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Home Of Charles Alvarez

'Stay focused' says speaker

Jason Dorsey, a young businessman and author, told three auditoriums filled with students at Western Texas College Wednesday not to blame the lack of money, their school or its teachers, but their own IQ for not becoming successful in life.

He told the students to stay focused on school and use the intelligence they had been given.

As he spoke, he had all students write down an outline for planning their lives.

Dorsey, 21, and the owner of five businesses, spoke to teens from Loraine, Colorado City, Ira, Hamlin, Jayton, Borden County and Snyder.

Dorsey is the author of "Graduate to Your Perfect Job" and co-author of "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul."

He speaks to some 125,000 youth and corporate executives annually,

Dorsey, a student at the University of Texas, wrote the first edition of his book when he was only 18 and the book is now used in career planning in schools across the United States.

Each student at the seminars Wednesday received an autographed copy of his latest book.



MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER — Jayson Dorsey, 21-year-old college student, author and motivational speaker, talked to seventh and eighth graders in the area Wednesday at WTC. He is also author of "Graduate to Your Perfect Job" and co-author of "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul." (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

12th CROP Walk Sunday

Snyder's 12th CROP Walk is slated Sunday. The annual event is sponsored by the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance.

Walkers will gather on the south court house lawn at the gazebo at 2 p.m. and the walk will proceed to Tiger Stadium at 2:15 p.m. Walkers will head down College Ave. south, into Towle Park and will be escorted by a Snyder Police Department officer.

All congregations and denominations in Scurry County are invited to participate.

One-fourth of all money raised will remain in the county and be used to support the Food Cupboard.

This past year, the Cupboard gave food to about 12,000 individuals, almost the total population of Snyder.

The other money raised by the walkers will go either to the various denominational food programs or directly to Church World Service which is involved in food and disaster relief ministries throughout the world.

Serving as co-chairmen of this year's event are Dr. Tim Griffin, pastor of First Christian Church, and Fr. Gerald Lathem, pastor of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Snyder and St. John Catholic Church in Hermleigh.

According to Dr. Griffin, Church World Service's hotline indicates that CWS (CROP) is sending money and supplies to Turkey, Taiwan, East Timor and North Carolina.

Both Turkey and Taiwan have suffered devastating earthquakes, and North Carolina has been severely flooded.

CWS is also helping East Timor, which has experienced severe political disruption. Three-hundred-thousand people have fled to neighboring West Timor following Indonesia's response to East Timor's bid for independence.

CWS is actively helping to settle these refugees.

Hospital board vents frustration at county

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

This morning's Cogdell Memorial Hospital board meeting was routine for most of its 90-minute duration, but the last 15 minutes was anything but routine.

Action by the Scurry County Commissioners Court last month to lower the hospital's revenues in 2000 by a total of $150,000 came under heavy fire from the Cogdell board.

As the session was winding down, board member J. B. Tate Jr. voiced his disapproval of the action by the commissioners court to reduce the hospital's subsidy coming from local tax dollars for 2000 from $395,000 to $100,000.

Dr. Mark Weaver asked County Judge Ricky Fritz if the commissioners court would reconsider the amount the hospital is to receive, stating that it appeared that the court had diverted state tobacco lawsuit settlement money to other county projects. Of $165,000, received from the tobacco settlement, County Auditor Eddie McHaney said the commissioners court earmarked $145,000 to Cogdell Hospital.

"What other county function was cut 75 percent," questioned Dr. Weaver.

Fritz said this year's budget had been approved and certified, and could not be changed.

Tate said he felt all the tobacco settlement money should have gone to the hospital to be used for health care.

"I have a real problem with what the court did," said Tate. "You're sending a signal to prospective doctors that the county does not support the hospital. It's going to end up just like the county community centers".

The discussion then switched from tobacco settlement money to the 1.5 percent raise awarded to all county employees, including hospital employees.

"The overall budget of the county is approved by the commissioners court," board president Jim Bob Cave said in directing his statement to Fritz. "In our budget, we proposed a 3.5 percent merit raise plan. Now the commissioners approved our budget (with the 3.5 percent merit raises)...now you say the hospital can only give a 1.5 percent raise...what are we supposed to do?"

Fritz said he has agreed to get an attorney general's opinion on that question. "We will live with that opinion," Fritz said.

Cave, who became visibly agitated, said he felt once the hospital's subsidy had been cut by the court, it would not be put back in.

"And for the county to tell us how to manage our employees, that is totally unacceptable," Cave added.

"We had to read in the paper that we had been overruled by the commissioners," added Tate. "There are professional people out here who are different than those that run road graders."

"We felt we had been stabbed in the back. If we had been told (about the cut in raises)...we could have accepted it, and said that is the way it is this year. This was not handled well," said Cave.

In action items this morning, the board gave hospital CEO Jeff Reecer permission to make a decision on purchasing new teleradiology equipment, and accepted a bid on an operating table for $25,000.

On a split vote, the board voted to absorb $38,904 in increased health care costs for employees. Cave said he would have liked to have heard more discussion on different options and would have voted for one that did not cost the hospital quite as much.

"That's why I voted against it," said Cave.

The board also approved the monthly financial report.

Cave presided at the meeting and board members present included Weaver, Tate, Stanley Martin, Dr. Weaver and E.D. Walton. Dink Foree was absent.



Blood drive moves to WTC on Friday

The blood drive hosted by the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the Scurry County Advisory Council for United Blood Services continues Friday at Western Texas College.

Staff, faculty and students can donate blood in the student center from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The community drive was held earlier at the First Baptist Church Family Life Building, Cogdell Hospital and the Price Daniel Unit.

T-shirts will be given and donors can win food coupons at many local food establishments.

Festival time starts Friday at coliseum

Thirty-five vendors have reserved booths for the White Buffalo Festival set for Friday and Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Booths will open at 6 p.m. Friday and again on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Merchandise to be offered include ceramics, trading cards, clothing, jewelry, candles, wood work and various other items – including food.

Booths will be set up both inside and outside the coliseum.

A ranch rodeo is planned for 7 p.m. Friday as activities get underway for the annual event.

A dance will be held following the rodeo at the arena on Gary Brewer Road.

On Saturday, a ranch horse show will kick off activities at 9 a.m. in the coliseum while team roping will get underway at the rodeo grounds at 10 o'clock.

The festival's parade will begin at 10 a.m. also with participants meeting at 9 a.m. in Winston Park at 37th Street and Avenue M.

The parade route will follow 37th Street east to the coliseum grounds.

The quilt show will open at 10 a.m. in the Dermott School. The show replaces the book signing by Bill O'Neal which was cancelled due to illness in O'Neal's family. O'Neal is the author of *The Bloody Legacy of Pink Higgins.* Copies of the book are available at The Snyder Daily News.

Entertainment under the big tent on the grounds of the coliseum will get underway at 11 a.m. and will include cowboy songs, cowboy poetry and a fiddle contest.

Commemorative White Buffalo T-shirts will be available at $10 each at the chuck wagon adjacent to the entertainment tent.

The rodeo Saturday evening is set for 7 o'clock and Cowjazz will perform for a dance at 8 p.m. in the entertainment tent.

Scott Gassiot's sentencing set

Scott Gassiot, former vice president and cashier of Snyder National Bank, is scheduled to be sentenced in Lubbock's Federal District Court at 8:30 a.m. Friday.

Gassiot pleaded guilty in August of stealing more than $400,000 from the bank over a five-year period, from Jan. 1, 1994 through March 8, 1999.

The former bank officer was indicted by a federal grand jury in March for taking $427,689.50 in cash from the bank's vault.

Gassiot, who resides in Colorado City, purchased two pieces of rental property in that city with what officials believed to be stolen funds and the indictment included a forfeiture clause in which the property is to be sold with proceeds returning to the bank.

Gassiot, 38, has been free on a personal recognizance bond since the indictment was returned.

Embezzlement by a bank official carries a maximum prison term of 30 years and a fine up to $1 million. U.S. Attorney Steve Sucsy has said probation is not possible in the case because the offense is a Class B felony.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you can smile when things go wrong, you must be a repairman."

Talking about things going wrong. These oddities were passed along. We attest that they are interesting, but would hate to be required to vouch for complete accuracy.

The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska was $80,000.

At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively-saved animals were sent back into the wild amid cheers of applause from onlookers. A minute later, they were both eaten by a killer whale.

A psychology student in New York rented out a spare room to a carpenter in order to nag him constantly and study his reactions.

After weeks of needling, he snapped and beat her repeatedly with an ax.

A man in Los Angeles made an attempt to set a world flagpole-sitting record.

Suffering from the flu, he came down eight hours short of the 400-day record. His sponsor had gone bust, his girlfriend had deserted him and his phone and electricity had been shut off.

Another woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen, shaking frantically with what looked like a wire running from his waist toward an electric kettle.

Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood that was sitting by the back door, breaking her husband's arm in two places.

Until that moment, the happy hubby had been minding his own business and listening to his Walkman.

—Two animal rights protestors were demonstrating the cruelty of sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn, Germany.

Suddenly, the pigs, some two thousand of them, escaped through a broken fence and stampeded – trampling two of the hapless protesters.

Finally, the best. And we hope it's for real. An Iraqi terrorist didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with "return to sender" stamped on it.

Forgetting that it was a bomb, the terrorist opened it and was blown to bits.

A case of poetic justice:

Retired teacher Wallace Combest was visiting his daughter in McKinney the weekend following a bomb threat at McKinney High School.

According the school's Zero Tolerance policy, officials evacuated the building and sent 2,500 students and staffers to a nearby park and athletic field.

When students were allowed to return to the building, they had to make up the lost time. Parents and buses had to wait long after 4 p.m. for classes to be dismissed.

Tax statements will be delayed

Tax statements for four taxing entities in the county will be mailed later than usual this year, Rona Sikes, Scurry County tax collector/assessor announced today.

Sikes said due to computer programming problems, tax statements for Scurry County, Western Texas College, City of Snyder and Snyder ISD will not be mailed until around Oct. 15.

Payments cannot be taken until this time, Sikes added.

ASK US

Q—Has Tommy Gene Nevil, the escapee from Dickens County Correctional Center, who abandoned his escape vehicle in Snyder been located?
A—No.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 69 degrees; low, 43; 7 a.m. Thursday, 44; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.14 inches.
Area Forecast: Tonight and Friday, fair. Low 45-50. High, in the mid 80s.



Jeramy Lindsey
Fair

Sunset:
7:30 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:37 a.m.
Of 272 days in 1999, the sun has shone 265 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Nurture the dreams that inspire you to go beyond your limits.

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Farmers' premiums would drop under House-passed bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers would pay less for crop insurance under a House-passed bill that would double the cost to taxpayers for the federally subsidized program.

The insurance now covers about 65 percent of the eligible acreage nationally. It primarily covers losses from storms and severe drought, but some policies can protect against sharp drops in commodity prices.

There is no consensus on the issue in the Senate, although bills similar to the House-passed legislation have been introduced.

