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Home Of Eldon Scott

Snyder will keep last year's tax rate

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

After countless hours of work by city council members and staffers, the city's 1999-2000 tax rate was approved Tuesday night - on a split vote.

Council members voted 5-1 to set the city's tax rate exactly as it was last year, at $0.3935 per $100 valuation.

Jerry Webb voted against the tax rate, saying he thought the city should set the rate at the effective rate of $0.3961 which would give the city some $6,000 more to put into its yearly paving program.

"I know we talked about setting a goal of not increasing taxes, but this amount is minimal," Webb said, noting that in order to maintain the current tax rate, city staffers had to cut the $6,000 from the paving program.

"It seems every time we have to take some money out of a department, it is the street or water department," said Webb.

Councilman I.E. Martin agreed with Webb but later voted for a lower rate, saying $6,000 is not that much to take out of a department in light of the city's overall budget, but added "We seem to be going to this pot every year (when we need additional money)."

Mayor Dayton Robertson said it was the city council's goal from the beginning of budget talks not to raise taxes.

Webb said staying with the present rate in order just to tell citizens "we did not raise your taxes" is not good reasoning.

"For the last five years, we stayed with the effective tax rate. We have done things to improve the quality of life for our citizens by going to the effective rate each year," said Webb.

In addition to approving the tax rate, the council also approved the second reading of a required ordinance allowing the city to make appropriations from the new budget during the coming fiscal year.

A public hearing concerning the city's $8,776,990 budget drew no citizen comments.

A large portion of Tuesday's three-hour meeting was spent discussing a compactor for the city's landfill.

The city had requested bids on a compactor and Jim Spry, representing the Iowa firm of AL-Jon, told the council that the bids appeared to be written where only one company, Caterpillar, could meet them.

Eli Torres, the city's landfill manager, said he was recommending Caterpillar because it indeed, is the only company to meet the city's requirements.

Under questioning from City Attorney Dana Cooley, Torres was asked if the specification had been written to exclude any company from bidding.

Torres replied that the specs were written to provide the needs that he saw at the landfill.

After some discussion, Terry Martin made a motion to accept the low net bid of AL-Jon in the amount of $322,281 for the compactor. Vernest Tippens seconded Martin's motion and these were the only two voting in favor of the Iowa company.

Webb, James Jenkins, I.E. Martin and James Ashley voted against the purchase.

On a later motion, the four, along with Terry Martin, voted to award the bid to West Texas Equipment for a Caterpillar machine in the amount of $350,000.

Tippens stuck with her support for AL-Jon.

Those favoring the Caterpillar equipment said accessibility of service was a prime factor in going with the higher net bid.

"If the compactor is running, we're in business at the landfill. If it's not, we're not in business, said Webb.

In other related landfill items, the council heard a presentation from Freese & Nichols representatives on the current status of the landfill, and proposed engineering costs to add cells.

The council tabled action on an engineering agreement until the October meeting.

"We really haven't discussed the landfill expansion at length," said Robertson. "We haven't decided on whether we want to construct one or two cells."

In yet other landfill-related items, the council approved on first reading an ordinance requiring deposits at the landfill for out-of-town roofing companies and an exemption for self-contained roll-off compactor units.

The board also approved the Development Corporation of Snyder's 1999-2000 budget in the amount of $126,450, and received an update on DCOS activity from executive director John DeLille.

The council also re-appointed attorney David Cotton to another three-year term on the DCOS board.

In one matter of old business, the council approved the closing of an alley in the 2500 block of Avenue G in order to construct a storage facility.

Robertson presided at the meeting and all board members were in attendance to include Ashley, Jenkins, Webb, Tippens, Terry Martin and I.E. Martin.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The reason running backs are the fastest guys on the field, is because the bigger guys are always chasing 'em."

In the ole days, a freshman couldn't even take a car to college, must less a pet.

And often being prohibited from having transportation on campus wasn't a big deal, because it wasn't all that common for a college kid to own a car.

But things have changed. The kids drive better and newer vehicles than their professors.

Registration has always been beastly, but never like this before. One college in Florida has established a pet council whose responsibility it is to sign up all incoming dogs and cats.

Students with critters are assigned certain dorm rooms. Other animals - like rodents, small snakes, other reptiles and birds - are permitted in any room as long as they are caged.

But in the first semester, freshmen are not allowed to bring pets.

The college reports a variety of pets on campus, including hedgehogs and even a goat named Katie who was eventually booted off campus after some students complained of strange noises at night. Sugar gliders, small squirrel-like animals, also are reported as popular.

The pet council, made up of both pet owners and pet-less students, makes up the rules, investigates complaints, approves applications and makes exceptions.

The council meets once a week and also reviews infractions. Violations range from animals roaming at-large to late-night barking. And there are animals who are fed so well that they soon exceed the 40-pound limit.

Last year one coed asked to bring her 85-pound wolf, actually half-wolf. The request was denied.

When fines are levied, the revenue is put to good use, like sending a condolence card to a classmate whose pet has gone to the big campus in the sky.

The council also donated $500 to help with the surgery of one cat. Flea bombs have been purchased for infested dorm rooms and the council also is saving money to purchase pooper scoopers.

We once knew a freshman that violated both the vehicle and pet prohibition for freshmen.

Not only did he park his '55 Chevy across the street in the business district, the bold frosh kept a pet rock in his dorm room.

Cable TV draws one critic at city meeting

Only one person addressed the service question of TCA Cable during a public hearing involving the company's franchise renewal process.

Snyder resident Bob Stanfield told the council that he has lived in Snyder since 1971 and began paying $6 per month for cable service.

He said he has seen increases in costs for his cable service over the years, but has never gotten an explanation as to why the rates go up, but not the quality of reception.

"Just last month it went up $1.58," said Stanfield.

"The office girls are very nice, as are the servicemen," said Stanfield. "They're all nice as they can be."

"But it's still terrible TV," he added.

Stanfield said he moved from a country home in Missouri where he used an outside antenna, and he compared the reception then with the present cable service.

"It's snowy here, and just this past weekend the service was even out for two hours," said Stanfield.

"They're about to run me off for one of those satellites," said Stanfield.

The public hearing was part of the franchise renewal process the city is conducting as the cable franchise expires next May.

Mike Post, a citizen representative on the council's franchise renewal committee, said in addition to the public hearing, the city has mailed out questionnaires to its utility customers concerning cable service.

Post said some 4,000 questionnaires were sent out, and just over 400 had been returned so far.

The city will be accepting the questionnaires until Tuesday," Post said.

UW launches Thursday

Scurry County United Way will launch its 1999 campaign with a luncheon starting at 11:45 a.m. Thursday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Kurt Kiser, news anchor for Channel 13 in Lubbock, will be the guest speaker.

United Way officers include Dr. Bryan Cave, president; Kent Wright, first vice president; Carter Wiggins, second vice president; Gary Landes, treasurer; Leslie Cooley, recording secretary; and Zola Schlegel, executive secretary.

Following the luncheon, workers will begin collecting donations for allocations for participating agencies that include the Food Cupboard, $1,140; Snyder Day Care, $16,500; Boys and Girls Club, $16,500; American Red Cross, $600; Boy Scouts, $4,020; Girl Scouts, $4,020; Noah Project West, $10,800; Snyder Area CADA, $3,420; and working expenses for United Way, $3,000.

Division chairmen are Marsha Lovelady, oil and gas; Wilma Dillard, hospital; Gayle Lomax, education; Ed Barkowsky, WTC/SECC; Bill Dryden, Gary Landes and Kent Wright, commercial; Bryan Cave, professional; Barbara McGee, financial institutions; Jeannie Johnson, city employees; and Chloanne Lindsey, county employees.

SACROC Unit employees have donated $500 to help kick off this year's campaign, and in an effort to increase their contribution, they are sponsoring a drawing for four tickets to see the Dallas Cowboys play Philadelphia.



YEARBOOKS ARE IN — 1999 Tiger's Lair yearbooks are in at Snyder High School and can be picked up before school, during lunch and after school. Extra copies are $45. Pictured looking over the yearbook are seniors Kristin Martinez (right) and Jenny Mayer. (SDN Staff Photo by Joyce May)

Grand jury indicts 13

Thirteen indictments were returned by the Scurry County grand jury on Tuesday, including one for possession of cocaine with intent to deliver.

Gerardo Callado Estrada, 21, of 2608½ Avenue U was indicted for the June 27 offense of possession of cocaine with intent to deliver more than four ounces of the illegal drug.

Estrada's bond was set at $5,000 and he remains in jail.

Estrada was also indicted in July for attempting to stab Raymond Vera Jr. on June 27. His bond was set at $10,000 on that offense.

Five people were indicted for driving while intoxicated.

Kevin Arthur Holmesly, 34, of 2226 Sunset was indicted for the July 28 offense of driving while intoxicated. He has two prior convictions in Tarrant County for driving while intoxicated.

He has been released on a $5,000 bond.

Ricardo S. Zamora, 48, of 1111 13th Street, was indicted for driving while intoxicated on Aug. 26.

Zamora has three prior convictions for driving while intoxicated, including two in Scurry County and one in Wichita County, plus one felony conviction for breaking and entering a motor vehicle to commit theft.

He has also been released on a $5,000 bond.

Edward Lee Jones, 32, of 1412 South Pratt in Midland, was charged with driving while intoxicated on Aug. 12.

He has two prior convictions in Midland County for the same offense.

Jones remains in jail on a $5,000 bond.

Adam Rodriquez Sosa, 40, of 2405 30th Street was indicted for the June 21 offense of driving while intoxicated.

He has two prior convictions in Scurry County for driving while intoxicated.

He has posted a $5,000 bond.

Jacobo Olvera, 30, of 3300 CR 461 was also indicted for driving while intoxicated.

He has one prior conviction in Scurry County for DWI and one conviction in Garza County, also for DWI.

He has been released on a $5,000 bond.

Three people were indicted for forgery, all state jail felonies.

Misty Dawn Lane, 24, of 110 Canyon was indicted for the Aug. 1 offense of forging a check on the closed account of Rhonda Hester. She remains in jail in lieu of a $5,000 bond.

Addie Lee Jackson, 32, of 1610 27th Street was indicted for forging a check on April 10 on the account of Jerry Etheredge.

Jackson is currently being held in the Taylor County Jail.

Jo Ann Mitchell, 36, of 1968 North Avenue O was indicted for credit card abuse, also a state jail felony.

She is charged with using a Visa card belonging to Bridgett Tate to purchase a RCA satellite system on July 10.

She has been released on a $5,000 bond.

Andrew Neil Saul, 20, of Beverly Hills, Calif., was indicted for the Aug. 8 offense of possession of more than four ounces of marijuana, but less than four pounds.

He has been released on a $6,000 bond.

Lillia Vasquez Martinez, 68, of 611 30th Street was indicted for the Aug. 1 offense of assault. She is charged with striking Faustino Castaneda with a hammer.

She has been held in jail since the incident on a $10,000 bond.

Two other subjects indicted Tuesday have not been arrested.

ASK US

Q—What is the penalty for teens driving without a license?

