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City eliminating unsafe structures

Old, abandoned houses within the Snyder city limits are being torn down in an effort to rid the city of the unsafe structures.

Tom Valentine, the city's code enforcement officer, said the city has torn down around 10 houses this year.

"That is a little bit above normal, but we act after we receive complaints about unsafe structures," said Valentine.

Valentine said complaints might come from neighbors who are tired of seeing a dilapidated structure in their neighborhood, or even from the police department.

"Basically it's a safety factor. Kids play in the old house and there's always a chance they could get hurt in one," said Valentine. "When a person calls the city and complains, we will definitely inspect it to see if it falls within the city's dangerous building ordinance."

"Some of the houses have been used by runaways and the police department advises us on what houses they feel should be torn down," added Valentine.

"Basically, if a structure is open to the elements, it can be torn down by following the rules the ordinance lays out."

Valentine says he tries to contact the owner of the structure first and notifies them in mail that the structure does not meet current city standards.

"This notice gives them 30 days in which to take action. If nothing is done in that period, another 30 days notice is sent which is an order of demolition.

"So the owner has 60 days in which to remedy the situation," said Valentine.

"If no action is taken, I issue a work order to tear the structure down," said Valentine.

If Valentine cannot find the address of the owners, or cannot contact them through the mail, a notice of demolition is published.

"If we don't get any response from the newspaper notice, the law takes over," said Valentine.

Valentine said the city recently published five notices of demolition, and two people responded and are making an effort to fix up their property.

The city places the demolition debris in the part of the city's landfill designated for construction debris.

"It costs us about $20 per ton to dispose of it, and we bill the owner of the property for our costs."

"If they don't pay, then we file a lien on the property for our costs," said Valentine.

"We try to take down as many unsafe structures as we have time to do," said Valentine.

Valentine said the city does not necessarily go out looking for the unsafe structures, but he will stop and inspect one if he notices it during his course of business.

"A complaint is what gets the ball rolling most of the time," said Valentine.



DEMOLISHED — City employee Anson Luna drives a bulldozer over a run-down mobile home on 27th Street Wednesday. The city has demolished approximately 10 unsafe structures this year. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Be careful not to draw sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises."

The guy with the idea makes the bucks – and this could result in big ones.

There are all sorts of self-help programs to help people lose weight, stop smoking, get on the wagon or improve their personality.

This one really makes sense – and there is a growing number of folks who will need it. And it's cheaper than going to a shrink.

Ed Bedno, a graphic designer and prof at the University of Arts, made a happy discovery when his computer went on the blink.

It took a week to repair, resulting in the completion of many chores that he had put off. He discovered that by taking time off from computing, he actually got his life back.

That was the beginning of his new mission – to assist computer addicts everywhere with – you guessed it – a new piece of software.

He calls it Getalife.

The program sells for a mere $20 and performs a simple task, one that many computer addicts simply cannot or will not do – shut down the computer.

The program deactivates your *computer for any length of time* – from a hour to a month.

For the incurable high-tech junkie, the program does provide a way to turn the machine back on, but not without "payment of dues."

Those requirements are a string of insults that flash on the screen for anyone trying to override the Getalife program.

Here's some sample insults:

—It's okay to be a big loser, but you're overdoing it.

—Step away from the computer.

—The sad thing is, you don't have anything better to do.

—Think about it before you decide to be a whimp and fall off the wagon.

Bedno doesn't claim to be a psychiatrist, but believes that there will be a growing demand for those who can't walk away from the computer screen.

He does, however, describe his program as a combination of possibly real help and a pet rock. Even if you buy it for someone else, you're sending a needed message.

There is other software designed to relieve stress – encouraging users to take a break, but this combines a computer talking ugly to the user.

Industry experts doubt that it will stop computer addition. Like any addition, a person has to want to change. Oh well, open a fresh bag of tater chips.

Ritz Theatre's fall production ready to open

The first performance of the Ritz Theatre's fall performance will be this evening at 8 p.m. at the theatre on the south side of the Snyder square.

I Remember Mama is a classic family comedy relating to the trials and tribulations of a colorful immigrant family in San Francisco in the early 1900s.

The play will also be presented Saturday and Sunday, and Nov. 4, 6 and 7.

All weekday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m., while Sunday matinees are at 2:30.

Tickets are $7. Group rates are $5 each for 10 or more, as are senior and student rates for Sunday.

Tickets may be reserved at the theatre box office by calling 573-8880.

The strength and backbone of the family is Mama, played by Emily Hataway.

Fire turns into all-night battle

A report of a grass fire at the Covered S Ranch Wednesday afternoon turned into an all night affair for the Snyder Fire Department.

Firemen were called to the ranch, which is located 18 miles north on U.S. Hwy. 84, at 5:09 p.m. Wednesday. The firemen left around 5:55 a.m. today.

Five units from Snyder and two from Post responded to the blaze, which burned approximately 200 acres of very heavy brush.

Snyder Fire Chief Perry Westmoreland said the thick mesquite brush made it difficult to extinguish the fire.

Four Garza County and 16 Scurry County firemen were on the scene.

Church burglary nets man two years

Steven Greg Mitchell has been sentenced to two years in a state jail facility and assessed a $5,000 fine for the May 1 burglary of Snyder's First United Methodist Church.

An eight-woman, four-man jury in Borden County found the 28-year-old Tyler man guilty Wednesday.

Mitchell will be credited for time he has served since his May 1 arrest through Oct. 27.

Dena Reecer was Mitchell's court-appointed attorney.

She argued in her closing arguments that the defendant had received assistance before from the church and was only returning to a place where he thought he could receive help.

She also argued that a criminal trespass warning filed against Mitchell was "defective in nature" because it listed only the church's annex.

District Attorney Dana Cooley prosecuted the case, describing Mitchell as a man who has learned to rely on charity to get by.

She argued that Mitchell entered the church building even after he was warned verbally and in writing not to return to the property.

Melissa Alexander testified that she found Mitchell in the kitchen drinking coffee and he told her he would be gone in 15 minutes.

She also testified that there was evidence Mitchell had warmed spaghetti in the microwave.

To the defense's argument that Mitchell was seeking refuge in the church, Cooley questioned why Mitchell would evade officers if he felt he had a right to be in the building and was only there to pray.

Cooley went on to say that Mitchell had not offered anything in return for his request.

He didn't say, 'Can I mow the lawn? Can I clean the church, clean the bathrooms? You are doing something for me, can I do something in return?' Cooley said. "He wants what he wants, but he wants it on his own terms. He wants what he wants and he takes it."

Early voting in Tuesday election ends on Friday

Early voting in Tuesday's constitutional amendment election will continue through Friday on the second floor of the Scurry County Courthouse.

"Early voting on the amendments has been slow," said Scurry County Clerk Joan Bunch. "Through this morning, 43 voters had cast ballots."

Health unit to give shots

Flu shots will be given Friday morning beginning at 8 o'clock at the Scurry County Health Unit.

Shots will be given until noon and the cost is $5 or the presentation of a Medicare card.



Pumpkin vandals' actions are costly

The cost of the pumpkins that are being busted in Snyder neighborhoods range from $2 to $5, but, when caught, the price the vandals pay could be considerably more.

The pumpkin smashers face misdemeanor criminal mischief charges, depending upon the dollar amount of the damage.

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine not to exceed $500.

Sgt. David Holley of the Snyder Police Department explained that criminal mischief is Class C if the amount of pecuniary loss is less than $50 or if it causes substantial inconvenience to others.

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine not to exceed $2,000 and confinement in jail not to exceed 180 days.

An offense is Class B if the amount of pecuniary loss is $50 or more but less than $500.

An offense is considered Class A if the pecuniary loss is $500 or more but less than $1,500.

In the case of a Class A misdemeanor, the offense is punishable by a fine not to exceed $4,000 or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year or both a fine and confinement.

Felony charges would require damage in the amount of $1,500 or more.

Additional reports to the police department of smashed pumpkins in southwest Snyder poured in Wednesday.

The vandals destroyed the bright orange decorations on streets including Lubbock, Irving and Jacksboro.

In addition, several reports of busted pumpkins came from the 3500 and 3600 blocks of Kerrville.

The damaged gourds were also found in various spots along the roadway from 37th to 44th streets.

Odessan receives two 20-year terms

A 25-year-old Odessa man will serve concurrent 20-year sentences in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice following guilty pleas entered in 132nd District Court.

Murl Shane Lamb pleaded guilty to separate counts of burglary of buildings –Ken's Fried Chicken and Snyder One-Stop – in 1998.

The offenses are state jail felonies, but were enhanced to second degree felonies because of prior convictions. Lamb was convicted for burglary of a habitation in Midland County in 1993 and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in Garza County in 1991.

Lamb was ordered by District Judge Ernie Armstrong to make $1,700 in restitution to Ken's Fried Chicken and $350 to Josef Shlezinger, owner of Snyder One-Stop.

ASK US

Q-Has the TDCJ opened its new high-security facility at Lamesa?

A-The 858-inmate facility opened today. It was originally scheduled to open Oct. 16, but it was not completely finished at that time.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 80 degrees; low, 47; 7 a.m. Thursday, 58; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.56 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows, upper 40s-lower 50s. S wind 5-10 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High around 80. S-SW wind 10-20 mph.



Tanya Adams
Mostly Sunny

Sunset: 6:59 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:57 a.m.
Of 300 days in 1999, the sun has shone 293 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Laughter is the sun that drives the winter from the human face.

—Victor Hugo

Government OKs new pill for the flu

WASHINGTON (AP) — Flu sufferers are about to get a second new drug that promises to ease miserable influenza symptoms a little this winter.

The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday approved Tamiflu, the first pill effective against both types A and B flu. Tamiflu joins a competing but inhaled drug, Relenza, that the FDA approved earlier to also fight both flu types.

Health experts say neither drug should replace flu vaccines — the shots clearly offer people a better chance at staying flu-free all winter. The flu kills 20,000 Americans a year, a toll doctors say would drop if more people got vaccinated.

But doctors also welcome the new treatments because so many Americans forgo vaccination.

Older flu medicines worked against only the type A flu, which accounts for about two-thirds of the estimated 20 million U.S. flu cases yearly, and doctors have said those medicines didn't work well.

Tamiflu, manufactured by Hoffmann-La Roche, helped reduce the duration and severity of flu symptoms in unvaccinated adults who agreed to be infected with influenza to test the drug.

Tamiflu is not a cure-all, the FDA warned. Studies showed taking the drug helped patients recover only about a day faster than flu patients who took a dummy pill, the agency said.

To get that benefit, patients took Tamiflu within 40 hours of the first flu symptom — meaning patients would have to recognize flu symptoms and get to the doctor to get the prescription-only pill rapidly.



SCARECROW — A scarecrow, actually reading teacher Kem Fogleman, reads a story to Stanfield students Monica Escareno, in front, and Nicholas Flores, Roberto Aguirre, Brandon Porter, Joshuas Pesina, David Sosa, from left in back. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

No special prosecutor appointed

DENVER (AP) — Gov. Bill Owens urged the parents of JonBenet Ramsey to "quit hiding behind their attorneys" and help find their daughter's killers.

Owens' comments came Wednesday as he announced his decision not to appoint a special prosecutor to look into the 1996 death of the 6-year-old beauty pageant winner.

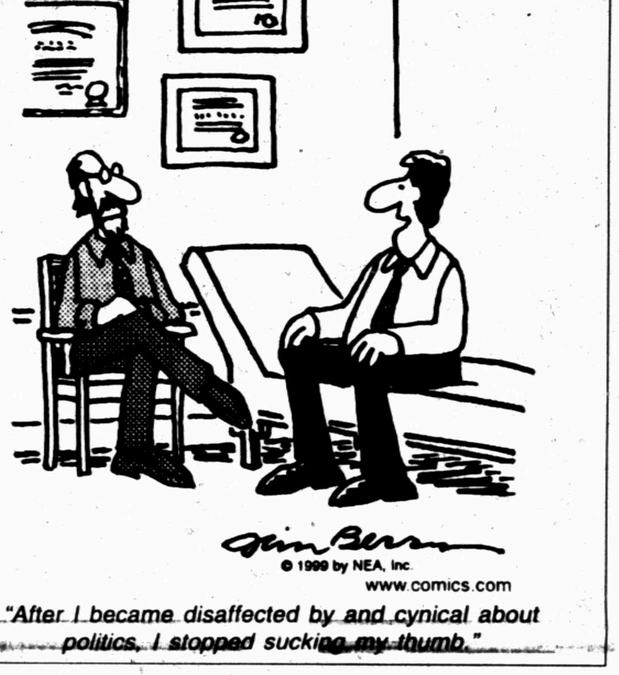
He said after initial mistakes, police and prosecutors are working with new evidence and headed in the right direction.

The governor, though, had strong words for the girl's parents.

"If I could speak to John and Patsy Ramsey," Owens said, "I would tell them to quit hiding behind their attorneys, quit hiding behind their PR firm. Come back to Colorado and work with investigators in this case, no matter where that trail will lead."

The Ramseys, who moved to the Atlanta area after the killing, have insisted they are innocent. In a statement issued late Wednesday, the Ramseys' attorneys called Owens' remarks "slanderous."

Owens said the guilty parties have been smart, stonewalling police and covering their tracks.



'Happy birthday' dress sold for $1.26 million

NEW YORK (AP) — The formfitting dress Marilyn Monroe wore to serenade President Kennedy with "Happy Birthday" 40 years ago is still making jaws drop, this time over the price it fetched at auction.

The crowd cheered Wednesday night when the hammer went down for the winning bid: $1.15 million from the Manhattan-based Gotta Have It! Collectibles. With the 15 percent commission to auction house Christie's, company co-owner Robert Schagrin paid $1.26 million.

The price is a record for an item of clothing sold at auction, obliterating the $222,500 paid for an ink blue Princess Diana gown in 1997.