Many farmers say the insurance is too expensive for the coverage they get.

The government now pays 13 percent to 57 percent of the premium, with farmers picking up the rest. Under the House bill, which was approved on a voice vote Wednesday, the government would pay from 31 percent to 67 percent, depending on the level of coverage.

That would push the cost of the program to about $3 billion a year.

"Farmers need the insurance, but if they can't afford it if they're not going to use it," said Rep. Leonard Boswell, D-Iowa. "This will be a big step, an incentive to get this going."

But Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Agriculture Committee, prefers cash incentives so farmers can reduce their financial risk, whether by buying insurance, paying down debt, increasing their savings or selling crops under contract.

Lugar's committee is expected to have a hearing on the issue next month.

With the agricultural economy in a recession, Congress has been searching for ways to provide farmers with a safety net while preserving the market-oriented features of the 1996 farm law that did away with a Depression-era system of price supports. Lawmakers are working on a package of farm aid approaching $9 billion.



REHEARSAL — Snyder High School's Choral Department has been busy rehearsing "Hello Dolly" which will be presented Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium. Reserve tickets are $7 each and may be purchased at the high school office. General admission tickets cost $4 each and may be purchased at the door. Cast members practicing a scene from the musical are from left,. Lance Beaver, Michael Comptom and Bobby Sands. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Lycos introduces safe-haven Web site

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the Internet's most popular Web sites has opened a new virtual playground, one of a growing number of kid-friendly destinations aimed at reassuring parents anxious about their children roaming the Internet's seedier neighborhoods.

Lycos Inc. of Waltham, Mass., said it created www.lycoszone.com as a protected environment for children online. Except for its advertisements, all the links lead to other Web pages within the site.

The site, unveiled Wednesday, is among dozens of so-called green spaces being constructed as safe havens for children whose parents are worried about inadvertent exposure to pornography and other unsavory material found on the Internet alongside its educational and entertainment content.

"You can log in, spend all your online experience as a child in Lycos Zone, and as a parent you can feel pretty good," said Chief Executive Officer Robert J. Davis, who acknowledged that the Internet was "a medium I'm not comfortable having my children do without guidance."

Davis noted that other industries also offer ostensibly protected realms for children, such as the Nickelodeon cable television station and "Sports Illustrated for Kids," the spinoff of the popular sports magazine.

"You can predict with a pretty good degree of accuracy what you'll see there," Davis said. "We're trying to do the same thing for kids online. We're recognizing there's a new and future audience out there. Someday the kids who are 8 and 10 and using this product will be 22 years old."

Lycos, with $135.5 million in sales last year, is one of the Web's popular "portal" sites offering collections of news, entertainment, stock quotes and more. It was the fifth most popular site on the Internet with more than 2.4 million visitors daily, according to figures this month from Media Metrix Inc., an online ratings service.

Other kid-friendly sites include Yahoo!'s "Yahooligans," The Walt Disney Co.'s "Fun for Families," Netscape's "KidZone" and Headbone Interactive's "Headbone Zone."

More Web sites with content geared toward children are listed on a site the online industry organized earlier this year, www.getnetwise.org.

"This is a solution that's good for certain types of families and educators, and it can help parents understand how to let their kids use the Net in a safer way," said Ari Schwartz, a spokesman for the Washington-based Center for Democracy and Technology. The group helped organize the "Get Net Wise" site.

But Lycos' reliance on online advertising aimed at kids drew criticism about the site from the Center for Media Education, which successfully lobbied last year for a new federal law that prohibits Web sites from collecting information from children without parental permission.

"The idea that at the end of the day, we have to hide children inside gated communities to protect them is not the best way to ensure that online media serve the needs of children," said Jeff Chester, the group's executive director.



TV WINNERS — Mike and Erlinda Portillo were the winners of a television given away by the Snyder Fire Department during the Scurry County Fair. Pictured are Erlinda and children Michael and Mary Ann, Bobby Hataway and Tommy Guynes, both with the fire department. (Contributed Photo)

Though not in race, Ventura has idea how to win election

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — As governor of Minnesota, Jesse Venturwever, he said if he did decide to run, he would wait until summer to enter the race.

"I would let Gore and Bush hang each other with all the rope they have, to the point where the public couldn't stand either of them. Their disapproval ratings would skyrocket," he said. "Then you enter the race three months before the election and take the whole thing."

As far as being governor: "It's good to be king. The best thing is that there's no one in this state who can tell me what to do."

And the worst: "You become a slave. I can't go anywhere without guards. You become a prisoner of your own success."

The interview was conducted over three days this summer with contributing editor Lawrence Grobel. It appears in the magazine's November issue, which hits newsstands Monday. The Associated Press obtained an advance copy.

On other topics, the governor called for the regulation of drugs and the creation of "places where the addict can go get it." He also said he had smoked marijuana.

Ventura also blamed organized religion for the unpopularity of legalized prostitution, which he has said should be considered.

"Organized religion is a sham and a crutch for weak-minded people who need strength in numbers," he said. Southeast Asia in the early 1970s, said he couldn't condone the Navy's Tailhook scandal but he understood it. Female officers were groped and fondled by aviators attending parties during a three-day conference at a Las Vegas hotel in 1991.

"These are people who live on the razor's edge and defy death and do things where people die. They're not going to consider grabbing a woman's breast or buttock a major situation," he said. "That's much ado about nothing."

Grobel suggested Tailhook wasn't trivial to the women who were grabbed.

"So? You have to create these people for your own protection," Ventura said.

Regarding Kennedy, Ventura said he believes assassins were hired. Playboy asked who hired them.

Scurry County can apply for share of state tax breaks

Scurry County is one of 115 Texas counties which can apply for a share of state tax breaks as a result of legislation passed this summer by the Texas Legislature.

The franchise tax credits include a research credit, a job creation credit and an investment credit.

These incentives will become available to most taxpayers beginning in 2001.

The credits are available for tax reports due on or after Jan. 1, and are for research conducted, jobs created or investments after that date, said state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

The law will be a tool in recruiting businesses to Scurry County as companies that create jobs may qualify for a job credit equal to 25 percent of the wages paid to new hires in their first year of employment.

To qualify, a corporation must create at least 10 jobs, pay at least 110 percent of the county's average weekly wage, pay health benefits and be engaged in manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale distribution, computer services or research services.

Corporations that invest at least $500,000 in machinery and equipment can qualify for a franchise tax credit equal to 7.5 percent of that investment.

Businesses in Scurry County can apply for the maximum tax benefits due to the unemployment rate and per-capita income.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 1, 1999

What you accomplish in the year ahead might be due in part to the efforts of others working on your behalf. Along with them, you'll be able to fulfill several ambitious objectives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The possibilities for achieving your objectives are exceptionally good today because Lady Luck might open a few doors for you. However, continued success will be dependent upon you. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send 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) Stick to your target today and don't get blown off course. If you are realistic about your goals and don't aim above or below your mark, you'll hit the bull's-eye.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Remember a deal isn't closed until it's signed, sealed and delivered. If you find yourself in the midst of something quite large, stay the course and don't take anything for granted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It takes effort to win the big rewards that are offered to you today, so if you're only willing to use the avenues of least resistance, not much will be accomplished by day's end.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You may have something going for you today, but don't feel it is necessary to drag along people who are unable to keep pace. The slowpokes could stop your gains.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Because of the wonderful way you relate to people, an opportunity of significance could come your way today. Just be careful not to bring anyone in who wasn't invited.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) How you conclude matters today might turn out to be far more important than how they came about. Don't allow lucky breaks go by the boards because you didn't follow through.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even if what you do for others today is done with the greatest intentions of good will, you need to take heed of your methods so that they don't offend someone in the process.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Getting invited into a prestigious or restricted group could be a feather in your hat today. However, once accepted, avoid feeling obligated into spending money you can't afford.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's your nature to want to gather all your loved ones about you and be protective of them, but don't get drawn into a problem one of the clan took upon him or herself and let it spoil your day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You could get invited into some endeavor today where its success depends upon secrecy. But you must take care not to share the info with any outsider, because the whole thing could collapse.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's a good chance you might meet someone new today who could prove quite lucky for you. However, don't feel you have to spend lots of money to impress this person. Just be yourself.

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Jet strikes big birds

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Southwest Airlines flight to Las Vegas was delayed about an hour Wednesday night after the jetliner ran into a flock of large birds and the pilot decided to return to the airport, officials said.

The Boeing 737 hit the birds about 8:20 p.m. as it was about 14 miles west of the city. The plane landed safely 20 minutes later with no injuries to the 77 passengers on board, officials said.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2
Bean Cook-Off - Judging at 12:00 Noon on Coliseum Grounds
9:00 a.m. - Ranch Horse Show at Coliseum
10:00 a.m. - Parade (Winston Park on 37th St. to Coliseum)
10:00 a.m. - Vendors Open
10:00 a.m. - White Buffalo Roping at Rodeo Grounds on Gary Brewer Road
10:00 a.m. - White Buffalo Draw-Double Horseshoe Pitching Tournament
10:00 a.m. - Quilt Show in Dermott School at Coliseum
11:00 a.m. - Entertainment Under the Tent at Coliseum
Fiddle Contest
Cowboy Songs and Poetry
Indian Dancing
Cloggers
7:00 p.m. - Ranch Rodeo at Coliseum
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BRIDAL SHOWER HELD — A shower honoring Angie Brewster, bride-elect of Dale Gideon, was held at 37th Street Church of Christ on Sept. 18. The couple will marry on Oct. 9 in the First Presbyterian Church in Snyder. Pictured from left are Shelly Brewster, sister-in-law of the bride; Nixie Gwuinn, the bride-elect's sister from Lubbock; Lois Brewster, her mother; the honoree of Lubbock; Norma Brandenburg, the prospective groom's mother from Westbrook; and in front, Kayli Brewster, niece of the future bride. (Contributed Photo)

Ugly oranges taste just as good

By MADELINE BARO DIAZ
Associated Press Writer

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Mysterious markings have shown up on some Rio Grande Valley oranges, making them less attractive. But those in the citrus industry say fruit with damaged peels tastes just as good.

"Someone remarked that it's such a pity that we are judged by the part of the fruit that they always throw away," said Rio Hondo gift basket shipper Violet Lang, who has not been affected by the recent batch of flawed fruit.

The harvest of early oranges in the Rio Grande Valley is under way and some of the N-33 Navel, Marrs and Everhard oranges have turned up with strange blemishes. The permanent spots, which cover up to 30 oil glands on the orange peel, are about half a centimeter large and are yellow to orange in color. The fruit is picked green, but the spots remain lighter as the oranges ripen.

Citrus Center entomologist Victor French estimates that less than 1 percent of Valley orchards have been affected.

"Not all orchards have it, by any means," French said. "It's not prevalent at all."

Although some of the markings have been blamed on herbicide damage, scientists at the Texas A&M-Kingsville Citrus Center in Weslaco are continuing to conduct tests on other possible causes.

Some of the suspects are weather and pests.

