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Home Of Lorena Gibson



TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT — Johnnie Harper, former Snyder resident and organ transplant recipient, spoke this morning at Western Texas College on the need for organ donors. Phi Theta Kappa sponsored the event. Harper visited with PTK officers prior to his talk. Pictured are Matt Pond, Andrea Hernandez, Harper, Jamie Ellis and Mandy Heaton. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lawsuit filed against former auto dealership

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

A lawsuit has been filed in Snyder's 132nd District Court alleging that the former Snyder Chrysler dealership owes Chrysler Financial Company $457,288.

The suit, filed Wednesday, follows the abrupt closing of the dealership on Sept. 27.

The $457,288 Chrysler Financial is seeking is what remains of a $1 million promissory note executed by the dealership's owner on Feb. 7, 1997, which was an extension of an original note for a like amount on Dec. 17, 1993.

The dealership was owned by Otto Meyer of Anna, Ill., and formerly of Big Spring.

The suit contends the original note also granted Chrysler Financial a security interest in all vehicles, chattel paper, accounts, contract rights, inventory, automotive parts, accessories and supplies, plus furniture, machinery and tools and leasehold improvements.

The suit acknowledges that Meyer surrendered certain vehicles secured by the note after he locked the dealership's doors, but "absconded" to Illinois with the remaining vehicles and has indicated he plans to liquidate them.

The suit also alleges that Meyer intends to sell the equipment, supplies, parts and other items at the dealership without tendering the proceeds to Chrysler Financial Company.

The suit seeks a temporary restraining order and temporary injunction against Meyer disposing of any of the vehicles or other items from the dealership.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong signed the orders for the restraining order and injunction on Wednesday and set a hearing on the two for 1:30 p.m. Oct. 20.

Chrysler Financial Corporation also is seeking the balance of the original note, interest on the note, court costs and attorney fees.

The company is also seeking interest in the amount of 18 percent per year on the total amount of the judgment until it is paid.

Snyder Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge-Jeep-Eagle, Inc. had been in business here since January, 1994.

The closing of the dealership caught the dealership's employees by surprise, putting 10 people out of work.

"He just walked in Monday morning and said the dealership is closing," said Manny Zambrano, the firm's general manager for the past 10 months.

U.S. bucking odds in pressing for nuclear test-ban agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration pressed its case for a nuclear test-ban treaty today, even as supporters conceded there seemed little chance to prevail next week — or to even postpone a showdown.

"We have to lead on this issue," Energy Secretary Bill Richardson told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Richardson said rejection of the 154-nation Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty "would announce that the United States refuses to lead on this issue."

The administration appeared to be making little headway in picking up support for the treaty, now scheduled for a vote in the Senate Tuesday.

Even though leaders of both parties continued to seek means of postponing the issue, a group of conservatives led by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., kept up pressure for proceeding with the vote.

The White House has rejected their demand that Clinton put in writing any request to delay a vote on an international nuclear test ban treaty.

"I think it's disappointing when our political leaders in a transparent way put partisaLEhip ahead of what is clearly in our national security interest," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said today.

The conservatives also want Clinton to promise — in writing — not to seek to revive the treaty during the 2000 presidential election year, a condition the White House has also rejected.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., served notice on Senate leaders that he planned to block any effort to postpone a vote, whether Clinton seeks it in writing or not.

The administration has made the treaty a top priority "and should live with the consequences," Inhofe said.

In his testimony to the Armed Services Committee, Richardson said the government was managing to keep the nation's nuclear stockpile safe and reliable.

The stockpile is "safe, secure and reliable," the energy secretary said.

Democrats acknowledged there seemed to be little way to either win ratification of the treaty or persuade Republican leaders to postpone the vote.

"If they want to kill it, I guess they can do it," Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told a news conference today.

With virtually no Republican support, the treaty appeared headed to defeat in the Senate. Its ratification requires 67 votes in the GOP-led chamber if all 100 s %8tors vote.

That would represent a humiliating defeat for the administration, which has led an international campaign for the treaty.

The treaty would extend the present international ban on nuclear tests in the atmosphere to underground testing as well, resulting in a total ban on all nuclear explosions, no matter how small.

So far, 154 nations have signed the treaty, although it has been ratified by only 48. Of the major nuclear powers, only Britain and France have ratified the pact.

Many prominent Republicans — including GOP presidential hopeful George W. Bush and the Senate Armed Services Committee chairman, Sen. John Warner of Virginia — say the treaty is not verifiable.

Brother Jeb to lead campaign

MIAMI (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush announced Wednesday that his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, will serve as Florida chairman for his presidential campaign.

"I am honored to have my brother Jeb at the helm of my Florida team," George W. Bush said in a statement. "I know Jeb will pull together a strong leadership team and an impressive grassroots organization."

George W. Bush, 53, will be in Orlando on Friday, speaking to the delegates of the Florida Victory 2000 Convention at a "Bush for President" reception.

"I believe George has a plan to move this country forward," Jeb Bush said.

Catholic women to convene here

Around 100 area women are expected in Snyder to attend the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Fall Convention Saturday.

The women of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will host the gathering.

Women from Lubbock and the surrounding area churches will hear Eunice Washa of San Antonio. She is province director and her topic will be "Charity Begins at Home."

Other activities will include collecting child-size (colored) T-shirts for the Rwanda mission, a country store with homemade foods and crafts and the election of new officers. Mass will be held at 11 a.m. and musicians from Our Lady of Guadalupe will provide entertainment.

The Ritz Diner will cater the lunch.

GOP argues against Social Security cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans want voters to know that they would rather cut federal programs across the board than tap Social Security's surpluses to pay for more spending.

"We don't want to spend it for anything, other than paying down the national debt," Senate Majority Whip Don Nickles, R-Okla., said Wednesday. "Period. We're drawing the line."

Nickles' remarks came as the Senate approved a nonbinding GOP resolution by 54-46 advocating unspecified, across-the-board cuts in all 13 annual spending bills for the new fiscal year.

Later, the Senate rejected, 54-46, a Democratic alternative. That nonbinding measure said that instead of across-the-board cuts, Congress should close tax loopholes and find other unspecified savings to pay for spending.

Both votes were mostly along party lines.

Neither vote advanced Congress' overdue spending bills for fiscal 2000, which began Oct. 1. Rather, a battle for political positioning was under way, with Republicans casting themselves as champions of Social Security and Democrats accusing the GOP of seeking dangerous cuts in popular programs.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., answered Nickles by asking, "Do my colleagues really want to go on record cutting education," anti-crime, health research and other programs no politician wants to be seen as slashing?

Amid some internal grumbling, congressional Republicans are considering across-the-board reductions to keep from eating into Social Security funds.

House Republicans have been considering a 2.7 percent cut to achieve that. The White House budget office said that would really require a 9 percent reduction, and produced a five-page memo asserting that such cuts would have a "severe impact" on defense, education and other programs.

House-Senate bargainers working on one of the most contentious spending bills were ready to roll back some House-approved cuts in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and housing — if Clinton administration officials could provide savings to pay for them, said congressional participants.

Columbus Day gives WTC day off on Friday

While most schools and businesses will be closed Monday for the Columbus Day holiday, Western Texas College faculty, staff and students will have the day off Friday.

Students in the Snyder Independent School District will not attend class Monday. Teachers, however, will have a teacher preparation day.

Ira school will take the day off Monday, but Hermleigh students will attend classes as usual.

All financial institutions will be closed Monday. Snyder Post Office will also be closed. Mail will be put in boxes, but will not be delivered.

City and County employees will also get a day off Monday. City Hall and the courthouse will be closed as will the Scurry County Library.

One exception is the city landfill. It will be closed Saturday and open Monday.

The Texas Workforce Commission located on the WTC campus will be open as usual on Monday.

The Scurry County Museum, also located on the WTC campus, will be closed Friday and open Monday.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "He who hesitates won't be the first to be wrong."

It may be too early to start looking for a Christmas gift, but a native Texan surely can't pass this up. It would be perfect sitting on the mantle above the fireplace.

It's roadkill, without the mess. Available for $149.99 is Texas' large and popular mammal, the armadillo - stuffed, preserved and mounted for your viewing pleasure. And it provides more conversation than one made into a purse.

The armadillo may appear intimidating, but he actually is rather shy. (Even the non-mounted one.)

Dr. James Johnson of Texas A&M zoological medicine department says the armadillo will not attack – even if you're not from Texas.

The insect-eater's mission, the Aggie professor says, is to escape trouble. It will even dig a hole to hide in if running away is not possible.

The mammal is said to have a good sense of smell that compensates for poor eyesight. However, it is hard to sniff out a Suburban doing 75 mph on a Texas highway – unless of course the official state vehicle first runs over a polecat. Incidently, for out-of-staters, polecats are not suitable for mounting.

The armadillo, an unofficial symbol of the Lone Star State, does have some real value. It's used in leprosy disease research, says the Aggie professor.

Another sign of a Texan is boots and hats. But if you want to look like a real Texan, make sure you don't look like your wearing you kid brother's pants.

Texans can always spot a newcomer by the length of jeans. Jeans and khakis should be boot-cut length. Boots are not for show, they protect the leg from mesquite and rattlesnakes.

And Texas' famous hat maker, The Stetson Hat Co. started by John B. Stetson, was founded on about what one good hat would cost today.

The entire company was started in 1865 – with a hundred bucks.

And while on Texas lore, we found these Texas sayings, courtesy of Dr. Francis Abernethy of the Texas Folklore Society. They are colorful and to the point.

—That old gal was all over him like ugly on a hog.

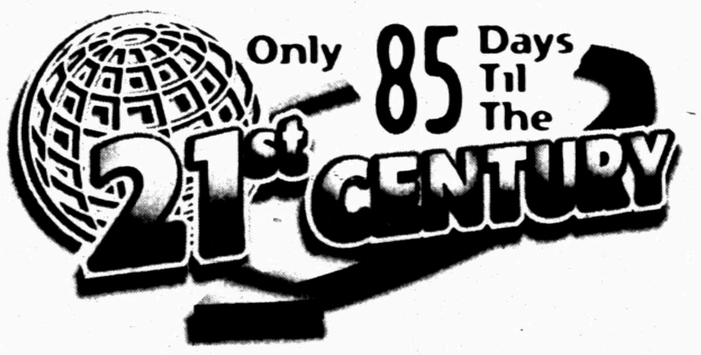
—I've drunk enough whiskey in my life to swim a mule.

—Useless as pockets on a pig.

—He was thrashing around like the third monkey on Noah's gangplank.

—Quicker'n a minner can swim a dipper.

—So self-centered he'd like to be the bride at every wedding and the corpse at every funeral.



ASK US

Q. – Where did the new OU coach, Bob Stoops, come from?

A. – He was defensive coordinator at Florida under Steve Spurrier.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 89 degrees; low, 56; 7 a.m. Thursday, 65; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.14 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low, mid 50s. Friday, partly cloudy. High, lower 80s.



Kimberly Harlan
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 7:22 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:42 a.m.
Of 279 days in 1999, the sun has shone 272 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Genius is a grater aptitude for patience.
—Benjamin Franklin

UPS ends handgun deliveries

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — United Parcel Service has decided to stop delivering handguns through its ground service, sending gunmakers scrambling to find alternatives to the world's largest package distribution company, The Morning Call reported today.