Asked why he spent a small fortune, Schagrin said, "Because it wasn't $3 million, which we thought it was worth. ... We stole it."

The flesh-colored, sequined stunner worn by Monroe during her breathless song on May 12, 1962, was the highest-priced item at the first session of a two-day auction.

The total take for 55 items auctioned Wednesday was $5.6 million, Christie's said. The sale was to resume today.

Bidding on the dress quickly escalated from $200,000 and culminated in a wild 21/2-minute showdown before the final price was reached.

Made of silk souffle gauze and covered with 6,000 rhinestone beads and sequins, the Jean Louis dress originally cost $12,000. There was no pre-sale estimate.

Buyers snapped up everything from Monroe's blue jeans and boots to screenplays, most at prices far beyond pre-sale predictions.

The night's first big-ticket item — a platinum eternity ring encrusted with 34 baguette-cut diamonds given to Monroe by ex-husband Joe DiMaggio — sold for $772,500. The pre-sale estimate was $50,000.

Designer Tommy Hilfiger bought two lots, a pair of cowgirl boots Monroe wore in "The Misfits," for $85,000, and three pairs of jeans from "River of No Return," for $42,550.

"I'm inspired by pop icons and by pop culture," Hilfiger said.

Tony Curtis, Monroe's costar in "Some Like It Hot," sat in the front row and reminisced about Monroe after the sale. Actress Demi Moore was in a booth upstairs.

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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering is 5 p.m. Monday before the next contest appears on Wednesday. The weekly prize winner will be drawn from all the correct entries. The winner will be notified. This week's faces will be identified in next week's contest. Only one entry per person, and please do not make copies of the entry blank. Employees of the SDN are not eligible to enter.

Last Week's Photos: 1. Jeff Wesson 2. Katrina York 3. Tracy Westmoreland 4. Dalinda Roberts 5. Dale Jenkins 6. Kathy Hunter 7. Shannon Browning 8. Barry Tubb 9. Jane Ann Billingsley 10. Peter Velasquez



SORORITY PROGRAM — Norma Cunningham, therapist with Marriage and Family Therapy Associates, presented the program for Beta Sigma Phi at the Oct. 13 meeting. Pictured with Cunningham is Lois Cave, president of BSP, left. (Contributed Photo)

Beta Sigma Phi hears program on marriage, family counseling

Norma Cunningham spoke to members of Xi Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter met on Oct. 12 at the Snyder Country Club, A therapist for the Marriage and Family Therapy Associates, has been in this field for 12 years.

Her background includes positions as a licensed chemical dependency counselor, a national certified counselor, and a registered sex offender treatment provider. She has a bachelor's degree from Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, Kan., and a master's degree from West Texas A&M in Canyon.

Ms. Cunninghan is from Lubbock, but since 1997, she and two other therapists are available three days a week in Snyder at 1600 25th Street.

They offer counseling and therapy services for children, adolescents and adults overcoming anxiety and depression, coping with panic attacks, stress, death, alcoholism or sex abusers and their victims. President Lois Cave called the meeting to order and Carolyn House read the minutes. Jacalyn Lowrance gave the treasury report.

Brenda Hedges announced that Carolyn Greene and Nicki Glasscock are rejoining Beta Sigma Phi this year. The group made plans to meet at the Spanish Inn for dinner and then attend the junior production Snow White.

Man donates lights

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — An Arkansas man with a love of Christmas and a passion for flashy displays has given an early gift fit for a king to Elvis Presley's Graceland home.

Jennings Osborne of Little Rock recently Graceland with 2 million Christmas lights. The display includes a 40-foot wall of lights with 100 angels and 20 lighted trees as well as a 120-foot tree topped by a 12-foot Elvis-like figure.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

10-28-99

North
♠ K 6 5 3
♥ Q 10
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ J 8 7

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

East
♠ 8 4
♥ 9 8 5 4 3 2
♦ Q 10 2
♣ 9 4

South
♠ A Q J 10 9 7
♥ A K
♦ A J 9
♣ 10 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♣	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ A

In "Timon of Athens," Shakespeare suggested, "Men shut their doors against a setting sun." That's strange behavior; why not enjoy the multicolored sky generated by a setting sun?

Like doors in houses, entries are vital to a bridge player and must be handled carefully. Yet sometimes an entry shortage will give an opponent the chance to produce a clever coup.

Against four spades, West started with his three top clubs, East discarding the heart two and South ruffing. Declarer drew trumps with honors from hand, unblocked the ace-king of hearts, entered dummy with a trump, and played a diamond to his nine. It lost to West's king, but West was endplayed. A heart or club lead would have conceded a ruff-and-discard. Yet when West returned a diamond, it was into declarer's ace-jack tenace.

How many chances did the defenders miss to defeat the contract?

The answer is two. First, if West hadn't led out his third top club, instead switching to either a trump or a heart, the endplay wouldn't have worked. Short one dummy entry, South cannot both ruff the club jack and lead a diamond to his nine. When in with the diamond king, West can exit safely with the club queen.

Second, if East is enjoying one of his more lucid moments, knowing by then that South has exactly three diamonds, he will play the *queen* when the suit is led from the dummy. This coup kills the contract. If declarer ducks, East leads another diamond. If declarer wins, he must lead away from the jack-nine of diamonds. Either way, South loses two diamond tricks for one down.



GOING AWAY PARTY — Rae Adams, long-time Snyder resident, was honored at a going away party at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Rae is pictured second from right. Hostesses were, from left, Gale Fenton, Buena Shultz, LaRue Williamson, Vondell King and Wernette Smith, and those not pictured were Maxine Holt, Dorothy Owens and Frances Denman. Rae will move to Bedford on Nov. 11 to be near her daughter and other relatives. She has been a member and held offices in the Daughters of the American Revolution, Art Guild and Alpha Study Clubs, and was assistant treasurer for the MAWC directors. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

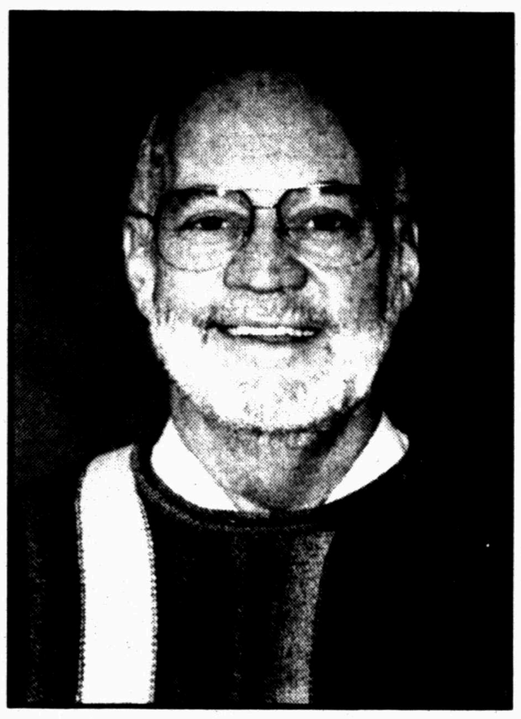
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CONGRATULATIONS
District Tennis Champions....
5th Year In A Row!



1999 District 5-4A Tennis Champions are from left, bottom row: Patricia Vargas, Afton Sutter, Jordan Hardin. Middle row: Horacio DePaz, Natalie Alexander, Claire Cotton, Whitney Graham, Cozy Jones, Kris Casas. Back row: asst. coach Chris Porter, Pace Millhollon, Ryan Gibson, Allen Smith, Adrian Gonzales, Alex Best, Justin Guy, head coach Chad Redwine.

Regional Tournament
Witchita Falls
Friday & Saturday

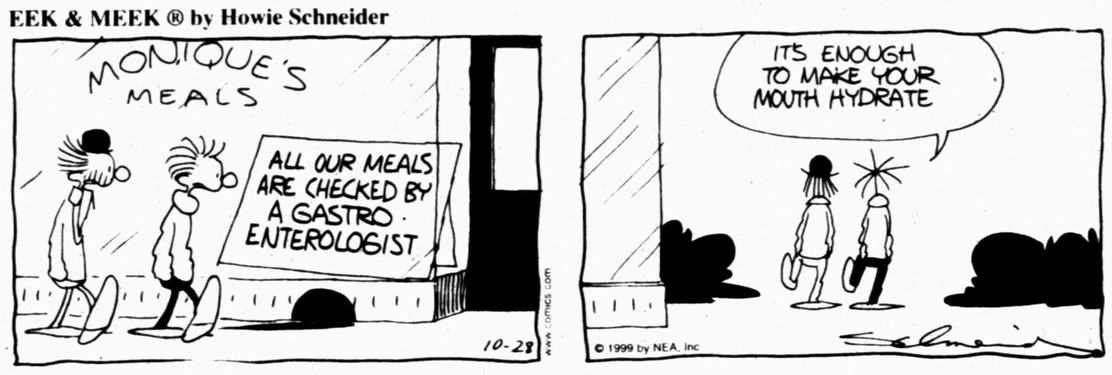
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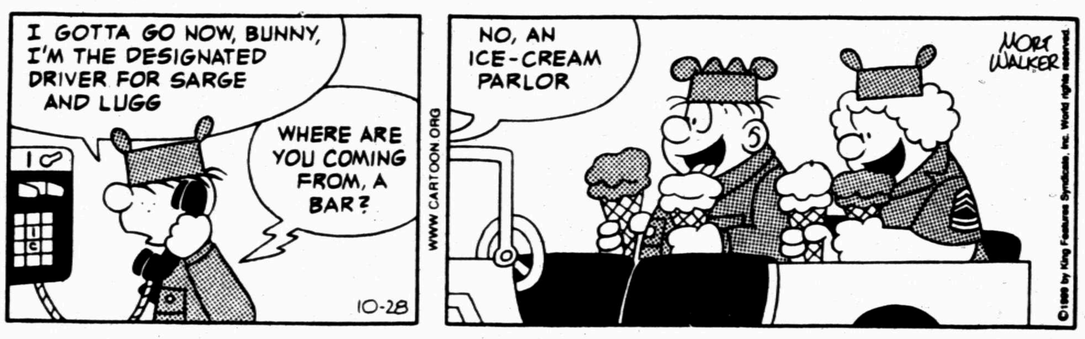
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THE BORN LOSER ® by Art and Chip Sansom

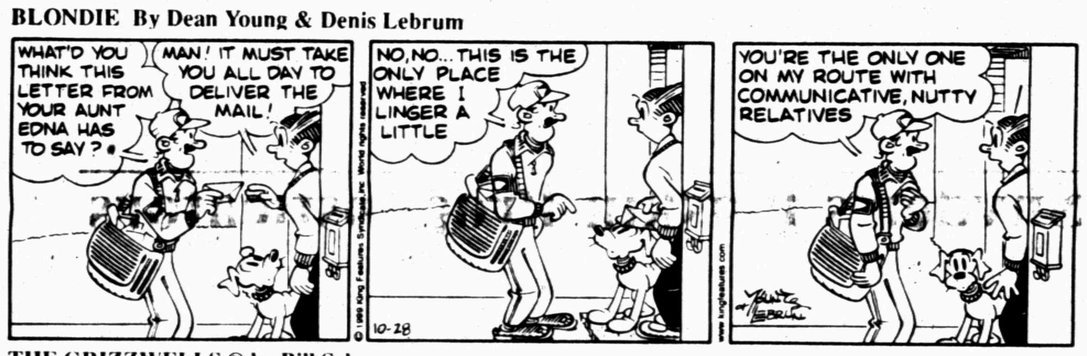


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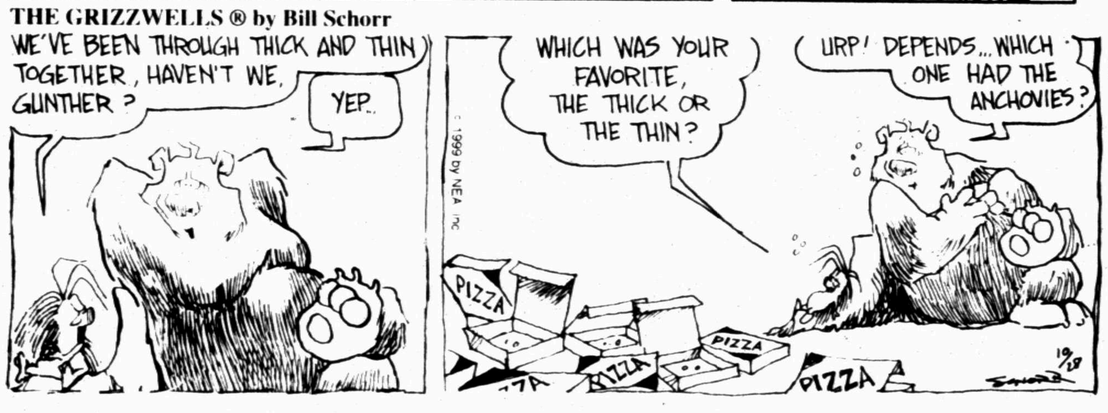




BLONDIE By Dean Young & Denis Lebrum



THE GRIZZWELLS ® by Bill Schorr



NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Pierce with a sharp weapon
7 Cold time (2 wds.)
13 Undercoat of paint, e.g.
14 — Leone, Africa
15 Rescuing
16 Greasier
17 One, in Paris
18 Food scrap
20 View
21 Architect Saarinen
23 Pedro's uncle
24 Post
25 Invitation inits.
27 Be resistant to
29 Letters of the alphabet
31 North Pole worker?
32 Actress Myrna —
33 Place
34 Away from the coast
37 "Dynamic" prefix
40 Call it — —
41 "— Man Flint" (1966 movie)
43 Social misfit
45 Wager
46 Shade of green
47 Actress West
48 Part of LBJ
51 Start a new paragraph
54 Actor Peter —
55 Unearth
56 Game played by the Williams' sisters
57 Diane —