A—It is the same as for an adult — a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed $500.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy, cooler, slight chance of storms. Low near 60. Thursday, Friday, partly cloudy. Lows, upper 50s. Highs, mid 80s.

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 93 degrees; low, 69; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 71 degrees; no precipitation; total for 1999, 19.87 inches.



Paul Garcia
Slight Chance

Sunset:
8 p.m.
Sunrise:
7: 14 a.m.
Of 250 days in 1999, the sun has shone 243 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Great things are done when men and mou ntains meet.

Thursday is date for museum fete

Tickets remain on sale for the third annual "Taste of Scurry County" which will be held Thursday in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church.

Those attending will have a variety of food to sample from a majority of the food establishments in the county.

A silent auction will be held from 6-7:30 p.m., with the food being served at 6:30.

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Gore's health care package to aid uninsured

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Vice President Al Gore promised Tuesday to ensure that all children have access to affordable health care by 2005, offering a wide-ranging package of reforms aimed at bringing as many as 15 million uninsured Americans into the health care system.

Yet the Democratic presidential candidate stressed that, if he captured the White House, he would pursue the same incremental approach to changing health care that President Clinton adopted after his attempt to revamp the system failed to win congressional approval in 1994.

"We have all learned that we cannot overhaul the system in one fell swoop," Gore said at Children's Hospital. "Experience has taught us that there is a way to keep what is right, while fixing what is wrong with American health care."

The unveiling of Gore's health care proposals — and Texas Gov. George W. Bush's announcement of his education program last week — moves the campaign for the White House to a new stage as the candidates begin offering specifics on their agendas.

Gore did not mention Bush in his remarks, but one reference clearly was aimed at the Republican presidential front-runner. "In some states — Texas springs to mind — one-quarter of all children are still out in the cold," Gore said.

With his proposal, the vice president staked out different ground than that of his Democratic rival, former Sen. Bill Bradley, who has said he will propose something approaching universal coverage, and Republicans and health industry advocates, who fear that imposing too many mandates on private health care firms will drive up costs.

While portions of his package were new, Gore borrowed heavily from initiatives promoted by Clinton, and, in a few cases, by Republicans.

"Taken together, these steps will make health care affordable for millions of Americans who cannot afford it today. They will move toward the day when every American has access to affordable, quality coverage."

Gore did not estimate the cost of his proposals. Spokesman Chris Lehane said that would come "in the near future," but that he did not anticipate a tax increase would be needed to finance them.

About $4.3 billion in federal taxes was allocated last year to the Children's Health Insurance Program, the primary vehicle Gore would use. That program, designed to provide health insurance coverage to children in families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid, is primarily block grants to states. Most states establish a sliding scale of subsidies based on family income.

"We have to judge what a program can accomplish, not just whether it sounds good," Bradley said in a statement. One criteria his plan would meet, when he unveils it in the coming weeks, would be "stating honestly what the true cost of this program would be," Bradley said.

According to Gore, 43 million Americans lack health care coverage, and the number has grown by about 1 million a year this decade. Some 11 million children are uninsured.

To cover them, Gore would expand the Children's Health Insurance Program, which helps states provide coverage to children in working families. Currently, states can use the federal CHIP money to cover children in families that earn up to 200 percent of the poverty level. Gore would raise that cap to 250 percent.

California and four other states already have set the cap at 250 percent or higher, according to Gabriela Alcalde, policy specialist at the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Gore also would allow families that do not qualify for the program, and do not receive health benefits through their jobs, to buy into the program. States would be permitted to extend coverage to all parents whose children are eligible for CHIP or Medicaid.

Gore would give financial bonuses to states that meet enrollment targets for CHIP and Medicaid, programs he said are not fully utilized.

The CHIP expansions and efforts to bring more eligible people into such programs would result in an increase of 11 million to 15 million children and adults covered, Lehane said.

Gore said the fastest-growing group of uninsured Americans are those between 55 and 65. Currently, Americans are eligible for Medicare at 65.

As Clinton has, Gore proposed allowing "vulnerable Americans" to buy into the program as early as age 55. Gore promised a 25 percent tax credit to help defray the cost.

Gore also would:

—Let people with disabilities keep Medicare or Medicaid when they returned to the workplace. Such a proposal has passed the Senate and is awaiting consideration in the House.

—Encourage small businesses to band together to negotiate rates for their workers' coverage by providing a 25 percent tax credit to the firms. Republicans favor such an approach.

—Press for a "real, enforceable" Patients' Bill of Rights, similar to legislation that Congress will consider this month. Gore didn't explicitly say Tuesday whether he favors allowing patients to sue their HMOs and collect damages when care has been denied. But like Clinton, he has promoted legislation this year that would do so.

Walter Zelman, an architect of Clinton's failed health care plan who now heads the California Association of Health Plans, called Gore's initiatives "a reasonably strong proposal to get at the issue of the uninsured."

Date Book

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1999

Today is the 251st day of 1999 and the 80th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1858, Abraham Lincoln gave a speech in which he stated, "You can fool all of the people some of the time, some of the people all of the time, but not all of the people all of the time."

On this day in 1866, sextuplets were born to a Chicago family, the Bushnells. It was the first recorded birth of sextuplets.

On this day in 1962, the song "Monster Mash," by Bobby Boris Pickett, entered the pop charts.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Richard I (1157-1199), king of England; Siegfried Sassoon (1886-1967), poet; Jimmie Rodgers (1897-1933), singer; Sid Caesar (1922-), comedian, is 77; Peter Sellers (1925-1980), actor; Patsy Cline (1932-1963), singer; Sam Nunn (1938-), U.S. senator, is 61.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, Nolan Ryan threw a 100.8 mph pitch against the Chicago White Sox.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Time is a dressmaker specializing in alterations." — Faith Baldwin

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Sept. 9).

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Gun sales on county property banned

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The county board of supervisors has given final approval to a law banning the sale of guns and ammunition on county property, a move that could bring an end to the nation's largest gun show.

The county began work on the ordinance on Aug. 24, two weeks after five people were wounded in a shooting rampage at a Jewish community center in Granada Hills and the related slaying of a letter carrier.

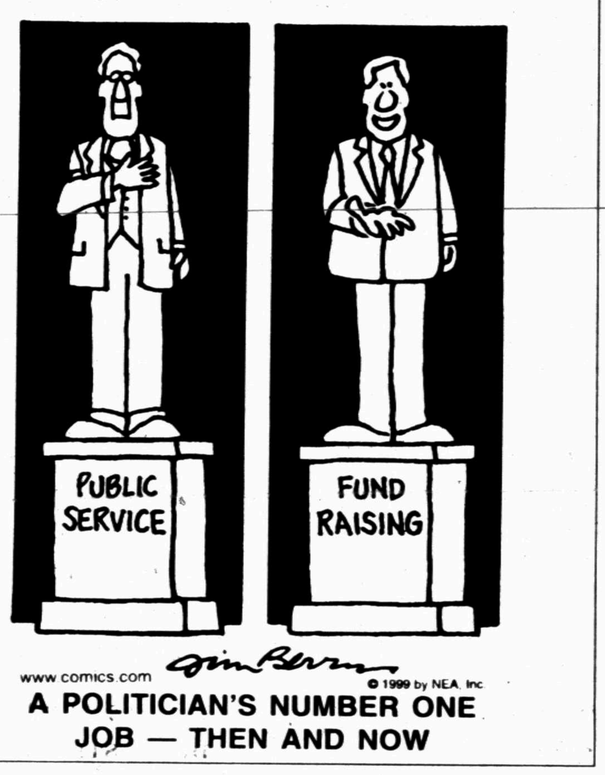
"This is a historic day for Los Angeles County and for other counties and jurisdictions around the country that want to do something about the proliferation of illegal weaponry," Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said Tuesday.

The ordinance would hit the Great Western Gun Show, which boasts as many as 5,300 vendor tables and draws up to 35,000 people to each of its four annual events at the Los Angeles County fairgrounds in Pomona. They contribute an estimated $9 million to the county's economy.

Chad Seger, the show's manager, said promoters plan to file a lawsuit against the ban, arguing the county has violated their civil rights and does not have jurisdiction over the event.

Supervisor Don Knabe voted against the ordinance, which will take effect in 30 days.

"What we have is a situation where because of one-tenth of 1 percent, we are going to penalize 99.9 percent of these people who do not break the law," Knabe said.



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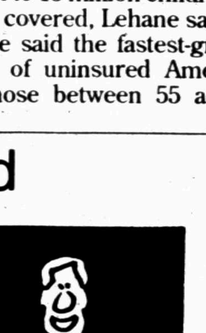
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In each advertisement you will find a face from the past. Identify the faces on the entry blank opposite the name of the sponsoring business. **Bring or mail the entry blank to the Snyder Daily News, 3600 College, PO Box 949.** The deadline for entering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

Last Week's Photos: 1. Nell Pate Holdren 2. Bob Sealy 3. Doris Camp Stokes 4. Joy McGlaun 5. Collen Smith Bishop 6. Edwin Parks 7. James Patrick 8. Doug Riley 9. Jack McGlaun 10. Jean Littlepage Everette

Report: Oilman asked for Bush to get guard duty post

DALLAS (AP) — Late Houston oilman Sidney A. Adger reportedly asked former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes to help young George W. Bush gain a spot in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War.

In a copyright story for Wednesday editions, The Dallas Morning News quotes two friends of Barnes as saying the request came from Adger, who died in 1996.

Barnes, a businessman, lobbyist and Democratic politician, was speaker of the Texas House when Bush became a Guard jet pilot in 1968. He served as lieutenant governor from 1969-73.

According to the report, Barnes' friends said he told them that one of his staff members forwarded Adger's request to Brig. Gen. James Rose, who died in 1993.

While campaigning Tuesday in New Hampshire for the GOP presidential nomination, Bush told the newspaper that if such a contact occurred, then it was without his knowledge or consent.

Asked whether Adger, a longtime friend of Bush's father, former president George Bush, or anyone else approached Barnes about the Guard, Bush said, "I have no idea and I don't believe so.

"I applied to be a pilot in the Guard and I met the requirements and the people who decided I was going to be in the Guard have said publicly that there was no influence," Bush said.

A spokeswoman for the elder Bush confirmed his friendship with Adger but said the former president was "almost positive" he never talked to Mr. Adger — or anyone else — about getting his son into the Guard.

"He said he is fairly certain — I mean he doesn't remember everything that happened in the 1960s — but he said he and Sid Adger never, ever talked about George W. and the Texas Air National Guard," Jean Becker said.

Adger, a businessman and former pilot for Pan American World Airways, lived in the same Houston neighborhood and sent his children to the same private school as the Bushes.

Barnes, who acknowledges he sometimes received requests for help in obtaining Guard slots, has denied getting a call from anyone in the Bush family.

Bradley launches campaign

CRYSTAL CITY, Mo. (AP) — In this trapped-in-time hamlet beside the Mississippi River, Bill Bradley gathered snapshots of his Cinderella youth to illustrate his hope for an America that dreams big and a noble presidency championing those dreams.

Bradley — the humble banker's son, Sunday school teacher, basketball boy wonder, Olympic star and sober New Jersey senator — came home today to launch the critical next phase of his presidential campaign among neighbors who always believed he belonged in the White House.