Atlanta-based UPS — which handles the vast majority of firearms shipments — is changing its policy beginning Monday to reduce the risk of guns being stolen en route.

"We're trying to protect ourselves from employees stealing and criminals stealing," UPS spokesman Bob Godlewski said.

Handgun shipments have been stolen in the past, Godlewski said, although he would not say how many.

The company will continue to ship handguns by overnight air service, since such deliveries involve less risk than ground shipments that can take up to six days, Godlewski said.

Overnight delivery, however, costs about $25 more per gun — or about four times as much for a complete shipment, said Jim Chambers, executive director of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute.

"That's what we're trying to come to grips with. We're looking for alternative methods," Chambers said.

UPS will continue to ship long guns, rifles and shotguns by ground. Godlewski said handguns are more of a target for criminals.

Each business day, Atlanta-based UPS delivers 12 million packages via its trademark brown trucks and brown-uniformed employees. UPS handles up to 75 percent of guns sent from manufacturers to distributors and nearly all firearms shipped from distributors to dealers, Chambers said.

The U.S. Postal Service also will not send handguns by ground shipment, said an employee at the service's nationwide Postal Answer Line.



UNITED TOUR — Scurry County 4-H Youth toured United Supermarket as part of their 4-H Foods project activities. Pictured are front row from left Danielle Phillips, Annie Stribling, Kaylee Westland, Whitley Fulford, Jada Bilano, Kelsey Fulford and Clancy Gruben. Second row are Leah Phillips, Chelsea Hackfeld, Kaylee Lacik, Whitney Kinney, Tatum Gruben, Jordan Stansell, Shannon Mangis, Tess Gruben and Kathryn Roberts. Back row are Becky Phillips, Kimberly Walker, Karen Walker, Tammi Walker, Shawna Gruben and Travis Chaney, United grocery manager. (SDN Staff Photo)



HOMECOMING HONOREES — Pete and Juanita Hester were voted the ex-students' homecoming king and queen at Ira School's 1999 homecoming held Sept. 28. (Contributed Photo)

Suspects arrested in Texas teens slaying

AUSTIN (AP) — The crime was horrifying: Four teen-age girls — sisters and friends — shot to death during a yogurt shop robbery eight years ago in one of the state's most sensational unsolved cases.

On Wednesday, authorities in two states arrested four suspects in the Dec. 6, 1991, killings. Three of the suspects attended the same high school in Austin, though none went to school with the victims.

The girls were shot in the head in an apparent robbery at the I Can't Believe It's Yogurt! shop where two of them worked. The store then was set on fire in a crime that horrified the community because of its random brutality and the youth of the victims.

"It has been a long and difficult road for all of us in this community," said Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle. "We have all taken it personally for all these years."

In Charleston W.Va., police Maj. Pat Epperhart said Robert Burns Springsteen Jr., 24, was arrested Wednesday morning at a home in the city.

Michael J. Scott, 25, of Buda, Texas, was arrested in the Austin area. Maurice Pierce, 24, was arrested in Lewisville, north of Dallas, and Forrest Wellborn, 23, was picked up in Lockhart, southeast of Austin.

All four are accused of murder.

Springsteen was held without bail in West Virginia. Scott was held without bail in the Travis County Jail. They were 17 at the time of the crime and face a maximum punishment of life prison or death if convicted.

Earle said his office would move immediately to have Springsteen returned to Texas.

Wellborn and Pierce, who were 16 and 15 at the time of the killings, were charged as juveniles. Earle said he would seek to have them tried as adults, but they would face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted. Judge Jeanne Meurer set bonds of $1 million for Wellborn and $1.5 million for Pierce.

Scott and Springsteen told police that they and the others planned the robbery earlier on the evening of the killings, according to affidavits filed with arrest warrants. They went into the yogurt shop and unlocked the back door, returned later, took money from the store, then shot and killed each of the girls, according to the warrants.

Springsteen's neighbors in Charleston told police he had been bragging about the slayings, Epperhart said.

Springsteen was believed to have been in West Virginia since leaving Austin in 1992, Epperhart said. He said he did not know what Springsteen had been doing since then.

The four victims were Eliza Hope Thomas, 17; Amy Ayers, 13; Jennifer Harbison, 17; and Sarah Harbison, 15, Jennifer's sister.

On the second anniversary of the killings, Austin police said they had investigated more than 5,000 leads without an arrest. Their investigations took them down several dead ends.

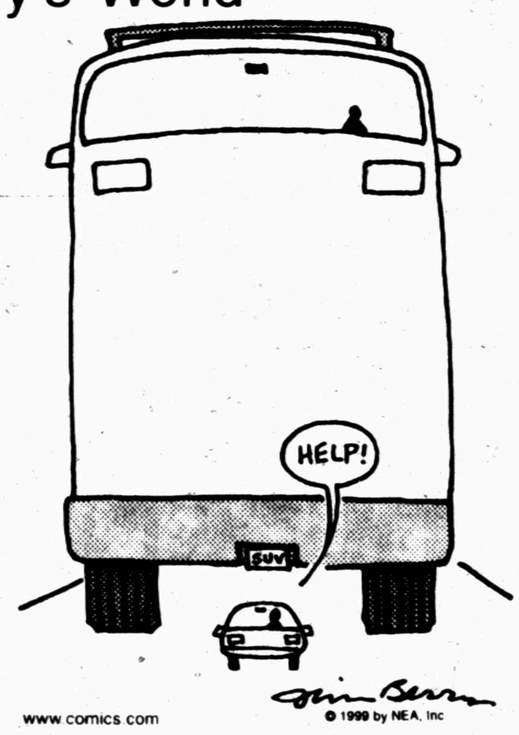
In 1992, a man in Mexico reportedly confessed to the killings and was sentenced to prison for an unrelated murder. The man later recanted.

Investigators also speculated that a killer by the name of Kenneth Allen McDuff may have been involved, because he was convicted of abducting and murdering a young Austin woman at a car wash. McDuff was executed in 1998 without shedding any light on the yogurt shop case.

Austin, meanwhile, welcomed the news of the arrests.

"Today we regain our confidence," Mayor Kirk Watson said.

Berry's World



PTK induction set for Oct. 21

The Western Texas College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has set its fall induction ceremony on Oct. 21.

PTK is an international honor society for two-year colleges.

In order to become a member, students must have completed 12 college hours and maintained a 3.2 grade point average.

Carolyn Osborn is the chief advisor on the WTC campus and she is assisted by Jennifer Beard.

Currently, there are 35 members and 60 students have been invited to join this semester.

A formal ceremony will be held in the spring for all fall and spring inductees.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Stepdad Has Rare Chance To Be a Hero to His Family

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I'm writing concerning the letter from the woman who was hurt by the way her husband treated her 7-year-old son from a previous relationship. She said the boy's father had no part in her son's life. Let me share my story.

I was a child in a home with a stepfather, stepsisters and stepbrothers. My sisters and I could do nothing right; the other kids could do no wrong. I got pregnant at 19, and my boyfriend said he would marry me, but he "might just leave" in a year or two. I chose to go it alone. During my pregnancy, I lived at home and endured more verbal abuse from my stepfather.

When my daughter was born, I went to work, paid my hospital and doctor bills and moved out. I resolved never to marry so my beautiful little girl would never endure what I had endured. And then along came "Jack."

He took us to movies, took us to play miniature golf; he took us fishing, and he won our hearts. When I agreed to marry him, his next words were, "Let's see what it would take for me to adopt 'Michele.'" A year later, our other daughter was born. At no time in the past 28 years has anyone who did not know that Michele was not Jack's child by birth, ever guessed it. She is his — in his heart and soul.

We all like to think we would risk our lives to save a stranger from a burning building or a car accident, but most of us will never get the chance. That woman's husband has the chance to be a hero to her young son. It will not happen in one day or in one event. It will take *every* day for the rest of their lives. Her husband can be a mentor, a teacher, a friend and a daddy — or he can be a jerk.

When the world talks about heroes, no one from my house needs to look beyond my husband. Will the woman who wrote to you be able to say the same thing?

PROUD TO BE JACK'S WIFE

DEAR PROUD: You certainly picked a winner when you married Jack. I congratulate you both for having your priorities in order when it came to Michele. You're a lucky family to have each other.

Whether or not the woman who wrote the sad letter that prompted yours will be able to call her husband a "hero" remains to be seen. They had been married for six years before she asked for my advice. I told her to no longer tolerate the situation and to ask her physician for a referral to a family counselor who could not only help straighten out her husband's thinking — but also help the son rebuild his damaged self-esteem. I hope she took my advice.

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DEAR ABBY: Help! I am getting divorced. How do I tell everyone in the office? There are 18 women here and I get along with all of them.

Should I approach them individually? How can I keep it short and sweet? What if someone asks, "What happened?" It's none of their business, but we're a close office. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

CLAIRE IN FAIRFIELD, N.J.

DEAR CLAIRE: Tell one or two of your co-workers. Believe me, the word will spread like wildfire. If anyone asks for details, just say that you do not want to discuss them because it's too painful. If they're your friends, they will respect your wishes.

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Abby shares her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "Abby's More Favorite Recipes." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 per booklet ($4.50 each in Canada) to: Dear Abby Cookbooklets I and II, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in price.)

'Cheer camp' is for WTC only

The "cheer camp" notice on the Western Texas College calendar of events for October is for WTC cheerleaders only.

The calendar was published in Sunday's Snyder Daily News.

Members of WTC's cheerleading squad for this year are Tina Alvarez, Shana Parkerson, Linda Gonzalez, Amanda Keil, Jessica Hernandez, Jennifer Reed, Laurie Kerly, Steven Jones and Jessica Fowler.

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The Following Financial Institutions Will Be Closed Monday, October 11, 1999 In Observance Of

COLUMBUS DAY





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KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS — Alta Bavousett, pictured left in the top photo, was named outstanding Golden K Club Member at a banquet Monday evening at Rudy's. She was presented her plaque by last year's recipient, Evelyn Tate. In the bottom photo, Henry Valdez accepts his Noon Kiwanis outstanding member plaque from Rodney Dupree. Russell Fisk was last year's recipient. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



CARGILE SCHOLARSHIP GAINS — Noon Kiwanis member Russell Fisk, chairman of the Hubert and Mary Cargile scholarship golf tournament, presented Bettie McQueen, Western Texas College vice president, with a check for $3,500, which included a $1,000 donation by Wal-Mart. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

10-07-99

North
♠ A K 3
♥ A 4
♦ K Q J 9 8 6
♣ Q 7

West
♠ 10 7
♥ J 10 9 8 6
♦ 10 2
♣ A J 8 3

East
♠ 9 8 6 4 2
♥ 5 3 2
♦ A 3
♣ K 9 4

South
♠ Q J 5
♥ K Q 7
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 10 6 5 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

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

Opening lead: ♥ J

Get out of my way

By Phillip Alder

Don Marquis, an American humorist and journalist, said, "Publishing a volume of verse is like dropping a rose petal down the Grand Canyon and waiting for the echo."

Did he try to write some poetry, but found it treated with stony silence?

This deal is an echo of yesterday's, so take it easy if you are suffering some feelings of deja vu. It's not a major caffeine surge from that second cup of coffee!

The contract is three no-trump. How should the play go after West leads the heart jack?