The dry spells in the Valley that have been broken by heavy downpours could be responsible.

Another potential culprit is the leaf-footed bug, which gets into fruit and causes raised mounds of gum just under the surface. French is exposing clean fruit to leaf-footed bugs to see if he can duplicate the damage.

Green stink bugs or a creature known as the false spider mite also might be responsible. French said false spider mites have usually affected Valley grapefruit in the past, and that the pests currently are damaging oranges in Brazil.

The fact that the cause is a mystery is not unusual.

"Some years there are pests we don't see and then the following year they're very prevalent," he said, adding that he expected the Valley's citrus crop this year to be a good one overall.

In any case, the mystery spots have not affected the taste, French said. Still, growers selling the fruit on the fresh fruit market need oranges that appeal to the eye as well as taste buds.

Mrs. Lang, who had not seen or heard of the recent batch of damaged citrus, said the fruit she and her husband ship in 2,000 gift baskets a year must be attractive. Damaged "number two" fruit is sold for lower prices to roadside peddlers or others.

Donald Thompson, president of Thompson Grove Care in Weslaco, owns about 100 acres of citrus and looks after an additional 700 or 800 acres for other growers. He said clean, undamaged fruit can go for $120 to $150 a ton in the fresh fruit market while peel-damaged fruit might bring only $50 a ton at a juice plant.

"The eye appeal is what everybody buys by, which is really sad," Thompson said. "We cull out a lot fruit that is just as good to eat as the other."

Cochran leaves show to practice personal injury

NEW YORK (AP) — Johnnie Cochran is giving up his daily show on Court TV to create one of the largest personal injury law firms in the country.

Cochran, best known for defending O.J. Simpson, announced Wednesday that he will merge his 33-lawyer Los Angeles-based firm with the lawyers of New York's Schneider, Kleinick, Weitz, Damashek & Shoot.

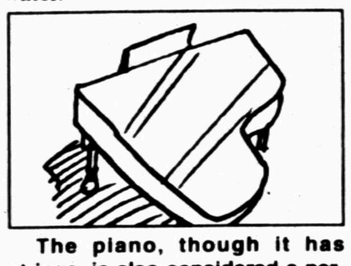
The new entity will be known as The Cochran Firm, Schneider, Kleinick, Weitz, Damashek & Shoot.

As a result, Cochran will give up his program on Court TV, "Johnnie Cochran Tonight."

Since helping to win a murder acquittal for Simpson, Cochran has worked on several high profile cases in New York, including those of police torture victim Abner Louima and fatal police shooting victim Amadou Diallo.

Cochran said he would continue to represent victims of police misconduct.

Schneider, Kleinick has won major verdicts for its clients in New York damage cases, including $100 million for a mother and child hit by a police car, and $104 million for two brothers paralyzed after driving off a pier into shallow water.



The piano, though it has strings, is also considered a percussion instrument.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

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FEEDBACK: When Christy Bobart of Northbrook, Ill., wrote us that she "saw a segment on the news about some college students who developed a recipe for chocolate chip cookies that were high in protein and low in fat; the main ingredient was beans," we didn't hold out a lot of hope for ever finding the recipe in question (the news segment didn't include it). Then, in the mail — wonder of wonders — came a letter from Debbie Steinman of DuBois, Pa. After reading our column, she went onto the Internet and found the recipe! And, by the way, the cookies have half the fat of a "normal" cookie, but taste just the same.

Donna's Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies
(makes 100 cookies)

1 cup canned northern white beans, drained and rinsed
4 eggs
1 cup shortening
1 1/2 cups brown sugar
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons vanilla
3 1/4 cups flour
2 cups quick oatmeal
12 ounces chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease two large cookie sheets.

In a food processor, blend drained beans and eggs until smooth. Set aside. In a large mixing bowl, cream shortening, brown sugar and sugar until light. Add beans and egg mixture. Beat until well mixed. Add salt, baking soda and vanilla. Mix well. Add flour and blend until smooth. Stir in oatmeal and chocolate chips.

Drop by teaspoons onto baking sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes, or just until the cookies start turning brown. Do not overbake. Remove cookies from baking sheet and cool on a wire rack. Place in plastic bags as soon as they are cool.

Nutritional information per cookie: 80 calories, 3 grams fat, 1 gram protein, 12 grams carbohydrates, 80 grams cholesterol, and 0.5 grams fiber.

Additional ideas for the beans: In any recipe for doughy (as opposed to cut-out or light, crisp) cookies, substitute beans for half the shortening called for in the recipe.

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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SAFE CHILD RECIPIENT — The Snyder Wal-Mart store presented the SISD After School Safe Child program with a $500 grant. The donation is part of the bonus involvement fund from the Wal-Mart Foundation. Rhonda Ward (right), coordinator, said the money would be used to replace puzzles, games, toys and other items destroyed by water from a faulty air conditioning unit. Assistant manager Debra Perez presented the check. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



CHURCH OF NAZARENE GETS GRANT — Johnnie Molinare of the First Church of the Nazarene, accepted a check for $735 from the Wal-Mart Foundation to help toward dissolving the mortgage. Assistant manager Debra Perez made the presentation at the Snyder store. In 1998, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. contributed more than $102 million to Children's Miracle Network, United Way and thousands of other local non-profit organizations in communities they serve. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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Sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.

—Lewis Carroll (Charles Dodgson)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 09-30-99
♠ 8 7 6 4
♥ 9 5
♦ A 8 2
♣ A 10 9 2

West
♠ K J 10 5 3
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ 10 9 5 4
♣ ---

East
♠ Q 2
♥ K 10
♦ K 6 3
♣ J 8 6 5 4 3

South
♠ A 9
♥ A Q 8 7 2
♦ Q J 7
♣ K Q 7

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ??

Facets of bidding and leading

By Phillip Alder

Today's deal features two important aspects of the game. First, look only at the West hand and the auction. What would you lead? Next, study the North hand. Your partner opens one heart. What would you respond?

The deal comes from a match between England and Northern Ireland. Let's take the second question first. In the old days, four to the eight was deemed an "unbiddable suit," so everyone would respond one no-trump. Now, though, it is considered almost a heinous crime not to show a four-card major, however weak. Here, though, the one-spade bid should have worked very badly. (If North bids one no-trump, South raises to game, and East surely leads a helpful low club.)

If you have three honors in a suit with at least two touching, you lead the top of the touching honors. So, from this spade suit, you normally lead the jack. But when North bids the suit, the situation changes. Partner, East, has to be short in spades. And if the lead is to be effective, you would like partner to have a spade honor. To avoid blocking the suit, you should lead your fourth-highest.

The Northern Irish West led the spade jack. The declarer, Brian Senior, won with the ace, played a club to dummy's ace, finessed the heart queen, cashed the heart ace, and drove out the heart jack. With the spade suit blocked, the contract could not be defeated.

The English West, David Price, led the spade five. Now that the spades weren't blocked and with everything else unfavorable, the declarer couldn't come to more than eight tricks.

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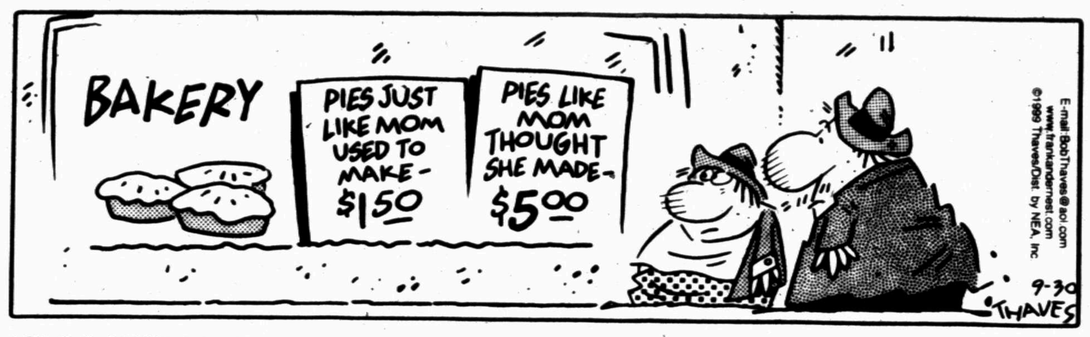
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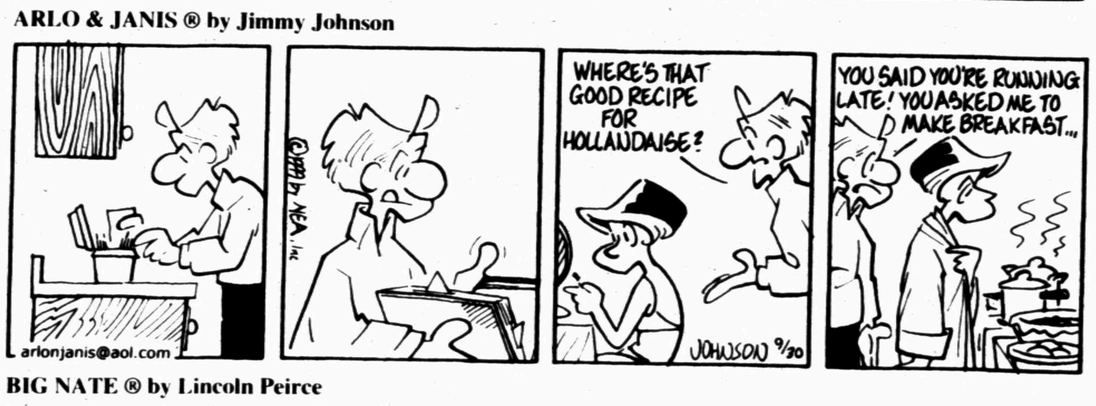
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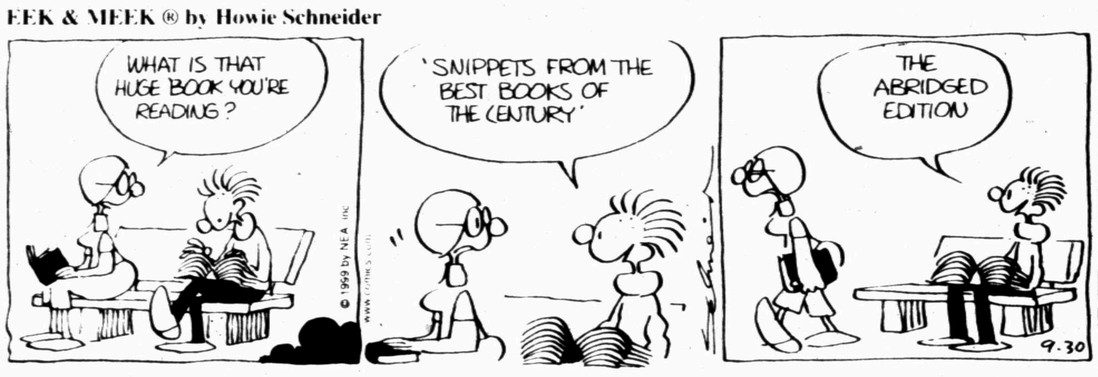
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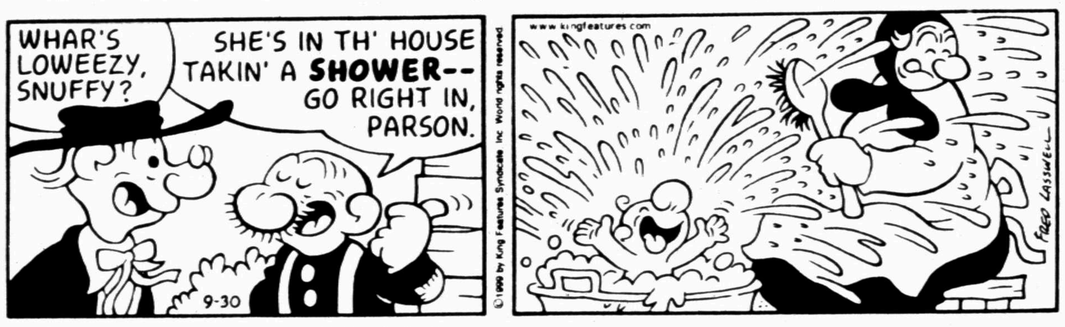
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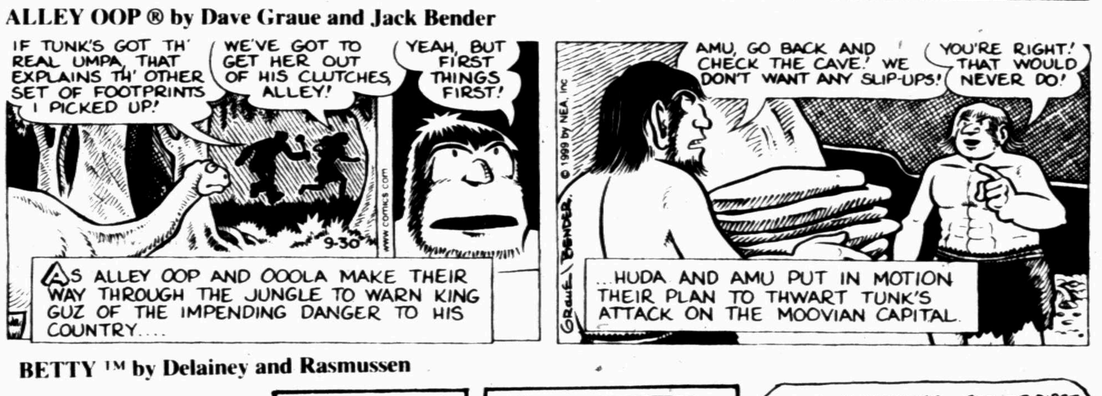
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ACROSS

