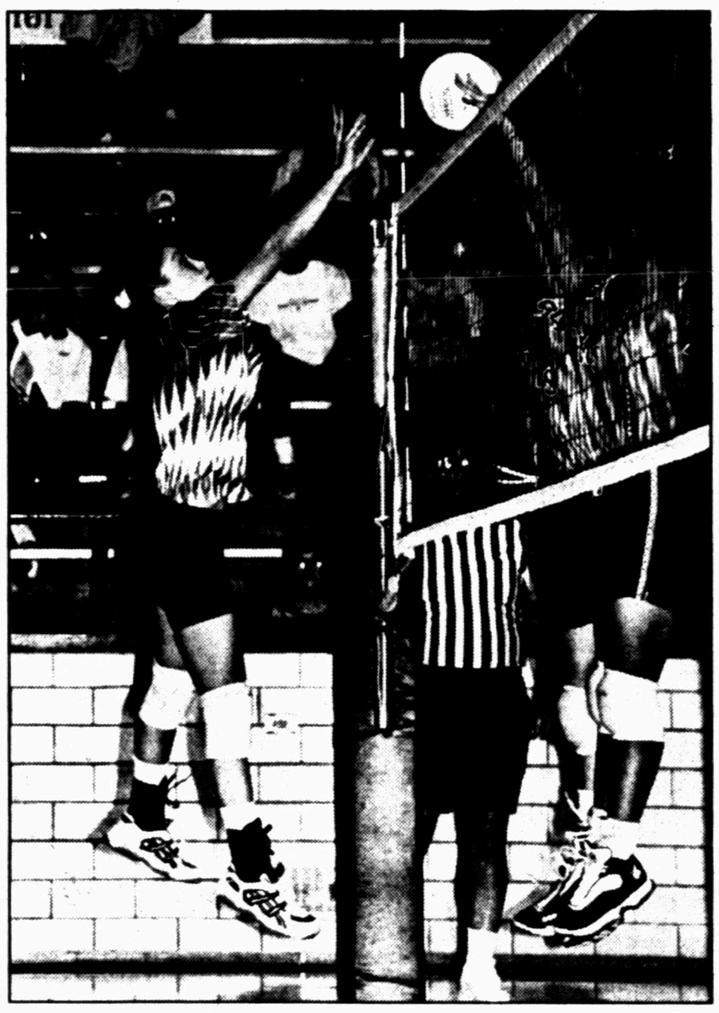
Facing a similar district schedule last year, in which they opened with four home dates before hitting the road, the Lady Tigers notched a playoff berth, along with Lake View and Andrews.

Snyder has already posted one victory over the Lady Mustangs this season when they met during tournament action.

District 5-4A Volleyball

	Season		District	
Team	W	L	W	L
Lake View	15	3	1	0
Fort Stockton	8	8	1	0
Snyder	11	9	0	0
Andrews	11	11	0	0
Big Spring	11	7	0	1
Sweetwater	6	11	0	1

Saturday's matches: Snyder at Andrews; Fort Stockton at Lake View; Sweetwater at Big Spring.



WHICH WAY WILL IT FALL? — Snyder junior Rina Geiger tries to get the ball past a Seminole block during the Lady Tigers' non-district victory on Tuesday. Snyder opens District 5-4A action Saturday at 2 p.m. when it visits Andrews. (SDN Staff Photo)

Neck injury ends Johnston's season

IRVING (AP) — Two years after neck surgery, Dallas Cowboys fullback Daryl Johnston is again facing an athlete's toughest decision: Is it worth risking permanent injury to continue playing the game he loves?

Johnston said Thursday he has a bulging disc in his neck, just above the two vetebrae that were fused in October 1997. He may be able to avoid another operation, but his season is over, and possibly his career, too.

"This is not the same as two years ago, but it has the potential to be," Johnston said. "That's why there's the necessity to sit down this year and try to prevent that."

Johnston, 33, will go through a rehabilitation similar to his last one, then be re-evaluated after the season. Another fusion procedure is a last resort, because it could substantially reduce his range of motion.

If Johnston was willing to retire now, he could skip the long hours of rehab and live a normal life without the neck bothering him. But, he said, it's not that easy.

"It just gets in your blood, I guess," Johnston said. "I started playing organized football when I was 8. That's 25 years of my life. I can look at the things I've accomplished in my life and a lot of them are related to the game of football."

Johnston acknowledged the circumstances are different this time.

"There's some new things to consider this time," said Johnston, whose wife is expecting their first child in January. "It's going to be a tough decision."

Last month, Chris Spielman gave up his comeback from a neck injury after a hit left him temporarily paralyzed. Johnston was lucky his problem was revealed before anything that drastic occurred.

A hit by Washington defensive lineman Marco Coleman early in the fourth quarter of Dallas' 41-35 overtime victory left Johnston with a burning sensation in his shoulder.