Declarer wins the first trick with the heart queen (to keep East in the dark as to the location of the king), then plays on diamonds. After winning with the diamond ace, East should realize the importance of a club switch. On any other return, declarer has at least nine top tricks ready to run: two spades, two hearts and five diamonds.

Yesterday, East switched to his lowest club. Here, though, that could be fatal to the defense. West wins with the club ace, then returns the club three to East's king. Now comes the club nine. If South reads the position correctly, he plays the six, not the 10. Now the defense gets only three club tricks.

East blocked the clubs. Instead of the four, he must start with the club nine. Normally, leading a high card denies an honor in the suit. Yet this is one situation where flexibility is required. West, also seeing the need for club tricks, wins with the ace and returns the club three to his partner's king. Now you see the difference. East plays the club four through South's 10-6 to West's J-8: one down.

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TABLESCAPES EVENT— Janelle Pollard assembles some table décor she may use on a table display at the Martha Ann Woman's Club's Tablescapes set for Oct. 30 at the clubhouse. The event will feature a luncheon, table settings and holiday decorations. and proceeds will be used to maintain the clubhouse. Tickets are $10 and may be obtained by calling Francene Noah at 573-6717, Jan Harrell at 573-6443 or MAWC at 573-3427. In addition, the MAWC board is sponsoring a garage sale and bake sale Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Towle Park Barn. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings



Thank you again, dear Readers, for all your kind feedback. Here's a small sampling:

PINT-SIZE FREEZER BAGS: This reply from Barbara McHenry of Sutherlin, Ore., definitely falls into the category of "Letters We Love To Receive." She writes: "Thank you! Not only is your column full of information, but it also kindles new friendships. Recently in your column, there was a letter from Marilyn Harrer of New Washington, Ohio, asking for pint-size freezer bags (not the 'zipper' type), and you were 'Stumped.'

"Well, I called information in Ohio and found Marilyn — and a new friend. I told her where she could write to get info on the bags. We had a great chat! I'm sending her a couple of boxes of freezer bags, the copy of our newspaper that her letter appeared in and a magnet that has our hometown name, 'Sutherlin, Ohio.'

"I am so excited about this new friendship!

"Enclosed is the name of the company that makes freezer bags with ties. They come in pint, quart, half-gallon and gallon sizes. Marilyn and I both prefer these to the zip type. The company to write to is Bes-Pak, c/o Webster Industries Inc., Branded Division Dept. Tie Freezer, P.O. Box 3119, Peabody, MA 01960.

"Thank you for your column and thank you for Marilyn!"

MORE ON REMOVING LABELS, SPECIFICALLY FROM PILL BOTTLES: Dee Steffens of Rolla, Mo., writes: "Your recent hints about how to remove labels from empty pill bottles failed to mention the easiest method of all. Use a hairdryer to heat the inside of the pill bottle, then simply peel the lafbel from the outside surface."

Mildred Smith of Altoona, Ala., sent the following suggestion: "I fill the pill bottle about half full of water, put on the lid, and heat in the microwave for a minute or so. If removed immediately, the label will come off in one piece.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 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.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; senior Citizens Center; 9;30 to 11 a.m.

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

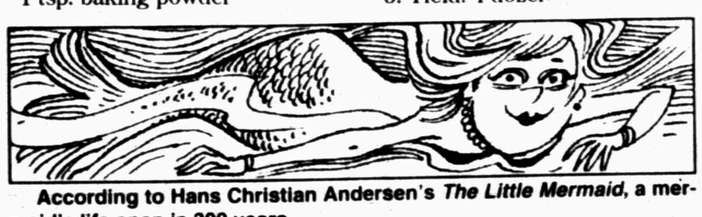
Great cookies for fall entertaining

AWESOME PUMPKIN COOKIES

You'll love these cookies!

1 ½ c. pumpkin
½ c. butter or margarine
1 c. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
1 c. chopped walnuts
1 c. egg
2 c. unsifted flour
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 c. butterscotch morsels

1. Mix all ingredients in order given.
2. Drop by spoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet.
3. Bake in 375-degree oven for 12 to 14 minutes.
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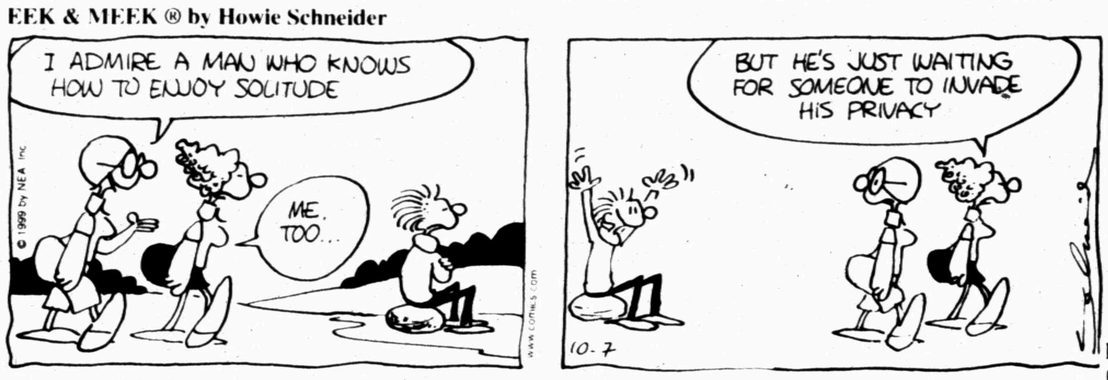
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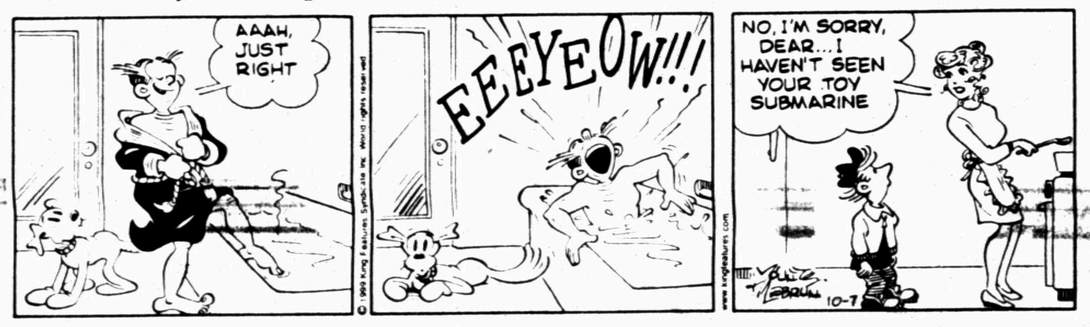
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20 Become less formal
21 Notched, like some leaves
23 Mistake
27 Earache
32 — — cologne
33 Tease
34 Up and about
35 Cove
36 Burdensome
39 Backs of necks
40 Twist
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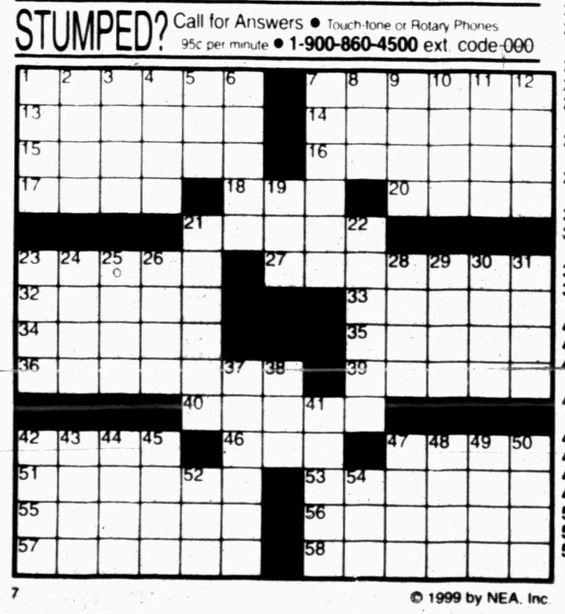
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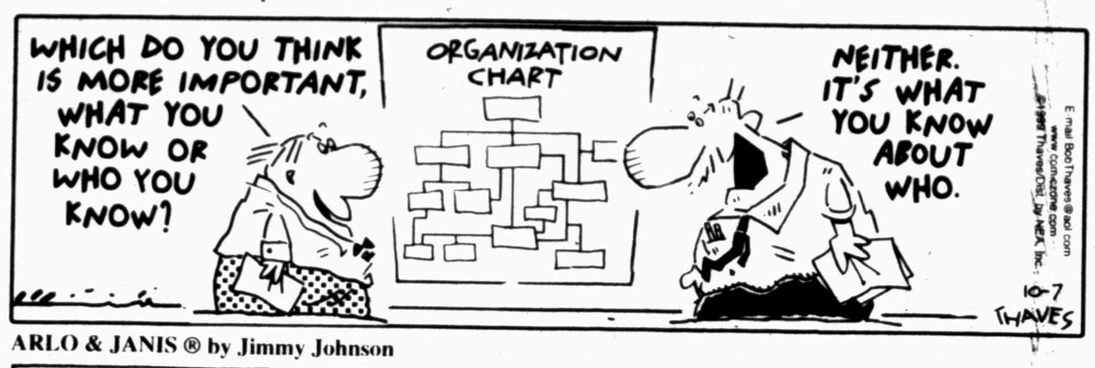
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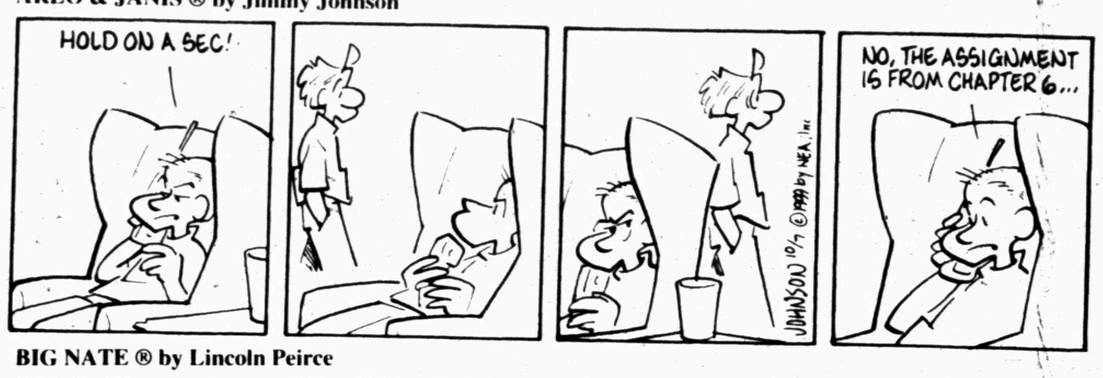