1 First
7 Lion groups
13 Crystalline gem
14 Become charged
15 Caused injury to
16 Groups of related species
17 Type of duck
18 Astronaut Grissom
20 RBI, e.g.
21 Substantial
23 Nepal's neighbor
27 Cheyenne's state
32 Tori's dad
33 Donor
34 Rasp
35 Official proclamation
36 Stop sign, e.g.
39 Leases
40 Burst forth
42 Mohammedan prayer leader
46 Genetic material (abbr.)
47 Concerning (2 wds.)
51 Surgeon's stitch
53 Felt compassion for
55 Certain chemical compound
56 Wore away
57 Feels
58 Hardly ever

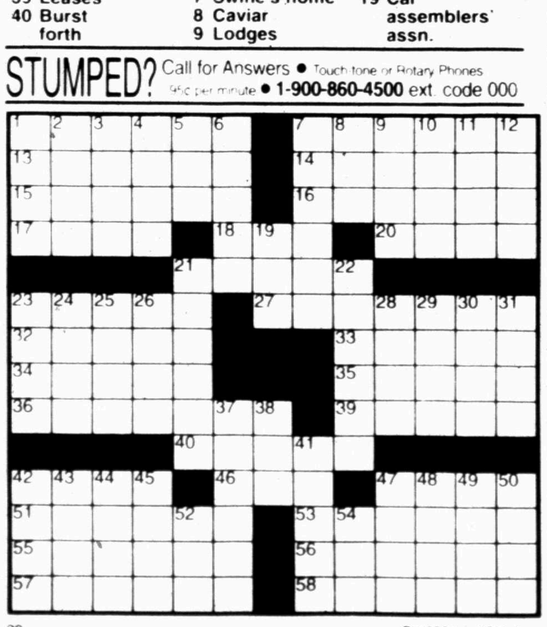
DOWN

1 Fruit seeds
2 Rove
3 Tennis player Nastase
4 Not yours
5 Had food
6 Shelf
7 Swine's home
8 Caviar
9 Lodges
10 Food plan
11 Poet Pound
12 Place to sit
19 Car assemblers' assn.
21 Horsemanship school
22 Dannon product
23 Villain in "Othello"
24 Anti-drug officer
25 "Darn!"
26 Greek letter
28 DJ's need
29 Tennis player Lendl
30 Robin's home
31 French stoneware
37 Commands
38 Cloistered woman
41 Printing need
42 Egyptian goddess
43 Sharon Stone film, "The —"
44 Like — — of bricks
45 Silent flowers?
47 Believe — — not
48 Nest of pheasants
49 Film holder
50 Swirl
52 Dakota Indian
54 Gershwin or Levin

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

Area 6-man squads face key opponents

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

After their biggest victories of the season last week, all three area six-man teams face key contests again Friday night in warm-up for next week's district openers.

Hermleigh at Lueders-Avoca

The Hermleigh Cardinals will be looking to up their mark to 3-2 Friday when the Cards travel to Lueders-Avoca for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

The Cardinals are coming off consecutive victories, after starting the season 0-2. Hermleigh notched a much-needed win last week in come-from-behind fashion, edging Trent, 52-46, in double overtime.

"I've been saying all year that our offense can hold its own," Cardinal Coach Juan Rios said. "Offensively, we feel that we can play with just about anybody.

"The key for us is our defense. If we can limit the other team's scoring opportunities, then our offense can put enough points on the board to get the win."

Against the Raiders, Hermleigh will likely feature a balanced attack once again. The Cardinals will have the ability to pound the ball up the middle with running back David Digby, but they can also go to the air when needed. The combination of quarterback Chris Doggett and receiver Caleb Callaway has proved to be a potent weapon.

Following Friday's matchup with the Raiders, Hermleigh will open district play Oct. 8 at Grady.

Ira at Midland Trinity

The Ira Bulldogs have the opportunity to carry an unblemished record into district competition if they can register a win Friday night against the Midland Trinity Chargers.

The Bulldogs' confidence is growing after last week's 24-22 victory over then 10th-ranked Three Way.

"We started the season 3-0, but knew that Three Way would be our first big game," Ira Coach Toby Goodwin said.

"After beating a high-quality opponent, now the kids' confidence has grown even more. Our kids knew they could play with just about anybody, and they wanted to prove it last week. Now we just have to keep it going, heading into district."

As always, a key ingredient in last week's win was the play of 6-7 senior Logan Daves. The biggest Bulldog of them all helped anchor Ira's defense, and was perfect on every extra-point attempt.

The Bulldogs have mixed it up offensively this season, utilizing the speed of Jose Juarez and the arm of Nathan Smith in a spread set, as well as featuring the power running of Jeremy Bowden from a tight formation.

Keys defensively will again be the play of Daves and linebacker Jerek Brown, along with safety Richard Wilkins.

After visiting Midland Trinity tomorrow with an early 5:30 p.m. kickoff, the Bulldogs will launch district play Oct. 8 on the road against Sands.

Whitharral at Borden County

Borden County Coyotes are supposed to be going through a rebuilding year, and last week's encounter was billed as a showdown. As it turns out, neither was true.

Borden County, with a 51-6 victory over Balmorhea last week, leaped to second in the six-man poll.

Despite fielding one of its most inexperience squads in recent years, Borden County is sporting a 4-0 record after the rout of Balmorhea.

The Coyotes can move to 5-0 Friday night when they host long-time nemesis Whitharral at 7:30. Whitharral is ranked sixth in the same poll.

Borden County, which lost the services of all-stater Colt McCook and Fernando Baeza to graduation, has got the job done this season with players who excel at a number of positions.

Kevin Pinkerton has played solidly on defense, and given stability to the Coyotes' offense. Pinkerton can play running back, end or quarterback, thus producing big plays at each position.

Another key to the Coyotes' perfect record has been Ed Rodriguez. The speedy Rodriguez leads the team in scoring and has the explosiveness to make big plays as a runner, a defensive end, and on special teams.

After closing out their non-district schedule against the Panthers, the Coyotes will open league play Oct. 8 by hosting Westbrook.

Snyder's Pigskin Prognosticators

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Cypert	50-30	.625
Rodriguez	57-23	.712
Drennan	50-30	.625






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Ira at Midland Trinity	Ira	Ira	Ira	Ira
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Oklahoma St. at Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
North Texas at Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor	Baylor
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SMU at Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	SMU
Arizona at Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Baltimore at Atlanta	Atlanta	Baltimore	Baltimore	Atlanta
Carolina at Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Pittsburgh
Kansas City at San Diego	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City
New England at Cleveland	New England	New England	New England	Cleveland
New Orleans at Chicago	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans

Rangers one win shy of record

ARLINGTON (AP) — Time is running out on the Texas Rangers' pursuit of the best record in the American League and home-field advantage in the playoffs.

The Rangers remained one victory shy of a franchise record 95-win season with their 7-3 defeat to the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday night. With four games to play, Texas is two games behind Cleveland and 11/2 behind the New York Yankees in the race for home-field advantage.

Texas saw its five-game winning streak end, but Rangers manager Johnny Oates said there is no sense of disappointment as the regular season winds down, no matter how many games his team wins.

"We've just won five games in a row and guys are setting personal milestones," Oates said.

Aaron Sele struggled through his final playoff tune-up, but Oates expressed confidence in his 18-game winner, who will start the playoff opener against the Yankees or Boston. Sele allowed six runs and 10 hits in five-plus innings.

Sele (18-9) wasn't able to get loose on a chilly, 60-degree night, and his control was off, walking three and hitting two batters in a four-run first.

"Aaron was doing toe-touches behind the mound, which is uncharacteristic for him," Oates said. "His legs felt tight. I don't know, maybe it was the coolness."

Sele has been the Rangers' most consistent starter the second half of the season. Prior to Wednesday night's outing, Sele had won 11 of his previous 13 decisions.

"The guy has given us seven, eight innings almost every time out," Oates said. "He just couldn't get the ball where he wanted to."

Sele said he still feels confident going into the playoffs despite a shaky outing, his shortest since going five innings on July 3.

"I can't be disappointed in the way the season has gone," said Sele, who had gone 15 straight starts of six or more innings before Wednesday night. "Tonight was an anomaly with the way the season has gone."

Edgar Martinez and Charles Gipson drove in two runs each for Seattle.