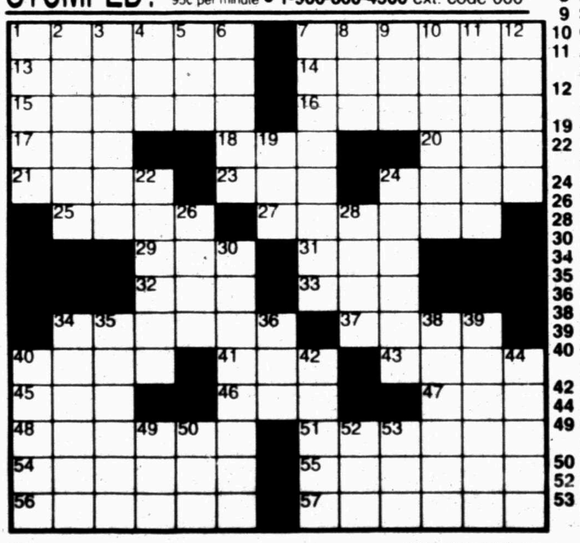
DOWN

1 Publish
2 Nastier
3 Road workers
4 Actress MacGraw
5 Bernstein, to friends
6 Cereal disease
7 Some are radioactive
8 Roman 102
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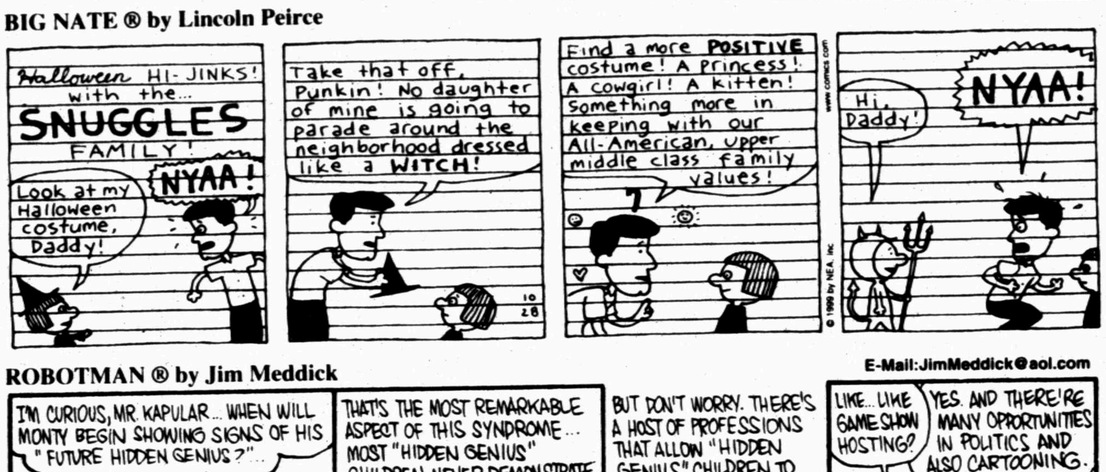
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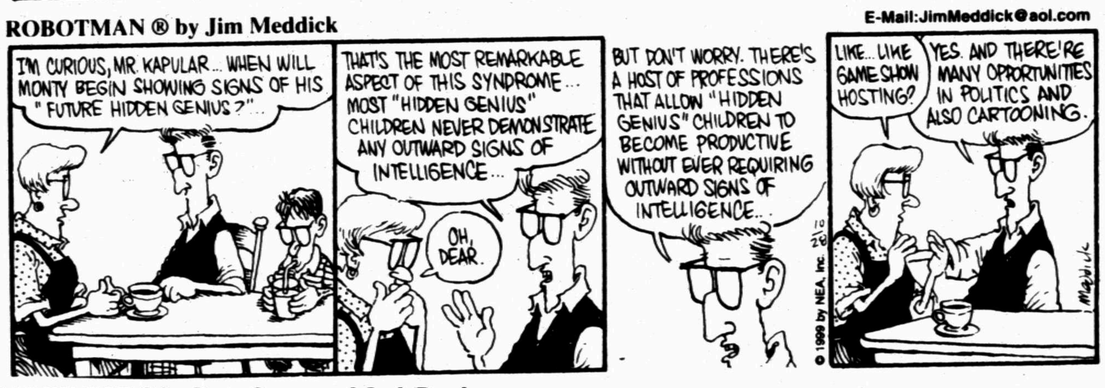


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SPORTS

Snyder looking to pounce on Panthers

The Snyder Tigers want nothing more than to keep the momentum. And to keep it, they want to get an early jump on the Fort Stockton Panthers.

Snyder will be looking for its sixth consecutive victory, and to keep its unblemished district mark, when it travels to Fort Stockton Friday night for a 7:30 match-up with the Panthers.

Snyder (6-2) sits alone atop the District 5-4A standings with a 3-0 mark, while Fort Stockton (2-6) is still looking for its first league win.

"We're focused on winning the district championship," Snyder coach David Baugh said. "And to do that you have to beat everybody, no matter what their record is. We've had three big wins in a row, and we want to keep it going Friday night."

In their victories over Andrews, Big Spring and Sweetwater, the Tigers turned what had been a mediocre ground game into a power rushing attack.

Leading the way for Snyder has been Tovares Brandon. The junior fullback was named the KTXS player of the week for his 237-yard effort against Sweetwater last week. Brandon averaged over 16 yards per carry against the Mustangs, after averaging 10 yards a tote against Big Spring.

"Tovares has really stepped up," Baugh said. "Each week he gets better, and then that gives him more confidence, so he works even harder in practice and gets even better the next week."

The Panthers will likely stack the line of scrimmage with eight or nine defenders to stop the run, leaving their secondary vulnerable to the Tigers' potent aerial attack.

"They like to put everybody up close, and that makes it hard to run," Baugh stated. "They also like to blitz their middle linebacker. Against Lake View, he blitzed on almost every play in the second half."

To counter the Panthers' pass rush, Snyder will likely line up in the shotgun and send four receivers into the pattern.

"We want to turn their pass rush guys into cover guys," Baugh explained. "Instead of being able to blitz, we want to make their linebackers cover somebody. We're going to try to get (Matthew) Grimmett isolated in a one-on-one situation, with no help from the safety. I think that's a match-up we can win."

Grimmett has proven he can beat one-on-one coverage numerous times this season. Against Sweetwater, Grimmett ran past his defender and hauled in an 89-yard touchdown strike from Sonny Cumbie.

Defensively for the Tigers, they'll be facing an offense similar in style to their own. The Panthers prefer to run the ball, and could keep it on the ground even more this week due to an injury to their key receiver.

Luke Groth, who has caught 90 percent of Fort Stockton's passes this season, injured an ankle in the battle with Lake View, and is doubtful for Friday night.

"They've struggled offensively this year," Baugh said of the Panthers. "But then again, we thought they'd have trouble running the ball against us last year, and they ended up having a good night."

A victory would guarantee the Tigers at least a share of the district title. Snyder closes out the regular season Nov. 5 when it hosts the Lake View Chiefs.

District 5-4A Football

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	3	0	6	2
Sweetwater	2	1	3	5
Andrews	2	1	6	2
Big Spring	1	2	6	2
Lake View	1	2	3	5
Fort Stockton	0	3	2	6

Last week's results: Snyder 34, Sweetwater 14; Andrews 31, Big Spring 6; Lake View 31, Fort Stockton 12.

Friday's games: Snyder at Fort Stockton; Andrews at Sweetwater; Big Spring at Lake View.

Marino sidelined with pinched nerve in neck

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — The news from Dan Marino's doctor could have been worse.

A pinched nerve in the neck will likely sideline Marino for at least two more games, and possibly longer, he said Wednesday. But Marino was relieved to be reassured that he doesn't need surgery.

"That's the one positive thing. If it was worse, surgery is something that could happen," he said. "I just wanted to be sure we were all on the same page and that I can come back and play again. That's the important thing to me."

Marino left the Miami Dolphins' game Oct. 17 at New England in the first quarter because of the injury, and hasn't played since. He flew Tuesday to Los Angeles for a second opinion from neurosurgeon Dr. Robert Watkins, who confirmed the assessment of the Dolphins' team doctor that surgery was unnecessary.

"I'm going to be out this week and probably out the next week," Marino said. "We'll re-evaluate it in a couple of weeks and see where we're at."

Damon Huard, who led the Dolphins to victory last week against Philadelphia in his first NFL start, will again replace Marino on Sunday at Oakland. Huard has helped Miami (5-1) climb into first place in the AFC East.

"He has done great," Marino said. "He's a smart kid. He can make plays for us. He'll do fine."

Jim Druckenmiller, who joined Miami just last month, will be the backup quarterback. Rather than re-sign Craig Erickson, who was released Sept. 3, the Dolphins signed veteran Scott Zolak on Wednesday as insurance.

National Hockey League

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	5	3	1	1	12	23	19
Philadelphia	4	6	1	1	10	27	26
N.Y. Rangers	4	7	1	0	9	21	28
Pittsburgh	2	3	2	1	7	25	24
N.Y. Islanders	2	5	1	0	5	18	26

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	8	3	1	0	17	36	22
Ottawa	6	2	1	0	13	27	17
Boston	2	5	4	0	8	20	26
Buffalo	2	6	2	0	6	26	33
Montreal	3	8	0	0	6	20	28

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	6	3	1	1	14	39	23
Carolina	4	2	3	0	11	25	23
Atlanta	2	5	2	1	7	18	32
Tampa Bay	2	5	1	1	6	22	26
Washington	2	4	2	0	6	20	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	7	1	1	0	15	32	16
St. Louis	6	4	0	0	12	31	20
Nashville	4	3	1	0	9	21	23
Chicago	1	4	4	0	6	21	29

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	6	3	2	1	15	37	32
Colorado	5	4	2	0	12	26	28
Edmonton	3	5	2	2	10	24	26
Calgary	2	7	2	0	6	23	40

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	7	5	0	0	14	39	31
Los Angeles	6	3	2	0	14	36	29
Dallas	6	4	1	0	13	22	24
Phoenix	5	2	3	0	13	28	22
Anaheim	5	5	1	1	12	31	27

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

Wednesday's Games

Buffalo 4, Tampa Bay 3
Toronto 4, Atlanta 0
Detroit 5, Colorado 3
Chicago 1, Montreal 0
New Jersey 2, St. Louis 1
Florida 6, N.Y. Islanders 3
Anaheim 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Florida at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

District 5-4A Statistics

Offense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Big Spring	1,753	976	2,729	341.1	247
Sweetwater	2,012	616	2,628	328.5	194
Snyder	1,428	1,162	2,590	323.8	203
Andrews	1,733	706	2,439	304.9	219
Lake View	1,236	801	2,037	254.6	133
Fort Stockton	944	444	1,388	173.5	77

Defense	Rushing	Passing	Total	Average	Points
Big Spring	915	685	1,600	200.0	127
Andrews	1,000	912	1,912	239.0	117
Snyder	1,295	783	2,078	259.8	134
Lake View	1,471	803	2,274	284.3	216
Sweetwater	1,426	1,096	2,522	315.3	195
Fort Stockton	1,556	1,000	2,556	319.5	279

Rushing	Carries	Yards	Average	TDs
Geremy Woods, Andrews	197	1,223	6.2	12
Willie Amos, Sweetwater	158	1,130	7.2	11
Colby Ford, Big Spring	171	1,117	6.5	16
Rashad Chance, Lake View	128	816	6.4	10
Ben Barron, Fort Stockton	119	532	4.5	0
Tovares Brandon, Snyder	50	486	9.7	6

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yards	Int.	TDs
Sonny Cumbie, Snyder	60	115	1,141	3	9
Lance Brock, Big Spring	53	98	976	3	7
David Lankford, Lake View	73	164	774	3	3
Rusty Rainbolt, Sweetwater	35	82	590	5	8
Scott Kello, Andrews	30	54	525	4	6
Nathan Sawyer, Fort Stockton	30	104	435	9	5

Receiving	Catches	Yards	Average	TDs
Matthew Grimmett, Snyder	28	584	20.9	5
James Clements, Big Spring	18	327	18.1	2
Derek Carr, Sweetwtaer	16	317	19.8	1
Aaron Linthicum, Lake View	25	283	11.3	2
Luke Groth, Fort Stockton	18	254	14.1	3

Crash site almost clear

MINA, S.D. (AP) — Federal investigators said today they expect to finish picking up the pieces of golfer Payne Stewart's shattered Learjet by the end of the day, and confirmed they were looking at three other crashes for similarities to this week's tragedy.

About two dozen people wearing plastic biohazard suits worked today at the site where Payne's jet went down Monday after its ghostly autopilot trip halfway across the country. The crater, in a soggy portion of a cow pasture, was a jumble of black dirt surrounded by grass and tall weeds.

All of the wreckage should be removed from the crater this afternoon, Bob Benzon of the National Transportation Safety Board said today. Investigators then will spend several days sorting through the pieces in an airport hangar in Aberdeen to find parts that may offer clues to what caused the tragedy.

Benzon said they are looking for valves and parts of the doors, windows and hydraulic components that could have caused a loss of pressure in the plane's cabin. Some of the parts are only an inch or two across, he said.

Tiger netters ready for regional event

The Snyder High School tennis team about to embark on what has become a yearly adventure for the Tigers.

After capturing its fifth consecutive district title, Snyder will try for a regional crown when the Region I tennis tournament gets underway Friday in Wichita Falls.

Snyder posted a perfect 5-0 mark in district action, and Coach Chad Redwine is hopeful his squad will garner one of the top four seeds at the regional event.

"Wichita Falls High and Wichita Falls Rider are the top two teams to beat again," Redwine said. "Pampa and Dumas will also be tough, but I think we have a chance to get one of the four seeds. Advancing to Saturday's rounds depends a lot on who you draw in the first rounds."

The Tigers rode the strength of their doubles teams to earn a berth at regionals, and will be looking for success in the tandem matches in Wichita Falls.