Although it was the first "burner" he'd felt since the previous injury, he only missed a few plays. Shortly after returning, he recovered a fumble that kept alive the Cowboys' comeback from a 21-point deficit.

To be safe, Johnston underwent an MRI on Wednesday. Doctors compared it to an MRI taken last October and discovered a change in the space between the discs above the fusion.

"You could test any player in the NFL and they're going to have changes to their spine," Johnston said. "But because of my history, I think the doctors are taking a little more caution."

Johnston said he was surprised by the diagnosis, because he doesn't have any pain. The last time, he was extremely uncomfortable.

What's bothering him most is the frustration of not being able to improve on what he considered a disappointing 1998 season.

"I've been getting my strength back and my weight up," he said.

Ira junior high tops Paint Creek

Ira's football teams recorded one victory Thursday evening as the junior high beat Paint Creek, 32-13, but the junior varsity lost to Rule by two touchdowns.

Eric Dickerhoff threw for two touchdowns as the JV bowed to Rule, 27-12. One of the TD passes went to Todd Wall for four yards, and the other was delivered to Michael Allen on a 34-yard toss.

"We started off slow, but came on strong in the end," said coach Toby Goodwin.

The junior high's win over Paint Creek was dominated by the running of Jess Wall who tallied 158 yards on only four carries. Wall had three touchdowns to his credit also.

Blaine Minton scored once for the Bulldogs on a 23-yard run, while Jake Barnes scored on a 36-yard pass from Wesley Kellner.

"Our offense was definitely in gear," said Goodwin. "Nathan Wilkins contributed to the win with a strong defensive game.

Local teams face tough battles

It's going to be a busy weekend on the six-man gridiron.

All three area squads are in action, with Borden County facing a state semifinal rematch, and Hermleigh looking for its first win tonight, while Ira hosts its homecoming contest on Saturday.

Borden County, 2-0 after opening the season with convincing victories over Wilson and New Home, will take on Balmorhea at 7:30 tonight.

The last time the Coyotes squared off with the Bears was last year, with a berth in the state championship on the line. Borden County won the semifinal contest in a blowout, before falling to Trinidad in the title game.

Balmorhea returns 16 lettermen from last season's 8-4 squad, including running back Chris Cook and quarterback Matthew Sanchez.

For the Coyotes, it's been Ed Rodriguez leading the way thus far. The speedy ball carrier scored Borden County's first three touchdowns last week against New Home, and finished with 114 yards on just eight carries.

Following the semifinal rematch, the Coyotes return home next week to host Whitharral.

In tonight's other local contest, Hermleigh will be looking to break into the win column when it hosts Klondike at 7:30.

The Cardinals suffered tough losses to Highland and Blackwell in the first two weeks, but is facing a team tonight, which returns just five lettermen from last year.

The Cougars will be led by sophomore running back Mark Torris, while Hermleigh will likely rely on a balanced attack.

The Cards have been able to mix it up offensively this season. David Digby leads Hermleigh's running game, while QB Chris Doggett and receiver Caleb Callaway have been able to post big gains through the air.

The Cardinals remain at home next week to host Trent.

The only local team not in action tonight is Ira. The Bulldogs will take to the field at 2 p.m. Saturday for their homecoming battle with Paint Creek.

Ira could up its mark to 3-0 with a victory over the Pirates, who went 2-8 last season.

The Bulldogs finished off their first two opponents, Loop and Veribest, via the 45-point mercy rule.

Ira, which didn't need to throw the ball in either victory, has had success grinding it out on the ground. Running backs Jeremy Bowden and Jose Juarez have found ample room to roam, behind the blocking of the Bulldogs' offensive line.

Defensively, Ira stymied its first two opponents with its power up front. End Logan Daves and linebacker Jerek Brown are following up their all-region campaigns of last year, with impressive performances thus far.

Talbott falls short in bid for senior ladies' crown

BORGER — Anita Talbott's hopes for a tournament title ended on the 16th hole at Phillips Golf Club.

Alice Dosher closed out the championship match with two holes to spare on Thursday, topping Talbott, 3 and 2, for the Western Lone Star Senior Ladies Golf Association crown.

Talbott, who had posted victories in two previous matches to earn her shot at the title, was joined in the finals by three other local golfers.

Juanita Hester captured the consolation crown in the sixth flight, winning 5 and 4 over Pat Collins.

In the winner's bracket final of the fifth flight, Jo Sterling fell to Pat Goforth, 5 and 4.

Sue Reed, competing in the third flight consolation final, fell to Sally Tucker, 6 and 4.