Juan Gonzalez hit his 38th homer and Royce Clayton got his 1,000th career hit for the Rangers.

Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. had two doubles and struck out three times, remaining two homers short of becoming the youngest player to 400 home runs in major league history.

Mariners rookie Gil Meche (8-4) took advantage of a four-run lead in the first inning and won his fourth straight decision, allowing two runs and five hits in five-plus innings. He struck out five and walked two.

Houston grabs win over Reds

HOUSTON (AP) — Playing from second place has suited the Houston Astros this season. Manager Larry Dierker hopes it's the last time they have to do it.

For the sixth time this season, Cincinnati held a one-game lead over Houston. And for the sixth time, the Astros prevented the deficit from getting any bigger when Mike Hampton won his National League-high 21st game Wednesday night in a 4-1 victory over the Reds.

"I've felt all along there is a lot more pressure with the team behind you playing well," Dierker said. "I've said more than a few times that it's easier being the hunter than the hunted. Now we're not and they're not — we're tied again."

Sports Week

TODAY

Tennis: Snyder at Lubbock Monterey.

Rodeo: WTC at Sul Ross State rodeo, Alpine.

Football: Sweetwater at Snyder 7th and JV, 5 and 6:30.

Football: Snyder 8th and 9th at Sweetwater, 5 and 6:30.

Football: Midland Trinity at Ira JH and JV, 5:30 and 7 p.m.

Tennis: Colorado City at Snyder JV.

FRIDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Sul Ross State rodeo, Alpine.

Football: Ira at Midland Trinity, 5:30 p.m.

Football: Hermleigh at Lueders-Avoca, 7:30.

Football: Whitharral at Borden County, 7:30.

SATURDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Sul Ross State rodeo, Alpine.

Volleyball: Fort Stockton at Snyder JV and varsity, 2 p.m., 3 p.m.

Volleyball: Snyder 9th at Lamesa tourney.

Volleyball: Snyder 7th and 8th B at Sweetwater tourney.

Sports Briefs

Men's flag football

Snyder Men's Flag Football League is looking for teams in Snyder and surrounding towns. Registration fee is $200 per team. For more information, call Earl Ware at 573-0800 or Chad Welch at 573-6058.

Ira kickoff at 5:30 p.m.

Ira's football game at Midland Trinity Friday will begin at 5:30 p.m. as originally scheduled, since the installation of stadium lights has not been completed.

Couples tournament at SCC

The annual Turkey Shoot couples tournament will be held starting at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Country Club.

Drag races in Abilene

Some 25 racers from Snyder will compete in the 7th annual Abilene Shoot-Out Drag Races Saturday and Sunday at Abilene Regional Airport. Trails start each day at 9 a.m. Proceeds go to Rotary Club projects.

Pippen rips Barkley

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Scottie Pippen unleashed a torrent of criticism at Houston Rockets teammate Charles Barkley, calling Barkley "selfish" and "fat' and saying he doesn't have the desire to win an NBA championship. Also, two newspapers reported that Pippen could be traded to Portland before training camp opens next week.

"I probably should've listened to Michael (Jordan) a year ago when he said that Charles will never win a championship because he doesn't show any dedication," Pippen told ESPN. "He's a very selfish guy. He doesn't show the desire to want to win."

Pippen was responding to criticism initiated by Barkley, who was angered that Pippen said he'd welcome a trade to the Los Angeles Lakers. Barkley said he sacrificed greatly to make salary cap room on the Rockets for Pippen, who signed a five-year, $67.2 million contract before last season.

State's top teams aim to avoid upsets

After passing early-season tests with flying colors, the 50 teams ranked in The Associated Press' high school football poll now head towards district play hoping to avoid the upset.

Class 5A No. 1 Midland Lee (4-0) plays its final non-district game of the regular season on Friday against San Angelo Central, while No. 2 Duncanville (4-0) hosts district foe Mansfield.

Also on Friday, No. 3 Lewisville (4-0) plays at home against Carrollton Smith, No. 4 Austin Westlake (4-0) hosts Waco, No. 5 Copperas Cove (4-0) visits Austin, No. 7 Katy (4-0) plays at home against Baytown Sterling, No. 9 South Grand Prairie (3-1) meets Grand Prairie, and No. 10 San Antonio Roosevelt (4-0) hosts Seguin.

Houston North Brook visits No. 6 Aldine Eisenhower (4-0) for the biggest game in the state on Saturday.

In 4A, No. 1 Stephenville (4-0) travels to Crowley, No. 2 La Marque (3-0) visits Beaumont West Brook, No. 4 Brownwood (4-0) plays at Everman and No. 5 Schertz Clemens (4-0) hosts Uvalde. No. 3 Texas City (4-0) is idle.

Major League Baseball

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-New York	95	62	.605	—
y-Boston	91	67	.576	4½
Toronto	81	77	.513	14½
Baltimore	77	80	.490	18
Tampa Bay	68	91	.428	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Cleveland	96	62	.608	—
Chicago	72	86	.456	24
Detroit	67	91	.424	29
Minnesota	63	94	.401	32½
Kansas City	63	96	.396	33½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Texas	94	64	.595	—
Oakland	85	73	.538	9
Seattle	78	80	.494	16
Anaheim	66	92	.418	28

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's Games

Boston 6, Chicago, 2, 1st game
Chicago 4, Boston 2, 2nd game
New York at Baltimore, ppd., rain
Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 2
Kansas City 5, Cleveland 2
Detroit 6, Minnesota 3
Seattle 7, Texas 3
Anaheim 7, Oakland 4

Thursday's Games

New York (Clemens 14-9) at Baltimore (Mussina 17-7), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Hinchliffe 0-3) at Texas (Burkett 8-8), 2:35 p.m.
New York (O.Hernandez 16-9) at Baltimore (Riley 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Spoljaric 2-1) at Cleveland (Colon 17-5), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Flone 4-1) at Chicago (Sirotka 11-13), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Nitkowski 4-5) at Minnesota (Hawkins 10-14), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 13-8) at Anaheim (Finley 12-11), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games

Boston (Saberhagen 10-6) at Baltimore (J.Johnson 8-7), 7:05 p.m.
New York (Pettitte 14-11) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 7-11), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Munro 0-2) at Cleveland (Gooden 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Ryan 1-3) at Chicago (Baldwin 11-13), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Borkowski 2-5) at Kansas City (Stein 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Loaiza 9-5) at Anaheim (Ortiz 2-3), 10:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Garcia 16-8) at Oakland (G.Heredia 13-8), 10:35 p.m.

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Philadelphia	75	83	.475	25
Montreal	66	93	.415	34½
Florida	63	96	.396	37½

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	95	64	.597	—
Houston	95	64	.597	—
Pittsburgh	77	80	.490	17
St. Louis	74	84	.468	20½
Milwaukee	72	85	.459	22
Chicago	65	93	.411	29½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Arizona	97	61	.614	—
San Francisco	84	74	.532	13
Los Angeles	75	83	.475	22
San Diego	73	85	.462	24
Colorado	71	88	.447	26½

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Wednesday's Games

St. Louis 4, San Diego 3, 1st game
St. Louis 6, San Diego 5, 10 innings, 2nd game
Pittsburgh 7, Milwaukee 5, 1st game
Milwaukee 5, Pittsburgh 2, 2nd game
Montreal 5, Florida 3
Philadelphia 5, Chicago 0
New York 9, Atlanta 2
Houston 4, Cincinnati 1
Colorado 4, Arizona 1
San Francisco 5, Los Angeles 1

Thursday's Games

Los Angeles (Williams 1-0) at San Francisco (Estes 11-10), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago (McNichol 0-1) at Philadelphia (Person 9-5), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 18-7) at New York (Yoshii 12-8), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schourek 4-7) at Milwaukee (Nomo 12-7), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 12-13) at Arizona (R.Johnson 16-9), 9:35 p.m.
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Friday's Games

Montreal (Vazquez 8-8) at Philadelphia (Grahe 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 13-11) at New York (Rogers 5-1), 7:10 p.m.
Florida (Meadows 11-14) at Atlanta (Smoltz 10-8), 7:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Neagle 9-5) at Milwaukee (Karl 11-11), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 0-1) at Houston (Reynolds 16-13), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 17-9) at Colorado (Thomson 1-9), 8:05 p.m.
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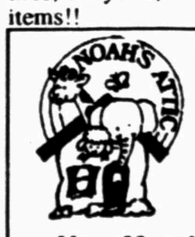
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Take control of premature disease

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: At age 35, I suffered my first heart attack. Five months later, I developed double pneumonia. Six months after that, I had another coronary. A month later, another bout of pneumonia, complicated by high blood sugar and cholesterol. I've been told I'm lucky to be alive. With my history, what is the survival rate?

DEAR READER: You are describing diabetes, premature and serious heart disease, and a susceptibility to respiratory infections. Without aggressive treatment, the outlook is not promising. However, with modern therapy, you should do relatively well.

As a start, you must keep your blood sugar in the normal range. This means weight reduction (if you are stout) and close attention to diet. Medicine, in pill form or by insulin injections, will help stabilize your diabetes.

Second, diabetes, high cholesterol and coronary artery disease go hand-in-hand. Because your blood fats are high, you will need to follow a low-cholesterol diet — and, in my opinion, use a drug (such as Lipitor, Zocor or Lopid) to reduce the blood-fat levels. To help you do this, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Eating Right For A Healthy Heart." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

Third, your tendency to develop pneumonia is a serious issue. If you smoke, stop. Obtain medical help for any infection — particularly a respiratory variety — no matter how trivial it seems. Get the flu shot and the pneumonia vaccine. Avoid close contact with people who have coughs and colds.

Finally, you may be a candidate for coronary artery bypass surgery or for balloon angioplasty to re-establish blood flow around (or through) damaged and blocked arteries to the cardiac muscle. These procedures would require that you have further extensive testing in the form of coronary angiography, special X-rays of your heart's circulation. Actually, I'm surprised that such a study was not performed at the time of your first heart attack. Such an approach is now considered to be the standard of good medical care. Even now, you should unquestionably have it, in my view.

Although you have several health problems with which to contend, modern treatment should surely prolong your life and make it more enjoyable.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I frequently travel to Third World countries. Should I get the hepatitis B vaccine? Does this also protect against hepatitis A?

DEAR READER: First, you should have a blood test to see if you are already immune to hepatitis A and B. If the testing shows that you are not, you should receive both vaccines. There is no cross-over between hep A and hep B. Remember that when traveling, you should not deviate from strict hygienic measures, such as being careful of drinking water (including ice) and uncooked food.

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Appellate court: Gunmaker can be sued

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The firearms industry may have been dealt a serious blow in California, where an appellate court has become the first in the nation to allow a gunmaker to be sued for a criminal shooting.

The 1st District Court of Appeal on Wednesday reinstated a civil suit against Navegar Inc., the maker of two TEC-DC9 semiautomatic pistols that were used by a deranged gunman to kill eight people in a San Francisco office building in 1993.