"Our doubles play has been our strongest point all year," Redwine remarked. "We led after the doubles in every single match this season. A lot of schools put more emphasis on the singles play, but I have always stressed doubles. The kids really enjoy doubles because it is faster paced."

In the boys' doubles, Snyder will send up the duos of Adrian Gonzales and Ryan Gibson, Allen Smith and Justin Guy, and Kris Casas and Horacio DePaz.

Lining up for Snyder in girls' doubles will be Whitney Graham and Natalie Alexander, Claire Cotton and Jordan Hardin, and Afton Sutter and Cozy Jones.

"In the singles, we have good players all the way through," Redwine remarked. "But as far as compared to other teams, we're probably strongest with our first three boys, and our last three girls."

Also competing for Snyder will be Pace Millhollon, Alex Best and Patricia Vargas.

Following the seeding and draw tonight, Snyder will be in action at 8 a.m. Friday. A victory would propel the Tigers into a Friday afternoon match-up, with the final two rounds slated for Saturday.

Lady Dusters to host benefit dinner tonight at cafeteria

A benefit dinner will be held this evening at 7 o'clock to help raise funds to fly the body of former Western Texas basketball player Pam Odhuong'o back to her native city of Nairobi, Kenya.

Odhuong'o, a WTC player from 1997-99, died last week after a lengthy illness. The estimated cost for the flight to Nairobi is approximately $4,000.

The brisket and ham dinner will be served at the WTC cafeteria. Tickets are $10. To make a reservation, call Lady Duster Coach Valery Jackson at 573-8511 ext. 286, Joyce at ext. 283, or the cafeteria at ext. 280.

Snyder's Pigskin Prognosticators



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Auburn at Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas	Arkansas
Georgia at Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
Boston College at Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse
Arizona at UCLA	UCLA	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona
San Diego at Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	San Diego
New England at Arizona	New England	New England	New England	New England
Minnesota at Denver	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
Dallas at Indianapolis	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Miami at Oakland	Miami	Miami	Miami	Oakland
St. Louis at Tennessee	Tennessee	St. Louis	Tennessee	St. Louis
Tampa Bay at Detroit	Tampa Bay	Detroit	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Football: Levelland at Snyder 9th, 6 p.m.

Football: Big Spring at Snyder 8th, 5 p.m., 6:30.

Football: Snyder 7th at Big Spring, 5 p.m., 6:30.

Football: Ira JH and JV at Borden County, 6 p.m., 7:30.

FRIDAY

Golf: WTC at New Mexico Military Institute Invitational, Roswell, N.M.

Tennis: Snyder varsity at regional tournament, Wichita Falls.

Golf: Snyder varsity girls at Abilene Invitational.

Football: Snyder at Fort Stockton, 7:30.

Football: Borden County at Ira, 7:30.

Football: Hermleigh at Sands, 7:30.

SATURDAY

Golf: WTC at New Mexico Military Institute Invitational, Roswell, N.M.

Tennis: Snyder varsity at regional tournament, Wichita Falls.

Golf: Snyder varsity girls at Abilene Invitational.

World Series

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7)

Saturday, Oct. 23
N.Y. Yankees 4, Atlanta 1

Sunday, Oct. 24
N.Y. Yankees 7, Atlanta 2

Tuesday, Oct. 26
N.Y. Yankees 6, Atlanta 5, 10 innings

Wednesday, Oct. 27
N.Y. Yankees 4, Atlanta 1, N.Y. Yankees wins series 4-0

Clemens, Yanks complete sweep, 4-1

NEW YORK (AP) — What a way to say goodbye to a century of baseball: one of the game's greatest pitchers wearing the pinstripes of its greatest team in the most storied ballpark of them all.

Roger Clemens validated his greatness. And so did the New York Yankees.

With Clemens pitching shutout ball into the eighth inning, the Yankees became the first team in 60 years to sweep consecutive World Series with a 4-1 win over the Atlanta Braves in Game 4 Wednesday night.

"This must be what it's like to be a Yankee," said Clemens, who before the game gave a little pat to the monument honoring the most famous Yankee of them all, Babe Ruth. "This is what everybody said it was all about."

Clemens captured the only prize that had eluded him in his 16-year career as the Yankees won their record 25th championship and third in four seasons. They also won their 12th straight Series game, matching the mark set by their Murderers' Row teams.

"To do this on top of what we did last year, this is even better, I think," manager Joe Torre said. "We don't rest on our laurels. We went out and proved we belong here."

As did Clemens.

Clemens walked off in the eighth to a huge ovation, tipping his hat and holding both arms high to acknowledge the cheers.

NBA Preseason

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Tuesday's Games

Toronto 116, Cleveland 104
Miami 107, Orlando 96
Minnesota 84, Chicago 70
Milwaukee 101, Dallas 79
San Antonio 98, Houston 80
Vancouver 105, Denver 97
Seattle 133, Sacramento 128
Phoenix 95, L.A. Lakers 73

Wednesday's Games

Boston 97, Washington 92
Detroit 107, Cleveland 106
Philadelphia 94, New York 86
Minnesota 99, Indiana 89
Seattle 95, Vancouver 94
Milwaukee 109, L.A. Clippers 96

Thursday's Games

Denver at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey vs. New York at Hartford, Conn., 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.
Utah vs. L.A. Lakers at Anaheim, Calif., 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Charlotte vs. Chicago at Chapel Hill, N.C., 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
End Preseason

SDN Sports Briefs

Freshman game time changed

Kickoff for Snyder's freshman football game today against Levelland at Tiger Stadium has been changed to 5:30.

Deer hunting contest

Canyon Gun Club will be sponsoring the 1999 Big Buck Contest this upcoming deer season. Entry fee is $10 for club members and $20 for non-members. Deadline for entry is the day before deer season opens.

Only legally tagged Texas Whitetail Deer will be eligible for scoring. Scoring will be based on the measurement of outside spread from the widest points on main beams, multiplied by the number of points. Points must be one inch on the short side. Antlers must be attached to the head and neck or cape.

Hunters can enter at Deep Creek Boot and Shoe Repair, Babcock Welding & Trailer Repair, and Charles Fulks Bookkeeping.

Lack of moisture slowing some fall planting

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — For the state's wheat producers, the trick is receiving rainfall and the treat is completing fall planting, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Extension agronomist Dr. Billy Warrick of San Angelo said while most Texas wheat producers have finished planting, some regions are still awaiting much-needed rainfall.

He said there has been very little planting in West Central Texas because of the lack of moisture, and producers can only afford to wait for rainfall until mid-November.

"We are in a critical period," Warrick said. "We have two weeks remaining in the desirable planting window."

He said the disadvantage to planting late in the window is that producers lose fall forage.

"This is one aspect of wheat that is often overlooked," Warrick said. "But when you miss the opportunity for grazing, you miss a huge potential for income."

He said the forage availability, in turn, has an impact on stocker cattle investments.

"These investors are counting on grazing," Warrick said. "If there is low forage availability, then investors have to look to more expensive options, like feedlots, that reduce their bottom line."

He said producers who plant outside of the window will need to increase their seeding rates in attempt to produce average yields.

District extension director Bob Robinson of Amarillo said planting is 95 percent complete in the Panhandle.

"Producers began planting in mid-August and where moisture is available, the crop is making good progress," he said. "The irrigated wheat is in really good shape."

Robinson said many areas, including the eastern region of the Texas Panhandle, are in desperate need of rain.

"Moisture is always a problem," he said. "We had really good moisture the first half of the year, but the past 90 days have not been good."

In East Texas, district extension director Tony Douglas of Overton said the moisture shortage has delayed winter pasture development. "Despite the lack of rainfall, wheat planting is complete," he said.

District extension director Lin Wilson of Corpus Christi said a lack of moisture is also affecting agriculture in the Coastal Bend.

"Some oats are up," he said. "But they are still in need of rain."

Wilson said winter pastures are being prepared and planted, and rainfall is needed.

Wilson said pecan quality has also been also affected by dry conditions.

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

PANHANDLE: soil moisture is short to very short. Cotton harvest is under way. Soybean, corn harvests are nearly complete. Sorghum producers waiting for a freeze to dry down crop. Wheat planting almost complete; greenbugs present in some fields. Cattle doing well.

SOUTH PLAINS: soil moisture is short to adequate. Pastures and ranges in fair to good condition. Cotton harvest continues. Corn harvest nearing completion. Sorghum, soybean and sunflower harvests under way. Very good crops of peanuts, pecans reported.

ROLLING PLAINS: soil moisture is short. Most of the wheat crop is planted; one-fourth has emerged. Cotton harvest beginning with the use of harvest aids. Peanut harvest nearing completion. Supplemental feeding continues. Poor range conditions.

NORTH TEXAS: soil moisture is very short to short. Insect populations high; grasshoppers still a problem. Cotton harvest is complete. Drought stress is severe on fields planted for forage. Some wheat has emerged. Pastures declining in quality. Pecans look good.

EAST TEXAS: soil moisture is short. Wheat planting complete. Pastures are short; winter pasture development delayed because of dry weather. Cattle doing well. Cole crop planting beginning. Pecan harvest under way; fair to good yields reported.

FAR WEST TEXAS: soil moisture is very short. Cotton harvest progressing well; cotton being defoliated daily. Wheat is drying out. Range, pasture conditions deteriorating. Some frost damage on warm season vegetables. Above average pecan yields expected.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is short to short. Cotton harvest continues. Most oat fields have been planted; emergence delayed because of dry weather. Some wheat dry planted. Cattle doing well; some livestock culled due to drought. Pecan harvest beginning.

CENTRAL TEXAS: soil moisture is very short. Wheat has not emerged due to dry soil. All crops showing signs of stress from drought. Some dryland peanuts fields being grazed due to low yields not paying for harvest costs. Cotton harvest complete; poor lint quality.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: soil moisture is adequate. Dry weather has delayed small grain plantings. Pasture conditions are poor and getting worse. Livestock producers are starting to feed and there is concern about hay shortages if winter rains don't materialize.

COASTAL BEND: soil moisture is short. Land preparation occurring for all crops. Second rice harvest is complete; yields are fair to good.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



DEAR DR. GOTT: My parents use to regale friends about my whooping cough in 1920. The whole neighborhood went around whooping all winter. My doctor says that I couldn't have had the disease because I would have died. Antibiotics were not invented in the 1920s. He also said tha I had a tetanus shot as a child in 1919. Is he right?

DEAR READER: I doubt it.

Although precise diagnoses were often difficult to make in 1920, whooping cough was a common infection in children during the early part of the century, before pertussis vaccine became widely available. Whooping cough was unpleasant but not usually fatal. In those days, physicians were quite adept at diagnosing common ailments based on "clinical presentation" (how the patient looked and behaved), so you probably did have whooping cough. However, whether you did or not is a moot point now; there are more important things to argue with your doctor about. Tetanus, for instance.

I doubt that you had a tetanus inoculation as early as 1919; the vaccine was not widely used for children until the 1930s and '40s. So you should probably have an initial series now (if you have not had this), followed by a booster shot every 10 years, a standard recommendation for all adults.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the symptoms of malabsorption?

DEAR READER: Malabsorption syndrome includes a group of symptoms resulting from the intestine's inability to absorb nutrients from food. Many conditions can cause malabsorption; these include bowel inflammation, cystic fibrosis, cancer, diseases of the pancreas, extensive intestinal surgery, heart disease and a host of metabolic abnormalities.

Malabsorption is commonly associated with loss of appetite and weight, muscle cramps, bone pain, abdominal swelling, diarrhea, and excess fats in the stool. If vitamins and minerals are not absorbed, weakness and anemia will result.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm overweight, but in shape. Does my level of fitness give me health benefits that overcome my obesity?

DEAR READER: Surprisingly, yes.

In a report that appeared recently, doctors studied 22,000 men between the ages of 30 and 83. During the eight-year follow-up period, the fit participants had lower death rates from all causes. This relation held true irrespective of body weight. That is, thin unfit men had a higher mortality than did fat, fit men. Thus, the study concluded that cardiovascular conditioning is more important than body weight in predicting health consequences. The message? You overweight guys have to get out there and exercise if you're going to continue to over-snack.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Eating Right For A Healthy Heart." 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



Racism Isn't Just a Matter Of Black Against White

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR READERS: Yesterday I began sharing some of the many comments from my readers regarding racism. Today I will continue. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Thomas Anthony Jones Sr. is simply wrong in his statement that "there is no racism in the African-American community in the United States." Is he right when he says that black people are "discriminated against on a daily basis because of ... color"? Absolutely. Does that mean that only people belonging to the historically oppressive group can be labeled as racists? Absolutely not!

The pain of oppression is real and sharp. It shouldn't blind anyone, however, to the plain fact that racists come in all shapes and sizes, and yes, in all colors. You said it best, Abby, in your answer to "Cincinnati Educator": "Racism is never 'OK,' regardless of the skin color of the bigot."

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DEAR NEAL: To that I will add that racism and prejudice are a cancer of the spirit. They invade and destroy everything they touch. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old Asian-American. Mr. Jones declaring in an absolute statement that there is "no racism in the African-American community in the United States" is simply not true. Unfortunately, I have encountered racism from African-American individuals numerous times.

I fully believe that the majority of African-Americans living in the United States are not racist, but I was extremely annoyed to read about someone declaring that there's none at all. I have noticed in general, whenever race relations are discussed in the U.S., it's always a matter of black or white. I think it's unfair not to include the opinions of other minorities, especially the increasingly growing Hispanic and Asian minorities that are projected to outgrow all other ethnic groups in the coming years.

JI H. CHONG,
CATONSVILLE, MD.

DEAR JI: If your perception is true, I agree with you that it's unfair. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a proud Hispanic teen-ager, I found Thomas A. Jones Sr. to be driving in the wrong direction. His so-called "defense philosophy" is merely an excuse for intolerable behavior. His comment, "A black person is always surrounded by whites with racist attitudes," truly aggravated me. He implies that racism is a black-and-white issue when truly it is not.