"We're going out and telling the people what I believe and what I want to do and who I am and where I came from," Bradley told beachgoers in his adulthood home, New Jersey, before coming here Tuesday for a rally to kick off his fall campaign.

Today's main event — a speech that aides said would be a highly personal account of how he has lived his life and what he envisions for the nation — was set for the front steps of Crystal City High School.

Tanned and in shirtsleeves, Bradley posed there Tuesday while aides gauged the best angle for news cameras descending on this one-stoplight town (population 4,088) from as far away as Germany and Japan.

"How do I look?" asked Bradley, 56.

No highfalutin caterers for this family affair, said Republican Mayor Grant S. Johnston. Piled in his office are an odd, cellophane-wrapped assortment of the 5,000 cookies baked by "all the grandmas and great-grandmas," as Lori Grass put it.

"All the way with Bill!" read one of the dozens of lawn signs produced by a single postal clerk who volunteered eight hours and a set of red, blue and black markers.

"He's such a stud," said Mike DeClue, a high school senior and basketball player setting up chairs outside the school.

Bradley's legend remains so alive that DeClue said his coach makes the team run laps not just around the gym but out past the lobby's trophy case, or "Bradley shrine," where the All-American's retired No. 52 jersey is displayed.

The candidate promised to lead reporters on a twilight tour of his life's landmarks: the old State Bank where his father, the president, weathered the Great Depression without foreclosing on a single homeowner; the weeded-over lot where the Pittsburgh Plate Glass factory shut down the town's lifeblood when it closed in 1992; the Little League field where Bradley and his integrated team learned to field the racial discrimination of visiting teams.

A spot on the Princeton University basketball team proved to be Bradley's ticket out. He went on to captain the gold medal-winning U.S. team at the 1964 Olympics, study at Oxford, star for the New York Knicks, then in the U.S. Senate.

At Bradley's side today was his wife of 25 years, Ernestine, 63. Their 22-year-old daughter, Theresa Anne, is a college student and studying overseas, aides said.

Bradley's team arrived here buoyed by a weekend poll that showed that he and Vice President Al Gore, the favorite of President Clinton and the Democratic Party establishment, were running neck and neck in New Hampshire for the party's presidential nomination.

Having already proved his financial viability by amassing in the first half of this year some $12 million in campaign donations to Gore's $18 million, Bradley hopes to use a series of detailed policy announcements this fall — on child poverty, universal health care, the economy and foreign policy — to overcome other surveys suggesting he remains relatively unknown nationwide.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Adults Jumping to Conclusions Trip on Misconception of Teen

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl with wonderful parents and a great little sister who is 13. My mom just had a third child. My brother's name is "Nathan." He is 6 months old now and I don't think any baby could be more loved.

Because my mother works part time, I take care of my brother for a few hours each day.

The problem is that when I take him for a walk or to the mall, I am faced with disapproving looks and rude comments from adults who obviously think he is my baby. I see people shake their heads when I walk by, and I hear them mutter about irresponsible teen-agers.

I don't know how to respond to people like that, but I do know that adults should stop seeing something wrong with every situation they encounter. They seem to think my entire generation is hopeless. This is far from the truth.

Abby, how should I deal with this situation when I next encounter it?

SWEET 16, SEATTLE

DEAR SWEET 16: I know it's far from the truth, and you shouldn't be put in the position where you feel you "must respond" to disapproving looks and rude remarks from strangers. Have a T-shirt made for your little brother bearing the message: "She's My Sister!"

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DEAR ABBY: After reading the letters in your column about children's behavior in restaurants, I had to write.

When my current husband and I began dating, we had three toddlers between us. Two were his, one was mine. The youngest, his 1-year-old, ran wild. I was ashamed and embarrassed. The two girls were fine. (His daughter was 3 and mine was 2.) But oh, that son! He threw temper tantrums, insisted on a particular cup or plate or he wouldn't eat, stood on chairs and benches, etc. He was spoiled rotten, and I told my husband so. I also told him it was wrong to allow such behavior. It didn't faze him.

One day we were in a restaurant, and a stranger came to our table and said, "You two have three beautiful children. What a shame that your son's behavior is all I'll remember when we leave."

What an impact that made! My husband began right then and there teaching his son acceptable behavior.

Three years ago, on an airplane flight, a flight attendant approached my husband and said, "Your three kids are so polite. They say please and thank you. Half the adults on this flight could learn from them!" The kids were 12, 13 and 14 at that time. We were, and still are, so proud. And the son, who is now 15, is a very well-mannered gentleman.

So obviously, children will do what the parent allows.

STEPMOM IN TAMPA

DEAR STEPMOM: Absolutely! And that's why it's important for parents to set limits for their children. How else are they going to learn what is acceptable and what is not?

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YOUR CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY: A woman came home from work and found a note from her husband. It said: "Your doctor's office called. Your Pabst beer is normal!"

ANNE B. WARZYN, KANSAS CITY, MO.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 9, 1999

It's quite probable that you could find yourself far more ambitious and enterprising in the year ahead than ever before. You may even take on an auxiliary project that could provide you with additional income.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If a job needs to get done today, you're likely to be the one others turn to, because you'll innately know what is needed to quickly and efficiently accomplish the task. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Confidential information might find its way to you today, enabling you to advantageously put together a mutually beneficial business package with another.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) People who may have turned a deaf ear to your proposals last week might now be more in tuned with your ideas. Arrange a meeting today with those whose support you need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Step out and move boldly on matters that could have a direct bearing upon your work or career. Today's aspects for such dealings are more favorable now than usual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have a way about you today where you can present your thoughts in such a manner that your listeners will think they are the author of your ideas and agree entirely with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't be surprised today when family members turn to you first when they need help in solving a personal problem. They recognize your ability to provide workable solutions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You'll be able to make a presentation to others that will gain their allegiance today. You're an especially good salesperson with the ability to sway others in your direction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you spot a chance for gain today, don't sit on it. Put all the knowledge you've accumulated from past experiences into play and try to tap into that profitable source.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is an excellent day for activities that possess elements of challenge or competition, because you'll be easily stimulated by that which calls for your mental and physical proclivities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Hats off to you because of the way you'll put the needs and concerns of your family ahead of your own interests. You'll do what you can to help insure their requirements are met.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) More can be accomplished today than you realize if you get an early start on projects. Your ambitious and industrious ways may have you embarking on a new undertaking or venture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Because you have a way about you today for promoting your self-interests without being offensive or selfish towards others, you'll be able to champion a personal cause.