The match play event was played over three days, with a winner's bracket and consolation bracket title decided in 10 flights.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	88	58	.603	—
Boston	84	62	.575	4
Toronto	77	70	.524	11½
Baltimore	69	76	.476	18½
Tampa Bay	63	84	.429	25½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Cleveland	89	57	.610	—
Chicago	65	81	.445	24
Detroit	60	85	.414	28½
Minnesota	59	86	.407	29½
Kansas City	58	89	.395	31½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	88	59	.599	—
Oakland	80	65	.552	7
Seattle	72	74	.493	15½
Anaheim	61	86	.415	27

x-clinched division title

Thursday's Games

Kansas City 7, Anaheim 1
Oakland at Baltimore, ppd., hurricane
Seattle 5, Tampa Bay 3
New York 9, Cleveland 5

Friday's Games

Detroit (Blair 2-10) at Boston (Rapp 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (K.Wells 2-1) at Toronto (Escobar 12-10), 7:05 p.m.
New York (Clemens 12-9) at Cleveland (Wnght 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Wheeler 0-2) at Texas (Helling 13-8), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 13-11) at Anaheim (Washburn 2-3), 10:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 7-11) at Seattle (Halama 11-7), 10:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Witasick 7-11) at Oakland (Hudson 10-1), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

New York at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 4:05 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Detroit at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 1:05 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 4:35 p.m.
Baltimore at Anaheim, 8:05 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	91	56	.619	—
New York	90	57	.612	1
Philadelphia	69	77	.473	21½
Montreal	62	84	.425	28½
Florida	57	89	.390	33½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	91	57	.615	—
Cincinnati	87	60	.592	3½
Pittsburgh	71	74	.490	18½
St. Louis	68	78	.466	22
Milwaukee	65	80	.448	24½
Chicago	58	88	.397	32

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	88	58	.603	—
San Francisco	81	65	.555	7
San Diego	69	78	.469	19½
Los Angeles	67	79	.459	21
Colorado	66	81	.449	22½

Thursday's Games

San Francisco 6, Florida 5
Chicago 7, Cincinnati 6
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Milwaukee (Woodard 11-7) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 6-17), 3:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Villone 8-6) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 12-9), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 5-8) at New York (Leiter 11-10), 7:10 p.m.
Montreal (Thurman 7-11) at Atlanta (Glavine 11-11), 7:40 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 9-14) at Colorado (Kile 8-13), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Lima 20-7) at St. Louis (Stephenson 5-1), 8:10 p.m.
Florida (Burnett 2-2) at Arizona (Benes 11-11), 9:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Nathan 6-3) at San Diego (Ashby 14-8), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Houston at St. Louis, 1:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:15 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Florida at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 7:10 p.m.
Montreal at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Montreal at Atlanta, 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 1:40 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 2:20 p.m.
Houston at St. Louis, 2:10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Florida at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 8:05 p.m.

WTC cowpokes open strong

PORTALES, N.M. – Coach Greg Rhodes predicted that the WTC rodeo team would be strong – and the opening night of the season's first competition proved the coach to be on target.

Westerner Wes Stevenson was in first place in bareback riding with a score of 69 while teammate Casey Baize was atop the list of bull riders with a first-round ride and score of 81.

In team roping, WTC's Jody Pinkert and partner were first with a time of 6.3.

In goat tying, WTC held down the top four spots. Jill Childers was clocked at 7.7 for first place. Terra Bynum was in second with 8.2 while Jamie Standifer was in third with an 8.4. In fourth place was Tracey Brooks at 8.9.

In other women's action, Shelley York was in third in breakaway roping with a 4.2 while Sequin Downy was fourth in barrel racing with a time of 18.76.

Other first-round competition saw WTC's Brandon Mayberry in second in saddle bronc action with a score of 68. In the same event, Jeff Cavey was third with a 66 and Bill Herbert was in fourth with a 60.

In bull riding, Ryan Greenlee held down fourth with a 72.

In team roping, the duo of Tibba Smith and Cimmaron Boardman were in sixth place with a 9.4. WTC's Ryan Brewer and teammate were in 7th with a time of 10.6.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY
Rodeo: WTC at Portales, N.M.
Football: Snyder at Abilene Wylie, 7:30.
Football: Klondike at Hermleigh, 7:30.
Football: Borden County at Balmorhea, 7:30.
SATURDAY
Rodeo: WTC at Portales, N.M.
Football: Paint Creek at Ira, 2 p.m.
Tennis: Fort Stockton at Snyder JV and varsity.
Volleyball: Snyder JV and varsity at Andrews, 2 p.m.
Volleyball: Snyder 9th at Denver City tourney.

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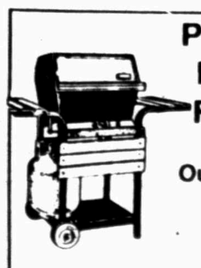
MGA annual tournament

The Men's Golf Association of Western Texas College will hold its annual tournament Saturday. Tee time for C and D flights will be 8:30 a.m., with A and B flights teeing off at 1:30.

An awards dinner will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club. To sign-up, call Wayne Monroney at 573-9920.

