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Home Of David Wilson

Area seniors get early look at college courses

Some 432 students from 10 area high schools attended this year's college day program this morning, hosted by Western Texas College.

The program was also for current WTC students who are interested in continuing their education after graduating with an associate's degree.

Representatives from over 32 colleges and universities participated in the event, as well as representatives from the armed forces and other state and public entities.

Debbie Duddleston, director of student activities, was in charge of organizing the event.

Participating colleges and universities included Abilene Christian University, Angelo State University, Cisco Junior College, Frank Phillips College, Hardin-Simmons University, Howard College, McMurry University, Midland College, Midwestern State University, Odessa College and Panhandle State University.

Also, Ranger College, South Plains College, Southwest State University, Sul Ross University, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M, Texas State Technological College of Sweetwater, Texas Tech and the Texas Tech Health Science Center School of Allied Health.

Others include the University of Texas at Arlington, University of Texas of the Permian Basin, University of Texas at Austin, Wayland Baptist University, West Texas A&M and WTC.

Also, representatives will be at the campus representing the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Tech ROTC, Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Border Patrol, plus the Covenant School of Nursing and the Stenograph Institute of Texas.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it."

The government says it's in the mail. It's not a check, just an explanation of expected Social Security benefits when retirement rolls around.

After paying in all these years, we sure hope there's some left over when the time comes.

One of our retired coffee friends likes to frequently remind listeners that retirement is when the paychecks stop coming.

Instead of a dream, it sounds like a nightmare.

Young folks, fully 25 percent of those under 30, expect to retire rich before they reach age 55.

However, the youthful optimism declines rapidly. The same poll found just nine percent in the 40 to 49 age bracket who figure they'll be regulars on the golf course by age 55.

The next president and members of congress will get a hefty pay increase. The next president will make double what past presidents have received.

We're always impressed with the cost of doing business in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett reportedly didn't have a clue about what he was getting into when he agreed to allow a congressional candidate from Texas use his Washington home for a fund-raiser.

President Clinton decided to drop by to say hello and lend his support.

But first came the Secret Service who moved out most of the furniture, installed eight telephone lines, towed automobiles and tried to cut the trees around Doggett's home to provide a clear view.

Mrs. Doggett, however, had different ideas. She persuaded the agents to merely tie back the limbs with ropes rather than renting chainsaws.

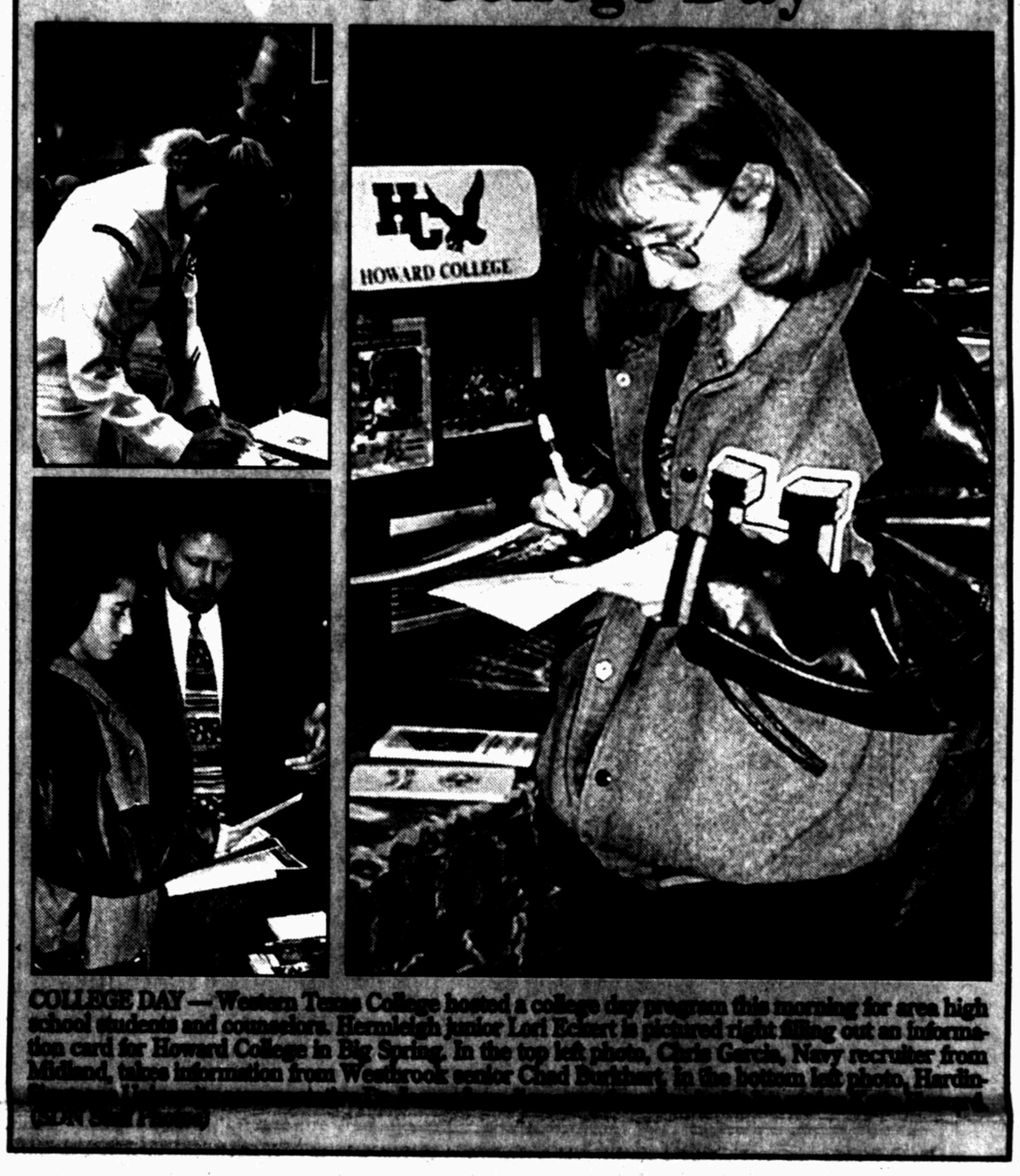
To save money, perhaps government could be moved from Washington.