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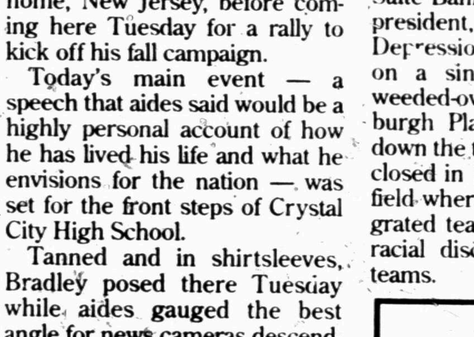
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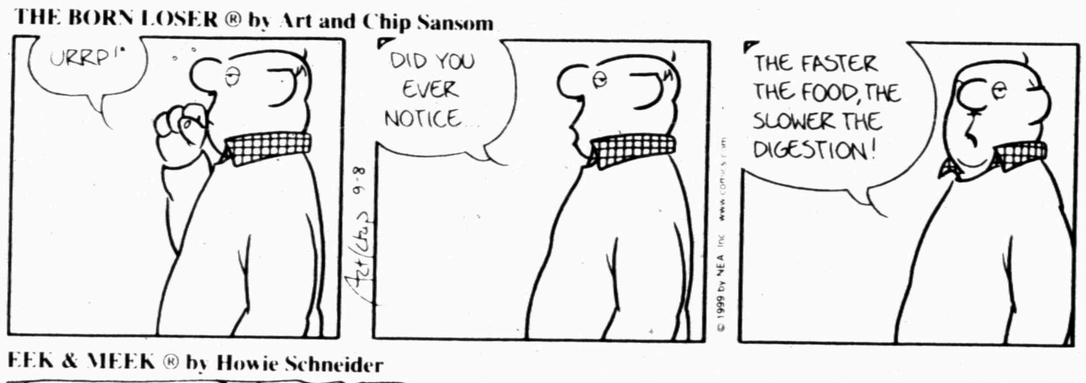
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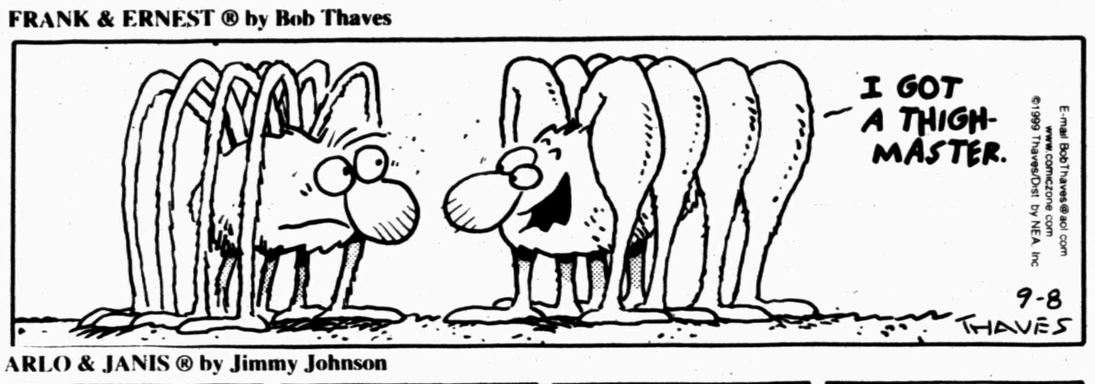
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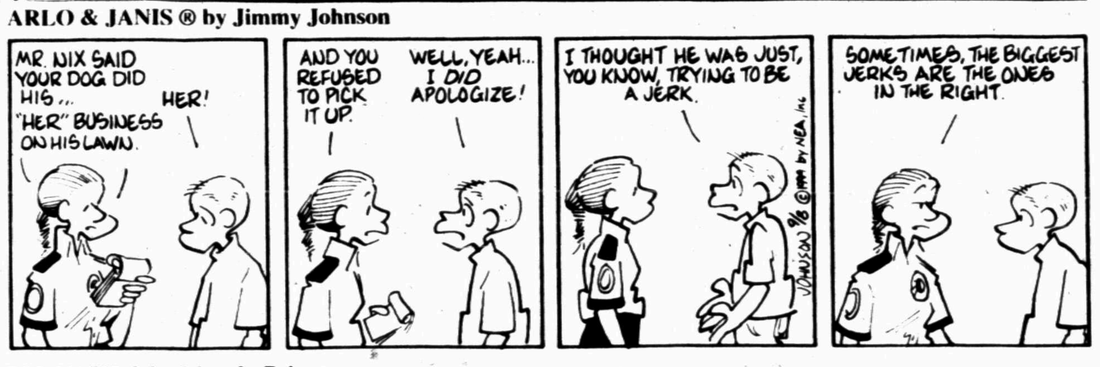
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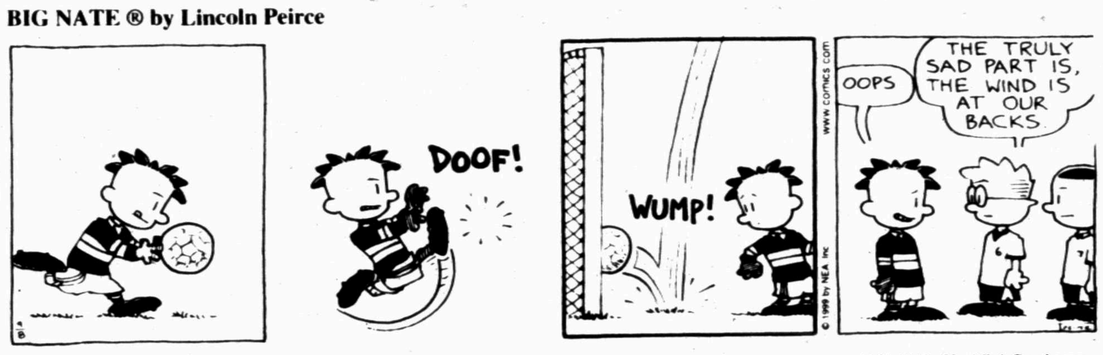
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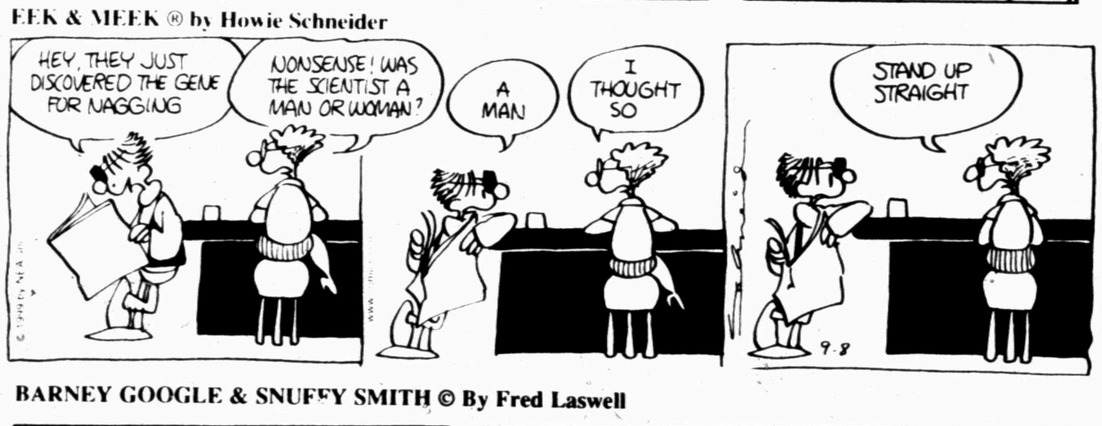
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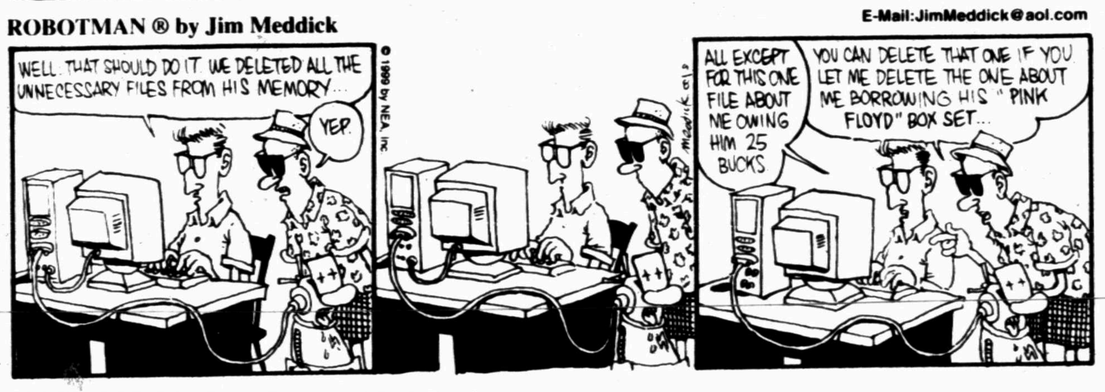
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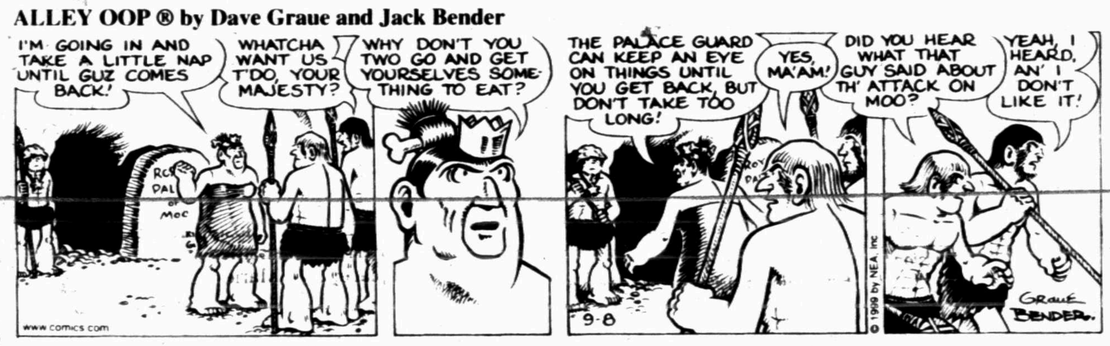
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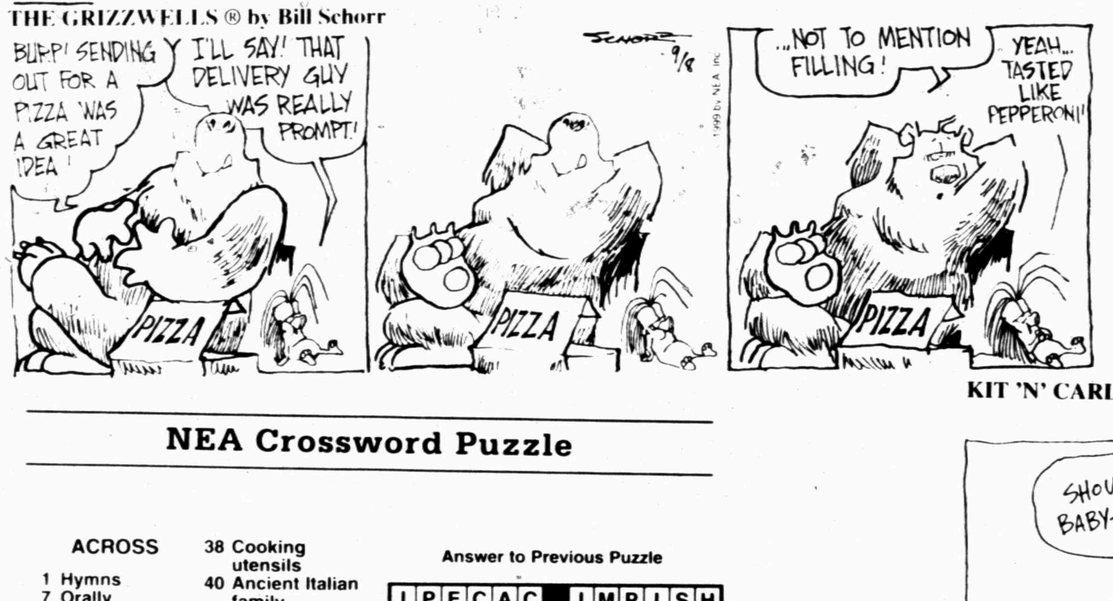
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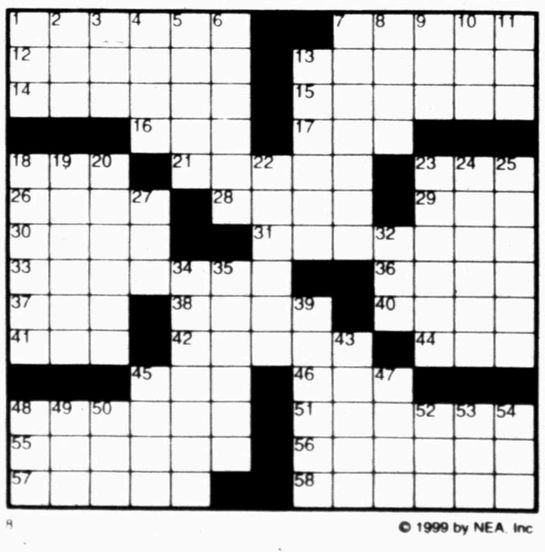
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SPORTS

Abilene uses serve to slip past Lady Tigers

In volleyball, all action begins with the serve. And Tuesday's contest at the SHS gym proved that the team that dominates the serve, dominates the action.

Combining powerful serves with short off-speed offerings, Abilene High rallied to overcome the Snyder Lady Tigers, 7-15, 15-2, 15-9.

Snyder, which controlled the action in Game 1, struggled with the Lady Eagles' serve in the final two games, and therefore could muster little offense.

"Abilene High picked up the pace in the last two games," Snyder coach Patty Grimmett said. "We had hard time receiving their serve and so we were always on the defensive. We couldn't get any offense going."

In the decisive third game, Snyder gave Abilene nine free-ball opportunities, most of which the Lady Eagles capitalized on.

The Lady Tigers battled throughout the 30-minute final game, matching Abilene point for point until Lady Eagle run near the end.

Following an Ashley Delce kill to knot the tally, the Lady Tigers took their only lead of the game at 7-6 when an Abilene hit landed wide.

But the Lady Eagles, continuing their powerful serves, would score the next five points to go on top, 11-7.

"In seemed like we would get our best offense when we needed to sideout," Grimmett said. "But then when we had the serve, we couldn't put it away."

Abilene continued its scoring streak down the stretch. Snyder managed a pair of points, before the Lady Eagles closed out the match.

Ashley Delce paced the Lady Tigers at the net, registering eight kills and three blocks, while Tessa Hildebrand notched five kills and four blocks.

Snyder has two matches left before the district opener. The Lady Tigers visit Bronte on Saturday, before hosting Seminole on Tuesday. Snyder opens 5-4A play Sept. 21 at Andrews.

Abilene def. SHS 7-15, 15-2, 15-9
Snyder service points: Tessa Hildebrand, Christina Holder and Kameron Kallemeyn, 5; Kristin Martinez, 4; T'Leah Eicke and Christy Tomlinson, 3; Cara Best, 1. **Kills:** Ashley Delce, 8; Hildebrand, 5; Kallemeyn, 4; Best, 3; Rina Geiger, 2; Holder, 1. **Blocks:** Hildebrand, 4; Delce and Geiger, 3; Kallemeyn, Best and Holder, 1. **Digs:** Martinez, 10; Kallemeyn and Delce, 8; Holder, 6; Hildebrand, 5; Best and Delce, 3; Eicke, 2.