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Gates to finance billion-dollar scholarship plan for minorities

By The Associated Press

David McBride was in algebra class when he showed a friend the newspaper story about the billion-dollar college scholarship program for minorities being financed by software tycoon Bill Gates.

"It really put hope in his face," said the 16-year-old senior at San Francisco's Lowell High School. "He's part of a low-income family also."

McBride, who wants to be a pharmacist, is black and the fifth of six ambitious siblings. He could well become a candidate for the gifts announced Thursday by Microsoft Corp. Chairman Gates and his wife, Melinda.

Starting next fall, Gates Millennium scholarships will pay full tuition, room, board and expenses for 1,000 new students each year for college, as well as for graduate studies in education, engineering, math and science.

The 20-year program is aimed at high achievers lacking money for college.

Eligible students must have a 3.3 grade-point average, be nominated by a teacher or principal and commit to performing community service. Scholarship winners would have to maintain a 3.0 average.

"It's sent a lot of hope into a lot of people who didn't have it before," said McBride, whose mother is a teacher and father drives a bus. "It's put a lot of hope into me, because one of the colleges I would like to go to is the University of the Pacific. The education is wonderful, but it's very expensive."

The United Negro College Fund will run the scholarship program, along with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and American Indian College Fund.

"Not only will we change individual lives, we will change the educational landscape," said William Gray III, president of the United Negro College Fund.

University of Illinois President James Stukel said the scholarships will allow educators "to tap a base of talent we haven't been able to tap for financial reasons."

Many students support families and juggle jobs along with their coursework, Stukel said. But it's tough for anyone short of means.

"Even the most generous scholarship programs don't cover all the expenses," he said.

Beetle prompts pine quarantine in Vermont

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Vermont forest officials plan to impose a quarantine on pine from Essex County after a non-native beetle was trapped there this summer.

The small black pine shoot beetle, which has damaged trees in Scandinavia, has already prompted quarantines in several other states. Brent Teillon, the chief of forest protection for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, decided to institute a quarantine in Vermont only because federal law requires it. If Vermont doesn't quarantine a specific area, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will quarantine pine from the whole state, he said.

Although it's caused serious damage in Finland and Norway, the beetle hasn't caused very much damage in infested areas in the United States or southern Canada, Teillon said. Officials aren't sure why.

The quarantine will take effect Dec. 1.

"My personal feeling is this is, to date, not a quarantinable pest, but from the background and what it does in Europe, we can't take that chance," Teillon said Thursday.

Etta McMahan has seen the difference scholarships can make.

As principal of David Starr Jordan High School in Los Angeles, set amid public housing, she tries to point many of the school's 2,100 students toward college. Last year, about 200 of its 234 graduates went on to higher education — the result, McMahan said, of more than $2 million in scholarships, grants and donations she helped secure.

"That's the only way these students could go," she said.

LaTasha Gardner, a 17-year-old senior at Jordan, aspires to be a nurse. Raised by her mother, a store clerk, she needs outside help.

"It's really hard," Miss Gardner said. "You have to go through being denied: 'You're not capable' and things like that."

She's been told she is not deserving enough: "I really don't like that feeling. It's very hurtful."

Bunmi Samuel, 22, knows what Miss Gardner is up against. A senior at Temple University, he's pursuing a double major in psychology and African-American studies while starting a master's degree in education. He's also aiming for a business law degree — all toward his even-

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LONE WOLF OFFICERS — Lone Wolf District officers who were responsible for the district leadership conference include, top row, from left, Kandace Kimmel, Borden County FFA; Cliff Beights, Snyder FFA; Area II officer Johnna Ferris; Snyder FFA; Riley Tatum, Snyder FFA; Damon Early, Snyder FFA; bottom row, Shawna Kemp, Borden County FFA; April Polk, Highland FFA; and Latosha Roland, Blackwell. Not pictured is Jessica Chaney, Colorado City FFA. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder High School FFA hosts district meet

Snyder High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter recently hosted 150 students from nine Lone Wolf district schools for the annual district leadership conference.

During the conference, district officers presented several workshops stressing leadership development, personal skills development and FFA issues.

Schools that attended include Blackwell, Borden County, Colorado City, Highland, Ira, Loraine, Roscoe, Snyder and Westbrook.

District FFA officers conducting workshops include Riley Tatum of Snyder, president; Kandace Kimmell of Borden County, vice president; Latosha Roland of Blackwell, secretary; Cliff Beights of Snyder, treasurer; Jessica Chaney of Colorado City, sentinel; Damon Early of Snyder, reporter; Shawna Kemp of Borden County, student advisor; and April Polk of Highland, historian.

Area II officer Johnna Ferris of Snyder also assisted with the workshops.

"This is one of the greatest events of the year," said Kasey Nachlinger, chapter vice president in charge of chapter activities.