The judges acknowledged that no other appeals court has ever ruled that manufacturers of legal, non-defective guns can be sued and held liable for the criminal misuse of the weapons.

But they said the San Francisco case was unusual. The gun's firepower, the lack of any apparent legitimate civilian use, and the company's marketing practices could lead a jury to conclude that the manufacturer should have foreseen that it would be used in a massacre, the court said.

The ruling stopped well short of authorizing suits by any gun victim against a manufacturer — claims dismissed by every other state and federal appellate court to have considered them.

But a gun-control group that represented families of the victims was quick to cast its victory in broad terms.

The case has "far-reaching implications" for lawsuits by local governments accusing gunmakers of negligently designing, manufacturing and distributing their products, said the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, a Washington, D.C., organization.

More than 25 such suits have been filed across the country, the latest on Wednesday by the city of Wilmington, Del.

The ruling "provides legal precedent for finding that (the) gun industry can be held accountable for irresponsible conduct leading to death and injury," the center said.

Navegar will probably appeal to the state Supreme Court.

"The court appears to have gone where no other appellate court has seen fit to go," said the company's lawyer, Ernest Getto.

Gian Luigi Ferri, a mentally disturbed man with a grudge against lawyers, entered a downtown skyscraper in July 1993 and opened fire in a law office. He killed eight people and wounded six before killing himself.

The court said federal statistics showed the TEC-DC9 was the "weapon of choice" for certain types of criminals. Navegar's former marketing director was quoted as saying in 1992 that sales went up when the gun was used in a notorious crime.

One company ad touted the gun's surface as resistant to fingerprints. A brochure to distributors said the gun was "as tough as your toughest customer."

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp			56⅛	55⅜ 55⅞+ ⅛
AT&T Corp s	43	11-16	42	15-16 43 9-16+ 1-16
Albertsons			40⅝	39¼ 39⅝— ⅛
AlldSignal			59	15-16 59¼ 59⅝+ ⅛
Alltel			69	7-16 68¾ 69 7-16+ ⅛
AmOnline s			109⅛	106 108 7-16—13-16
Ameritech			67¾	65¾ 66¼+15-16
AndarkPtr			31	3-16 30½ 30½— ½
Armcolnc			6	13-16 6 7-16 6¾+ ⅛
AtlRichfld			87¼	86 15-16 87¼+1 9-16
ATMOS Egy			24	13-16 24⅛ 24⅛
Aviall			10⅜	10¼ 10⅜+ ⅛
BP Amoco			109	5-16 108⅞ 109 +1 13-16
BakerHughes			28	9-16 27⅞ 27⅞— ⅛
Bank of Amer			54	15-16 54⅛ 54 15-16+ 9-16
BellAtl			67⅛	66 15-16 67⅛+1 9-16
BellSouth s			46	9-16 45¾ 46 5-16+ 1⅛
BethSteel				7¼ 77⅛+ 3-16
BurlNoSFe			27	13-16 27⅛ 27⅛+ ⅛
CBS Corp			46	13-16 46 5-16 46 7-16— ⅛
Caterpillar			56¼	54⅜ 55 13-16+1 3-16
CenSoWst				21¼ 21 21 1-16
Chevron				89 1-16 8888 — 3-16
Citigroup s			43	1-16 42⅜ 42 13-16+ ⅛
Coastal			41	13-16 41 3-16 41 3-16— ⅛
CocaCola				49 7-16 48 13-16 48⅝
ColgatePal s			46⅞	44⅞ 44 7-16 [illegible]
ComclMetals			28	9-16 28⅛ 28½ 1-16
CooperIn				47 46¾ 46 15-16
CyprusAmax			19	9-16 19¼ 19⅜+ ⅛
DaimlrChry n			69	1-16 68 9-16 68 13-16
DallSemicn				52 5-16 51¾ 52¼
DeltaAirl s			48¼	47⅞ 48⅛+11-16
Dillards Inc			20	13-16 20¼ 20 11-16+ ⅛
DowChem				112 110⅞ 111⅞+ 1⅛
DuPont			61	5-16 60 13-16 61⅛+ ⅜
EastmanChem			40⅛	39 13-16 39⅜—13-16
EstKodak			74	15-16 74 1-16 74 9-16+ ⅛
EDS Corp			53	11-16 52 15-16 53 5-16— ½
Entergy			28	11-16 28 5-16 28⅜+ 7-16
Exxon			75	11-16 74 15-16 75 1-16+ 5-16
Flowers				14 13¾ 13¾— ⅛
FordMotor			50	1-16 49¾ 49 15-16+ 5-16
GTE Cp			76	13-16 76 3-16 76 11-16+2 3-16
GenDynam				62⅜ 61¾ 62 5-16+ ⅛
GenElec			117	9-16 115¾ 115 15-16 [illegible]
GenMills				81⅞ 80 13-16 80⅞
GenMotors			62¼	61 13-16 62⅛— 3-16
GaPacGP s			40⅛	40 40 5-16+ 5-16
GlobalMar			16	15-16 16 7-16 16⅛— 7-16
Goodrich			27	3-16 26 15-16 27 3-16+ ⅛
Goodyear s			47	11-16 46⅝ 47 11-16+1 1-16
GtAtlPac			31	9-16 31⅛ 31 5-16+ ⅛
Halliburtn			41	3-16 39 13-16 39⅜— ⅛
Hanson ADS				38¾ 38⅛ 38⅛+ 5-16
HarteHanks				24¼ 23¾ 24¼+11-16
HomeDepot				67⅞ 66¼ 66¾— ⅛
IBM s			121	11-16 119⅛ 120 11-16+ ⅞
IntlPaper				47⅞ 46 15-16 47⅞ ⅛
JohnsonJn			92	91 13-16 92 5-16+ ⅛
Kmart			11	13-16 11 5-16 11⅜+ 5-16
Kroger Co s			23	5-16 22 22 13-16 [illegible]
Litton			55	11-16 55¼ 55 9-16+ ⅛
LockheedM s			33⅛	32 7-16 32⅝+ 7-16
Lowes Cos				48⅜ 47¼ 48 +13-16
Lubys				12 1212 3-16
LucentTech s				64 62¼ 64 +15-16
MayDeptStr s			37	3-16 36⅜ 36 15-16+ ⅛
MediaOne			67	15-16 67⅛ 67⅜+ 9-16
Medtronic s			35	15-16 35 1-16 35 9-16+ ⅛
Mobil				99¼ 98⅛ 98 9-16+ 9-16
Monsanto				35⅜ 34¼ 35 3-16+ 5-16
MorganJP			114½	113 113 3-16— ⅛
Motorola			90⅞	88⅛ 88 11-16— ⅛
NCR Corp				32¼ 31⅜ 31⅝+ ⅛
Navistar			44	11-16 44 44 1-16— ⅛
Penney JC				34 9-16 34¼ 34 7-16
PepBoys			14	11-16 14 9-16 14⅜+ ⅛
PepsiCo			31⅛	30 5-16 30 7-16— 9-16
PhelpDodge				56⅛ 55¾ 55¾+ 9-16
PhilipPet				48⅞ 48¾ 48¾— ⅛
PilgrmPrd B				9 99 + 1-16
Polaroid				26 5-16 26⅛ 26¼
Praxair			47⅞	45 15-16 46⅝+ 3-16
ProctGamb			95	13-16 93⅞ 93¾—2 3-16
PubSNwMx				17⅞ 17⅝ 17⅞+ ⅛
ReliantEngy				27 26 9-16 27 + ⅛
RoyalDut			58¾	58 1-16 58 5-16— ⅛
SBC Comm				51¼ 50 13-16 51 + 1
SaraLee s			23	15-16 23¼ 23 11-16— 1-16
Scripps EW				48 11-16 48 5-16 48 9-16
SearsRoeb				30 7-16 29 15-16 30⅛+ ⅛
SherwinW				21¼ 20 11-16 20 11-16+ ⅛
SmithKlBchm			58¼	57 15-16 57 15-16+ ⅛
SouthernCo				26 25 7-16 25 13-16+ ⅛
SwstAirl s			15	11-16 15 5-16 15⅜— ⅛
SprintFON s				55 11-16 5454½— 1
SprintPCS n				77½ 74 74¾—2 9-16
Sunoco Inc				28 27¾ 27¾— 5-16
TNP Ent				39 38 15-16 39 + 1-16
Tandy s			51	7-16 50⅜ 51 5-16+ 9-16
TempleInland				60⅝ 59⅝ 60¼+ 3-16
Tenneco				16¼ 16 3-16 16⅛+ ⅛
Texaco				63¼ 62 3-16 63 3-16+ ⅛
TexInd				36 35 5-16 35 11-16+ ⅜
TexasInst s			84	82 3-16 82⅝— 1 11-16
TexUtil				37⅜ 36 9-16 37⅛+13-16
Textron			77¾	76 15-16 77 1-16— 3-16
TriconGlbR				41½ 41¼ 41½— 7-16
Trinitylnds				31 3-16 31 31 1-16+ 5-16
TritonEngy				13¼ 12¾ 13 3-16+ 5-16
TylerTech				4¼ 4 7-16 4¼+ 1-16
US West Inc			56	5-16 55¼ 56 3-16+1 3-16
USX-Marathn			29	13-16 29 3-16 29 13-16+ ⅜
USX-USS				25¾ 2525⅛+ ⅛
UnCarbde			56	5-16 55 3-16 55 13-16+ ⅜
UnionPacif				48 47½ 48 + ⅛
UnitedTech s				58 15-16 5858 + ⅛
Unocal				37½ 36½ 37 5-16+15-16
Venator Grp				8½ 8 5-16 8 5-16+ 1-16
WalMart s			46	15-16 46 1-16 46 15-16+1 5-16
WellsFargo				39⅛ 38 9-16 38⅛+ 5-16
WstnGasRs				18⅝ 18½ 18⅝— ⅛
WinnDixie			31	3-16 30 1-16 30⅛—13-16
Xerox Cp s				41¼ 40¾ 40 15-16+ 7-16

Local Interest STOCKS

Patterson	15 3/16	+1/8
Dell	42 7/8	+5/16
Wal Mart	47	+1 3/8
Compac	22 9/16	+1/8
Dol. Gen.	30 3/4	+1 1/8
GTE	76 11/16	+2 3/16
SBC Comm.	51 1/16	+1 1/16
Tx Instr.	82 7/16	-1 3/4
LU	63 3/4	+11/16
Cisco Sys.	68 3/16	+1 3/8

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Gore campaign moving to Nashville, Tenn.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore's presidential campaign, facing a strong challenge from Bill Bradley, spent almost as much as it raised in the last three months.

Gore's campaign raised around $6.5 million and spent about $6 million, leaving him with between $9.5 million and $10 million in the bank, according to senior advisers who spoke Wednesday on condition of anonymity.

The campaign disclosed its numbers on the same day Gore announced he was shifting the operation from Washington to Nashville, Tenn. He called the move "an opportunity for transformation."