RALLY TIME — Lady Tigers, from left, Christina Holder, Tessa Hildebrand, Kristin Martinez and Cara Best celebrate an Ashley Delce spike during action Tuesday night against Abilene High. However, Snyder's celebration would be short-lived as the Lady Eagles came back to win the match, 7-15, 15-2, 15-9. (SDN Staff Photo)

Nation's leading scorer...

Ex-Westerner dead at 33

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Former Alabama guard Alvin Lee, who as a Texas junior college player in 1987 led the nation in scoring, died in a car accident. He was 33.

State police said Lee was killed when he lost control of his car and it overturned on U.S. 301 in Hanover County, Va., about 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Lee attended Western Texas Junior College, in Snyder, about 70 miles west of Abilene, where he led the nation in scoring, averaging 34.6 points per game in 1987. Western Texas no longer has a men's basketball program.

Lee transferred to Alabama and was the Crimson Tide's second-leading scorer, averaging 15.2 points per game in 1988 and 13.0 points per game in 1989.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete.

Pudge's homer rallies Rangers to victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez hit a two-run, go-ahead homer in the seventh inning as the Texas Rangers rallied for a 4-3 victory over Cleveland on Tuesday night, keeping the Indians' magic number for clinching the AL Central at two.

The Chicago White Sox, who played at Anaheim later Tuesday night, started the day 231/2 games behind the Indians. Cleveland has won the last four division titles.

The Rangers have won six of nine games against the Indians.

Cleveland took a 3-2 lead into the seventh behind six strong innings from Charles Nagy, who was trying for his first win in Texas in three years.

Steve Reed (3-2) walked Royce Clayton leading off the seventh and after Mark McLemore's blunt advanced Clayton to second, Rodriguez lined his 32nd homer into the right-field seats to put Texas in front 4-3.

Aaron Sele allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings.

Major League Baseball

American League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	84	54	.609	—
Boston	79	60	.568	5½
Toronto	74	66	.529	11
Baltimore	62	76	.449	22
Tampa Bay	61	77	.442	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Cleveland	86	52	.623	—
Chicago	63	76	.453	23½
Minnesota	58	79	.423	27½
Detroit	56	81	.409	29½
Kansas City	54	84	.391	32

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	84	56	.600	—
Oakland	75	64	.540	8½
Seattle	69	69	.500	14
Anaheim	54	84	.391	29

x-clinched tie for division title

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 5, Minnesota 0
Texas 4, Cleveland 3
Kansas City 6, New York 3
Seattle 7, Toronto 4
Anaheim 14, Chicago 1
Boston 5, Oakland 3
Only games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Boston (Rapp 6-5) at Oakland (Appier 13-12), 4:05 p.m.
Detroit (Mlicki 11-10) at Tampa Bay (Witt 7-11), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (J.Johnson 5-7) at Minnesota (Hawkins 9-11), 8:05 p.m.
New York (O.Hernandez 15-7) at Kansas City (Suzuki 1-4), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Haney 0-1) at Texas (Burkett 6-7), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago (Baldwin 9-12) at Anaheim (Belcher 6-8), 10:35 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 8-6) at Seattle (Moyer 13-6), 10:35 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	88	52	.629	—
New York	84	55	.604	3½
Philadelphia	68	70	.493	19
Montreal	58	80	.420	29
Florida	56	82	.406	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	84	56	.600	—
Cincinnati	80	58	.580	3
Pittsburgh	69	70	.496	14½
St. Louis	67	73	.479	17
Milwaukee	60	77	.438	22½
Chicago	56	82	.406	27

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	82	56	.594	—
San Francisco	76	63	.547	6½
Los Angeles	65	73	.471	17
San Diego	64	75	.460	18½
Colorado	62	78	.443	21

Tuesday's Games

Montreal 4, Colorado 1
Pittsburgh 3, San Diego 1
Atlanta 3, St. Louis 2
Houston 6, Philadelphia 6
Chicago 2, Cincinnati 1, 1st game
Cincinnati 10, Chicago 3, 2nd game
San Francisco 7, New York 4
Florida 2, Los Angeles 1
Arizona 11, Milwaukee 9

Wednesday's Games

Colorado (Wright 1-2) at Montreal (Smith 4-7), 1:35 p.m.
San Diego (W.Williams 8-12) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 8-8), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 10-7) at New York (Dotel 6-1), 1:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 7-2) at Chicago (Lorraine 1-3), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 9-10) at Florida (Burnett 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 18-3) at Philadelphia (Schilling 15-5), 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Ankiel 0-0) at Atlanta (Millwood 15-7), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Daal 13-8) at Milwaukee (Nomo 11-6), 8:05 p.m.

WGA Results

August Awards

Aug. 3 – most pars: (tie) Penny Perry and Esther Guelker, 7, first place; (tie) Marie Dollins and Becky Knipe, 6, second place. **Low putter:** Penny Perry, 12. **Chip-ins:** Esther Guelker and Donna Stehley. **Hole-in-one:** Anita Talbott, fifth hole.

Aug. 16 – match play non-participants: Carolyn Green, 80, first place; Vivian Norwood, 84, second place.

Aug. 24 – queen of the hill: Kaye Cypert, 93, low gross; Becky Knipe, 71, low net. **Low putter:** Becky Knipe, 28. **Chip-ins:** Martha Fagin, Kaye Cypert and Doris Downing.

Aug. 31 – low score son even holes: Kaye Cypert, 31.5, first place; Esther Guelker, 33.5, second place; Peggy Hardin, 34.5, third place. **Low putter:** Kaye Cypert, 27. **Chip-ins:** Martha Fagin, Suzy Reed and Colleen Duke.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Tennis: Snyder varsity boys at Midland Lee.
Football: Frenship at Snyder JV, 7 p.m.
Football: Snyder 9th A at Frenship, 7 p.m.; Snyder 9th B at Andrews, 5:30.
Football: Snyder 7th and 8th at Lamesa, 5 p.m., 6:30.
Football: Ira JV at Veribest, 7:30.
Volleyball: Snyder 7th and 8th at Big Spring, 5 p.m.
FRIDAY
Football: Snyder at Frenship, 7:30.
Football: Veribest at Ira, 7:30.
Football: Blackwell at Hermleigh, 7:30.
Football: New Home at Borden County, 7:30.
SATURDAY
Tennis: Frenship at Snyder varsity.
Volleyball: Snyder 9th and varsity at Bronte, 11 a.m.
Volleyball: Snyder JV at Andrews tourney.
Volleyball: Snyder 7th A and 8th A at Big Spring tourney.

SDN Sports Briefs

Slingin' Sammy Baugh Snyder tourney

The eighth annual Slingin' Sammy Baugh Snyder Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at Western Texas College. Shotgun starts will be at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Format will be a four-person scramble and cost is $140 per team. All proceeds benefit Snyder I.S.D. golf programs.

Prizes will be $600 for first place, $400 for second, $350 for third, $300 for fourth and $250 for fifth. A hole-in-one on No. 15 will win a golf cart.

To register, go by the WTC pro shop. Deadline for entry is Friday.

SISD sports tickets

Season passes for all Snyder volleyball and basketball games are on sale now at the SISD business administration office. Passes are $30 for each sport, or $50 for a combined volleyball/basketball pass. The passes are good for all home games, from the varsity level through seventh grade. If purchased individually, adult tickets to home games are $2 each.

Local boxing event

Slugfest '99 will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the National Guard Armory. Admission will be $6 for adults and $3 for children.

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12 of 14 jailed nationalists OK clemency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twelve of 14 jailed Puerto Rican nationalists agreed Tuesday to a politically sensitive clemency deal offered by President Clinton but opposed by his wife, prospective Senate candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The Puerto Ricans, jailed on weapons and sedition convictions, are members of pro-independence guerrilla groups that carried out a wave of bombings in the United States in the 1970s and 1980s.

The nearly month-old offer is conditioned on statements from each independence activist pledging not to engage in violence if released. The activists had until Friday to take or leave the deal.

Two imprisoned activists are expected to reject the clemency offer, the White House said. Two others, who are not in jail, have another week to respond. If they agree to the White House terms, their fines will be reduced.

"The president expects all those who accept the conditional clemency grant to abide fully by its terms, including refraining from the use or advocacy of the use of violence for any purpose and obeying all the statutory conditions of parole," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said in a statement.

At a news conference in San Juan, activist leader Luis Nieves Falcon confirmed that 11 members of the Armed Forces of National Liberation and one leader of the Macheteros separatist group had accepted the three-week-old offer even though it required them to formally renounce violence and agree not to associate with felons.

But two of those who accepted Clinton's clemency offer defended their past actions Tuesday in prison interviews with KGO-TV in San Francisco.

"If your country is a colony, be it a declared war or undeclared war, you have the right to pick up arms and that is what I chose to do," said Dylcia Pagan, serving a 55-year sentence in the federal prison at Dublin, Calif.

Ida Luz "Lucy" Rodriguez, who is serving a 75-year sentence at the same prison about 30 miles east of San Francisco, said members of the Armed Forces of National Liberation considered themselves patriots, not terrorists.

"I guess if George Washington would have lost to the English, history would have treated him as a terrorist," she said.

Zenaida Lopez, whose brother, Oscar Lopez Rivera, is serving a 55-year sentence and is one of the two prisoners who didn't sign the agreement, said: "He feels that renouncing violence, accepting what they are offering, is like a prison without a prison."

The Armed Forces of National Liberation, known by its Spanish initials FALN, carried out more than 100 bombings in the United States between 1974 and 1983. The bombings killed six and wounded dozens. The imprisoned nationalists were not convicted in any of the bombings but were found guilty of seditious conspiracy and possession of weapons and explosives.

The clemency offer has divided the first family and brought criticism from both Republicans and Democrats.

"I think there have been many who have sought to inject politics, and many who have thought to inject a motive here, and all I can say is that they're wrong," Lockhart said at his daily briefing for reporters.

Mrs. Clinton, a potential candidate for a Senate seat from New York, has urged the president to rescind the proposal. "It's been three weeks and their silence speaks volumes," the first lady said over the weekend.

Six men claim discrimination by courts

BOSTON (AP) — Earl Henry Sholley doesn't deny slapping his daughter five years ago. The act, he said, was meant to discipline a precocious 14-year-old.

But Sholley said he never expected the fallout: a restraining order taken out by his daughter, a 6-month jail sentence for assault and battery, and eventual divorce proceedings that gave his ex-wife their house and assets.

That's why Sholley and five other men say they filed a federal lawsuit claiming the state's court system victimizes men by issuing restraining orders at the first allegation of domestic abuse.

"I'm hoping it will level the playing field and force Massachusetts judges to treat both parents equally," said Sholley, 51, who owns a landscaping company and lives in Medway.

The suit, filed Tuesday, claims that men involved in marital and custody disputes are routinely denied their constitutional rights of due process and equal protection, as well as the right to bear arms.

"We aren't looking for money. We're looking for relief," said attorney David Grossack, who filed the suit on behalf of the six men and the Fatherhood Coalition — a Massachusetts-based advocacy group that claims several hundred members.