Following the conference, each of the members were served a meal compliments of Seitz Fruit Company and Fresh County fund-raising.



PRESENT WORKSHOP —Riley Tatum, FFA district president, and Cliff Beights, district treasurer, recently presented a workshop for Lone Wolf district members. Several students attended the session on leadership and teamwork. Tatum and Beights are members of the Snyder FFA chapter. (Contributed Photo)

CDC: Food poisoning sickens 76 million Americans yearly

ATLANTA (AP) — In the country considered to have the world's safest food supply, 76 million people are sickened, 325,000 are hospitalized and 5,000 die each year from food poisoning, according to new federal figures.

"These numbers confirm that the number of illnesses and deaths from contaminated food in the U.S. is unacceptably high," said Caroline Smith Dewaal of the Consumer Advocacy Center for Science in the Public Interest. "Consumers play a lottery every day when they eat."

Past reports estimated that foodborne diseases kill 9,000 Americans and sicken 33 million each year. The latest figures were released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Most of the difference between these estimates are due to the fact that we have better information for which to base the estimates. They do not reflect change," said Dr. Paul Mead, a CDC medical epidemiologist.

The more accurate estimates will help guide prevention efforts and assess the effectiveness of food safety regulations, the CDC said.

The nation is facing new challenges in fighting contamination as the number of food imports increase, Americans eat out more and eat more processed food involving more people and more preparation, the CDC said. All increase the chance for disease-producing, food-handling errors.

In addition, the number of people most vulnerable to foodborne disease, such as the elderly and people with weakened immune systems, is increasing.

President Clinton is pushing a $72 million food safety initiative that would increase the number of inspectors and checks of high-risk food products in the United States.

The National Food Processors Association said the more reliable data will help the industry determine where food safety risks lie.

"Deficiencies with factual statistics related to food safety and foodborne illness have been a persistent problem that has impeded research and made it difficult to conduct accurate risk assessments," the association said in a statement.

Ms. DeWaal's group and other consumer advocates say what's needed is a single food safety agency. Today, 12 agencies oversee food-safety questions. Most are handled by the Agriculture Department, which is in charge of meat and poultry and certain fresh produce issues, and the Food and Drug Administration, which oversees most other foods.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 09-17-99
♠ A K 4 2
♥ A 7 3
♦ A J 10 5
♣ K 2

West
♠ J 10 9 5
♥ K 5 2
♦ 8 7
♣ A 9 7 6

East
♠ Q 6
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ 9 4 3
♣ Q 10 8 5

South
♠ 8 7 3
♥ Q 6 4
♦ K Q 6 2
♣ J 4 3

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♦	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

(www.bridgemagazine.co.uk.) Playing in three no-trump, how many club tricks did South win?

South could have raised one diamond to two diamonds. However, North would probably have jumped to three no-trump, a contract that would stand little chance after the heart-jack lead. By responding one no-trump, South achieved an unusual coup in keeping the weaker hand hidden.

West led the spade jack. South could see seven top tricks: two spades, one heart and four diamonds. As West held the club ace, declarer could get his total up to eight by leading toward dummy's king. But where was trick nine? If the spades weren't 3-3, West had the heart king, and West didn't have the doubleton ace-queen of clubs.

After taking the first trick with dummy's spade king, South called for the club king! West, placing declarer with something like queen-jack-10-fifth of clubs, decided to hold off.

South continued with a club to his jack. Sticking to his original reading of the situation, West ducked again! (This is a clear error, because if South's clubs are solid, it doesn't help to hold up the ace twice. Yet an *idee fixe* is an *idee fixe*.)

Now declarer ran for home.

It is such a seemingly simple card combination, but it is full of surprising possibilities.

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Only against experts

By Phillip Alder

There are some declarer plays that work only against pseudo-experts. One was featured by Alan Hiron in the last deal of his article in the June issue of Bridge Magazine. (A one-year, 12-issue subscription with airmail to New York City costs $60. To subscribe, go to

Columbia/HCA executive agrees to plea bargain

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp. executive has agreed to a plea bargain with prosecutors to avoid a second trial on a Medicare fraud conspiracy charge.

Carl Lynn Dick, 55, signed the agreement last month, The Tennessean in Nashville reported Thursday. His record will be cleared in a year if he meets conditions of the agreement.

Monte Richardson, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Tampa, confirmed the agreement to the newspaper, but did not provide any details. However, he said, defendants who sign such agreements typically agree to cooperate with prosecutors, pay restitution and perform community service.

Dick was among four Columbia/HCA managers in Florida charged with health care fraud. They were the first indictments to come from a 21/2-year federal probe of the Columbia/HCA, the nation's biggest hospital chain. The investigation continues.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Find new family doctor

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please don't tell your readers to see their family doctor. Most sick patients don't want to see the very physicians who have failed to answer their questions and just want to perform another round of tests. I've seen my family doctor for seven years and he still can't remember my name.