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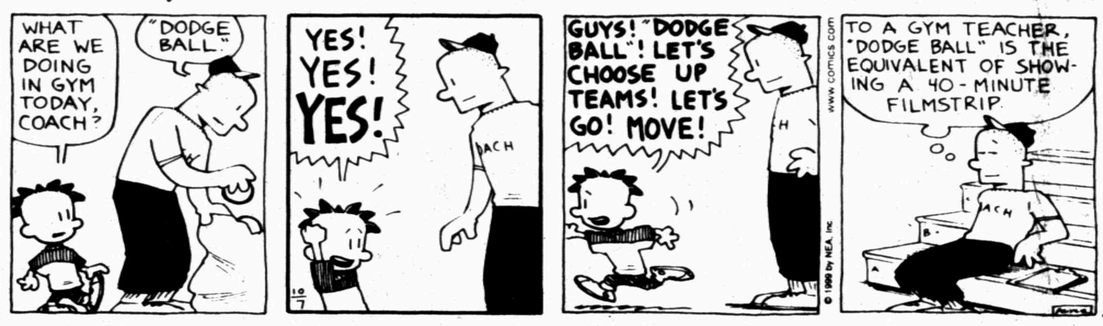
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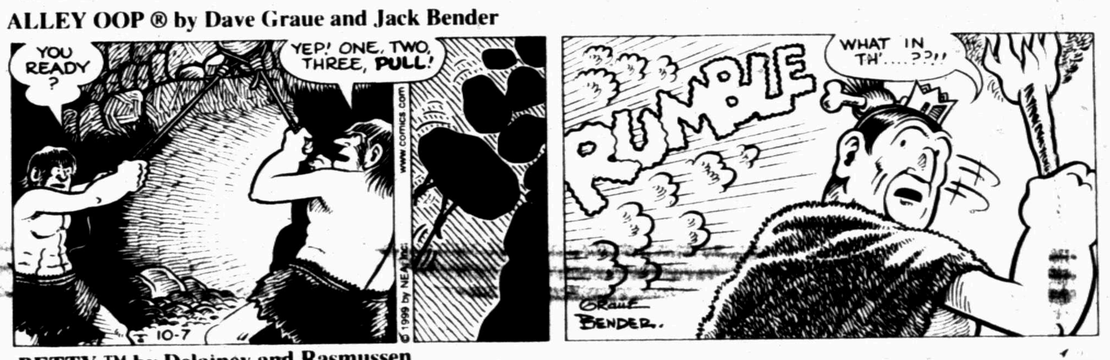


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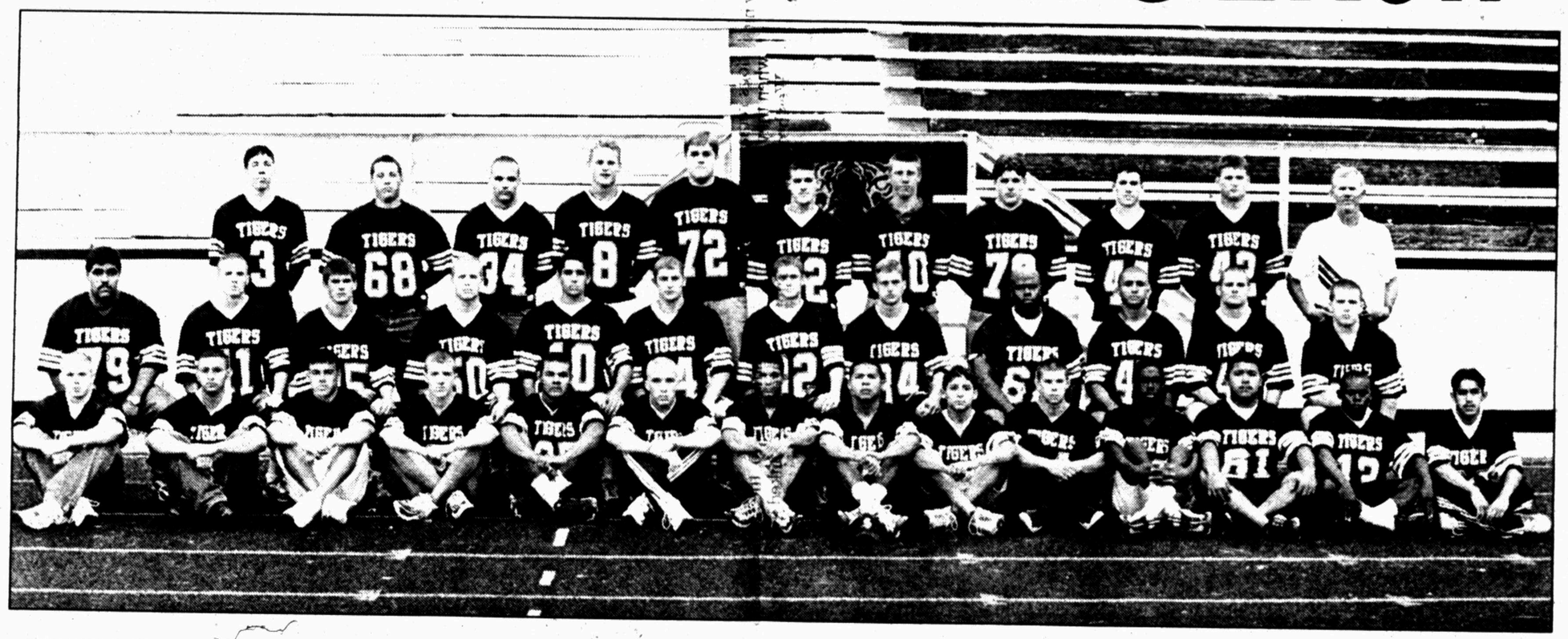


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SPORTS

Six-man teams hope for district success

After successful non-district campaigns, area six-man squads begin their quests for playoff births when league play kicks off Friday night.

Hermleigh at Grady

The Hermleigh Cardinals will be riding a wave of momentum when they visit Grady at 7:30 on Friday.

The Cardinals, after starting the season 0-2, have won three straight heading into the district opener, and are looking to notch another win against the Wildcats.

"I think we match up pretty well with Grady," Hermleigh coach Juan Rios said. "The keys for us will be defense and our running game. We need to control them, and get our running game going. The kids are feeling pretty confident right now, and things are going good."

Anchoring the Cardinals' all-important ground game will be David Digby. The Hermleigh ball carrier has got stronger as the season wears on, turning in impressive performances in each of the three wins.

Following the battle with Grady, the Cardinals will return home Oct. 15 to host Westbrook.

Ira at Sands

Of the three local squads, only Ira sports an unblemished record, and the Bulldogs will be looking to keep it that way Friday night when they travel to district-favorite Sands for a 7:30 kickoff.

Ira and Sands tallied matching 5-0 records in non-district play, but Bulldog coach Toby Goodwin knows it will take something extra to knock off the state-ranked Mustangs.

"We've had a productive non-district season," Goodwin said. "The kids' confidence just keeps growing and growing each week. We know we have our work cut out for us this week, because Sands has a really good ballclub. But our kids haven't backed down all year, and I don't expect them to on Friday."

After three lopsided victories to open the season, Ira came out on top in a pair of close games the last two weeks. Goodwin hopes those experiences will help his squad in Friday's contest.

"Now we know that we can win close games," Goodwin stated. "Now the kids know how to react under pressure, because they've been there before. Those things should help us the rest of the season."

After taking on Sands, the Bulldogs remain on the road Oct. 15 when they visit Grady.

Westbrook at Borden County

It doesn't happen very often, but the Borden County Coyotes are coming off a loss as they enter Friday's district opener against Westbrook. The game is set for 7:30 at Coyote Stadium.

Borden County, which opened the season with four consecutive victories, suffered its first setback last week against Whitharral.

The loss was only the third for the Coyotes in their last 35 games.

Following Friday's district opener, the Coyotes will hit the road Oct. 15 for a tilt with state-ranked Sands.

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Lake View at Sweetwater	Sweetwater	Lake View	Sweetwater	Lake View
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Texas Tech at Oklahoma State	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Oklahoma State	Texas Tech
Missouri at Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Missouri
Iowa State at Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Kansas at Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State
Chicago at Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota
Atlanta at New orleans	Atlanta	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans
Dallas at Philadelphia	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
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Miami at Indianapolis	Miami	Indianapolis	Miami	Miami

Rangers looking to break Yanks' streak

NEW YORK (AP) — If Rick Helling really believes what he says, the Texas Rangers have a major inferiority complex,

"Nobody expects us to win," said Helling, who will try to get the Rangers back into their first-round AL playoff series against the New York Yankees tonight. "To me, all the pressure is on the Yankees. They won the first game."

Not exactly a Texas attitude.

Then again, Orlando Hernandez held the Rangers to two hits in eight innings and Bernie Williams had six RBIs in New York's series-opening 8-0 win Tuesday night. The Rangers have lost seven straight postseason games, all to the Yankees, and have been blanked in 22 consecutive playoffs innings.

"Obviously, if you're down one, it's a lot more important game," said Andy Pettitte (14-11), the Yankees' starter opposite Helling (13-11). "But it's still important. If we can get the second game here and go there to Texas up two, we feel confident."

Sound familiar?

After the Yankees beat Texas in last year's postseason opener, Pettitte faced Helling in Game 2 and led New York to a 3-1 win, allowing one run and three hits in seven innings with eight strikeouts.

Helling gave up three runs and eight hits in six innings.

"It was just like it has been so far in all these games against the Yankees," Helling said Wednesday. "We got outpitched a little bit, didn't score enough runs to win."

Helling, who traveled from the team hotel to the Bronx by limo, was the only Rangers player in sight at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday, with manager Johnny Oates giving his team a day off. About half the Yankees showed for an optional workout.

The clubhouse mood was businesslike. The Yankees need 10 more wins to achieve their goal of a third World Series title in four seasons, and they're hoping to find the consistency that led them to a record 125 wins a year ago.

New York is hoping Pettitte will pitch with confidence, as he did in a record 21-3 victory at Arlington on Aug. 23.

"They're a scary team to play against because you know they're going to break loose," New York's Paul O'Neill said. "They're going to score runs when it's all said and done."

Texas hopes so. The Rangers have just one run in their last 42 playoff innings.

"We're a very good offensive ball club," said Rangers general manager Doug Melvin, whose team led the American League in batting for the second straight year. "We'll break out of it somewhere along the line here. Just hope that it's sooner than later."

Texas might have its best chance against Pettitte, a Texan from Deer Park. Juan Gonzalez is 10-for-22 (.455) against the left-hander, Rusty Greer is 9-for-25 (.360), Todd Zeile 5-for-14 (.357) and Rafael Palmeiro 13-for-44 (.295) with four homers and nine RBIs.

Pettitte, 4-4 in 11 postseason starts, was picked to start the second game over Roger Clemens, just 1-2 in nine postseason games.

WTC gunning for third title

The Western Texas men's rodeo squad will be gunning for its third title of the year when the opening performance gets underway tonight at the Vernon Regional Junior College Rodeo.

The Westerners rode away with victories at Eastern New Mexico and Sul Ross, and will be favored at the three-day event in Vernon.

"Our men's team is finishing well right now, because our guys are taking care of their individual events," WTC coach Greg Rhodes said. "Every time these guys pull up at a rodeo, they know they have a chance to win their events. Then when enough guys do that, the whole team does well."

Totaling points for the Western Texas men this week will be Wes Stephenson, Casey Baize, Houston Hutto, Branden Mayberry, Rawley McFarland and Cimarron Boardman.

In the women's competition, WTC is hoping for performances similar to the first two events, but with a different result.

"Our women's team has performed well this season," Rhodes said. "They've performed well enough to finish higher than they have. There just happened to be a few teams that had the best rodeos they've had in years at the first two events. But we're not panicked or worried, because if we keep performing like we are now, we're going to do just fine."