And this is important!

Make sure to check your toilet tissue. It needs to be Y2K compliant.

If it is not Y2K ready on Jan. 1, 2000, it will roll all the way back to 1900 – and you will then have to depend on a Sears and Roebuck catalogue.

WTC College Day



COLLEGE DAY — Western Texas College hosted a college day program this morning for area high school students and counselors. Hermleigh junior Lori Eckert is pictured right filling out an information card for Howard College in Big Spring. In the top left photo, Chris Garcia, Navy recruiter from Midland, takes information from Westbrook senior Chad Burkhart. In the bottom left photo, Hardin-

(SDN Staff Photo)

Tickets go on sale for Ritz production

The box office is open today for reservations for the Ritz fall production of *I Remember Mama*, a classic family comedy written by John van Druten. The box office will be open until 5 p.m. today, and will be open through Nov. 5 from 2-5 p.m.

Production dates are Oct. 28, 30 and 31, plus Nov. 4, 6 & 7.

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

Tickets are $7.

Group rate tickets for 10 are more at $5 each, as are senior and student rates for Sunday matinees.

The play relates to the everyday events, trials and tribulations of a colorful immigrant family in San Francisco in the early 1900s.

The strength and backbone of the family is Mama, played by Emily Hataway. The story is told from the viewpoint of the teenage daughter Katrin, who aspires to be a writer. Tara Kincaid plays Katrin. The rest of the immediate family includes Papa, portrayed by Mike Harrison; Nels, the eldest child played by Wes Hardin; Christine, the younger sister played by Lacey Kincaid; and the baby sister, Dagmar, played by Kristina Mayer.

Mama's extended family includes the colorful character Uncle Chris, a black Norwegian, played by Shade Everton, and her funny trio of sisters, Jenny, Sigrid and Trina, played by Casandra Darlin, Sue Parham and Marie Clark. Kent Wright plays Trina's fiancée, Peter Thorkelson. Trey Shirley plays the boarder, Mr. Hyde, and the family doctor.

Others in the cast include Arne, played by Casey Pierce; the nurse and Florence Moorhead, the writer, played by Kara Babcock; Jessie, Uncle Chris's woman and also Katrin's friend, Dorothy, are played by Shell Hembree; the scrubwoman, and Katrin's friend, Madeline, are played by Michelle Beauchamp.

Also starring in the play is the Vinson family cat, Olivia, who plays Uncle Elizabeth.

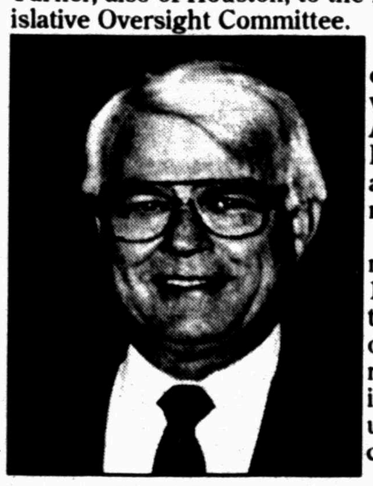
Ellie Dryden directs the play.

Tickets may be reserved at the theatre's box office on the south side of the square, or by calling 573-8880.

Rep. Counts appointed to landmark committee

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney has appointed four House members, including Rep. David Counts, to an oversight committee that will monitor a landmark law restructuring the state's electric utility industry.

Besides Counts, Speaker Laney appointed Rep. Kenneth Brimer of Arlington, Rep. Debra Danburg of Houston and Rep. Sylvester Turner, also of Houston, to the Electric Utility Restructuring Legislative Oversight Committee.



David Counts

By statute, the panel will be co-chaired by Rep. Steve Wolens, who chairs the House State Affairs Committee; and Sen. David Sibley, the chair of the Senate Economic Development Committee.