Grossack said he is seeking to have the state's restraining order law overturned because it allows for an order to be issued based only on allegations — not proof — of domestic violence.

Advocates for battered woman said the lawsuit is a disturbing backlash by men hoping to reassert control they lost after anti-abuse laws grew tougher in the late 1980s.

"I think they have a very weak claim," said Cheryl Garrity, president of the Massachusetts chapter of the National Organization for Women. "I think the courts attempt to be fair and there are due process provisions in place. I don't think judges come to the situation thinking men are automatically the problem."

Of the 40,000 restraining orders issued in the state each year, more than 90 percent are requested by women against their male partners, Grossack said. Those numbers indicate the orders are discriminatory against men, he said.

Subjects of the orders are typically ordered from their homes, often prohibited from contacting their children and denied a "meaningful" hearing to defend themselves, the suit alleges. Federal and state laws also unfairly deprive them of their right to own weapons during that time, it says.

The plaintiffs claim that Massachusetts judges routinely deny accused men visits with their children and order them to write support checks beyond their means. In addition, some men have been threatened with jail for sending greeting cards to their kids, the suit said.

James Nollet, 49, of Woburn, said he joined the legal action after his ex-wife accused him of abuse and took out several restraining orders against him in the mid-1990s.

Although he was acquitted of the charges in court, a judge continued to allow successive restraining orders, and ordered him to pay $1,000 per month for spousal and child support, a sum he couldn't afford, he said.

"People believe the government brings good and honest accusations, but that is not always so," Nollet said. "It's a sword hanging over your head. You're one unsupported accusation away from being arrested."

Charlotte Whiting, a spokeswoman for the state courts, and Marcia Cohen, a spokeswoman for the state attorney general's office, declined to comment Tuesday on the case.

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AMR Corp	56⅛	54⅛	55⅛	— 1⅛
AT&T Corp s	47	46 7-16	46 13-16	— ½
Albertsons	46 11-16	46	46⅜	— 1-16
AlldSignal	64⅞	64½	64 13-16	+ ⅛
Alltel	70 13-16	69 5-16	69 5-16	— 1⅛
AmOnline s	94⅜	92⅞	94⅜	+1 7-16
Ameritech	62⅛	61	61 13-16	—1 1-16
AndrkPtr	35⅞	35⅛	35⅛	+ ⅛
Armcolnc	6 15-16	6⅛	6⅛	— 1-16
AtlRichfld	87⅛	86 13-16	87 3-16	— 9-16
ATMOS Egy	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	+ ⅛
Aviall	10⅞	10⅝	10⅞	+ 1-16
BP Amoco	111⅜	110 11-16	111 5-16	— ⅜
BakerHughes	35⅛	34 3-16	34⅛	+ ⅛
Bank of Amer	59⅞	59⅛	59⅝	—15-16
BellAtl	64	63⅜	63⅝	— ⅜
BellSouth s	45	44⅞	44 15-16	— ⅛
BethSteel	7⅛	7 11-16	7⅛	
BurlNoSFe	29 11-16	29⅛	29 11-16	— 3-16
CBS Corp	51 219-256	51 3-16	51 5-16	+ ⅜
Caterpillar	58 7-16	57 11-16	58 7-16	+ 1-16
CenSoWst	22 3-16	21 15-16	22 1-16	
Chevron	94 15-16	94⅛	94⅛	+1 11-16
Citigroup s	44 11-16	44	44 11-16	— ⅛
Coastal	43	42⅞	42⅞	— ⅛
CocaCola	55 5-16	54 9-16	55⅛	+ ⅜
ColgatePal s	56 9-16	55 15-16	56	— 9-16
ComclMetals	30⅜	30 7-16	30 7-16	— 7-16
Cooperln	52⅛	52 1-16	52 3-16	— ⅛
CyprusAmax	17 13-16	17 7-16	17⅞	
DaimlrChry n	76 9-16	75⅛	76½	— ¾
DallSemicn	55 9-16	53⅛	55⅝	+ 1⅛
DeltaAirl s	50 1-16	48	48	— 2⅛
Dillards Inc	22	21⅛	22	— 3-16
DowChem	114 7-16	113 7-16	113⅜	— 1⅛
DuPont	64⅛	63 3-16	63 11-16	—1 1-16
EastmanChem	46	44⅞	45 9-16	— ⅞
EstKodak	73	71	71	—3 1-16
EDS Corp	58	57	57⅞	— ⅛
Entergy	29½	29 5-16	29½	+ 1-16
Exxon	80⅛	79⅝	80⅛	+ 1⅛
Flowers	15 15-16	15 9-16	15⅝	
FordMotor	51 5-16	50⅜	50 15-16	— ⅛
GTE Cp	71 5-16	70 13-16	71	— 9-16
GenDynam	63 9-16	62	63¾	+ ⅜
GenElec	120	118⅜	120	+ 3-16
GenMills	83 15-16	83 9-16	83 11-16	— 7-16
GenMotors	65 7-16	64⅛	64 11-16	—13-16
GaPacGP s	44⅛	43⅛	44⅛	+13-16
GlobalMar	19⅛	18 13-16	18 15-16	— 1-16
Goodrich	38¼	38⅛	38 11-16	
Goodyear s	56 9-16	55⅛	56⅛	— 5-16
GtAtlPac	35 9-16	35⅛	35½	+ 5-16
Halliburtn	48 13-16	47⅞	48¼	+ 3-16
Hanson ADS	42 5-16	42⅛	42⅛	— ⅛
HarteHanks	23 15-16	23 13-16	23 15-16	
HomeDepot	63 15-16	62 9-16	63¾	+ 5-16
IBM s	133¼	130 13-16	133	+ 1
IntlPaper	51 7-16	50 9-16	50 13-16	
JohnsonJn	101 5-16	100⅜	101 3-16	— ⅜
K mart	13 1-16	12 15-16	13 1-16	— 1-16
Kroger Co s	23 15-16	23⅛	23⅜	— ⅜
Litton	62 15-16	62 11-16	62 13-16	— ½
LockheedM s	35⅜	34½	35⅜	+ ⅜
Lowes Cos	45½	44⅛	44 15-16	—1 5-16
Lubys	13⅜	13 3-16	13⅜	+ ⅛
LucentTech s	66¾	66⅛	66⅛	— ⅞
MayDeptStr s	39⅛	38⅞	39 1-16	— 7-16
MediaOne	69⅛	68 5-16	68 13-16	—13-16
Medtronic	82	80⅜	82	+ 1⅜
Mobil	105 5-16	103 5-16	105¼	+1 9-16
Monsanto	39⅜	38 13-16	39⅜	— ⅜
MorganJP	130 5-16	128⅛	130 1-16	+ 1
Motorola	99 15-16	98 5-16	99 15-16	— 1-16
NCR Corp	43 3-16	42 15-16	43 1-16	— 3-16
Navistar	51¼	50 3-16	50 7-16	—1 3-16
Penney JC	36½	36 1-16	36 5-16	+ ⅛
PepBoys	15 5-16	14 15-16	15 1-16	
PepsiCo	33¾	32 15-16	33¾	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	57⅛	57⅛	57¼	+ 3-16
PhilipPet	53⅛	52 11-16	53¼	+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd B	10 5-16	10 1-16	10 5-16	+ 5-16
Polaroid	28 7-16	28	28	— 7-16
Praxair	47	46 5-16	47	+ ⅜
ProctGamb	102 15-16	101 15-16	102⅛	— ⅜
PubSNwMx	19 3-16	18⅞	19⅛	+ ⅛
ReliantEngy	27 15-16	27 11-16	27⅛	— ⅛
RoyalDut	63⅛	62¼	62 15-16	+ 1-16
SBC Comm	47⅞	46¼	47 7-16	— ⅜
SaraLee s	23 7-16	23 3-16	23 7-16	
Scripps EW	50¼	49¼	49⅛	— ⅛
SearsRoeb	33⅜	3333⅛	3-16	
SherwinW	23¼	22 11-16	23⅛	+ 3-16
SmithklBchm	64⅛	63 7-16	63 13-16	— ⅛
SouthernCo	27⅛	27	27⅛	— 1-16
SwstAirl s	16	15 11-16	15 11-16	— ⅛
SprintFON s	47⅛	47 3-16	47⅛	— 3-16
SprintPCS n	63¼	59 13-16	63 3-16	+3 3-16
Sunoco Inc	33¼	32 15-16	33 1-16	— 1-16
TNP Ent	38 3-16	38	38	— 5-16
Tandy s	46 9-16	44⅛	46 7-16	+1 9-16
TempleInland	64⅛	63¾	64⅛	+ ⅛
Tenneco	20 5-16	20 1-16	20 3-16	— 1-16
Texaco	66¼	66⅛	66⅛	— ⅛
TexInd	33¾	33⅛	33 9-16	+ 5-16
TexasInst s	92 11-16	91¼	91 13-16	+ 3-16
TexUtil	39⅝	39 1-16	39 5-16	+ 3-16
Textron	81⅛	80 9-16	80 13-16	— 7-16
TriconGlbR	40⅛	39¾	40 3-16	— ⅛
TrinityInds	32	31½	31 13-16	+ 3-16
TritonEngy	12⅜	12 7-16	12 9-16	+ 1-16
TylerTech	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛	
US West Inc	54⅞	53⅜	54⅛	— 7-16
USX-Marathn	32¼	31⅞	32¼	+ ⅜
USX-USS	27 11-16	27 5-16	27 11-16	— ⅛
UnCarbde	57⅛	56¾	56 15-16	— ⅛
UnionPacif	49 7-16	47⅞	49⅝	+1 7-16
UnitedTech s	65½	64 9-16	64½	— ⅛
Unocal	43¾	42	43 3-16	+ ⅛
Venator Grp	8 1-16	7 13-16	7 13-16	— ⅛
WalMart s	46 7-16	45⅞	46⅞	+ ⅛
WellsFargo	40	39¼	39⅝	— ½
WstnGasRs	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	34 5-16	34 1-16	34 5-16	
Xerox Cp s	47⅞	47½	47⅞	— 9-16

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	14 1/16	-1/16
Dell	49 1/8	-1/4
Wal Mart	46 3/8	+1/8
Compac	23	+1/16
Dol. Gen.	26 1/4	-1/4
GTE	70 15/16	-5/8
SBC Comm.	47 7/16	-3/4
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Scurry County Country

Texas bankers will lend to troubled farmers

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas bankers say they are ready to help farmers who are struggling to recover from low commodity prices and two years of droughts.

"We've got to work together," said Billy Morgan, vice president of lending at Elgin Bank of Texas. "We've got to stay with them in bad times, and we expect them to stay with us when times are good. It works both ways."

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. last month warned that any U.S. banks lending money to commodity-based businesses could see substantial losses if prices don't bounce back.

Nationally, banks and other lenders loaned $206 billion to commodity industries in 1998 — 26 percent of all commercial and industrial loans, according to the FDIC. In Texas, the most dominant commodity sectors are agriculture and oil and gas, followed by chemicals and electronics.