Following the event in Vernon, the Western Texas squads will take a week off before the Texas Tech rodeo Oct. 21.

WTC bull rider hurt at practice

A 19-year-old Western Texas College student was listed in serious condition this morning at Lubbock's University Medical Center following a bull riding mishap Wednesday afternoon.

Brock Milloy, a freshman from Seminole and member of the college rodeo team, was riding a bull at the college rodeo grounds when, according to Coach Greg Rhodes, the bull fell with him and Milloy hit his head on the ground.

He suffered a concussion.

Coach Rhodes said doctors were running some tests and thought he might have a neck injury. However, doctors did say the neck injury could possibly be an old one.

The incident occurred around 4:35 p.m. and Milloy was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

He was later transported by Snyder EMS to UMC.

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New York 8, Texas 0, New York leads series 1-0
Today
Texas (Helling 13-11) at New York (Pettitte 14-11), 8:17 p.m. (FOX)
Saturday, Oct. 9
New York (Clemens 14-10) at Texas (Loaiza 9-5), 7:40 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Oct. 10
New York at Texas, 4:09 p.m. (ESPN) or 7:50 p.m. (FOX), if necessary
Monday, Oct. 11
Texas at New York, 8:17 p.m. (FOX), if necessary

Cleveland vs. Boston
Wednesday, Oct. 6
Cleveland 3, Boston 2, Cleveland leads series 1-0.
Today
Boston (Saberhagen 10-6) at Cleveland (Nagy 17-11), 4:09 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Oct. 9
Cleveland (Burba 15-8) at Boston (R.Martinez 2-1), 4:17 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Oct. 10
Cleveland at Boston, 1:09 p.m. (ESPN) or 7:50 p.m. (FOX), if necessary
Monday, Oct. 11
Boston at Cleveland, 4:09 p.m. (ESPN) or 8:17 p.m. (FOX), if necessary

National League
Atlanta vs. Houston
Tuesday, Oct. 5
Houston 6, Atlanta 1
Wednesday, Oct. 6
Atlanta 5, Houston 1, series tied 1-1.
Friday, Oct. 8
Atlanta (Glavine 13-11) at Houston (Hampton 22-4), 4:09 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Oct. 9
Atlanta at Houston, 1:09 p.m. (ESPN or ESPN2)
Sunday, Oct. 10
Houston at Atlanta, 4:09 p.m. (ESPN) or 7:50 p.m. (FOX), if necessary

Arizona vs. New York
Tuesday, Oct. 5
New York 8, Arizona 4, New York leads series 1-0
Wednesday, Oct. 6
Arizona 7, New York 1, series tied 1-1
Friday, Oct. 8
Arizona (Daal 16-9) at New York (Reed 11-5), 8:10 p.m. (NBC)
Saturday, Oct. 9
Arizona at New York, 1:09 p.m., (ESPN or ESPN2)
Sunday, Oct. 10
New York at Arizona, 7:50 p.m., if necessary (FOX)

Astros head home tied at 1-1

ATLANTA (AP) — Despite a loss to a dominant Kevin Millwood, the Houston Astros headed home Wednesday feeling pretty good.

Millwood held the Astros to one hit — a solo home run by Ken Caminiti in the second inning — and the Braves went on to a 5-1 win over Houston to knot the best-of-5 series at a game apiece.

After dropping six of seven games to Atlanta during the regular season, the Astros go back to Houston all tied up. They won the opener 6-1 Tuesday on a tiebreaking homer by Daryle Ward and Caminiti's three-run shot in the ninth.

"We're going home even," Craig Biggio said. "There's no need to hang our heads."

Junior high spikers sweep Sweetwater

Snyder Junior High volleyball squads made a clean sweep Tuesday night against Sweetwater.

The 7th grade A-team posted a 11-15, 15-11 and 15-3 victory.

Stacey Williamson set the scoring pace with 11 points while Courtney Cox, Kayla Guerrero and Briana Burk served up nine points each.

Danisha Akins and Kalli Wesson contributed three apiece while Heather Zajicek added one and Rebecca Aguirre got one.

In the 7th B-team game, Snyder cruised to a 15-11, 15-7 triumph.

Marissa Saenz led the scoring with six points followed by Micaela Quiros with six and Brook Jackson with five. Erin Hackfeld and Kelsey Shaw each posted two while Jerrica Gutierrez and Meggan Minor added one.

The Snyder 8th grade A-team rolled to a 15-1, 15-5 victory.

Ashley Martinez led the offense with nine points and close behind was Erin Burleson with eight. Kelsi Johnson and Misha Wofford each posted three while Melissa Vasquez and Desiree Braziel collected two and Laura Arellano added one.

In 8th grade B-team action, Snyder grabbed a 15-1, 15-1 win.

Molly Mason led in service points with 10, followed by Callan Lee with six. Sara Thornhill and Kimberli Rivera each added four while Tasura Baze and Alexia Dupree accounted for two. Katie Chandler and Katie Haggard each added one.

Following action in the Greenwood tournament Saturday, the junior high spikers host Midland Christian Monday.

Defense paces 8th grade Gold squad

Snyder 8th grade Gold gridders, leaning on stellar defensive play, rolled to a 24-14 victory over Sweetwater last Thursday.

Snyder is now 4-0 for the season and hosts Andrews tonight at Travis field.

Against Sweetwater, the defense allowed only two first downs and the two Pony tallies were on kickoff returns. For the season, the defense has allowed only six points.

Defensive leaders were Jacob Rodriguez, Cody Wall and Brock Tyrrell with Rodriguez recovering a fumble.

Daniel Fitts, who rushed six times for 108 yards, scored a pair of Snyder TDs while Eddie Torres also got the other two touchdowns, rushing 11 times for 84 yards.

Sports Week

TODAY

Rodeo: WTC at Vernon Regional College rodeo, Vernon.

Football: SHS junior varsity at Andrews, 6:30 p.m.

Football: Snyder 7th grade A and B team at Andrews, 5 and 6:30 p.m.

Football: Andrews Freshman at Snyder, 6 p.m.

Football: Andrews 8th A and B-teams at Snyder, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Football: Sands at Ira Junior High, 6 p.m.

Football: Sands at Ira junior varsity, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Vernon Regional College rodeo, Vernon.

Football: Andrews at Snyder, 7:30 p.m.

Football: Ira at Sands, 7:30 p.m.

Football: Hermleigh at Grady, 7:30.

Football: Westbrook at Borden County, 7:30 p.m.

Golf: WTC at Andrews Collegiate-Amateur

SATURDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Vernon Regional College rodeo, Vernon.

Volleyball: Andrews at Snyder freshman, JV and varsity, 1 p.m.

Volleyball: Snyder 9th at Lamesa tourney.

Volleyball: Snyder 7th and 8th Grade at Greenwood Tourney, 11:30 a.m.

Tennis: SHS varsity at San Angelo Lake View

Golf: WTC at Andrews Collegiate-Amateur.

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- Davy Crockett rarely wore a coonskin cap (page 17)
- The first U.S. oilwell was drilled in Pennsylvania of all places (page 120)
- Jim Bowie didn't invent the Bowie knife, it was his older brother, Rezin (page 21)
- No buzzard flies the skies of Texas...the correct term is vulture and Texas boasts two different kinds (page 28)

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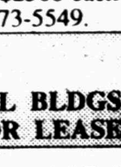
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To rigorously establish scientific proof you would have to follow statistically matched groups receiving either supplements or identical-looking and -tasting placebos. (Neither the subjects nor the scientists could know what the subjects were taking.) Conclusions could be made if there were significant differences in the observed quality of health between the supplement and non-supplement groups. The power of such conclusions would be tied to the length of the study.

Some studies have been done with specific groups for small periods of time, and while some have found benefits, others have served to confuse the issue. One well-publicized study gave vitamin E and beta-carotene supplements to individuals who had already been smoking 20 cigarettes a day for 36 years. The study found that the supplements did not improve their health, and in fact it may have made things worse. But can you blame the supplements, or was it due to the cumulative effects of three dozen years of cigarette smoke cruising through the volunteers' lungs?

Perhaps what we need here is not so much "proof," as a solid rationale. We can assess whether vitamins are beneficial or necessary using a recipe of logic blended together with a smattering of available statistics.

To do this, it may help to think of supplements as an insurance policy. If you think about it, whether it is auto, home, health or life, in modern society we rely on insurance to cover us. In this context, is the idea of vitamin/mineral supplements for nutrition insurance that hard to swallow?

Health is a cumulative affair, and taking care of yourself is an investment where the payoff increases as we age. The unfortunate fact of the matter is that time and again, surveys find that the clear majority of people fail to get the recommended amounts of the essential nutrients. Many get less than 70 percent of the recommended daily allowance (RDA), which is cause for concern.

Determining the value of nutrition insurance is even more complicated when you realize that many already take supplements without knowing it. Through fortification, vitamins and minerals are often added to processed foods. Breakfast cereals are a good example: The vitamins and minerals flaunted in cereal advertisements don't come from the grain; they're added to the cereal formula before the final product is made.

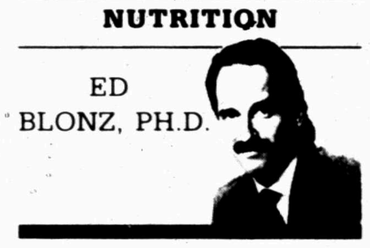
Cereals are not alone. Vitamin D is added to milk, fruit juices contain added vitamin C and calcium, and most flour is enriched with thiamin, niacin, iron and riboflavin. Any time you find a vitamin or mineral listed on an ingredient statement, it indicates that the nutrient was purposefully added to the product. Those who object to vitamin and mineral pills have few objections to this form of supplementation, so why the difficulty in taking a supplement as a separate pill? Maybe the concern is not so much the supplement as the fact that a vitamin/mineral pill doesn't look like food. Clearly there is much to consider.

Suffice it to say that one's health and longevity reflect a complex combination of genetics, diet, lifestyle and chance. As you can't really influence the first or the last, your best shot involves a healthy lifestyle and a nutritious diet. Where diet is involved, food must always come first, but for those who harbor any doubts about the adequacy of their diet, taking a supplement for nutrition insurance is not a bad policy. While there may not be proof, it makes a lot of sense.

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New campaign stresses gun safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — **Trying to avoid the political fire that comes with virtually any gun control debate, Victoria Reggie Kennedy has started a new campaign stressing gun safety at home.**

Mrs. Kennedy, wife of Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and her supporters are not advocating further restrictions on guns and won't be doing any lobbying on Capitol Hill.

Instead, "we hope to make unloading, locking and storing guns properly as automatic as buckling a safety belt," Mrs. Kennedy, co-founder of the nonprofit Common Sense About Kids and Guns, said at a news conference Wednesday.

The group hopes to draw widespread support by adopting a noncontroversial position. Adults need not give up their firearms but should help reduce children's accidental, gun-related deaths and injuries.

The group, which is privately funded, plans to run public service advertisements in print and on radio and television, some starting in the next few weeks.

"We applaud the approach they're taking," said Kathy Cassidy, manager of the National Rifle Association's "Eddie Eagle" gun safety program for elementary school children. She said the group's message is similar to that offered by the NRA's children's campaign and its gun safety guide for parents.