Mr. Jones should be teaching his children to love, not retaliate. Just because others' beliefs are immoral does not mean that you should make the same mistake. As long as society continues to make this an attack-and-defend situation, how can we ever make any progress?

KATRINA N. MONTANEZ, ARIZ.

DEAR KATRINA: That's the million-dollar question. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I, too, am African-American, and for Mr. Jones to say there is no racism within the black community is an outright lie. While I cannot deny our country's heritage of slavery and bigotry, to say it is fine for blacks to hate white people because of this is nonsense. I should know. I was once a black militant, filled with hatred. Thankfully the Lord blessed me with eyes to see that my hate was killing me and no one else.

Ignorant people of all races hate with or without cause. It is that simple. The means do not justify the end.

KIMBLEY M. FORREST,
MINISTER, ALIVE MINISTRIES,
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DEAR READERS: As you can see, when I told you the comments from readers were terrific, I wasn't exaggerating. I'll have more tomorrow.

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Gore and Bradley meet in first Demo debate

HANOVER, N.H. (AP) — In the first debate of the Democratic presidential race, Al Gore sought to stem his decline in the polls by attacking rival Bill Bradley's health care and spending plans. "The numbers have to add up," Gore said.

Bradley said they did. "We each have our own experts," the former New Jersey senator replied. "I dispute the cost figure that Al has used."

That was as close as Bradley came Wednesday night to lashing back at the vice president, who was folksy and playful with the audience while jabbing at Bradley.

It was an audience member who pressed Gore about President Clinton's personal behavior. Gore said he shared the public's disappointment and anger over the Monica Lewinsky affair and sought to provide "as much continuity and stability" as possible during the impeachment crisis.

"He's my friend," Gore said of Clinton.

Another crowd member probed a soft spot of Bradley's, asking about Gore's criticism of his Senate retirement in 1996 after Republicans had taken control of Congress.

"The things I wanted to do I couldn't do in the Senate," Bradley said, referring to stops at Stanford, in the private sector and at Notre Dame. In a gentle dig at Gore, who has been in government continuously since 1976, Bradley said that by leaving office he had been able to "encounter people where they live their lives."

Gore and Bradley sat on stools or strolled the stage in a Dartmouth College auditorium for the 60-minute debate co-sponsored by CNN and WMUR-TV. The first primary election ballots of the 2000 campaign will be cast in New Hampshire on Feb. 1, and polls show Bradley with a slight lead, having overcome Gore's enormous early advantage.

Five Republican presidential candidates — absent front-runner George W. Bush — meet for their second debate tonight at the same site. Bush, a two-term Texas governor, does not plan to debate them until a Dec. 2 meeting in Manchester, N.H.

In the Democratic standoff, Gore sought to take the offensive 15 minutes before the television cameras were switched on. On stage for introductions, Gore turned to the audience and said: "Why don't you start asking some question while we're waiting?"

So they did.

And after the debate ended, Gore hung around for 90 minutes, taking questions while Bradley was long gone.

In other highlights:

—The two rivals pledged support for an overhaul of campaign finance laws to reduce the role of money in politics.

—Gore said his biggest mistake was "my choice of words when I claimed to have taken the lead in the Congress for inventing the Internet" — a comment that has earned him ridicule from Republicans and stand-up comics alike.

—Bradley spoke emphatically about his support for gay rights. "I support gays being able to serve openly in the military. If gays can serve openly in the White House, in Congress, in the courts, in the Treasury Department ... why can't they serve in the military?" he asked.

When Gore got a similar question, he said Bradley's answer had been eloquent, then followed by saying he supports legal protection for same-sex domestic partnerships, but "not the same sacrament, not the same name," as marriage.

The debate rules weren't designed for the two men to address one another directly. Gore, however, found ways to press Bradley — particularly on his proposal to provide universal health care coverage.

Gore cited a study — which Bradley disputed — claiming the ex-senator's plan would cost $1.2 trillion. "That's more than the entire surplus over the next 10 years," the vice president said.

He conceded that Bradley's plan would give health insurance to "a few more people" than his own plan, but he said the price was too high. "You're going to shred the social safety net," Gore said. "I think the cost is way excessive."

He said his more limited approach would cost $146 billion over 10 years, while providing insurance for all children. Bradley said the next president should not settle for less than full coverage for all Americans.

"It's a big problem," he said, "and it needs a big solution."

The topic illustrates the difference between Gore and Bradley on a host of issues.

Britannica Web site is blocked

CHICAGO (AP) — For 10 million Internet surfers a day, a free Encyclopaedia Britannic apparently is worth waiting for. But for how long?

One of the year's most-touted Internet sites remains clogged nine days after the debut of free online encyclopedias — brought to a virtual standstill by huge worldwide demand and insufficient hardware and software.

Britannica.com Inc., hoping to assuage the millions who have been trying to get into www.britannica.com, posted its third apology at the entrance to the blocked site Wednesday. The Chicago publisher promised to make it accessible "soon."

"Our teams have been busy unpacking crates, installing hardware, configuring software and boosting capacity worldwide," said the statement, describing a round-the-clock repair effort.

But an executive acknowledged the problems will take weeks to fix. While many users should be able to get in by next week, redesigning the system to increase capacity will take longer, said Jorge Cauz, senior vice president for sales and marketing.

The troubles have marred an innovation that had succeeded in drawing attention to the struggling publisher as it tries to shake its stodgy image and get with the electronic program.

Sales of Britannica's printed sets have fallen off by an estimated 80 percent since peaking at about $650 million in 1990 as knowledge-seekers turn to computer versions, mostly Microsoft's Encarta. Chicago-based Britannica is counting on advertising, sponsorship and e-commerce to make the venture pay off.

Applications are due for service academies

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Charles W. Stenholm has announced that the deadline for applications to the United States Service Academies is just one month away.

The deadline to apply to any service academy through Congressman Stenholm's office is Dec. 1. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Washington office as soon as possible.

Eligible applicants must be at least 17 but not past their 23rd birthday, and need to have graduated from high school by June 20, 2000. They must also be single with no dependants and be a legal resident of the 17th District.

Competitive applicants should be in the top 15 percent of their class. They need to have SAT scores above 550 Verbal and 600 Math or ACT scores of 26 English and 27 Math.

Involvement in extra-curricular activities, including school and community and sports as well as full or part-time employment, is also in the applicant's favor.

The Congressman will be making nominations for appointments to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, the Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N.Y.

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Date Book

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Today is the 301st day of 1999 and the 36th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1726, Jonathan Swift's "Gulliver's Travels" was first published.

On this day in 1886, Frederic Auguste Bartholdi's "Liberty Enlightening the World" was unveiled in New York Harbor. The statue, a gift from France, is 152 feet high and weighs 225 tons.

On this day in 1965, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Mo., was completed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Desiderius Erasmus (1466-1536), scholar; James Cook (1728-1779), navigator; Auguste Escoffier (1847-1935), chef; Jonas Salk (1914-1995), microbiologist; Lenny Wilkens (1937-), basketball player-coach, is 62; Dennis Franz (1944-), actor, is 55; Bruce Jenner (1949-), athlete, is 50; Julia Roberts (1967-), actress, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1981, the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the New York Yankees 9-2 in the sixth game of the World Series.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "First ponder, then dare." — Helmuth von Moltke

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Oct. 24) and last quarter (Oct. 31).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 29, 1999

Your greatest successes in the year ahead are likely to come through both friends and casual acquaintances you've known for awhile. You'll play important roles in each others' affairs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you operate from the premise that what must be done in an important involvement is to be fair to everyone concerned, making the right decisions today will come easy for you. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your special talents might be required today to solve problems others find difficult to resolve. It's one of your greatest assets and you'll put it to work with relative ease.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There is a mutual interest that can be beneficially joined through a friendly get-together will an old pal. The relationship will take on greater significance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If everyone pulls together today on both little and large tasks that need attention, the entire family could reap a new collective spirit that will bond them closer together.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Several important social objectives can be achieved today if you focus on your priorities and not on probabilities. The way to foster allegiance is through realistic premises.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you haven't been getting the mileage you should out of the family budget, this is an excellent day to sit down and review the situation. You can put everything right again.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have the capacity today to scale some pretty heady heights if you're so inclined. Your tenacity and stick-to-itiveness keeps you sure-footed even when confronted with obstacles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll be able to discern today between those who are deserving of help and those who are not. Much to your credit, you'll utilize your generous spirit only to aid the worthy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Start taking some positive measures today to begin wiping old slates clean. If you put out the effort, bridges can be rebuilt with those that you've had disagreements with in the past.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Where you have paid your dues with hard work and diligence, a bountiful harvest can now be realized. It may come in ways of accolades, rewards or opportunities. Things are looking good today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Look to the past to predicate your conclusions on seemingly complex problems today. Chances are the solution is already known to you, it;s just a matter of looking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Changes are in the making today that could turn your disappointments into substantial victories. You've laid the ground work with a solid base from which you can now build.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN A PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OF THE TESTING OF VOTING AND TABULATION EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN THE SPECIAL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE SCURRY COUNTY COURTROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1999 AT 9:00 A.M.

JOAN BUNCH
COUNTY CLERK
SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS

SAMPLE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of SCURRY, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de SCURRY, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on NOV. 2, 19 99, for voting in a special election to CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el NOV. 2, de 19 99, para votar en la Elección Especial para CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

BOXES 5,6,7 SCURRY COUNTY LIBRARY
BOXES 8,9,10 TOWLE PARK BARN
BOXES 11,12,13 SOUTH SIDE OF COLISEUM
BOXES 14,15 NORTH SIDE OF COLISEUM

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

3RD FLOOR, COUNTY COURTHOUSE, SNYDER, TX (location) *(sitio)*

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on OCTOBER 18, 1999 (date)
(entre las 8:30 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el OCTOBER 18, 1999 (fecha))

and ending on OCTOBER 29, 1999 (date) *(y terminando el OCTOBER 29, 1999 (fecha))*

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(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

JOAN BUNCH, COUNTY CLERK
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

1806 25TH STREET S. 300
(Address) *(Dirección)*

SNYDER, TX 79549
(City) *(Ciudad)* (Zip Code) *(Zona Postal)*

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
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OCTOBER 29, 1999
(date) *(fecha)*

Issued this the 25TH day of OCTOBER, 19 99.
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RICKY FRITZ
Signature of County Judge *(Firma del Juez del Condado)*

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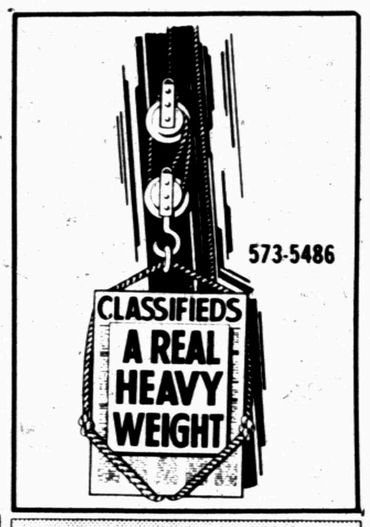
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DA wants paralyzed Dia killing witness to testify on video

DENVER (AP) — Prosecutors want to present videotaped testimony from the star witness to the slaying of a West African immigrant, a woman whose erratic behavior led a judge to overturn the conviction of another suspect in the case, a defense lawyer says.

Nathan Thill, 21, is accused of the racially motivated killing of Oumar Dia as he waited for a downtown Denver bus in 1997, and of paralyzing Jeannie VanVelkinburgh, who tried to help Dia.

Ms. VanVelkinburgh, who is paralyzed from the waist down, has been scheduled to undergo surgery for some time and it would be more convenient to interview her on videotape, prosecutor Tim Twining said in filing his motion Wednesday.

"It is clear that because of this witness's physical infirmities, she will be unable to be present and testify at trial," the motion said.

Ms. VanVelkinburgh's testimony helped convict Thill's companion, Jeremiah Barnum, in March. But a judge overturned the conviction, saying her emotional behavior jeopardized Barnum's right to a fair trial.

While testifying, Ms. VanVelkinburgh, 37, screamed obscenities, belched loudly, told conflicting stories and sometimes refused to answer questions.

Denver District Judge Edward Simons said her behavior was the worst he had seen during 24 years as a judge.

Public defender Kathleen Lord, who is representing Thill, would not comment on the motion.

While videotaped testimony is sometimes used in civil cases to save time and money, it is rare in a murder trial since jurors need to carefully evaluate the witnesses' credibility, legal analyst Andrew Cohen said.

To testify by tape, witnesses have to prove it would be a hardship to testify in person, he said. Usually that means they are unable to travel to the courthouse because of doctor's orders, he said.