For bankers, agriculture is the biggest concern. This season produced plentiful yields across Texas, with cotton registering its strongest crop since 1989. Still, with prices for all crops hovering near record lows, farmers may not recoup enough of their expenses and previous losses to repay their loans.

"Obviously, the banks that extend credit are going to see deterioration in credit quality," Rick Smith, head of the Texas Bankers Association, told the Austin American-Statesman. "It's incumbent upon them to monitor that and respond to those changes quickly, keeping borrowers in business as they try to cope."

Most bankers said they were not worried about impending losses — they anticipated this season's market and built up cash and asset reserves or diversified their portfolios into other areas, such as home loans.

"This has not slipped up on us," said Robert Brown of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas. "We lend primarily to farmers, but we've tried to diversify with people who have outside income or investments in other areas."

But that could change with one more bad farm season.

"If they go another year without break-even income, it certainly will be devastating," said Brown. "It'll be awful for farmers and it will trickle down to the banks."

Although Texas bankers say they don't plan to reduce availability of loans, about a quarter increased collateral requirements this past year. Danny Klinefelter, an economist for the state's Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M University, said the tougher requirements indicate growing concern about loan problems and borrowers' ability to repay them.

Experts ponder consolidation of farms

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Sweeping changes in agriculture in recent years — with rising numbers of mergers creating giant agribusiness conglomerates — pose the greatest threat to farmers and consumers in this century, top farm experts warned.

Iowa State University economist Neil Harl said not only do high-profile mergers cut into competition in the farm economy, they place keys to evolving technologies in the hands of fewer and fewer players.

"The outcome would be a smaller share of the revenue from production going to the producer," Harl said Tuesday.

Harl, contacted by telephone, was among those testifying at a special hearing called by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, to discuss a trend toward increasing concentration in many sectors of the farm economy.

Farmers complain of being crushed by market-manipulating corporations. They argue that U.S. Agriculture and Justice Department officials give lip service to preventing monopolies but continue to approve mergers.

"The Justice Department has been blowing a lot of smoke the last six or seven years," said farmer Larry Ginther of Marshall County in central Iowa.

The Justice Department's top antitrust attorney, Joel Klein, said his agency is trying to be responsive.

"Your issues are front and center at the Department of Justice," said Klein, who spearheaded the government's antitrust case against Microsoft. "You have to analyze each merger to see whether it is helpful or harmful. If we start to overreact, we are going to do more harm than good."

Mike Dunn, U.S. Department of Agriculture undersecretary for marketing and regulatory programs, said his agency is pushing Congress for laws forcing meat packers to disclose prices they are paying for animals.

"There has to be real teeth in the law," Dunn said.

Dunn argued that the USDA pushes hard to enforce the Packers and Stockyards Act, which oversees the meat industry but lacks the authority to regulate prices strictly.

"We do not have blanket authority to declare something unfair," Dunn said.

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 793 head of cattle for the Thursday, Sept. 2, sale. Cows were steady $2 cheaper. Yearlings and calves were steady. Trading and demand were good.

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Canner and low cutters: 28 to 34
Slaughter bulls: 45-51
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 90-110
400-500: 82-95
500-600: 75-84
600-700: 75-84
700-800: 70-76
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 83-100
400-500: 75-87
500-600: 73-78.50
600-700: 72-75
700-800: 65-73.50
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 75-83
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Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

DID YOU KNOW?

Dial gauges on pressure canners need to be checked for accuracy each year? To do so, take it to your local cooperative Extension service office. Replace the gauge if it reads more than 1 pound off the settings of 5, 10, or 15 pounds of pressure. This is important because low readings cause over-processing.

If your pressure canner is a weighted gauge model, it does not need to be checked for accuracy.

Storage

Store jars in a clean, cool, dark and dry place. Do not store canned foods in warm or hot places, such as near hot pipes, a range, in the sunlight, etc.

Before using any canned food, look at the lid and the food inside. Discard food if:

*The jar's lid is bulging, unsealed or a sign of a leak remains;
*You see rising bubbles or the food is an unnatural color;
*You see cotton-like mold, of any color, growing on the top surface of the underside of the lid.

Drying

Some foods are not recommended for home drying:

*Milk
*Eggs
*Fish
*Poultry

Just remember, drying doesn't sterilize food. All it does is take out enough water from a food so that:

*Micro-organism don't grow and multiply during storage; and
*Enzymes that ripen the food naturally are prevented from doing so.

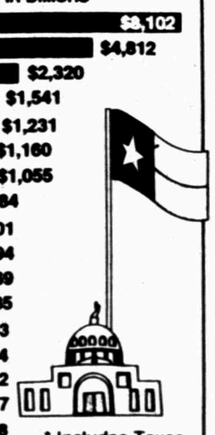
Meat dried in an oven or delayed is called jerky after the Spanish word for this food, charqui. Several different types of lean beef can be used to make jerky. Raw turkey or chicken is not recommended because drying does not destroy the food poisoning bacteria, salmonella. Jerky can be stored at room temperature for one or two months, or longer if stored in the refrigerator or freezer.

Keeping an eye on Texas

If Texas were a nation...

The total value of goods and services produced in Texas in 1997 was $601 billion, which ranks the state 9th when compared with the Gross National Product of countries throughout the world.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; (www.window.state.tx.us), The World Bank Atlas and U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.



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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Independent oil producers appeal anti-dumping ruling

DALLAS (AP) — A band of independent oil producers will continue its battle against what it considers unfair competition from four oil-producing nations.

The group, called Save Domestic Oil, filed an appeal Tuesday with the U.S. Court of International Trade to overturn overturn a Commerce Department decision purported to favor Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Venezuela and Iraq.

After oil prices collapsed in late 1998 and early 1999, the domestic producers accused the four countries of selling oil in the U.S. at below the cost of producing it.

The Commerce Department rejected their complaint Aug. 9, saying more domestic producers opposed the petition than supported it. However, the department never ruled on the merits of the producers' charge.

Major companies, including Exxon, opposed the petition. They charged tariffs against foreign oil would hurt U.S. consumers.

Leaders of Save Domestic Oil have portrayed theirs as a David-against-Goliath struggle.



RECEIVES VESTAL AWARD — Mayor Dayton Robertson presented retired educator Ollie Peek the Vestal Award, also known as the Mayor's Award, prior to the city council meeting Tuesday evening. Peek was unable to attend the Snyder Chamber of Commerce banquet last week to receive his honor. (SDN Staff Photo)

Obituaries

Sharon Allen

1947-1999

GALVESTON — Sharon K. Allen of Houston, a former resident of Snyder, died Monday, Sept. 6, in Hermann Hospital in Houston.

A memorial service for Mrs. Allen, 51, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the J. Levy & Bro. Funeral Home Chapel with Allen Isbell officiating.

Mrs. Allen was born Oct. 4, 1947 in Breckenridge to James and Helen Harlan. She graduated from Perryton High School and attended nursing school in Midland. Mrs. Allen worked at Cogdell Memorial during the late 1980s.

She married Dr. Stanley David Allen on July 15, 1989 in Snyder and they moved to Lubbock, then Kentucky and later to Galveston. She practiced as a trauma nurse at TUMB until she retired in 1996. She served as a director of the Health Equipment Recycling Coalition in Galveston and she was a member of the Eastern Star.

Her parents; her sister, Caroline Whilfill; and her brother, Larry Gene Harlan; preceded Mrs. Allen in death.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. Stanley Allen of Galveston; three daughters, Candace Cooper of Abilene, Jennifer Hon of Shallowater and Lauri Allen of Lubbock; two sons, Richard Groves of Dalhart and Alan Craven of Vega; two brothers, John Harlan of Pampa and Robert Harlan of Pfluegerville; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to HERC of the Greater Galveston Area, 2622 Street, Galveston, 77550.

Maude Robinson

1901-1999

LAMESA — Funeral service for Maude Hileman Robinson of Plainview, sister of Jack Green who recently moved to Lubbock from Snyder, is set for 11 a.m. Thursday at Branon Funeral Home Chapel in Lamesa. Great nephews, Rick Howell of Dallas, Tim Minnix of Lubbock and Joe Coffman of Midland, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park.

Mrs. Robinson, 98, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, in Prairie House Living Center.

Born on June 12, 1901 in Brown County, she married Ross W. Hileman in 1928. They farmed in Dawson County for many years. He died in 1956.

She later married M.E. Robinson, who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Robinson had resided at Prairie House Living Center in Plainview for four years, moving from Lamesa. She was a lifelong member of the Baptist Church and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Other survivors include several nieces and nephews, and numerous great-and great-great-nieces and –nephews.

The family suggests memorial to the Prairie House Living Center, 1301 Mesa Drive, Plainview, 79072.

Personal, Professional Service

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Law enforcement busy with city accidents, plus 3 arrests

Three subjects were taken into custody Tuesday, including one on a felony charge.

Deputies arrested 49-year-old Mary Lou Chavez of 2013 Avenue Z at 8:32 p.m. on a Tom Green County warrant for felony driving while intoxicated.

Officers took a 36-year-old male into custody at 7:56 a.m. at Skinny's on Coliseum Drive for public intoxication.

A 49-year-old female was arrested at 2:42 p.m. in the 2400 block of College for driving while license suspended.

Two offense reports for theft were filed Monday.

A clerk at Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $13.50 at 1:19 p.m. An offense report for Class C theft was filed.

Donna Early reported an incident of theft by check at 1:52 p.m.

Officers also worked four accidents Tuesday.

A two-vehicle mishap occurred at 2:10 p.m. in the 2400 block of College. Involved were a 1991 Ford Taurus driven by 49-year-old Margarita Castillo of 901 24th Street and a 1999 Ford Escort driven by 35-year-old Jill Brown Boren of 4011 Avondale.

At 3:10 p.m., officers worked a second accident in the 2400 block of College Avenue involving a 1991 Chevrolet 1500 pickup driven by Jason Kyle Kerby, 20, of Bovina and a 1993 Honda Accord driven by Janet Lee Sojourner, 56, of 1800 39th Street.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 3:44 p.m. in the 2900 block of 35th Street. Involved were a 1976 Ford Explorer driven by David Brian Long, 16, of 3613 40th Street and a 1994 Honda Accord driven by Randy Todd Lewis, 40, of 3005 35th Street.

Officers investigated a two-vehicle mishap at 6:55 p.m. involving a 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Vered Shlezinger, 21, of 3741 Highland and a 1993 Ford Escort Wagon driven by Charity Elaine Willson, 40, of 2312 30th Street. The accident occurred in the 1900 block of 25th Street.

An offense report for hit and run was filed at the Sonic at 11:41 p.m. in reference to a damaged fence at the restaurant.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire at Davenport Auto Clinic at 8:34 a.m. The vehicle was a 1985 Ford and the fire was contained to under the hood.

No other information was available this morning.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 7-Amber Martinez and Quincy Meadows.

DISMISSALS: Russell Carrol, Sabrina Graham, D.L. Hammit, Vanice Lovett, Opal Minton, Billy Rawlings and Anice Wallace.

CENSUS: 36 (Med./Surg.-10, Long-term Care-25, OB-1)

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

SHS yearbooks arrive

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

Workforce reception

A reception honoring Dave Hanes, director of Workforce Education at WTC, and Terry Stephens, extension workforce coordinator, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, in the Development Corporation of Snyder offices at American State Bank. The reception is sponsored by the City of Snyder, chamber of commerce, Scurry County and the DCOS.