DEAR READER: Then find another family doctor.

I advise my readers to see their family practitioners because these physicians are appropriate for basic, primary medical care. You may not be well-served by running off to this or that specialist when a good general doctor could easily solve the problem or, if necessary, refer you for another opinion.

When patients do not receive the help, advice and explanations they require from family physicians, the fault lies with the individual doctors, not with the group as a whole. Most family M.D.s do a good job. Of course, some primary-care physicians are arrogant and uncommunicative, as is true in any profession.

If, after seven years, your doctor can't remember your name, find one who can. When I was young and just starting my practice, I encouraged patients to see young doctors who were eager to please, less set in their ways, had more up-to-date knowledge — and remembered names. Now I am less enthusiastic about the altruism and humility of young doctors, but then, I'm getting older and — I hope — more humane.

Experience, good judgment, kindness, competence — and the ability to remember a name — are important qualities in a good doctor. Shop around until you find a physician who is more attuned to your needs.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is a Pap smear?

DEAR READER: A Papanicolaou smear, named after the physician who invented it years ago, is a routine test that should be performed regularly on all pre-menopausal women (with uteruses) during the internal or pelvic examination.

During the test, the physician painlessly scrapes the cervix, the doughnut-shaped firm uterine opening at the back of the vagina. The material that is obtained consists of mucus and old cells that are normally shed, much the same way that our skin cells constantly flake off.

The specimen is spread, or smeared, in a film on a glass slide and "fixed" with a spray that prevents cell shrinkage, drying and deterioration. The slide is then stained with dyes (so that the cells are readily visible under a microscope) and screened by a trained cytologist. The cells' characteristics are recorded as normal, abnormal or questionable. Based on the Pap test, an easy and inexpensive procedure, a doctor can determine whether the cervix is producing healthy and robust tissue, infected material or cancer cells.

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Floyd cleanup now underway

KINSTON, N.C. (AP) — Just outside town, Betty Cox and her neighbors were paddling around in bass boats, searching for mobile homes swamped by floodwaters from surging Southwest Creek.

"My dad is crying right now at my brother's home," Ms. Cox said after returning from a trip to her parents' mobile home to retrieve her father's heart medicine. "He's all to pieces. Everything that he's worked his whole life for is now under water."

As Floyd howled up the Northeast coast, residents from Florida to Maryland were assessing millions of dollars in damage left by the hurricane's high wind and heavy rain. Many roads remained blocked — or under water today.

The Pentagon said 8,000 members of the National Guard in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia were mobilized to help communities recover.

"Oh dear God, what will I do?" Billie Ann Nowles asked after seeing floodwaters wash through the Kiddie Park day care center she operates in Myrtle Beach, S.C. "In 34 years I have never seen the water so high. I'm about to cry."

Down the street, Kay Henline and Ronald White sat near the doors of their flooded apartments at the Coast Motel.

"We figured we would try to ride it out," said Ms. Henline, her two children watching TV as several inches of water rippled in the living room. Some 16 inches of rain fell in the Myrtle Beach when the storm came ashore early Thursday and roared north.

Elsewhere, awnings and business signs were ripped up, trees toppled, gas station canopies collapsed. Water was 3 feet deep on Myrtle Beach streets and residents used kayaks to get around.

More than 940,000 people were without power today in the Carolinas and Virginia. About 360,000 others were in the dark in Maryland, where 100 families abandoned their homes in the community of North East on Thursday.

"As long as I've been alive, I've never seen anything like this," 17-year-old Jennifer Cornell said as she prepared for a night in a shelter.

In Virginia, about 120,000 people in Portsmouth, Suffolk and Chesapeake were without drinking water after a flooded pumping station failed. Repairs could take a week.

Authorities in the South have yet to tally the damage, but insurance experts estimated South Carolina's losses at $25 million, with the figure certain to be higher in North Carolina.

Indonesian troops begin work of packing up, leaving 'Timor'

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian troops loaded weapons, ammunition and computers onto navy ships today, departing the war-ravaged territory of East Timor ahead of the arrival of a multinational peacekeeping force gathering in neighboring Australia.

Indonesian military officials said it would take one week for their troops to withdraw from the territory, leaving the chance for friction with arriving peacekeepers.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard told Melbourne radio station 3AW today that any army attacks against the peacekeepers could provoke harsh retaliation and could spur the United States to send combat troops into the territory.

"I don't think the Indonesian army and Indonesian government is likely going to embark upon that course. They would know that would provoke a massive reaction from other parts of the world," he said.

In Washington, President Clinton said Thursday the United States would contribute 200 troops to serve in mainly support positions in the Australian-led force, which is expected to number 7,000 men.

White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said today he thought Howard's comment only left the door open for a larger force, not necessarily U.S. ground troops.