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AT&T Corp s	45¼	44⅛	45 13-16+1 13-16
Albertsons	38	37	37⅞—1 3-16
AlldSignal	56¼	55¼	55 3-16+11-16
Alltel	80 15-16	78 15-16	80¾+ 4¼
AmOnline s	122 3-16	118¾	121⅞+ 1⅞
AndarkPtr	30⅝	30	30¾+1 1-16
AtlRichfld	93¼	92 5-16	93 3-16+2 9-16
ATMOS Egy	23⅛	23¼	23⅜+ 5-16
Aviall	8¼	8⅛	8½— 5-16
BP Amoco s	57¼	57⅛	57¼+1 5-16
BakerHughes	28 15-16	27¼	28 1-16—11-16
Bank of Amer	63 13-16	63	63 11-16+ 2¼
BellAtl	64¼	63½	64¼+ 2
BellSouth s	46¼	45 7-16	46 3-16+15-16
BethSteel	6¼	6⅛	6⅜+ ⅛
BurlNoSFe	30¼	30	30½+ ⅛
CBS Corp	47⅞	46 1-16	47⅜+2 9-16
Caterpillar	55⅞	54¼	54 5-16—1 1-16
CenSoWst	22 1-16	21 13-16	21 15-16+ 3-16
Chevron	91 9-16	89 13-16	91⅜+ 1⅜
Citigroup s	54¼	53¼	54⅜+ 3½
Coastal	42 5-16	41½	42 + ⅛
CocaCola	58	57 9-16	58 +1 1-16
ColgatePal s	58¾	57⅞	58½+1 7-16
ComclMetals	31	11-16	31 3½+ ⅛
CooperIn	42 7-16	42 5-16	42 7-16+ ½
CyprusAmax	19¼	19⅛	19 7-16— 3-16
DaimlrChry	77	9-16	76¼ 77½+ 1¾
DallSemicn	57⅞	56 13-16	56 13-16+ ⅜
DeltaAirl s	51¾	50 3-16	51⅝+1 9-16
Dillards Inc	18 11-16		18¾ 18 9-16+ 3-16
DowChem	118¾	116 15-16	118 3-16+2 7-16
DuPont	65 1-16	64 1-16	64 13-16+ 1⅜
EastmanChem	38¾	38¼	38⅜+ ⅛
EstKodak	68 15-16	68¼	68 13-16+15-16
EDS Corp	54 7-16	52 15-16	53 9-16+13-16
Entergy	30 3-16		29¾ 30⅛+ ⅜
Exxon	73¾	72¾	73¾+ 2
FstBksAm	16¾	16¼	16¾+ ¼
Flowers	16 13-16	16 11-16	16¾+ 1-16
FordMotor	54 9-16		53¾ 54⅛+ 1⅛
GTE Cp	74 11-16		73¾ 74⅛+ 2⅛
GenDynam	55 15-16		54¾ 55¼+ 1¾
GenElec	133 13-16		129⅛ 133⅜+4 11-16
GenMills	87¼	85 13-16	87 +1 1-16
GenMotors	67 13-16		67¼ 67⅜+ ⅛
GaPacGP s	37¼	36 13-16	36¾+ ¼
GlobalMar	15⅞	14¼	15 1-16— 5-16
Goodrich	25 1-16		23¼ 23 13-16— 2⅛
Goodyear s	40¾	40 1-16	40 5-16
GtAtlPac	28¼	28 9-16	28 11-16+ 1-16
Halliburtn	37 7-16	36 5-16	36¼— ⅛
Hanson ADS	39	38 5-16	38⅛+ 9-16
HarteHanks	21 3-16	20 15-16	20 15-16— 1-16
HomeDepot	72⅞	71¼	72 9-16+ 2¼
IBM s	95	94¼	94 13-16+1 13-16
IntlPaper	49 11-16	48 11-16	48 15-16+ ⅛
JohnsonJn	106	104 13-16	104 15-16+ ⅛
K mart	10	9¼	9 15-16+ ⅛
Kroger Co s	20½	20 3-16	20 7-16+ 9-16
Litton	47⅞	46¼	47 — ⅜
LockheedM s	23	22 7-16	23 + 9-16
Lowes Cos	51	9-16	50 7-16 51¼+ ⅛
Lubys	11¾	11¾	11 13-16+ 5-16
LucentTech s	63½	61 13-16	62 11-16— 1-16
MayDeptStr s	34¼		33¾ 34⅛+ 1⅛
MediaOne	70½		69¾ 70⅛+ 1¾
Medtronic s	34¼		33¾ 34⅛+ 1¾
Mobil	96⅛	94¼	96 5-16+2 5-16
Monsanto	39 5-16		38 9-16 39 + ⅛
MorganJP	132½	131¼	132⅛+ 3¼
Motorola	94		91¾ 94 + 2⅛
NCR Corp	30¾	30 3-16	30 11-16+ ¼
Navistar	44¼		42¾ 44 + 2⅛
Penney JC	26⅛	25 5-16	25 11-16— ⅛
PepBoys	12	11 13-16	12 + 5-16
PepsiCo	34 11-16		34¼ 34⅛+ 7-16
PhelpDodge	57 11-16		55¾ 55½— ⅜
PhilipPet	47⅛		46¼ 47 1-16+ ¼
PilgrmPrd B	8 11-16	8	8 11-16+ 1
Polaroid	21 13-16		21¼ 21 13-16+11-16
Praxair	45¾		45 9-16 45¾+ ¼
ProctGamb	102½	100¼	101 15-16+2 11-16
PubSNwMx	18		17¾ 18 + ⅛
ReliantEngy	27 7-16	26 15-16	27 7-16+ ⅛
RoyalDut	60 13-16	60 3-16	60 11-16+ 1¼
SBC Comm	51		49¾ 50 15-16+ 2⅛
SaraLee s	26 11-16	25¾	26 11-16+1 1-16
Scripps EW	46¾	46	5-16 46¾+ 9-16
SearsRoeb	27	13-16	27¼ 27¾+ ⅛
SherwinW	22	21 3-16	21 15-16+ 1
SmithklBchm	62¼	62 1-16	62½+11-16
SouthernCo	26 7-16		26¼ 26 7-16+ 7-16
SwstAirl s	16 9-16	16 5-16	16 9-16+11-16
SprintFON s	71¼	68 15-16	71¼+ 3¼
SprintPCS s	81	15-16	80¾ 81¼+ ⅛
Sunoco Inc	24¼	23 7-16	23¾+ 5-16
TNP Ent	39	13-16	39¾ 39¾
Tandy s	56¼	55 5-16	56¼+ 2⅛
TempleInland	56¼	55¼	55¼— 5-16
Tenneco	14¼		14 1414¼+ 7-16
Texaco	61¼	61 1-16	61¼+1 3-16
TexInd	36¼	36	36 7-16+ 7-16
TexasInst s	80¼	78¾	80¾+2 15-16
TexUtil	39⅜		38¾ 39¼+ 1
Textron	76¼	75	75 7-16+ ⅛
TriconGlbR	40 1-16		39¾ 40 1-16+11-16
TrinityInds	29¼		29¼ 29¼+ 3-16
TritonEngy	17 9-16		16¾ 17⅛+ ⅜
TylerTech	4	15-16	4¼ 4¼+ ⅛
US West Inc	59 15-16	58¼	59 15-16+1 7-16
USX-Marathn	29¼		28¾ 29 1-16+ 1-16
USX-USS	25¼	25 1-16	25 3-16— ⅛
UnCarbde	60 13-16	60¼	60 11-16+1 3-16
UnionPacif	52¼	52 5-16	52 11-16+ ⅜
UnitedTech s	55	13-16	55¼ 55¼+ ¼
Unocal	34¼	34 3-16	34¼+ ⅛
Venator Grp	7¼	6¾	6 15-16— 1-16
WalMart s	55 15-16	54 1-16	55⅛+ 2⅛
WellsFargo	49 15-16		47¾ 49¼+ 3
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Dan Glickman to propose farm policy changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman says the "farm economy stinks" and promises to have some proposals to overhaul the market-oriented 1996 farm law that will provide more assistance to farmers when commodity prices are low.

"Lurching, ad hoc style, from one patchwork emergency bill to the next is not the most effective way to help farmers," Glickman said at a news conference Wednesday.

President Clinton said last week that Congress needed to "revise, revamp and improve" the 1996 "Freedom to Farm" law because it did not take adequate care of farmers. The law was intended to make farmers less dependent on government assistance. But commodity prices dropped sharply last year and Congress has responded by passing successive multibillion-dollar bailout packages.

But USDA has come under fire from Republicans over the past year for not offering legislative proposals of its own on crop insurance and emergency farm assistance.

"We have an obligation to come up ... with some specific proposals," Glickman said. "We've tried to do that, but we're going to have to do a better job in the future."

The chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Texas Republican Larry Combest, said he doubted Glickman's proposals would be sufficiently detailed. Ideas that sound good in theory often have undesirable ramifications when put in practice, Combest said.

"We can't work hypothetically, they have to be specific. The more they are specific the more they will be players in the final outcome," said Combest.

Combest plans hearings, starting early next year, on possible changes to the 1996 law. USDA will offer its proposals at that time, said August Schumacher Jr., deputy undersecretary for farm and foreign agricultural services.

Glickman has previously proposed raising subsidy rates for crops and subsidizing grain storage so farmers could keep crops off the market when prices were low. He also has indicated interest in an insurance program proposed by Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, that would allow farmers to guarantee a minimum income based on fluctuations in crop yields and prices.

The first checks from this year's assistance package started going into the mail Monday, and additional payments will be going out into next year, depending on the program.

Farmers who lost crops to drought and flooding likely will get a 35 percent advance payment with the rest to come after Agriculture Department totals up all the claims, Glickman said. Congress provided $1.2 billion for weather-related crop losses.

It may be many months before USDA implements a new program for reporting the prices that meatpackers pay for livestock.

The reporting program was included in the bailout measure but Congress did not allocate any money to operate it. Glickman said it would cost $4.7 billion to run the system over the next year. The program cannot start until Congress provides an appropriation for it or the department finds another source of funds, he said.

"We're going to start the organization of the program. You can't implement the program without the money," he said.

C-City auction

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,121 head of cattle for the Saturday, Oct. 23, sale. Feeder steers and heifers were steady to $2 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady. Bred were steady. Pairs too few to test. Trading was active and demand good.

Feeder steers:
300-400: 97-107
400-500: 83-89.50
500-600: 76-79.25
600-700: 72-75.25
700-800: 69.50-71
Feeder heifers:
400-500: 80.50-83
500-600: 75-80.50
600-700: 79-71
700-800: 66-70
Replacement cows: 475-565
Bred cows: 340-445
Cow and calf pairs: 590-635
Older cow and calf pairs: 560-575
Slaughter cows: High dressing: 35-38
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 48-49.75

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 948 head of cattle for the Thursday, Oct. 21, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 32-40.50
Canner and low cutters: 27-34
Slaughter bulls: 42-51.50
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 90-110
400-500: 80-92.50
500-600: 77-85
600-700: 75-81
700-800: 70-78
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 82-92
400-500: 75-85
500-600: 72-77.50
600-700: 68-75
700-800: 65-73
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 72-85
700-800: 65-72
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 600-740
Grade: 450-550
Springers: 350-620
Baby calves: 75-150
Doodlers: 125-200

State director Carriker briefed on USDA rural development

TEMPLE — Steven A. Carriker, state director for USDA Rural Development in Texas, has returned from a trip to Washington D.C., where he was briefed by Agricultural Secretary Glickman and other USDA officials on a wide array of issues crucial to rural America.

The impact of the fiscal 2000 budget on USDA rural programs, how to create improved rural housing and more good-paying rural jobs, and ways to stem the flow of farmers and ranchers away from agriculture because of poor commodity prices were among the many subjects Carriker and other Rural Development state directors discussed with Glickman during the trip.

Glickman applauded the efforts of the USDA state directors and their staffs in helping to improve the overall quality of life in rural communities throughout America. "USDA Rural Development is leading the way to a better rural America," Glickman said. "Your leadership and dedication continues to have a tremendous impact on the ability of rural communities to gain much-needed financial and technical assistance. Your work helps to ensure the health and safety of rural Americans and will provide them with a greater quality of life."

Glickman added, "The President is truly grateful for your hard work and commitments. You are making a difference, not only in the quality of life in rural communities, but in the ability of our nation's rural communities to create and sustain a strong economic base."

"President Clinton and Secretary Glickman realize that many rural communities have yet to share in the nation's economic revival, and that USDA's rural housing, business and utilities programs will continue to play a crucial role in helping those areas catch up," Carriker said.

"Our Rural Development staff is on the front lines every day, meeting with community after community, seeking to bring the tools and resources to the tale which will benefit local efforts," said Carriker. "They are doing their very best, not only because it is the right thing to do, but because they care.

Specialists are available for questions about enviroment

Small businesses and local governments in Texas have new resources to turn to with environmental questions and problems.

And the resources are located right in their own communities, thanks to an initiative of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRC) to focus environmental assistance at the point of need.

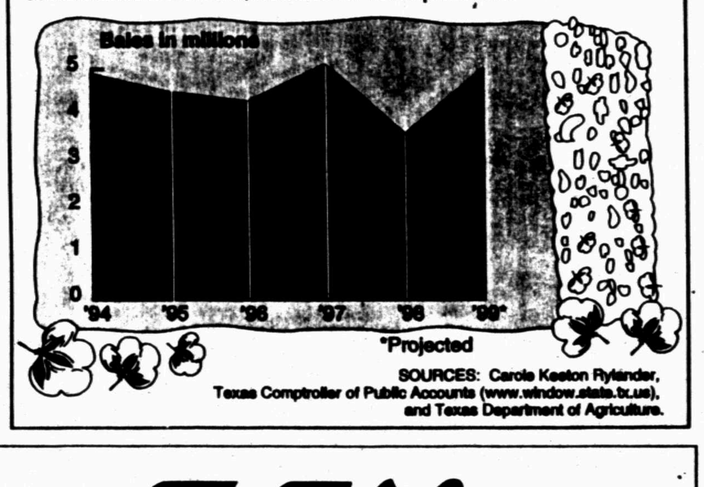
"The TNRC is staffing each of our 16 regional offices with compliance assistance specialists from our Small business and Local Government Assistance Section to serve as an immediate point of contact and liaison with the regulated communities," announced TNRC Chairman Robert Huston. "With this hands-on, one-on-one approach, we can answer questions as they occur, before they turn into problems, and ensure the continued environmental protection and economic prosperity of our communities."

David Hudson is the compliance assistance specialist for the TNRCC Abilene region, which includes Scurry County. Hudson can be reached at 915-698-9674.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas turns bolls to bales to bucks

Despite weather setbacks, the 1999 Texas cotton crop is projected to top 5 million bales. Cotton is the leading cash crop in Texas, contributing more than 12 percent of the total agricultural income for the state. In 1998, cotton earned more than $1.6 billion for Texas producers.



SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and Texas Department of Agriculture.



Town & County Topics

By Kathryn Roberts, County Extension Agent

Is it hamburger or ground beef?

Is there a difference between a product labeled hamburger and one called ground beef? Technically, there could be. The answer to this and other questions frequently posed to the Meat and Poultry Hotline are listed below.

Q. What's the difference between hamburger and ground beef?

A. Ground beef is just that — ground beef. A product labeled hamburger may have extra beef fat ground in with the meat. Neither product, however, may exceed 30 percent fat by weight of raw product.

Q. Why is prepackaged ground beef red on the outside and sometimes dull or grayish, brown on the inside?

A. Fresh-cut meat is purplish in color. The red color on the surface is the result of meat pigments (myoglobin) reacting with the oxygen in the air to form oxymyoglobin. The interior of the meat may be grayish brown due to lack of oxygen. If all the meat in a package has turned gray or brown, it may be beginning to spoil.

Q. How should raw ground beef be stored at home?

A. Refrigerate or freeze ground beef as soon as possible after purchase. This preserves freshness and stops or slows growth of bacteria. Refrigerated ground beef is best if used within two days of purchase. For longer storage, over-wrap with heavy-duty plastic wrap aluminum foil, freezer paper or plastic bags made for freezing. Ground beef is safe indefinitely if kept solidly frozen at 0 degrees, but will lose quality over time. It's best used within four months.

Q. Is it dangerous to eat raw or rare ground beef?

A. Yes. Raw meat may contain harmful bacteria. Because of the rising concern about E. coli 0157:H7, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends not eating or tasting raw or undercooked ground beef. To be sure all bacteria are destroyed, cook meat loaf, meatballs, casseroles and hamburgers to 160 degree. Use a meat thermometer to assure proper degree of doneness.

Q. Are there people who are more at risk from eating ground beef that is undercooked or mishandled?

A. Yes. The very young, the very old and those who's immune systems have been weakened by cancer, kidney disease and other illnesses are most at risk for developing illness associated with contaminated food or water. Proper storage, handling and preparation of food are always important, and even more critical for high-risk groups.

SWCD Report

High winds and West Texas just seem to go together, and recent weather gives us a reminder that winter is on its way.

A good way to make both the wind and your utility bill a little bit more endurable is by planting a living windbreak. A properly installed windbreak goes a long way toward lowering your utility bill, and making life a lot easier on both people and animals.

Don't be fooled by the name. These trees do more than block the wind. Properly sited and spaced, they work well as sound barriers and/or privacy screens. Wildlife benefit from food and cover provided by windbreaks. Studies have shown that by softening rainfall, blocking high winds, and holding soil in place windbreak plantings reduce erosion by as much as 25 percent.

The Upper Colorado SWCD is beginning its annual windbreak tree sales program and we're ready to take your order.

Evergreen and hardwood varieties are offered again this year, along with four types of wildlife packers. Evergreen species include Afghan Pine, Pinon Pine, Australian Pine and Eastern Redcedar. Evergreen seedlings are shipped in tarpaper tubes and are $2 each.

Hardwood tree species offered are Catalpa, Osage Orange (Bois d'Arc), Green Ash, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Lacebark Elm, Little Walnut, Shumard (Red) Oak, and Native Plum. The seedlings are shipped bare root, and are $1.00 each.

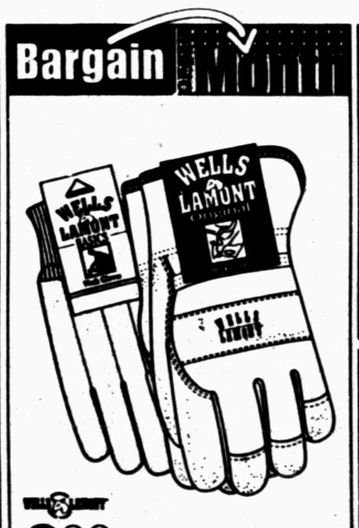
Hardwood shrub species include Aromatic Sumac, Sand Cherry, Fourwing Saltbush, Russian Olive, Nanking Cherry and Amur Honeysuckle. These seedlings are also shipped bare root, and are $1 each. Amur Honeysuckle is in short supply, so pleasing get your order in soon.

Wildlife packets contain a total of 100 bare root seedlings (25 each of 4 varieties) individually tailored for quail and pheasant, deer, turkey, or squirrel. Wildlife packets are $50 each.

Order forms can be obtained at the Upper Colorado SWCD office. All tree orders need to be paid for at the time of order, and checks can be made out to Upper Colorado SWCD. Cut off date for all orders is Jan. 31, 2000. Please be sure to include a phone number on the order form, so we can contact you when the trees arrive. Delivery should be on or about Feb. 10, 2000. The Upper Colorado SWCD office is in the north end of the USDA Service Center located at 5308 Big Spring

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American teacher, parents freed

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — An American teacher and her parents were released early today after tribesmen kidnapped them in Yemen.

Marta R. Colburn and her parents, Don and Gladys Colburn, of Portland, Ore., arrived back in the capital, San'a, from the northern province of Marib where they were kidnapped Tuesday.

The Americans were freed following intensive negotiations by authorities with the kidnappers, who belong to the Bani Jabr tribe of the Habab Valley in Marib, east of San'a, said ministry officials.

"I don't want to talk right now," Marta Colburn said before she entered the Interior Ministry for talks with officials there. All three were wearing sunglasses and the mother and daughter appeared exhausted.

The U.S. Embassy in San'a thanked the Yemenis. "The Yemeni government did a very good job," said Chris Eccel, a press officer at the embassy.

Marta Colburn teaches at the American Institute for Yemeni Studies in San'a and was formerly deputy director of Middle East studies at Portland State University.

NTSB recovers cockpit voice recorder

MINA, S.D. (AP) — Investigators have recovered what could prove to be a key clue in the odd and tragic crash of golfer Payne Stewart's Learjet: the cockpit voice recorder.

The fuel-soaked recorder and its cracked cassette were recovered from the crash site just before sundown Wednesday, said Bob Benzon of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The jet crashed into a field near Mina on Monday four hours after leaving Florida with Stewart and five other people aboard. All were killed, and investigators are trying to determine how the plane flew 1,400 miles across the country, apparently without someone at the controls.

Though the Learjet had no flight data recorder that could provide mechanical information, the cockpit voice recorder has a 30-minute loop that usually records over itself. Officials do not expect to hear anything about what happened when radio contact was lost and the plane veered off course because that happened hours before the crash.

But the voice recorder could have picked up sounds at the end of the flight that could tell a lot about what was happening in the plane, Benzon said. Information from the tape might be available as early as Friday.

"We're still confident we can get some good information off that tape," Benzon said.

Government officials have said one possible explanation for the crash is that the jet lost cabin pressure soon after taking off from Florida, causing everyone aboard to die or lose consciousness.

Benzon said investigators want to recover various parts of the plane's pressurization system, such as door and window seals and valves.

Benzon said investigators have learned that a device called the left-hand modulator valve, which takes heated air from the engine and runs it through the air-conditioning system to pressurize the cabin, was changed on the plane Saturday.

If the left-hand valve failed, the one on the right engine should have fed sufficient air into the cabin, he said.

Benzon said the valve was replaced Saturday to balance engine thrust on the plane .

Obituaries

Corene Thomas

1931-1999

Funeral service for Corene Thomas, a resident of Snyder since 1982, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired minister, and Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Thomas, 68, died Wednesday, Oct. 27 at her home in Snyder following a lengthy illness.

Born Jan. 28, 1931 in Mills County, she married Wendell Thomas on Oct. 1, 1950 in Enid, Okla. A resident of Colorado City since 1950, she retired from the Colorado City public schools cafeteria after 22 years. She moved to Snyder in 1982 and was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Debbie McKinney, in 1998, and by four brothers, Frank, Carl, Ellsworth and Louis Karnes.

Survivors include her husband, Wendell Thomas of Snyder; a daughter, Karen Ward of Lewisville; three sisters, Letha Mae Soules and Nelda Karnes, both of Gatesville, and Bonnie Calaway of Hereford; and two brothers, Oscar Karnes of Eagle Pass and James Douglas Karnes of Waco.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, 1901 26th St. in Snyder, or to Vista Care Family Hospice, 3210 East 11th Place in Big Spring, 79720.

C.C. Nunnally

1915-1999

BORDEN COUNTY — C.C. Nunnally, former Borden County Judge, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, in Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock.

Graveside service for Mr. Nunnally, 84, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the Gail Cemetery. Mark Hackett, minister of the Lamesa Church of Christ, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Born April 2, 1915 in Borden County, he graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1933 and from Texas Tech University in 1938.

A U.S. Army veteran, he was commissioned as a captain before his discharge. He served as assistant county agent in Crosby County from 1938-41.

He married Florence Cowherd on Feb. 14, 1943 in El Paso. He was county judge of Borden County from 1953-71. He was a farmer and rancher and a member of the Lamesa Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Nunnally of O'Donnell; two sons, Billy Nunnally of Columbia, Mo., and Don Nunnally of Lewisville; a sister, Aline Giffin of Carrizo Springs; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Florene Taylor

1921-1999

Florene Taylor, a former Scurry County resident, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, in a Fayetteville, Ark., nursing center.

Graveside memorial service for Mrs. Taylor, 78, is set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Pyron Cemetery.

Born April 1, 1921 in Sweetwater, Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker and former schoolteacher. Her husband, W.R. Taylor, taught at Pyron, Hermleigh and was superintendent at Hobbs, Tex. He preceded her in death.

A resident of Abilene, Mrs. Taylor was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, Milton Taylor of Winslow, Ark.; three daughters, Ann Steckler of Pearland, Susan Standridge of Abilene and Sharon Weisser of Galveston; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Crain-Fry Scholarship Fund at Abilene Christian University.

Arrangements are under the direction of Beard's Funeral Chapel and Crematory in Fayetteville.

James Sprott

1918-1999

James Sprott, 80, of Big Spring and formerly of Colorado City, died Wednesday in a Lubbock hospital. Service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Dr. Bently Gwyn officiating. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.'

Mr. Sprott was born, Oct. 29, 1918 in Chrisman. He married Oma Lee Tounget on Aug. 24, 1940 in Brownwood. She preceded him in death on Sept. 26. He married Tommie Hayworth on May 27, 1995 in Weatherford. He was a retired security guard for Texas Electric, a US Army veteran of WWII and a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Tommie Sprott of Big Spring; two daughters Carolyn Newman of Colorado City and Linda Cain and husband Jerry Cain of Wichita Falls; two sons, Sam and Audra Tipton of Snyder and Gary and Kay Tipton of Ft. Stockton; a brother J.D. Sprott of Caldwell; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren-; and two step great-grandchildren.

He is also preceded in death of a son, J. Roy Sprott.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m Friday

Officers investigate break-in at Westerner Golf Land

Officers investigated a break-in at Westerner Golf Land Wednesday.

The police department was notified at 9:15 a.m. of an open window at the miniature golf course. Upon arrival, officers advised that two windows were open and the air conditioner was sitting on the ground.

At 11:20 a.m., a caller requested an officer in the 4400 block of Avenue U in reference to locating some property. It was determined that the property was from Westerner Golf Land, which is owned by Joni Gainer.

An offense report for burglary of a building was filed in the incident.

In other activity Wednesday, Tim McDowell of 2907 Avenue T reported his green 1996 half-ton single cab pickup had been taken by a juvenile subject at 6:40 p.m.

Upon officer's arrival, the pickup had been returned and no charges were filed.

The juvenile was taken into custody and issued a citation for no driver's license. He was transported to his residence to be released to his parents.

Officers then advised a fight occurred and the juvenile subject was taken into custody and later transported to the juvenile detention facility in Sweetwater.

Bill Adams requested an officer in the 500 block of 28th Street at 6:43 p.m. in reference to an eight-year-old juvenile breaking windows in his rent house. No offense report was filed as arrangements were made for the juvenile to work off the damage.

A blue warrant for parole violation resulted in the arrest of 26-year-old Henry Arrizola Ramirez at 9:15 p.m. Wednesday. Department of Public Safety troopers arrested him at U.S. Hwy. 84 milepost 394. Ramirez, whose address is listed as 1514 Dallas in Plainview, was also charged with driving while license suspended.

A 54-year-old male was taken into custody by deputies at 10:25 p.m. on CR 3138 for driving while intoxicated.

Public intoxication sent an 18-year-old man to jail at 1:26 a.m. Officers arrested him at Western Texas College.

TxDOT sets safety banquet on Friday

The Texas Department of Transportation's annual safety banquet will be held noon Friday at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

The banquet is held annually to honor those in the Abilene district who have gone one year without an accident or injury.

The Abilene district covers 13 counties in the Big Country, including Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Stonewall, Shackelford and Taylor.

Three awards are given including the safe operator driving award. This is an individual award given to those who have not had an accident involving a TxDOT vehicle for the past fiscal year.

The no injury award is also given. This is also an individual award and is given to those who have not had a work-related injury during the past fiscal year that resulted in medical treatment or time off the job for more than one hour.

The no lost-time award is also presented. This is a group award and goes to a work unit that has completed one fiscal year without a lost time injury by any member of the group. Lost time for this award means that an employee loses a full shift subsequent to the day of the injury. Time lost on the day of the injury does not count.

There are currently 287 reservations for the banquet. There will be approximately 255 persons receiving an award.

Obituaries

ADMISSIONS: Oct. 27-LaVienna Bodry, Mildred Abell of Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: Tyler Adkins of Dunn, Juan Becerra.

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Community wide revival

A community-wide revival is planned at New Hope Baptist Church at 7:30 nightly through Friday, featuring Rev. Arthur Douglas Jr. of Houston as the evangelist. Sponsors are New Hope, Word Is Life, Allen Chapel and Mount Olive churches.