Mrs. Kennedy, the mother of two teen-agers, said she did not approach the NRA for support. Other organizations, including gun and ammunition manufacturers, mayors, children's advocates and pediatricians, have signed on.

"If it just saves one life, that's a life worth saving," said actress Michael Learned, a campaign spokeswoman who portrayed mother Olivia Walton on the TV series "The Waltons" in the 1970s.

Ms. Learned recalled that her own son, as a boy of 10 or 11, could have been hurt or killed at a friend' house after the friend found a loaded gun, cocked it and pointed it at him.

An average of five children were killed every day in gun-related accidents and suicides committed with a firearm from 1990-1997, according to the group, citing statistics from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"You have to, as an adult, be responsible," said Ann Marie Crowell of Saugus, Mass., whose youngest child, 12-year-old Brian, was shot and killed on Dec. 24, 1997, while at a friend's house. An unlocked, loaded revolver went off after the friend pulled it out of his mother's dresser drawer.

Hubble telescope reveals how galaxy bulges work

WASHINGTON (AP) — After taking a closer look at the centers of the massive spiral galaxies in space, scientists have found differences in how and when the star groups formed.

A pair of studies were released Wednesday by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration detailing what researchers have been able to learn using the Hubble space telescope.

The bulges of millions of stars in the more tightly wound spiral galaxies formed early in the life of the universe, according to a team led by Reynier Peletier of the University of Nottingham in England.

While a second team, led by C. Marcella Carollo of Columbia University in New York, concluded that galaxies with small bulges and long bars or lines of stars that bisect the nucleus grew more recently and through different processes.

The researchers say the central bulge stabilizes a galaxy's development and largely controls the ebb and flow of star birth in the core.

The Hubble telescope allows astronomers, who had previously been able to study only the bulge at the center of our own galaxy, to peer deep inside the bulges of other galaxies.

Carollo's team said the central bulge in the galaxies they studied probably formed early in the history of the universe, but was later fed by gas flowing into the galaxy's core, caused by instability in the surrounding disk of stars. The gas fueled the birth of new stars, and the bulge grew, with bright star clusters populating the center. They found both young and old stars in the bulge.

Peletier's researchers studied the center of 20 spiral galaxies that have large bulges. They concluded that elliptical bulges of stars formed over a relatively brief period very early in the young universe, either through the collapse of a single cloud of hydrogen or the merger of primeval star clusters.

"The bulges of early spiral galaxies are old, and at least the outer parts of their disks are considerably younger," Peletier said in a statement.

The groups used Hubble telescope to study more than 200 neighboring galaxies, out to a distance of 100 million light years. A light year is the distance light travels in a year.

Using visible light and infrared cameras, they were able to determine the stars' true colors. Older stars tend to be redder, but space dust can interfere with color perception from Earth. The Hubble space telescope permitted the researchers to look past that dust.

Peletier's report is scheduled for publication in Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society and Carollo's work will appear in Astrophysical Journal.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS — Hermleigh High School's varsity cheerleaders for 1999-2000 include from left, Sabrina Terry, Tracey Luna, Kendra Dacus, Brandy Wood and Randi K. Herrington. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



FRESHMEN OFFICERS — Hermleigh freshman students elected officers for 1999-2000 include from left, Jimmy Luna, treasurer; Jessica Hernandez, secretary; Maria Rangel, president; Tony Garza, vice president. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Maker of dietary supplement does on attack against ABC

NEW YORK (AP) — The maker of the popular dietary supplement Metabolife is taking the unusual step of attacking a television report on its product before it has even been aired.

Metabolife International Inc. is posting on the Internet a videotape of an interview that its chief executive, Michael Ellis, conducted with ABC News and is spending at least $1.5 million in advertising to call attention to it.

'The Droz' injured in match

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — World Wrestling Federation star Darren Drozdov is recovering from surgery after being paralyzed below the waist from a neck fracture during a match.

The accident at the Nassau Coliseum on Tuesday is the second professional wrestling tragedy in five months.

The tattooed, body-pierced wrestler known as "The Droz," underwent three hours of surgery Wednesday to relieve pressure on his damaged neck, said orthopedic surgeon Dr. Laurence Mermelstein of the Nassau County Medical Center.

"It's way too early to say whether or not he'll regain use of his legs," Mermelstein said.

Drozdov, 30, of Mays Landing, N.J., suffered two dislocated and fractured discs while wrestling against D'Lo Brown.

Despite the loss of feeling in his legs, Drozdov was in good spirits when he arrived at the hospital, Mermelstein said.

Surgeons removed a piece of Drozdov's pelvis to replace the injured discs. They also attached a plate and screws to the area in an effort to stabilize his neck, the doctor said.

The 6-foot-4, 270-pound wrestler was given the same steroid medication as New York Jets defensive end Dennis Byrd and Chinese gymnast Sang Lan when they suffered spinal cord injuries.

Byrd later regained use of his legs. Lan was paralyzed from the chest down in an accident — also at the Nassau Coliseum — during the 1998 Goodwill Games.

Drozdov's injury came just five months after the WWF suffered an in-ring fatality.

Wrestler Owen Hart, 34, known professionally as the Blue Blazer, died May 23 during a live pay-per-view event when he fell from the ceiling of the Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Mo. His family has since sued the WWF and its owner, Vince McMahon, for wrongful death.

The WWF had no immediate comment Wednesday on Drozdov's accident.

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In 1565, a Spanish expedition landed at what is now St. Augustine, Fla., and established the first permanent European settlement in North America.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

It's impossible to cut out all salt

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a friend whose religion prohibits the use of dietary minerals, including salt. Is this healthful?

DEAR READER: Salt is unavoidably present in the food we eat, especially meat, poultry and fish. Unquestionably, Americans eat more salt than they need; we add it to food in cooking and at the table. Moreover, many processed foods contain added salt, as well as monosodium glutamate, a flavor-enhancer that is a form of salt.

High dietary salt appears to worsen the blood pressure in hypertensives. Therefore, patients with high blood pressure are usually advised to reduce salt intake. The mineral does not appear to affect normal people, however: the kidneys simply excrete any excess. A normal balanced diet will ordinarily provide enough salt for our needs, without the necessity of adding additional sodium chloride.

Your friend's religion may be addressing supplementary dietary salt. The prohibition of all salt would be virtually impossible and would lead to a nutritionally unsound diet.

Other minerals — such as potassium, magnesium and calcium — are also present in many foods and are necessary for good health.

With all respect to your friend's religion, I must add that patients taking diuretic drugs (kidney stimulants) often lose excessive amounts of urinary potassium. Because a potassium deficiency can lead to weakness, fatigue, heart disorders — even death, such patients are usually prescribed potassium supplements. This is entirely appropriate.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife constantly nags me because I smoke marijuana. She also complains because I leave doors open, lights on and the toilet seat up. I don't want to pick things up and I can't stand being touched. I'd prefer to stay home, but no, I have to go to work to support my family. Could my brain be affected by the marijuana?

DEAR READER: I don't know about your brain, but your attitude certainly needs some renovation. From the tone of your whiny letter, I'd say that you should work on improving your manners and behavior. You might also consider giving up your marijuana, because it can, over time, affect judgment and memory. In your case, however, I think the problem is that you haven't grown up. You seem to have adopted the typical unattractive and defiant behavior of a spoiled brat. Stop thinking of your wife as your mommy, pick up your stuff, close the doors, lower the toilet seat, be pleasant, and shape up.

Alcohol, marijuana and other mind-altering drugs aren't going to help you in the painful process of becoming an adult. Change your attitude.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Help II: Mental/Substance Abuse." 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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RECEPTION HELD — A reception was held for Janie Romine, new Scurry County head librarian. Pictured are Joan Bunch, Jo Thrower, ElWanda Nall, Romine, Kay Hopper, Kay Echols and Penny Perry. (SDN Staff Photo)



IRA NHS OFFICERS — Ira School's National Honor Society officers include from left, Jerek Brown, secretary; Richard Wilkins, vice president; Jenson Gainer, president; Trey Shirley, treasurer. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

'Justice' spent $13.3 million prosecuting Microsoft case

WASHINGTON (AP) — In its first public accounting of the money the government has spent prosecuting the Microsoft Corp., the Justice Department said its landmark antitrust trial and earlier legal actions against the software giant cost it $13.3 million over the past decade.

The figure includes about $7 million investigating and suing Microsoft in the trial pending before U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, described as among the most significant business lawsuits in decades. The first phase of a two-part verdict could come as early as this month.

Experts described the $7 million as paltry compared with the expense of other major antitrust cases, where costs easily can run $750,000 each month. Justice opened its current case in June 1995.

"That's really rather modest for a case that has been as hard fought as this one has, with the caliber of lawyers and economists they've put on," said Tyler Baker, a Dallas antitrust lawyer who has been following the case.

Staples Inc. and Office Depot Inc., for example, spent $20 million over 10 months unsuccessfully fighting antitrust enforcers to allow its merger in 1997.

The Justice Department last year asked the judge to force Microsoft to reimburse its legal costs, but the agency typically doesn't ask for attorneys' fees.

"If they succeed on the merits ... it wouldn't be uncommon for the judge to order Microsoft to reimburse the costs," said Joe Sims, an antitrust lawyer in Washington and former senior Justice official.

The agency also acknowledged it's paid economists and other experts outside the government for advice on how to punish Microsoft if the company were to lose the case, but refused to identify them or their pay.

The department also revealed it has spent $194,140 for public relations, including $147,381 for publishing court documents and other information about the case on its Internet site.

The government's disclosures came in response to a written demand from U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton, a Republican from Microsoft's home state of Washington. The figures did not include amounts paid by the 19 states suing the company along with Justice; attorneys general in those states have denied requests for such information.

Gorton has been a close ally of Microsoft in its current legal fight and earlier this year predicted, the company might lose because he said Jackson is a "second- or third-rate judge." The senator said he regretted the remark after his comments were published in newspapers nationwide.

Microsoft, the world's largest software company with $19.7 billion in sales this year, hasn't disclosed its own legal fees and declined comment. But the company's financial records showed "general and administrative expenses," which include its lawyers' fees, were $689 million this year, up 59 percent from last year's costs of $433 million.

"I can't even imagine what Microsoft is spending," said George Cary, an antitrust lawyer in Washington.

The company also is involved in litigation against Sun Microsystems Inc. in California and against Caldera Inc. in Utah.

Sophisticated new air bag technology coming in 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — More sophisticated air bags are entering the mass market this fall on the 2000 models of several of the nation's most popular family cars. Safety experts say the new technology will reduce deaths and injuries from inflating air bags.

The so-called dual-stage air bag, standard equipment on the 2000 Ford Taurus and Honda Accord, along with some luxury cars, tailors the force of its inflation to the severity of a crash.

In serious crashes, when passengers need the devices' full power to cushion them, the new bags inflate with about the same force as those in 1999 model cars. But in lower speed crashes, the air bags pop open with at least 20 percent less force.

"Today in cars we have a one-bag-fits-all mentality. This changes all that," says Stephen Kozak, a Ford engineer who oversaw the Taurus system's development.

A sensor in the front of the car detects the severity of a crash by calculating the change of velocity that occurs when another object, such as a car, crashes into it. Another sensor registers whether a front seat belt is buckled. If a belt is being used, the full force of the air bag also is delayed until a higher speed when it is needed.