United Way kickoff

The Scurry County United Way will have a kickoff luncheon at noon Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Snyder Lions Club

The Snyder Lions Club did not meet Tuesday but instead will attend the United Way kickoff luncheon Thursday at noon at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Support groups

The Support Group Ministry of First Baptist Church's regular meeting will be a kick-off social (Dutch treat) Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Spanish Inn. Anyone interested in cancer, grief or divorce support groups is encouraged to attend this special time of fun and fellowship. Please R.S.V.P. by today by calling 573-1822 and asking for Brenda or Dee. Nursery will be provided at the First Baptist Church.

Northeast parent council

The Northeast parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium. All parents are welcome.

Swimnastics for seniors

Swimnastic classes for Senior Citizens begin Thursday at WTC. Classes will be held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information call 573-4035.

50-Year Masonic award

Three local Masons will be presented a 50-year service award at 5 p.m. Saturday. All Masons and friends are invited.

Weigh-Down workshop

Weigh Down is a Bible-based weight-loss program. First class begins Monday and cost is $103 for 12 weeks. For more information, call 573-7044 or 573-3988.

WTC continuing education

Basic Internet will be taught on consecutive Mondays and Thursdays starting Monday. Time is 7-9 p.m. Windows 98 will be taught on the same days from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Each class is $30 and pre-registration is required by calling 573-8511, ext 390.

Ira annuals for sale

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

GED classes

GED classes will start Sept. 21 in library room 209 at Western Texas College. Both English as a second language and GED classes will be offered.

At the pole

See You At The Pole will be next Wednesday at 8:09 a.m. at the flagpole on the courthouse lawn.

Conversational Spanish

A course in conversational Spanish will be taught at Western Texas College on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. beginning Sept. 16. The cost is $50 and pre-registration is required. Call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Fajita supper

A fajita supper to benefit SHS Spanish Club students will be held from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, in the St. Elizabeth's Church Hall. Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from any club member or by calling 574-6012.

Millennium T-Shirts

East Elementary has student millennium T-Shirts for sale and the last day to place an order is Sept. 17. Youth sizes are $7, adult sizes are $8 and XX and XXX sizes are $10. Call Christy Smith at the school at 573-1769.

Scurry County Fair entries needed

Agriculture, barnyard and men's division entries should call 573-3026. All other booths, or entries should call 573-3558. The fair will be Sept. 16-18 in the Scurry County Coliseum. All entries are needed by Sept. 15 for all divisions and categories.

AARP meetings

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

Quilting Club

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

Garage sale items needed

Snyder Healthcare is accepting donations for a garage sale benefiting pet cats and birds. The date of the sale will be announced later. Call 573-6332 for additional information.

Pick 3

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

8-0-6

(eight, zero, six)

Cash Five

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

1-12-27-29-33

(one, twelve, twenty-seven, twenty-nine, thirty-three)

New Jersey troopers indicted in 1998 shooting on turnpike

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Two white state troopers were indicted on attempted murder charges Tuesday for shooting three black and Hispanic men on the New Jersey Turnpike — one of a series of cases that have stirred a nationwide debate over racial profiling by police.

John Hogan, 29, and James Kenna, 28, could get up to 40 years in prison if convicted on the state charges.

The troopers are accused of firing 11 shots into a van containing four young men on their way to a basketball tryout in North Carolina in 1998. Two black men and a Hispanic man were wounded, and they have filed civil rights and injury lawsuits against the troopers and the state.

Hogan and Kenna have said that they stopped the van because the driver was speeding, and that they opened fire because the van was backing up to hit them.

Hogan's lawyer, Robert L. Galantucci, said Hogan was struck by the van on a dark stretch of highway and only had seconds to respond. He called the indictment "politically motivated."

A message left for Kenna's lawyer was not returned.

The shooting triggered protests and internal investigations that embroiled the New Jersey State Police in the controversy over racial profiling, or the practice of stopping motorists on the basis of race.

Earlier this year, Gov. Christie Whitman fired the State Police superintendent after he said minorities were responsible for most of the state's cocaine and marijuana traffic.

In June, President Clinton issued an executive order calling on federal law enforcement agencies to collect race and gender data in all stops and arrests. Police in several places, including North Carolina, Houston, San Diego and San Jose, Calif., have taken similar measures.

In April, Hogan and Kenna were indicted on charges of falsifying traffic-stop reports to conceal the fact they were stopping a lot of black drivers.

The following day, the attorney general's office issued a report confirming that traffic stop-and-search patterns provided evidence of racially discriminatory practices by the State Police.

Lawyers for Hogan and Kenna claimed then that the charges were paperwork mistakes and that the troopers were being used as scapegoats in the debate over racial profiling. The troopers, who are suspended from the force, have pleaded innocent to the misconduct charges.

The union representing New Jersey's state troopers issued a statement calling Tuesday's indictment "outrageous and beyond belief."

"Today a stake was driven through the hearts of many men and women troopers who put their lives on the line every day to protect the citizens of this state," said Ed Lennon, president of the State Troopers Fraternal Association of New Jersey.

Johnnie Cochran, an attorney representing the men who were shot, said he was "ecstatic" about the indictment.

Car hits pedestrians in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A car jumped the sidewalk Tuesday and plowed into a crowd of people waiting for a medical screening outside a welfare office, injuring 15 people, one critically.

Driver Christina Williams, 44, told investigators she accidentally hit the gas pedal instead of the brake and lost control of the car, California Highway Patrol Officer John Tye said.

Witnesses said the car was moving at 10 to 15 mph, Tye said. One person was hospitalized in critical condition, and others, Williams included, suffered minor to moderate injuries, he said.

Williams declined to take a field sobriety test and was not arrested. Tye said investigators found what appeared to be a crack pipe in the car. Blood tests will be performed.

Critics: Cisneros plea shows that IC statute didn't work

WASHINGTON (AP) — Critics say that former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros' misdemeanor conviction resulting from a four-year, $9 million-plus investigation is further proof that the independent counsel statute hasn't worked in its current form.

Cisneros, who had been indicted on 18 felony counts of conspiracy, obstruction and lying to the FBI, pleaded guilty Tuesday to a single misdemeanor count of lying to the FBI. Under the plea arrangement with Independent Counsel David Barrett, which came as jury selection was set to begin, Cisneros immediately paid a $10,000 fine but faces no jail time or probation.

"This was an investigation looking for a crime, and the outcome is a pathetic commentary on Independent Counsel David Barrett's judgment in pursuing this matter," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., an author of the post-Watergate independent counsel statute that expired June 30.

Added Levin, who has introduced legislation that would significantly reshape the 1978 law, "Mr. Barrett owes an explanation to the public for this fiasco where an 18-count felony indictment dissolved into one 'mousedemeanor.'"

Former federal prosecutor E. Lawrence Barcella Jr., who is now a Washington defense lawyer, was equally critical.

"The first victim of any independent counsel investigation is perspective," Barcella said. "You take otherwise well-trained lawyers, you focus them on one person and one alleged crime and the crime takes on proportions far out of line to what it ought to — and so does the target."

"This is a classic example where a regular U.S. attorney with a full caseload would have been able to evaluate this case in a matter of weeks and see what it was worth," Barcella said. "It was only ever worth not much more than a misdemeanor."

Cisneros was indicted in December 1997 — along with ex-lover Linda Jones and two aides — in a 21-count indictment charging that the four conspired during his consideration for a Clinton Cabinet post to conceal from the FBI the scope of his financial support for Ms. Jones after their extramarital affair ended. All four pleaded innocent.

Appearing in court Tuesday, Cisneros admitted he falsely told the FBI that he had never paid Ms. Jones more than $2,500 monthly. He gave her more than $250,000 between 1989 and 1994, prosecutors said.

"I accept responsibility for the conduct as outlined," the former San Antonio mayor said, later releasing a prepared statement in which he added, "I regret my lack of candor."

Barrett declined to discuss the prosecution with reporters. But in a statement, he took pains to justify his investigation's outcome.

"This disposition should in no way be viewed as minimizing the serious ethical breach by Mr. Cisneros," Barrett said. "However, a just disposition of any prosecution must include an evaluation of the defendant's overall conduct. In this case, the conduct, while egregious, was committed by a person whose life has been otherwise dedicated to public service, and this fact must season the final decision."

The presiding judge, U.S. Stanley Sporkin, defended Barrett's work.

"I know there will be some second-guessing about this plea," he said. "There will be some who will say that the sanction is not tough enough and others who will say here is more evidence of the Independent Counsel Act as not serving the public interest."

But "we cannot permit an individual to lie his way into high public office," Sporkin said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 09-08-99
♠ A 9 8 6
♥ 10 6 2
♦ A 5 2
♣ J 8 6

West
♠ J 3
♥ K Q 7
♦ 9 7 4 3
♣ K Q 10 3

East
♠ 10 4 2
♥ A J 5 4
♦ 10 8 6
♣ 5 4 2

South
♠ K Q 7 5
♥ 9 8 3
♦ K Q J
♣ A 9 7

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

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

Opening lead: ♣ K

Robert Smith Surtees claimed, "There is no secret so close as that between..." — what?

Ask any expert how he — or she, of course — would like to make a contract, and the answer will probably be with either a superb technical line of play, or a deception. If you tallied the results, I think the latter would win.

Can you spot a deceptive line of play in this deal? You are in three no-trump; West leads the club king.

North, the colorful Frenchman Pierre Schemiel, didn't use Stayman, because of his 4-3-3-3 distribution. Yet his jump to three no-trump, opposite 15-17 points, was aggressive. He upgraded because of his pair of aces.

The deal occurred during the 1976 European Pairs Championship. Several declarers won the first trick with the club ace, then returned a club to establish dummy's jack for the ninth trick. However, it wasn't difficult for West to switch to the heart king, defeating the contract.

Albert Faigenbaum, who won the 1982 Rosenblum World Team Championship, did much better. Under West's club king, he played the nine!

Now look at matters from West's point of view. True, partner had dropped the club two, discouraging. But if he had started with the doubleton ace-two, he would have had no choice, given dummy's jack-third. And if South had the club ace, surely he would have won the first trick to guarantee two club tricks. So, West continued with the club three. Faigenbaum won with dummy's jack and soon had nine tricks: four spades, three diamonds and two clubs.

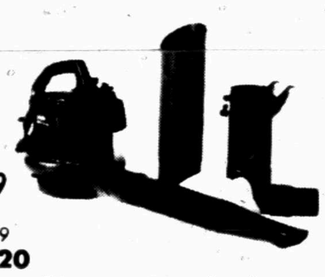
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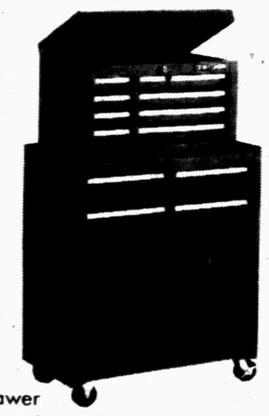
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