"It would be an extraordinary miscalculation on the part of anyone who would seek to attack U.N. forces," Lockhart said. The mandate provides for "all necessary means. The rules of engagement are robust. The Australian-led force will obviously respond as necessary."

In Darwin, Australia, the launching ground for the peacekeeping mission, fishing trawlers were squeezed out by warships berthed three abreast. Airliners competed with fighter-bombers and transport planes for space over the only airport.

Some 2,000 Australian troops, 250 British Gurkhas and soldiers from New Zealand prepared for the deployment, which could begin as soon as this weekend. Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas told reporters in New York the force could grow to 12,000.

The peacekeepers' arrival will allow a full-scale relief effort to begin for tens of thousands of desperate East Timorese who fled the fighting that followed an Aug. 30 vote for independence.

Three Australian transport planes made the first airdrop of food aid to the refugees in the mountainous jungles. But the 15 tons of rice was only enough for one day for 15,000 people — about one-tenth of those who the United Nations says are in desperate need of food.

Conditions were growing dangerously bleak in refugee camps in West Timor, the other half of the island, where independence supporters sought refuge from the wave of violence by pro-Indonesian militias, said Kris Janowski of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva.

"There is no shelter, food or medicine. Water is a major problem. In such a situation, there are deaths every day among infants, the sick and elderly," he said.

Indonesian troops, who were accused of participating in violence following the vote, hauled bags of rice and medicine today to refugee camps in the mountains. More than 7,000 troops were on their way out of the province, said Maj. Gen. Kiki Syahnakri, the commander of Indonesian forces in East Timor.

On the outskirts of the capital, Dili, a refugee was wounded by gunfire as the crowd jostled for the food packages.

Clements plans bid for U.S. Congress

Darrell Clements will announce his bid for U.S. Congress on Saturday at 4 p.m. on the steps of the Scurry County Courthouse.

Clements, a Republican, will be challenging for the seat currently held by U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm.

Clements is a criminal district court magistrate in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Thursday is quiet for local lawmen

The past 24-hour period was relatively quiet day for local law enforcement as only one arrest was made and two offense reports filed.

A 20-year-old male was taken into custody at 6:01 p.m. Thursday on outstanding warrants for no seat belt and minor in possession of alcohol. Officers arrested him in the 1800 block of Avenue O.

Jack Calvert notified deputies at 11 a.m. Thursday of damage done to a headstone at Snyder Cemetery. An offense report was filed.

An offense report was filed at Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive at 2:32 a.m. today in reference to criminal mischief to a pay phone.

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 6:21 p.m. Thursday in the 400 block of 30th Street. Involved were a 1998 Ford Mustang driven by Peggy Eades Arellano, 33, of 3503 Houston and a 1990 GMC Safari van driven by Donna Fern Bell, 44, of 3106 Avenue B.

Obituaries

Naomi Slack

1915-1999

Naomi Nadine Slack, a longtime resident of Snyder, died Thursday, Sept. 16, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Slack, 84, is set for 11 a.m. Saturday in the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Dwaine Williams will officiate and burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born July 13, 1915 in Snyder, she married Roy N. Slack on June 29, 1944 in Lubbock. He died in 1972.

Mrs. Slack worked as a dental technician in Lubbock while her husband served in the military. She also worked in the church nursery at the First Christian Church and First Baptist Church in Snyder.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Van D. and Ella Sumruld; a brother, V.D. Sumruld Jr.; and a sister, Ella Marie Moffett.

Survivors include three nephews, Ferris Moffett of Lubbock, Van David Sumruld of Levelland and Roy Darrell Sumruld of San Angelo; three nieces, Arettus Sullivan of Odessa, Barbara Moffett of Abilene and Vicki Mahoney of Fluvanna.

Family visitation will be held at Wright Colonial Funeral home from 10:30 a.m. until service time Saturday.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association.

James Woolsey

1922-1999

PLAINVIEW – James Aubrey Woolsey, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, in Prairie House Living Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Woolsey, 76, was set for 3 p.m. today in the First Baptist Church in Jayton with the Rev. David Fletcher, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to follow in the Jayton Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 15, 1922 in Goldthwaite, he grew up in San Saba and graduated from Slaton High School.

A U.S. Coast Guard veteran, he married Norrine Harrison on April 14, 1948 in Snyder.

Mr. Woolsey operated service stations in Aspermont before moving to Snyder in the early 1950s to work for Industrial Supply and for Republic Supply. He moved to Odessa in 1967 to work for Joy Manufacturing.

Survivors include his wife, Norrine Woolsey of Plainview; a daughter, Cindy Chisholm of Acton; and a son, Larry Woolsey of Plainview.

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Company with Bush ties gets SBE contract

FORT WORTH (AP) — A lucrative State Board of Education contract went to a money management company with ties to Gov. George W. Bush even though the Dallas-based group didn't meet guidelines, officials say.

Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss received a contract in 1997 to oversee about $179 million in investments for the state's Permanent School Fund, records show. The fund is a $19 billion endowment administered by the State Board of Education.

A partner in the company, Michael C. Mewhinney, served on the partnership that owned the Texas Rangers baseball team while Bush was the team's managing general partner.

Before winning the contract to oversee the fund's investments, Mewhinney's company submitted a proposal that proved it had too few number of years handling a certain type of investment, called small/midcap equities.

That submission came despite the state board's assertion that bidders must have at least five-year track records, according to the report in today's Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Mewhinney's firm stated at the time it could claim a five-year record by counting previous investments made by an employee who made the deals while working for a different company.

"Before we hand out $200 million, we would expect that a firm had had business for five years," David Bradley, a Republican on the State Board of Education, told the paper.

Births

Big brother Samuel Chase Webb, parents Justin and Denise Webb, Grandmother Samijane Webb, and Grandfather Levon Webb welcomed Cutter Ray Webb into the family at 10:38 p.m. on Sept. 7. Samuel's and Cutter's great-grandmother is the late Vera Vinson.

Cutter weighed four pounds, 10 ounces and is presently in N.I.C.U. in U of Arkansas in Little Rock, but is progressing toward joining his family when they return home to Wake Village.

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The 1999 Tigers Lair have arrived and may be picked up before or after school, and during lunch, Please bring receipt.

Ira annuals for sale

Ira School's 1999 Bulldog annuals have been delivered to the students who purchased one. For any person or business who would like to purchase one, a limited supply is available. Call the school at 573-2628 and one will be delivered to you. The price is $22.

Ira homecoming

Ira homecoming will be held this weekend, starting with a taco supper at 5 p.m. Friday. An exes' basketball game is set for 6:30 p.m. with a bonfire on the baseball field at 8:30 p.m. Saturday activities include an open house from 9 a.m. until noon, a barbecue at noon followed by the football game with Paint Creek at 2 p.m. A dance is set for 8 p.m.

Ira class gathering

Ira classes of 1977 through 1982 invite friends, faculty and family to a reception at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Texas Savings Bank community room. For information call Darryl Calley at 573-1509or Cindy Fritz at 573-5538.

Glow-in-the-dark T-Shirts

East Elementary are selling T-Shirts at the Scurry County Fair. Youth sizes are $10, adult sizes XL are $12 and XXL and XXXL sizes are $15

AARP meetings

All AARP meetings are cancelled this month due to the county fair. Members are urged to be at the fair on the designated times.

Quilting Club

The Rock and Roll Quilting Club meets from 8 a.m. until noon each Monday at the Hermleigh Community Center. Everyone is invited for free quilting lessons. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Tennis boosters

Snyder High School and junior high tennis boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Texas Savings Bank to discuss the year's activities. For more information, call 573-2400.

Bible study video

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The End of the Word," followed by "Finances, God's Way."

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Disease regular meeting will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. The program will be presented by Janet Schwantz, speech and language pathologist. She is associated with Neurology Research and Education Center in Lubbock.

Ira school pictures

School pictures for grades K-11 will be taken Tuesday as well as football, cheerleaders, mascots and class officers. Pictures must be paid in advance, but all students will photographed.

Swimnastics for seniors

Swimnastic classes for Senior Citizens at WTC are being held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information call 573-4035.

MAWC game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club's luncheon and game day is set for Wednesday. A style show will be included. The cost is $7.50 and reservations may be made by calling 573-3427 by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Junior high open house

Snyder junior high will hold an open house from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. First six weeks report cards will be distributed at that time and parents will have an opportunity to visit with teachers.

Hermleigh bi-annual homecoming

Hermleigh homecoming will be next weekend with registration at 6 p.m. next Friday at the high school followed by the football game at 7:30. Saturday registration begins at 9 a.m. and the noon meal will be in the cafeteria. The business meeting will be at 2 p.m. For additional information contact Jerry Gannaway at 863-2334.

Inmate art show

The third annual Inmate Art show continues through Oct. 21 at the Scurry County Museum on the campus of Western Texas College.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Sept. 25 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Ira Community Center. For further information or donations contact Cecil or Dorothy Lankford at 573-5246.

Car wash

The WTC student government will sponsor a cash wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, in the United parking lot.

GED classes

GED classes will begin Oct. 5 in room 209 of Western Texas College's library. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the morning session begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 11-30 a.m. and the evening session begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. The classes are for people needing GEDs, a refresher course or English as a second language.

First Christian fajita cookout

The annual fajita cookout sponsored by First Christian Church, originally scheduled before the SHS homecoming game, has been moved to the Sweetwater game on Oct. 22. The fajitas will be served before the game beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets will be available after Oct. 1.

Pick 3

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

8-5-0

(eight, five, zero)

Cash Five

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

1-3-15-17-27

(one, three, fifteen, seventeen, twenty-seven)