Government officials, automakers, insurers and safety advocacy groups agree the new technology will reduce air bag deaths and injuries — particularly of young children and shorter adults — in low-speed crashes.

"It reduces the risk (of deaths and injuries) dramatically in better tailoring the air bag inflation to the crash," said Dr. Ricardo Martinez, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Air bags have been blamed for at least 145 deaths — mostly children and shorter women — in low-speed crashes the victims otherwise should have survived, causing a public outcry. But air bags also have saved an estimated 4,600 lives in higher-speed crashes.

Ford Motor Co. has the dual-inflation air bags on both the driver and passenger side of its model year 2000 Taurus, the third-best-selling car nationwide. Honda Motor Co. has them on just the passenger side of its 2000 Accords. The Accord is the second-best-selling car.

The decision by Ford and Honda to put the technology on their top-selling family cars as standard equipment means that for the first time advanced air bags are reaching large numbers of American families. The automakers say they plan eventually to expand the system to other vehicles.

"You're going to see this technology spread very rapidly," said Brian O'Neill of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

Several luxury automakers also have dual-stage air bags on some 2000 models, such as the Mercedes-Benz S-class sedans and BMW 3-, 5- and 7-series sedans, but all those models sell in much smaller numbers because of their high costs. Some Honda Acuras had a dual-stage bag for the 1999 model year.

Toyota, which makes the Camry — the nation's best-selling car last year — has not announced plans for dual-stage air bags; neither have other major automakers in the United States: General Motors and DaimlerChrysler AG.

But GM spokesman Terry Rhadigan said: "It's no secret that we and everyone else are working on that. It's the wave of the future."

Kozak predicted the new Taurus system will eliminate about half of today's air bag deployments for belted passengers. And the majority of air bags will inflate at the lower level, he said, because most accidents are at lower speeds.

That translates into fewer air bag-related injuries.

Honda is focusing on the passenger side because that is where children — the most vulnerable population — have suffered serious injuries. "It reduces the potential for air bag-related injury there," said spokesman Mike Spencer.

Date Book

Thursday, Oct. 7, 1999

Today is the 280th day of 1999 and the 15th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1826, the first railroad in the United States was completed. It was built and operated by the Granite Railway Co. of Massachusetts.

On this day in 1963, President John F. Kennedy signed a nuclear test-ban treaty affecting the United States, the U.K. and the Soviet Union.

On this day in 1982, the musical "Cats," composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber, opened on Broadway.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Whitcomb Riley (1849-1916), poet; June Allyson (1917-), actress, is 82; R.D. Laing (1927-1989), psychiatrist; Amiri Baraka (1934-) poet-dramatist, is 65; Thomas Keneally (1935-), writer, is 64; John Mellencamp (1951-), singer-songwriter, is 48; Yo-Yo Ma (1955-), cellist, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1935, with the score tied 3-3, Goose Goslin of the Detroit Tigers hit a home run in the ninth inning against the Chicago Cubs, helping his team to win the World Series.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The ripest peach is highest on the tree." — James Whitcomb Riley, from "The Ripest Peach"

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Oct. 2) and new moon (Oct. 9).

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 8, 1999

Restrictions that may have been hampering you will be substantially reduced in the year head. You'll now have opportunities to operate in a free and independent manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Gamble on your own ingenuity and resourcefulness, instead of someone else's thoughts. What you're hoping to accomplish today could be within the realm of reality. 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.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The bottom line is what is important in the end, so if you need the cooperation of others today and you want them to hop on board, let them think some of your ideas originated from them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because friends have your best interests at heart, several might take it upon themselves today to do special favors for you that you need without being asked.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) What enhances your chances for getting something you want today is to want it badly enough. Your achievement potential could be heightened considerably if you're properly motivated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You'll function best today when you play things loose, so even if you have to deal with some testy involvements, try not to take yourself or situations too seriously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a strong possibility today that you could find yourself in a position to gain from a development originated by another. Be an appreciative hitchhiker.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Just the person you've been looking for could happen along today and team up with you in accomplishing an idea you've been toying with. Be ready to get your motor running.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Normally having too many irons in the fire would work against you. Today, however, it might be just the impetus needed to stimulate you into action to realize a day full of accomplishments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Conduct your affairs today in the same manner that has proven successful for you in the past. It's the ticket to rising your prestige in the eyes of others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An important matter you've been anxious to finalize can be concluded to your satisfaction today if you put it on the top spot of your list of priorities. Pursue it aggressively.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may have more choices at your disposal today concerning an answer you're seeking than you may want. If you weigh your alternatives judiciously, you'll make the right decision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The aspects indicate there are two channels you can tap today that could generate some personal gains for you, making your material prospects brighter than usual.

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AT&T Corp s	47¼	46¾	46¾+	⅛
Albertsons	40	39¾	40 +	¼
AlldSignal	61 7-16	60 1-16	61¼+1	1-16
Alltel	76⅛	75¼	75 3-16—	1 9-16
AmOnline s	231	119¾	122¾+	2¾
Ameritech	67¼	67⅛	67¼—	⅛
AndarkPtr	28¼	27 11-16	28¼+	5-16
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ATMOS Egy		25	24 15-16	25
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CBS Corp	49 9-16	49	49 1-16—	⅛
Caterpillar	56¼	56	56 3-16—	⅜
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Chevron	87¼	86 1-16	86 5-16—	1 5-16
Citigroup s		46¾	45 15-16	46¾
Coastal	40 5-16	39 11-16	39¾—	5-16
CocaCola	52 13-16	52 1-16	52 7-16+	⅛
ColgatePal s	53¼	52¾	52¾—	3-16
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DeltaAirl s	53 15-16	53	53 9-16+	1¼
Dillards Inc	21 7-16	20¼	21¼+	7-16
DowChem	114¼	112 3-16	114 +	1¼
DuPont	65	64 5-16	64 7-16 —	⅛
EastmanChem	39¾	39 5-16	39 11-16+	⅛
EstKodak	76 3-16	75 9-16	75 9-16—	½
EDS Corp	53¾	52¾	52¾—	9-16
Entergy	28 13-16	28 9-16	28 11-16—	¼
Exxon	73 13-16	72¼	73 7-16—	9-16
Flowers	14	3-16	13 15-16	14 1-16
FordMotor	53¼	51 15-16	52 1-16—	15-16
GTE Cp	76 15-16	76 3-16	76 7-16—	⅛
GenDynam	61¼	60 11-16	61¼+	⅛
GenElec	124 3-16	122 3-16	123 1-16—	⅛
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GenMotors		66¼	66¼	66⅛+ ⅛
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IBM s	119 3-16	115 1-16	117¾—	1 15-16
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LucentTech s	66 1-16	64¼	66	+1 9-16
MayDeptStr s	37 11-16	36¼	37¼+	½
MediaOne	71½	70 15-16	71 1-16+	1-16
Medtronic s	36¼	35 13-16	36¼+	9-16
Mobil	96 9-16	95 1-16	96 5-16—	⅛
Monsanto	36¼	35 5-16	35¼—	11-16
MorganJP	121¼	117 13-16	120 +	1¼
Motorola	93¼	90⅝	91 7-16—	1 5-16
NCR Corp		29¾	27¾	28 — 1¾
Navistar	48 7-16	47 15-16	47 15-16—	¼
Penney JC		34¼	34¼	34 7-16— ⅛
PepBoys	13¾	13 9-16	13¾—	1-16
PepsiCo	33 7-16	32¾	33 1-16—	⅛
PhelpDodge	53 11-16	53 1-16	53¼+	¼
PhilipPet		46¼	45 13-16	46 — ⅛
PilgrmPrd B		8½	8¼	8¼+ 1-16
Polaroid	28 9-16	27¾	28 +	3-16
Praxair	46 13-16	45¾	46¾+	13-16
ProctGamb	97¾	96 11-16	97 3-16+	⅛
PubSNwMx	17¾	17 11-16	17¾+	1-16
ReliantEngy	27¾	27¼	27 9-16—	5-16
RoyalDut	59¾	59 1-16	59¾—	1¼
SBC Comm	51 11-16	51 5-16	51¾—	7-16
SaraLee s	24 15-16	24 9-16	24 15-16+	3-16
Scripps EW		51	50 7-16	50¾— ⅛
SearsRoeb		34	5-16	33 33 1-16— ¼
SherwinW	22¼	21 13-16	22 1-16+	5-16
SmithklBchm	62⅛	62	62 5-16+	1 13-16
SouthernCo	26¼	26 3-16	26 3-16—	5-16
SwstAirl s	18¼	17 7-16	17 15-16+	1 1-16
SprintFON s		64¼	63 5-16	64
SprintPCS n	73 7-16	72¾	72¾—	1 1-16
Sunoco Inc	26 9-16	25 13-16	26¼—	¼
TNP Ent	39 5-16	39 5-16	39 5-16+	¼
Tandy s	57¾	56 7-16	56 15-16—	5-16
TempleInland	59¾	58 7-16	58¼+	⅜
Tenneco	16¼	16 3-16	16¼+	1-16
Texaco	61¼	60¼	60⅝—	1¼
TexInd	37¼	37¼	37¾—	3-16
TexasInst s	91 1-16	89 15-16	91 1-16—	1¼
TexUtil	39¾	38 11-16	38 11-16—	11-16
Textron	77¼	77 9-16	77 11-16+	3-16
TriconGlbR		41	13-16	4141 — 1
TrinityInds	30¾	30 1-16	30¾—	⅜
TritonEngy	18 3-16	16 13-16	17 7-16 —	⅛
TylerTech		4 5-16	4¼	4¼— 1-16
US West Inc		59¾	5959¾+	⅛
USX-Marathn		27¾	2727¼—	9-16
USX-USS	25	3-16	25	25 1-16— ⅛
UnCarbde	57	7-16	56 5-16	57¼+ ⅛
UnionPacif	49¾	48¾	49 1-16+	1
UnitedTech s	58	1-16	57	57 15-16+ 1
Unocal	36 15-16	36 9-16	36 11-16—	¼
Venator Grp	8¾	8¼	8 5-16—	¼
WalMart s	51¼	50 11-16	50¾—	⅛
WellsFargo	41	11-16	40 13-16	41 — ⅛
WstnGasRs		18	17¾	17¾— 3-16
WinnDixie	31	1-16	29¾	29¾— 1¼
Xerox Cp s	43	42 1-16	42 7-16+	¼

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	13 15/16	-3/16
Dell	44 1/8	+13/16
Wal Mart	50 15/16	-7/16
Compac	22 1/8	-1/8
Dol. Gen.	31 9/16	-11/16
GTE	76 3/16	-5/8
SBC Comm.	51 3/8	-7/16
Tx Instr.	91 1/8	-1 3/16
LU	66 3/16	+1 3/4
Cisco Sys.	72 1/8	+13/64

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Committee examines tax credit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats and Republicans on a key Senate committee largely agree that an expired business research tax credit should be made permanent, but they are far apart on how to pay for it.

There is disagreement on the Senate Finance Committee about whether average taxpayers who claim personal credits should get permanent or temporary protection from the complex alternative minimum tax.

Republicans want to use projected budget surpluses to offset most of the cost of a five-year, $28.7 billion proposal from Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del. In addition to the permanent AMT fix and research credit, Roth's bill would extend several other business credits by five years.