WTC Fallfest

Fallfest at Western Texas College will be held from 6-9 this evening in the courtyard. Sponsored by the Student Government, all proceeds will help fund their trip to the state convention. There will be numerous booths and activities for all ages. Tickets are 25 cents each and prizes will be given away at all booths.

Adult education classes

Classes will be taught in the WTC library, Room 209, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8-11 a.m. and 6-9 p.m. Classes are for those working on GED refresher courses and ESL.

Enchilada feast

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will have an enchilada feast Friday from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the parish center. Plates will cost $6 for adults and $3 for children. Carryouts will be available.

Spiritual Renewal

East Side Church of Christ will present "Living with Jesus Today," featuring Earl Williams of Conroe. Saturday sessions will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Services Sunday are 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. A fellowship dinner will follow the morning service.

Bake sale

Grace Lutheran Church will have a bake sale starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart.

Church of the Hills

Church of the Hills will sponsor a hamburger cookout starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, followed by a musical program by "Revelation" from Midland. The public is invited.

Spook house

Snyder Healthcare Center will conduct a Spook House from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Donations of wrapped candy will be appreciated and should be taken to Dorothy at 5311 Big Spring Hwy.

Fall festival

Games, concessions and door prizes will be part of the Fall Festival from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The event is for birth through 6th grade. Suggested donation is one bag of wrapped candy per child.

Gospel music concert Sunday

The Phillips Family, gospel singers from Nashville, Tenn., will be in concert Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at the First Assembly of God, 1809 College Ave.

Nazarene candy hunt

Snyder First Church of the Nazarene will hold its annual candy hunt Sunday immediately following the morning service.

Gospel meeting

Evangelist Rex Boyles of Canadian will be the guest speaker for a gospel meeting at 37th Street Church of Christ which begins Sunday and continues through Wednesday. Combined Bible classes are set for 9:30 a.m., morning worship follows at 10:30 a.m., a pot luck lunch will begin at noon. Evening worship is set for 6 p.m. and weeknights services begin at 7 p.m.

Ira school annuals

The Year 2000 Bulldog annuals are on sale. The cost is $26 with a name on the cover, or $22 without a name. The annuals will be on sale until Nov. 19.

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.

Family night out

Northeast Elementary will have its Family Night out from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Rudy's. Please bring your coupon.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Mark of The Beast," followed by "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?"

55th anniversary

Trinity Full Gospel Apostolic Church, 2510 25th, will celebrate its 55th anniversary Saturday, Nov. 6. Services begin at 10 a.m. with prayer, singing and testimonies. The church history will be read. Lunch follows at noon and the afternoon service begins at 2 p.m.

WTC planetarium open

The planetarium at Western Texas College is now open with its fall lineup of new programs, developed for specific age groups: pre-K and kindergarten, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, and grades 7 through adults. The 60-seat planetarium is open for group showings, by reservation, for Friday morning and afternoon programs. It is also available, by reservation, for group showings Thursday through Saturday evenings. For reservations, call Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Quilt-a-thon

Rock and Roll Quilting Club will sponsor a quilt-a-thon from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. starting Monday, Nov. 8 at the Hermleigh Community Center. Quilts and covers for the hurricane victims will be made. Everyone is welcome and donations will be accepted. For more information call 573-3733 or 863-2426.

Lord's Acre Festival

First United Methodist Church will host its annual Lord's Acre Festival Nov. 13 in the Scurry County Coliseum, featuring a variety of specialty items for the holidays, home-made goodies, an auction and a barbecue dinner.

Tiger Times yearbook

The Snyder Junior High yearbook is on sale through Nov. 23. Copies may be ordered by paying $14 now, or paying a deposit of $7 with the balance due when the yearbooks arrive in the spring. Orders will be accepted in the school office or room 110. There will be no extra copies.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-8-5

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New grain-testing system could benefit many

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota farmers irked by inaccurate and burdensome tests for grain damage could benefit from new technology that seeks to streamline the process, a Fargo company says.

Bandy Technology Systems has developed a system that enables elevators to essentially test for sprout damage with the push of a button, said president Mark Bandy. The company also has received $25,000 from the North Dakota Agricultural Products Utilization Commission for research on a vomitoxin testing system for wheat and barley.

APUC provides grants to developers of North Dakota farm products.

Farmers complain that they often get unfair prices for their crops because existing testing systems are inaccurate. The testing process also is complicated for elevator managers who do not have the technical expertise, Bandy said.

The sprout-testing machine is on the market, he said. The systems cost from $10,000 to $30,000.

"Both of those systems replace laborious, inaccurate testing systems," Bandy said.

"The existing tests require extremely well-trained technicians. It requires a great deal of knowledge in terms of things that are normally taught to chemists."

Jim Diepolder, a Willow City farmer who has spoken out against inaccurate testing, said he welcomes any improvements.

"If it was consistent and they could sample a load and get it accurate and consistent ... I'd welcome it because the current situation is inadequate," he said.

Sprouting of crop kernels, which can significantly damage grain, occurs under excessively wet conditions. Vomitoxin is a byproduct of scab disease, which has ravaged North Dakota crops in the 1990s.

Animals that eat infected grain can become sick, and beer made from barley with high levels of vomitoxin can foam excessively.

Elevators discount the price they pay for lower-quality grain, and some farmers question the test results. A study by a federal grain inspection agency last year said elevators did not have the technology to offer pinpoint accuracy needed in evaluating barley quality.

"(The) tests are for baloney, not for barley. Frustrated farmers are boiling over, and it will come to a head soon," Diepolder said.

Bandy said his company's system will eliminate inaccuracies and allow for quick tests.

Physical therapy is important part of overall health care

National Physical Therapy Month is a good time to understand the contributions of this important health care professional, Jeff Reecer, CEO of Cogdell Memorial Hospital said.

"The theme for this year's celebration is 'Physical Therapy: Health in Balance' and represents he comprehensive approach to health care which physical therapy emphasizes," he said. "Whether one is a busy professional or a busy homemaker, an athlete in peak physical form or a person with a disability, a senior citizen, teenager or toddler, balance is essential to health and well-being.

"Physical therapists are vital members of the health care team," Reecer said. "Some community members may not understand the full extent of the physical therapist's training but they are highly trained specialists who have a big impact on a patient's ability to recover full function.

Training requirements are rigorous. In fact, just getting accepted into training is a major achievement."

Cathy Trout, PT, director of rehab services at Cogdell Hospital, says that the physical therapist cares for many types of patients, including burn victims to prevent abnormal scarring and loss of movement; stroke victims to regain movement and independent living; cancer patients to relieve discomfort; workers with injured backs, children with disabilities, over-stressed business executives, people with urinary incontinence and older persons with arthritis and osteoporosis.

"Physical therapists also provide preventive exercise programs, postural improvement and conditioning to individuals," she said.

"Fitness can be a valuable asset to pass down to children. People who make fitness important early in life tend to stay with an exercise program for many years," Trout said. "Exercising together and learning healthy living skills could be the most valuable inheritance parents can give their children.

The physical therapist works with the patient's physician to determine the best plan for treatment. Once the physicians, therapists and patient have established objectives and treatment goals, they determine the best method to reach those goals.

Treatment methods used by physical therapists include therapeutic exercise, hydrotherapy, massage, ultrasound, aquatic therapy, joint mobilization, electrotherapy and activities of daily living.

"One of our primary goals is to teach our patients self-care," Trout said. "We want the patients to maintain recovery even after they finish their physical therapy, so we do our best to educate the patient about exercise, proper posture, relaxation practice and safety."

Others who work in physical therapy at Cogdell Memorial Hospital are Cliff Shiller, LPT; Jeff Mason, LPT; Richard Stout, LPT; Julienne Stewart, LPT; Kathy Curry, LPT; Robin Cave, LPT; Jimmy Gutierrez, technician; Denise Fuentez, technician; Bonnie Ward, Peggy Foster and Melinda Overhulser.



POSTER WINNERS — Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse sponsored a poster contest in connection with the annual Red Ribbon Campaign. The campaign is a nine-day event designed to promote awareness about drug abuse and prevention. Meagan Downing placed first in the contest, Toby Lopez placed second and Josh Taylor placed third. All are Stanfield second graders in Mrs. Suzanne Doolittle's class. (SDN Staff Photo)

Polunsky gets elected to spot on SOT board

AUSTIN — Allan B. Polunsky, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, has been elected to the board of directors of the Special Olympics of Texas.



Polunsky

Texas Olympics chairman Steve Griffith of San Marcos announced Polunsky's election to the board.

Support for the Special Olympics has for years been a major volunteer project for thousands of employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. TDCJ employees last year raised $500,000 for the annual games.

"Special Olympics is as dear to my heart, as it is to the thousands of TDCJ employees who commit time effort and money to these exceptional people," said Polunsky, a San Antonio attorney.

TDCJ employees from prison units, state jails, parole offices and the Community Justice Assistance Division across the state are involved in Torch Runs and fund-raising events throughout the year to benefit Special Olympics. Since 1995 TDCJ's efforts have provided more than $1.1 million in support of the games.

Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

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DEAR DR. BLONZ: For 19 years I've been putting sticks of butter onto coffee saucers and SWEARING that someday I'll find a fancy butter dish I like. Just this last Saturday I did exactly that: I found a 24-percent lead crystal dish at a local store. Then I read your column. Are you saying that I should pitch this new treasure, or at least not put any butter on it? Thank you for your assistance. — B.M., Pacific Beach, Calif.

DEAR B.M.: The key to avoiding the risk from using leaded glass with food rests in the ability of the contents to dissolve the lead. Liquids are suspect, especially those containing alcohol, but grains, for example, would not be an issue — not that you would want to store rice in a leaded glass container.

Butter is primarily composed of fat, but it does contain some water. If you use the lead crystal dish only for serving, there's no problem whatsoever. For serving and long-term storage in the refrigerator, the risk is minimal, if not negligible. Keeping the butter in the dish at room temperature for serving and storage — which isn't a good idea anyway — represents the greatest risk, but in the grand scheme of things, even that risk is minimal. So go ahead and enjoy — and congrats on finding that dish!

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have heavy periods and suffer from anemia. I am currently on an oral contraceptive, which does not seem to be helping me much. What iron supplement would you recommend? Also, are there any herbs that might help me to lessen blood loss (something that would naturally work against bleeding)? Thank you in advance. — N.N. Portland, Ore.

Dear N.N.: Heavy periods are not unusual, especially in teens who are not yet ovulating regularly and women who are approaching menopause. Other factors can be involved, though, so if you routinely experience heavy periods — especially those lasting longer than a week — it's best that you check with your physician or gynecologist to make sure that there isn't something else going on. Do this before you resort to herbs or iron supplements.

The most efficient way of getting iron into the body is through food. The body does not efficiently absorb dietary iron, the one exception being the heme iron that is present in meats. If you're a meat eater, a reasonable first step would be to include lean meats in your diet.

In terms of supplements, iron comes in two forms: ferrous and ferric. Of the two, the ferrous form is more easily absorbed and tends to be less irritating to the stomach.

The difficulty with iron supplements is that iron doesn't dissolve easily, and it must be in solution before it can be absorbed. Studies have shown iron supplements tend to work best when they are taken with a glass of orange juice on an empty stomach. This can be a problem for some, however, because iron supplements may irritate an empty stomach. If you have this problem, you may have no choice but to take your supplement with a meal.

Whenever you take your iron pills, try to include acidic foods, such as citrus juices or tomato sauce. Even a vitamin C (ascorbic acid) pill will help. The presence of the acid helps to get the iron into solution and maximize the amount your body will absorb.

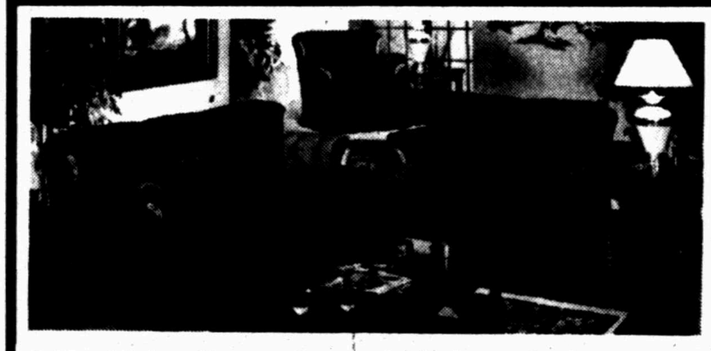
Note: Be aware that excess iron intake is dangerous. Make sure that you keep all supplements out of the reach of children. Regarding herbs, Commission E, an authoritative German Council, approves Shepherd's Purse (bursa pastoris herba) for mild menorrhagia, which is the med-speak name for profuse or prolonged menstruation. Chaste Tree Fruit (vitex agnus castus) is recommended for irregularities of the menstrual cycle.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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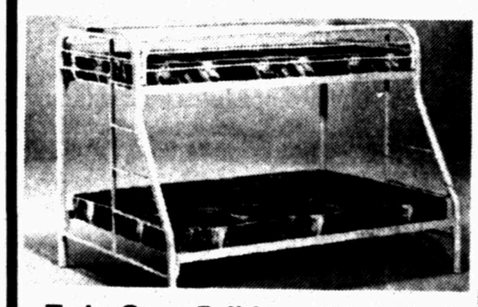
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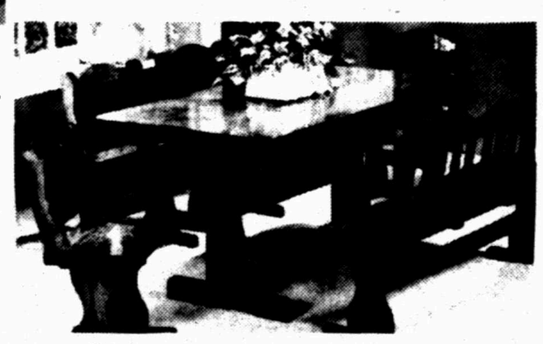
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