Bradley was expected to release his fund-raising figures today. The Gore campaign was braced to learn that the challenger had a better fund-raising quarter than the vice president.

Campaigns are required to report to the Federal Election Commission by Oct. 15 how much money they have raised and spent since July 1.

Republican front-runner George W. Bush has raised more than $53 million, including more than $16 million between July and September. The figure excludes money raised through direct mail solicitations and from people who contribute on their own.

Among other Republicans, Gary Bauer reported raising around $2 million between July and September, increasing his fund-raising total to about $5.4 million. Elizabeth Dole's campaign expects to report that her total for the year also had topped $5 million.

To date, the Gore campaign has raised $24 million and spent $14 million. Because he is accepting federal funds for the campaign, Gore is limited as to how much he can spend during the primary season to about $40 million, plus legal and accounting costs.

His early spending has raised concerns that, if he secures the Democratic nomination, he will press up against the limits and be unable to respond to Bush, who is not accepting federal funds and can spend as much as he can raise. In 1996, Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole hit the spending cap months before the national conventions and could not answer millions of dollars in advertising by the Clinton-Gore campaign.

Gore advisers said the campaign has been spending heavily on fund raising, including direct mail, and has hired dozens of staffers in Iowa, New Hampshire, New York and California.

"Looking down the road, unless he makes changes, he could be in the position Dole was in 1996, essentially being unable to spend money with months left before the conventions, facing an opponent with plenty of money left to spend," said Anthony Corrado, a professor of government at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. "They have to get leaner in their spending."

The Gore advisers acknowledged that the campaign was cutting spending and reducing the number of aides and amount of equipment at events. In addition, as the campaign winds down its fund raising later this year, it will be able to move employees to the Democratic National Committee payroll.

The move to Nashville also is expected to result in a trimming of campaign staff. It also was designed to shake up a campaign that found the road to the White House not as smooth as it once appeared, especially in the wake of Bradley's strength in both fund raising and polling.

"You run the risk of looking desperate but these folks are desperate," former Dole campaign chairman Scott Reed said. "They've managed to spend almost 50 percent of their resources and they find themselves in a competitive race four months before the first vote is cast."

In a riff on a motto from the 1992 Clinton-Gore campaign, Reed had this advice for Gore: "It's the spending, stupid."

But Gore advisers said they would have enough money to wage a full-scale campaign through next summer's nominating convention.



HERMLEIGH SENIOR OFFICERS — Hermleigh seniors elected officers are Jared Higgins, seated, vice president; and in back from left, Kendra Dacus, treasurer; Randi K. Herrington, president; Brandy Wood, secretary. (Photo By Shirley A.Gorman)

Date Book

Thursday, Sept. 30, 1999

Today is the 273rd day of 1999 and the eighth day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1846, surgeon Charles Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time.

On this day in 1935, George Gershwin's musical "Porgy and Bess" opened in Boston, at the Colonial Theater.

On this day in 1988, a star honoring John Lennon was placed on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Deborah Kerr (1921-), actress, is 78; Truman Capote (1924-1984), writer; Robin Roberts (1926-), baseball star, is 73; Angie Dickinson (1931-), actress, is 68; Johnny Mathis (1935-), singer, is 64; Marilyn McCoo (1943-), singer, is 56; Barry Williams (1954-), actor, is 45; Crystal Bernard (1963-), actress, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Mike Witt of the California Angels pitched a perfect game against the Texas Rangers. California won 1-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Capitalism, it is said, is a system wherein man exploits man. And communism — is vice versa." — Daniel Bell

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Sept. 25) and last quarter (Oct. 2).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Telephone Story Time Closes Gap for Distant Grandparents

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have discovered a terrific way to maintain a close long-distance relationship with our grandchildren who live several thousand miles away.

Kyle is 5 and Sarah is 3. Their attention spans are not yet long enough to allow extended phone conversations between visits, so we came up with the following idea. It works not only for the grandchildren and for us, it also gives their parents a break.

On the weekends, my husband and I visit our local bookstore and buy two identical "easy-reader" books. We keep one and send the other to the grandkids. Then, on a designated night each week, we call just before bedtime and read them their "night-night" story. Both children are snuggled in bed — one with the bedroom phone and the other with a cordless phone. The children can read along with us because they have the same book we have.

After the story, the kids are eager to talk about it and other things.

We know that Kyle and Sarah go to bed at least one night a week secure in the knowledge that they are loved by their grandparents as well as their parents. An added bonus that should not be overlooked is that they are developing a love of books as well.

CONNIE SAMPSELL, OVERLAND PARK, KAN.

DEAR CONNIE: You and your husband have come up with a wonderful method of building a strong relationship with your grandchildren and a clever means of building literacy. I congratulate you both.

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DEAR ABBY: Four years ago I moved to a new town where I knew one person from a previous job. Over the years, our friendship has grown very close, and she has introduced me to many other people who have also become my friends.

A few weeks ago, I dropped by my friend's house on the spur of the moment and walked into a dinner/card party that included a group of these friends. I was very hurt and upset that I had not been invited.

My friend is angry with me for being upset and insists that there is no reason to be hurt. The six people included are all couples. I am single and admit I often feel left out.

Please advise. It's tough being single in a world that revolves around couples. Abby, do you think I'm being unreasonable or too sensitive?

JUST ONE IN CORONA DEL MAR, CALIF.

DEAR JUST ONE: Yes, I do think you are being unreasonable. As close as you may feel to your friend, she is under no obligation to invite you to every gathering she hosts.

Since you often feel left out because you are single, begin exploring activities in your community for singles. It may also make you less dependent on your friend, which will be healthier for both of you.

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DEAR ABBY: I have always wondered how to address food servers in restaurants. Do you call them "Sir" or "Miss" or "Waiter"? It is hard to call a food server "Miss" when she's more than 50 years old and may be married. See what I mean?

RONALD IN OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS.

DEAR RONALD: Yes, I do see what you mean. Politely ask for the server's name, and use it.

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NY Philharmonic director to leave

NEW YORK (AP) — Deborah Borda, one of the two women managing a major U.S. orchestra, is leaving after nine years as executive director of the New York Philharmonic to join the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Ms. Borda, 50, said she will become executive vice president and managing director of the Los Angeles orchestra. She replaces Willem Wijnbergen, who was abruptly relieved of his duties in July.

"I feel like I have another great burst of energy coming here, and this is where I want to put it," Ms. Borda said in today's Los Angeles Times.

She is being paid about $400,000 per year in New York, but declined to discuss her new salary.

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Birds tested for 'encephalitis'

NEW YORK (AP) — It's quite a scientific expedition — testing birds up and down the East Coast to track the encephalitis virus that has killed five people and infected 38 others in the New York City area.

"We've got to look at all kinds of urban birds — crows, pigeons, starlings and sparrows," said Andrew Spielman, an expert on mosquito-borne diseases at the Harvard School of Public Health.

The West Nile strain of the virus has been found in dead crows in the New York area. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is now collecting blood samples from city pigeons and also looking at ticks as possible carriers.

In New York's Queens borough, where the first cases of encephalitis were reported last month, the CDC and the city's health department planned to take blood samples door-to-door, with 300 households selected at random and on a voluntary basis.

"We hope to get a better understanding of the symptoms caused by West Nile virus, as well as possible risk factors for infection," said Ned Hayes, the CDC's medical epidemiologist.

Fearing the infection might spread with the fall bird migration, experts also are testing dead birds from Maryland to Florida. No sign of the virus has appeared in those birds, said Roger Nasci, a CDC entomologist.

The virus is believed to have been transmitted by mosquitoes that typically feed off birds. Six new cases were confirmed Wednesday, including a 79-year-old woman from the borough of Queens who died Sept. 11.

New York, New Jersey and Connecticut have been spraying pesticides to kill as many mosquitoes as possible before the first winter chills.

Dr. Neal Cohen, the city's health commissioner, said mosquito density has declined substantially.

Uranium leak hospitalizes 3

TOKYO (AP) — A leak at a uranium-processing plant in central Japan today sent radiation levels skyrocketing and led to the hospitalization of three workers, two in critical condition.

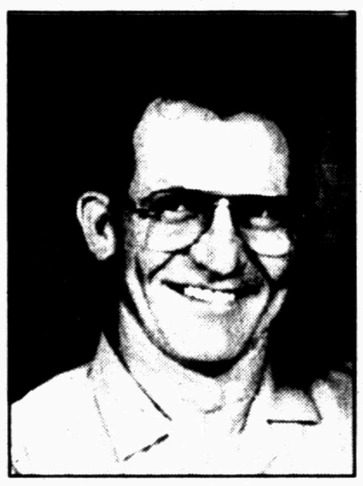
Hiromu Nonaka, the top government spokesman, called the accident "unprecedented," and officials said no previous Japanese accident had left workers so seriously injured. About 150 people were evacuated from the area around the plant in the town of Tokaimura, 70 miles northeast of Tokyo.

A nuclear reaction apparently occurred while the workers there were processing the uranium into fuel for nuclear power plants, a highly delicate task, said Makoto Ujihara, head of the Tokyo office of JCO Co., the private company that operates the plant.

Radiation levels around the plant were 10,000 times higher than normal at one point, and about 10 times normal 1 1/4 miles from the accident, said Tatsuo Shimada, an official of Ibaraki Prefecture, or state.

The levels dropped off later, but they remained higher than normal late today, and there were fears of a possible continued nuclear reaction at the plant, said Science and Technology Agency official Ken Muraoka. It would be the first such accidental reaction in this country.

Obituaries



Clarence Jinkins

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1928-1999

Clarence J. "Jinks" Jinkins, a longtime Snyder resident, died Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Big Spring.

Funeral service for Mr. Jinkins, 70, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Dr. Tommy Culwell, pastor, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Miller Robinson, retired minister.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 5, 1928 in Faulk Station, Tex., he married Jan Davis on Dec. 25, 1953 in Lubbock.

Mr. Jinkins served with the 503rd Airborne Infantry Regiment. He worked in the oilfields and was retired from the City of Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Jan Jinkins of Snyder; a son, Cody Jinkins of Arlington; three daughters, Cindy Brewster and Christy Pierce, both of Snyder, and Cathy Waltz of Robert Lee; a brother, Larry Jinkins of Snyder; a sister, Barbara Steward of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; his mother, Eula Jinkins of Snyder; three granddaughters, Kendall Brewster, Allie Brewster and Maranda Pierce, all of Snyder; and a grandson, Casey Pierce of Snyder.

The family suggests memorials to the Colonial Hill Baptist Church Youth; Casa Esperanza at Box 40472 in Albuquerque, N.M., 87296; or Veterans Serving Veterans, Box 113, Clyde, 79510.

Rev. Lee Stuckey

1907-1999

Funeral service for the Rev. L.R. "Lee" Stuckey, retired Baptist minister, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bronte First Baptist Church with his son, the Rev. David Stuckey, and Art Stuckey, a nephew, officiating. Burial will follow in the Bronte Cemetery.