Democrats are developing an alternative of up to $20 billion that raises the money through other tax increases. Aside from the permanent research credit, it renews most of the other credits for a shorter time and would only fix AMT temporarily.

Neither party's lawmakers want an estimated 1 million taxpayers to face higher alternative minimum taxes just for claiming breaks such as the $500 per child tax credit on their federal returns.

Democrats, led by President Clinton, are resisting any tax package that would spend projected budget surpluses, as Roth's bill would in four of the five years.

"I'm not going along with anything that isn't paid for," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

Democrats had identified $19.9 billion in offsets to pay for their bill, including closing corporate tax shelters, renewal of a Superfund environmental cleanup tax and a modification of foreign tax credits, said Finance Committee sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Roth is proposing only to offset the fiscal 2000 cost of $1.7 billion by increasing estimated tax payment requirements for people earning $150,000 or more.

Saddam Hussein sends olive branch to President Clinton

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein has sent a message to President Clinton, promising major political reforms in Iraq and offering to stop threatening Israel, a leading Arabic newspaper reported today.

The London-based Al-Hayat newspaper said the message includes an offer for unconditional talks with the United States and assurances that Iraq will play an effective role in the Middle East peace process.

The message is being carried by Jordan's King Abdullah II, who is scheduled to meet with Clinton on Tuesday in Washington.

Before leaving for London on Wednesday en route to Washington, Abdullah confirmed to Jordanian reporters that he was carrying a message from Saddam to Clinton. He refused to give details.

"I can't comment on that, but I have a message to pass on," Abdullah was quoted as saying by Jordanian newspapers today.

If the Al-Hayat report is correct, it would mark a major turnaround in Iraq's hard-line policies and show a willingness to mend fences with its main enemies, the United States and Israel.

Clarification

The listing of persons indicted by the Scurry County grand jury on Monday had an incorrect age on a person charged with burglary of a habitation.

The age of Roxton Vanous Jr. is 17.

Obituaries

Glenys Tobin

1929-1999

Glenys Ware Tobin, former Snyder resident, died last week at her home in Houston.

Interment for Mrs. Tobin, 70, will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Cemetery.

Mrs. Tobin was born on Oct. 2, 1929.

Living most of her life in Snyder, she was employed as secretary in the physical education department at Western Texas College from 1977-1984. Mrs. Tobin had moved to Houston 10 years ago.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Fae Ware.

Survivors include a son, David Templeton of Houston; two sisters, Trula Mae Stidger of Lubbock and LaNelle Hammond of Odessa; a brother, Philip Ware of Nice, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

C.H. Ray

1911-1999

SAN ANGELO – C. H. Ray, the brother of Clair Dean Westbrook of Snyder, died Tuesday, Oct. 5, in San Angelo Community Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Ray, 88, is set for 1:30 p.m. Friday in the First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Joe Stone, pastor, officiating. [illegible], Vista Care Hospice chaplain, will assist.

Burial will follow in the Miles Cemetery under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 8, 1911 in Miles, he married Homa Lee Childress in Miles. He then moved to San Angelo and became district manager for Jefferson Standard Life Insurance.

During World War II, he worked at Mathis Field in San Angelo, at Love Field in Dallas and for North American Aviation.

At the end of the war, he started Ray Dairy near Miles which he operated for more than 40 years. He was a member of the Miles Methodist Church, served on the Miles school board and was a member of the Lions Club.

After moving to San Angelo, he was president of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. He was pastor of the Open Door Fellowship for 12 years, and then became a member of the First Assembly of God.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Homa Lee Ray of San Angelo; a son, Dr. Clifford Ray of Houston; a daughter, Alyce Kromer of Farmington, N.M.; another sister, Bill Mae Payne of Fort Stockton; a brother, Gilbert Ray of Fort Stockton; and four grandchildren.

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Annual Kiwanis awards presented

Snyder Golden K Kiwanis and Noon Kiwanis met at Rudy's Tuesday evening for the annual officers installation banquet. **(See Photos Page 3).**

Several Kiwanians, including outstanding Kiwanis members for each club, received awards. These awards were given to Alta Bavousett, Golden K Club, and outgoing Noon Kiwanis president Henry Valdez.

Noon Kiwanis Club officers were installed but Brendon McNeil, incoming president, was unable to attend. Others installed included Dale Lipsett, vice president; Melanie Schwertner, secretary/treasurer; and Henry Valdez, immediate past president.

Members serving on the board for Noon Kiwanis are Rodney Dupree, Linda Hughes, Darryl Calley, Bobby Beard, Pete Wadleigh and Rev. Larry McAden.

Roy McCloskey was recognized for having a perfect club attendance for 44 years.

Officers installed for Golden K Club included William A. Cooper, president; Marie Armstrong, second vice president; B.J. Bartels, secretary/treasurer; and Evalyn Tate, immediate past president. Serving as directors are Allie Beth Beauchamp, James Beckham, Don Duncan, Dorothy Duncan, Lois Leech, Ben Odorizzi, Mildred Pevehouse, Sylvia Spivey and Bavousett.

Division 22 Lt. Governor Marty Sheets from Odessa installed officers and directors.

Past president plaques were given to Darren Jackson, Larry McAden, Joe Ellington and Joe Valdez.

Russell Fisk presented a $3,500 check for the Hubert and Mary Cargile scholarship fund at Western Texas College to Bettie McQueen, WTC vice president. Wal-Mart donated $1,000 and the remaining funds were raised from a golf tournament held at WTC.

Three theft reports filed on Wednesday

Snyder police officers were kept busy Wednesday with various reports of thefts.

Milton Mapes of Mapes Small Appliance reported the theft of a jewelry item at 8:45 a.m. resulting in a report for Class B theft being filed.

A short time later and just a few doors away, an employee of Cooper Appliance notified officers of the theft of electronic equipment from the business. A report for Class B theft was also filed in this incident also.

Another report for theft was filed at the Plaza Truck Stop at 8:34 p.m. in reference to a subject leaving the store without paying for $34.66 in gasoline.

Two arrests was made Wednesday.

A 30-year-old female was taken into custody at 10:10 a.m. on a warrant for issuance of a bad check. Department of Public Safety troopers arrested her following a traffic stop on U.S. 180.

Deputies took a 36-year-old female into custody at 1:53 p.m. at the Adult Probation Office on Municipal Court warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.

Officers worked a two-vehicle accident at 10:51 a.m. Wednesday in the 4100 block of College Avenue.

Involved were a 1988 Dodge Ram pickup driven by David Ian Garcia, 22, of 602 29th Street and a 1991 Chevrolet S-10 pickup driven by Charles Glen Anderson, 69, of 2903 32nd Street.

At 4:14 p.m., officers investigated a mishap at 25th Street and Avenue Q involving a 1993 Peterbilt tractor driven by Jeffrey Wade Row, 32, of Enid, Okla., which struck a traffic light owned by the Texas Department of Transportation.

2 probated terms given Snyder man

A 40-year-old Snyder man was assessed two probated sentences Wednesday in 132nd District Court.

Adam Rodriquez Sosa of 2405 30th Street pleaded guilty to a pair of felony charges – criminal mischief and driving while intoxicated.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Sosa to two years in a state jail facility, probated for five years, for the Feb. 14 criminal mischief charge. The defendant was also fined $500 and ordered to make $981 in restitution to Angelina Gutierrez.

Sosa was sentenced to seven years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for seven years, for the June 21 offense of DWI.

The court also fined Sosa $500 and ordered him to spend 240 hours in the Scurry County jail, perform 160 hours of community service and participate in a court-approved substance abuse treatment program.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Oct. 6-Erna Chauncey, Steve Highfield, Nada Thacker and Anita Turnbo.

DISMISSALS: Raymond Kellner, Linda Jones, Nada Thacker, Bridgett Braziel and Braziel girl.

CENSUS: 36 (Med., Surg.-12, Long-term Care-24)

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Northeast parent council

Northeast Elementary parent council will meet at 7 this evening in the school auditorium.

Tiger tennis boosters

Tennis boosters will host a chicken-spaghetti supper from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday in the SHS cafeteria. Tickets are $5 each and are available from junior high and high school tennis players or by calling 573-2400. Carryout will be available and tickets will be sold at the door.

Ira pep rally

A pep rally at 3:05 p.m. Friday will be a sendoff for the Ira Bulldogs prior to their 7:30 p.m. first district game at Sands.

Garage sale

Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its annual garage sale and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Towle Park Barn.

Catholic women convention

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will host the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's fall convention from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The registration of $8 includes lunch. Mass will be held at 11 a.m.

Items needed

First United Methodist Church's Children's Day-Out is seeking garage sale items for collection Saturday at the former Lone Star Gas building. Collection time is from 9-10:30 a.m. The garage sale will be Oct. 15 (5-7 p.m.) and Oct. 16 (7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.). Proceeds will go to the C.D.O. scholarship fund.

Crystal River concert set

Crystal River of Lubbock will be in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Word is Life Deliverance Church, 602 30th St.

FBC revival

First Baptist Church will host a four-day revival starting Sunday featuring Randy Gressett, a Snyder native. Kerry Wood, also a former member of Snyder FBC, will lead the music. Theme is "Life in Jesus: Looking Back to Launch Forward in Faith." Sunday services are at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weekday services are at 7 p.m.

Retired Teachers

The Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Mrs. Willeen Roberts, TRTA district 14 president, will be the speaker.

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.

Social Security reps

Representatives of the Social Security office in Big Spring will be in Snyder at the Senior Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Support groups

Support groups for Cancer, Grief and Divorce Recovery meet at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday at First Baptist Church. For information call 573-263. A new group for sexual assault survivors will meet at a confidential time and location. For information call 573-1822. Child care is provided.

Fluvanna homecoming planning

A Fluvanna community homecoming planning session is set for 7 p.m. next Thursday in the community building. Anyone interested is invited.

3 on 3 basketball

The Boys and Girls Club will sponsor a 3 on 3 cage tourney for teenagers only starting at 8 p.m. Oct. 15. Cost is $20 per team and there will be a three-point contest plus a slam dunk contest. Call 573-3344 to enter. The club is also sponsoring an "old school" – 19 and older three-on-three tourney on Oct. 16 for men and women. Cost is $30 per team.

His Joy Ministries Conference

The conference will be held in Snyder Oct. 15-16 at Family Life Community Center, 904 26th St. Mercy and Truth of Rockwall will lead the worship and Barbara Murrell of Mesquite will be the speaker. To pre-register or for more information, call 573-8401 or 573-9812.

Annual t[illegible] meeting

Anyone interested in participating in the annual Washington, D.C. and New York City trip are asked to meet at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at Snyder Junior High School. The trip dates are July 3-8 and the $1,500 cost includes all expenses. Deadline for signing up is Nov. 1.

Book fair

"Books are Fun," a one-day book fair will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Oct.18, in the board room at Cogdell Hospital. Sponsored by the hospital auxiliary, proceeds will be used for the hospital.

Inmate art show

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

Fajita cookout

The annual fajita cookout sponsored by First Christian Church will be before the Sweetwater game on Oct. 22. The fajitas will be served before the game beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets will be available after Friday.

WTC Fallfest

Fallfest at Western Texas College will be held from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, in the courtyard. Sponsored by the Student Government, all proceeds will help fund their trip to the state convention.

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.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-6-3

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated $10 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 2, 9, 13, 15, 33 and 47.