Rev. Stuckey will lie in state at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home until 11 a.m. Thursday at which time he will be transferred to Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte.

Rev. Stuckey, 92, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born April 17, 1907 in Falls County, he married Pauline Stewart on July 28, 1940 in Bronte. Rev. Stuckey had pastored the Central Baptist Church in Hermleigh at one time. He worked for the Abilene State School for 10 years and was an active member of University Baptist Church where he taught in the senior Sunday school department.

Mr. Stuckey started preaching when he was 15 and also served churches at Novice, Tennyson, Jayton, McCaulley, Christoval, Melvin, and San Angelo.

Moving to Snyder in 1994, he was a member of First Baptist Church in Snyder. He was a life member of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Texas, receiving his 60-year pin in 1997, a Golden Trowel Award in 1993, and served as chaplain of John Sayles Lodge for a number of years.

Mr. Stuckey was preceded in death by his parents and 10 siblings; and an infant son, L.R. Stuckey Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Stuckey of Snyder; one daughter and son-in-law, Carolyn and Dale Hamby of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Katherine Stuckey of Merkel; a daughter-in-law, Susan Stuckey of Abilene; two grandchildren, Laura Hamby of Lubbock and Joshua Stuckey of Abilene; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Meals on Wheels and Scurry County Senior Center in Snyder.

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Mary Lou Forbes

Mary Lou Forbes

1913-1999

Funeral service for Mary Lou Forbes is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired minister, and Dr. Tommy Culwell, current minister, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the McCaulley Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Forbes, 86, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, in Abilene's Hendrick Medical Center following a lengthy illness.

Born April 22, 1913 in Ada, Okla., she married John W. Forbes on Sept. 12, 1933 in Parmer, Tex. He died in 1992.

Mrs. Forbes was a resident of Longworth from 1947-1977, before moving to Snyder. She was a homemaker and a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Barbara Jones, on Oct. 1, 1998; by five sisters; six brothers; and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Billie and Glen Talbot of Vernon and Geneva and Mike Ward of Amarillo; three sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Loy Forbes of Snyder, Eugene and Ruby Forbes of Sweetwater, and Jimmy and Pat Forbes of Baird; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hendrick Hospice Care, Box 1922, Abilene, 79606.

The family will greet friends at the funeral home from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Various offense reports filed Wednesday by peace officers

Five offense reports were filed Wednesday on cases ranging from criminal mischief to cruelty to an animal.

Margaret Hernandez requested an officer at 605 30th Street at 12:02 p.m. in reference to someone attempting to start her car. An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted.

At 2:43 p.m., officers filed an offense report for Class C theft at Town & Country on East Coliseum Drive in reference to a gas drive-off in the amount of $5.

Michael Murphy notified deputies at 9:09 p.m. that someone had shot his dog. An offense report was filed for cruelty to an animal.

Two offense reports for Class C assault were filed at 9:59 p.m.

Four alcohol-related arrests were made in the past 24 hours.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 41-year-old male into custody at 9:45 p.m. on Round Top Road for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A 30-year-old male was arrested by officers at 11:58 p.m. at the American Legion for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

Two subjects were taken into custody at 3:35 a.m. today in the Western Texas College parking lot for public intoxication. Arrested were an 18-year-old female and a 19-year-old male.

Snyder police responded to four accidents Wednesday.

At 8 a.m., officers worked a mishap involving a 1991 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Ernest Olivares Sosa, 16, of 1508 27th Street that struck a reflector post owned by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Officers handled a two-vehicle accident at 8:23 a.m. in the 2700 block of 48th Street. Involved were a 1999 Ford Expedition driven by Deana Mapes Cooper, 57, of 2709 48th Street and a parked, unoccupied 1998 Ford F-250 pickup owned by Reef Chemical.

A three-vehicle mishap occurred at 12:09 p.m. in the 3700 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1999 Chevrolet 1500 pickup driven by Deann Myers Preston, 42, of 5894 CR 230, a 1988 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Joann Cearly, 38, of 1384 North Avenue K, and a 1990 Mazda Protégé driven by Crystal Dawn Burleson, 16, of 104 Peach.

At 6:45 p.m., officers worked an accident in the 5400 block of College involving 18-year-old Rodolfo Elias Gamboa of Big Spring and 19-year-old Christy Jo Phillips of Girard.

Gamboa was the driver of a 1991 Honda Accord and Phillips was the driver of a 1995 Mercury Cougar.

Snyder Fire Department had two calls Wednesday.

Firemen were called to Snyder Healthcare at 12:14 p.m. in reference to smelling smoke. There was no fire the smell appeared to be coming from a ballast.

A fire was also reported at 3:55 p.m. on F.M. 1606. According to fire officials, a wire from a power pole broke and caused the blaze. Damage was limited to a small grass area around the pole.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 29-Pauline Compton, Betty Hartford, Carrie Tarter, Chrystalene Woolsey and W.T. Cox.

DISMISSALS: Evie Farmer, Joe League and Bernadine Walker.

CENSUS: 37 (Med./Surg.-10, Long-term Care-25, ICU-2)

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Church garage sale

The N. College Ave. Baptist Church will have a garage sale in the white building starting at 7:30 a.m. Saturday. All proceeds go toward a church van. The church is also raffling the first place blue ribbon quilt in the county fair for $2 per ticket and it will be given away in November. Call 573-9540 or 573-7930 for tickets where proceeds go to building fund.

Church rally

The First Assembly of God will hold a "B N" church rally at 11 a.m. Sunday. A special film will be shown at 6 p.m. on the Apocalypse. Everyone is invited.

In concert

Kimberly Wagner will be in concert starting at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the First Church of the Nazarene. Admission is free.

Fish fry

First United Methodist Church will hold its 5th annual Lord's Acre Fish Fry from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Wesley Hall. Cost is $6 a plate. Ages six and under is $3 a plate. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door.

WTC investment class

A general investment class will be held at WTC on Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 and Nov. 2. Cost is $45 and the instructor is Tim Riggan. Pre-registration for the class is required. To pre-register call 573-8511, ext. 390.

GED classes

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

Organ donor to speak

Johnny Harper, former Snyder resident and organ transplant recipient, will speak on the need for organ donors at 10:45 a.m. Thursday in the Fine Arts Theatre at Western Texas College. The event is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and is open to the public.

Tiger tennis boosters

Tennis boosters will host a chicken-spaghetti supper from 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, 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.

Support groups

Support groups for Cancer, Grief and Divorce Recovery meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month. 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.

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.

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.

FBC revival

First Baptist Church will host a revival Oct. 10-13 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.

Lord's Acre Festival

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

Tiger Times yearbook

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

Items needed

First United Methodist Church's Children's Day-Out is seeking garage sale items for collection the next two Saturdays 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. until 1 p.m.). Proceeds will go to the C.D.O. scholarship fund.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred to the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

PSAT/NMSQT tests

The tests will be administered Oct. 12 in Snyder High School's library. Students must register in the counseling office and the registration fee must be paid by Tuesday, Oct. 5.

Pick 3

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

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(two, three, five)

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Others are, Celeste Archuleta, Ashton Burton, Darian Clayton, Freddy Lopez, Jacob Mitchell, Skylar Morris, Ozzy Rains, Briana Rose, Dillon West, Michael Brasher, JDee Early, Emilio Felan, Taylor Freeman, Carrie Harlan, Alex Hook, Ashley Kenner, Shawndon McVey, Kalee Northcutt, Chance Young, JC Arellano, Andrew Collier, Daniel Escobedo, Juan Estrada, Ben Gonzales, Bryan Hamlin, Jack Lewis, Robert Lopez, Elizabeth McDaniel, Bailey Minor, Joe Morin, Laura Ortega, Tanner Robertson, Matthew Velasquez, Avery Ware

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Others are, Samana Arizmendi, Fransisco Fonseca, Tyra Holley, L.A.Jaramillo, Deanna Mills, Sarah Parmer, LaTekka Richardson, Anthony Segura, Shawn Selders, Taylor Tyrrell, Remington Bloom, Kayli Brewster, Alicia Chaidez, Cassie Cochran, Tom Davis, Rachel Dupree, Javiel Esparza, Garrett Hale, Raven Luna, Jonathan Mayes, Seth Naizer, Nathan Rose, Annie Stribling, Megan Thompson, Alex Alcala, Benjamin Alfaro, Kayelia Benitez, Danny Clawson, Stacey Clifton, Justin Iglehart, Loretta Jaramillo, Jonathan Kerr, LaSwann Medina, Coleton Mitchell, Josephine Ornelas, Michael Perez, Michael Redman, Jake Riley, Kristie Valadez

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Were Neanderthals cannibals?

WASHINGTON (AP) — A team of French and American scientists has found the first real proof that Neanderthals were cannibals.

Uncovering grisly 100,000-year-old remains from a cave in southern France, the scientists concluded that Neanderthals butchered and ate fellow people just like they did deer, even sucking the marrow from their bones.

Whether some Neanderthals ate their own kind has been a controversy since the turn of the century, when Neanderthal bones bearing suspicious scars were discovered in Croatia. Critics of the cannibalism theory argued that maybe those bones had been gnawed by animals, cut for some burial ritual or merely damaged by the primitive techniques of 1890s archaeology.

The new discovery, by scientists who treated the cave on the Rhone River like a crime scene and used forensics-style techniques to examine the bones should settle the issue.

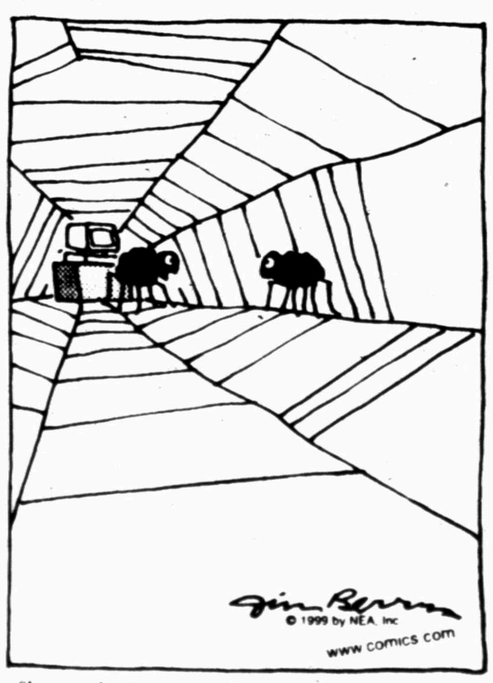
"This one site has all of the evidence right together. It's as if somebody put a yellow tape around the cave for 100,000 years and kept the scene intact," said investigator Tim White, a University of California, Berkeley, paleontologist.

The key is that "the hominid and deer carcasses were butchered in a similar way, with the objective being the removal of soft tissues and marrow," lead investigator Alban Defleur of the Universite du Mediterrane at Marseilles wrote in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

Neanderthals had to be doing the butchering because they were the only species of human in Europe at the time.

Now the question is why. The presence of animal bones suggests the Neanderthals, who became extinct about 30,000 years ago, probably were not starving.

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