The oversight committee will monitor the effectiveness of the 1999 electric utility reform law that will deregulate the retail sale of electricity. The new law freezes retail rates for investor-owned utilities until Jan. 1, 2002, then opens up the electric power market to competition.

This will allow consumers to select their own power providers.

Gramm, Summers are studying lending rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — Striving to keep afloat major legislation reshaping the financial services industries, Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers engaged in daylong, intense negotiations with Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, as they tried to reach an accord on community lending rules for banks.

As the meeting broke up Wednesday evening, Summers told reporters, "There are significant unresolved issues."

Gramm, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said, "We have a proposal on the table." He said Summers would have to confer with his colleagues "and look at the proposal and basically decide whether the answer is yes or no." Neither he nor Summers provided details of the proposal.

The marathon closed-door talks at the Capitol between administration officials and Gramm and other key Republican lawmakers have been going on through much of the week.

Both sides support in principle the legislative package, which would lift Depression-era legal barriers and allow banks, brokerage firms and insurance companies to merge and sell each other's products. House and Senate negotiators have been in the final stages of drafting a measure.

The Clinton administration, however, has threatened a presidential veto over provisions in the legislation it says would weaken the 1977 Community Reinvestment Act, which requires banks to make loans in low-income and minority areas in which they operate. Gramm, who drafted the provisions, is a longtime critic of the 1977 law and has blocked efforts to extend its reach in the new legislation.

President Clinton and his advisers appear to have been forced into a prickly dilemma by the community lending issue. If Clinton abandons his staunch support of the 1977 law, he risks provoking the ire of key Democratic constituencies such as blacks and civil rights activists like Jesse Jackson.

But if Clinton refuses to budge on the lending law, he could jeopardize the financial overhaul legislation. Some financial industry lobbyists have privately held out the retaliatory threat that, if that were to occur, Hillary Clinton might be deprived of potential campaign funds from Wall Street and the banking industry for her presumed Senate run in New York — home to both industries.

The financial services industries have spent millions of dollars in recent years pushing for the overhaul legislation, insisting it would help consumers by providing one-stop financial shopping and saving them money.

Jackson underlined the high stakes involved in the issue at a news conference last Friday where he denounced the financial overhaul legislation as "a major step backwards" that would gut the community investment law.

At the same time, consumer advocates and lawmakers pushing for stronger consumer privacy protections have criticized the financial overhaul legislation as inadequate in that area and put additional pressure on Clinton to veto the bill in its current form. It could hurt the administration to be perceived by the public as less than a stalwart advocate of consumers' privacy rights.

"If the cost of moving to the new financial services marketplace is that a consumer's most personal financial secrets are going to be compromised, then that price is simply too high," Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., told reporters Wednesday.

Jury hearing final arguments

Final arguments in the guilt or innocence of a person accused of driving while intoxicated were to start at 1 o'clock today.

Joe Anthony Velasquez, 28, of 2804 Ave. F is charged with DWI on May 14. A seven-man, five-woman jury is hearing the case in 132nd District Court.

Velasquez has prior DWI convictions in Scurry County in 1991 and 1993, hence the felony charge against him.

The case is being prosecuted by District Attorney Dana Cooley and Velasquez is represented by Snyder attorney Lealand W. "Pete" Greene.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong is presiding in the 132nd District Courtroom.

ASK US

Q—I've heard of the prison program, "RIO." What do the initials stand for?

A—Reintergration of Offenders.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 71 degrees; low, 36; 7 a.m. Thursday, 40; no precipitation; total for 1999, 21.56 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low, mid 40s. Light, variable wind, becoming N 5-10 mph after midnight.

Friday, sunny. High, mid 70s. N-NE wind 10-15 mph.



Ruby James
Sunny

Sunset: 7:06 p.m.

Sunrise: 7:51 p.m.

Of 293 days in 1999, the sun has shone 286 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The minute you start talking about what you are going to do if you lose, you have lost.

—George P. Shultz

Food Lion fraud verdict against ABC reversed

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — First Amendment advocates cheered the reversal of a jury verdict that found ABC committed fraud by sending undercover journalists to do a hidden-camera expose of a supermarket chain.

"This lawsuit was an attempted end-run around the First Amendment," Floyd Abrams, a New York media lawyer, said following the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling Wednesday.

The appeals court threw out a $315,000 judgment in punitive damages against ABC over a 1992 "PrimeTime Live" story about the Food Lion chain — an award that a judge had earlier reduced from $5.5 million. The ruling left only $2 of the jury's original award.

Two ABC reporters used false resumes to get jobs at a Food Lion store, then secretly videotaped employees for a story on food-handling practices that accused the chain of selling rat-gnawed cheese and rotting meat.

The report alleged that Food Lion employees ground out-of-date beef along with new beef, bleached rank meat to remove its odor and re-dated products not sold before their expiration date.

While the grocery chain denied the accusations, it did not pursue claims of libel or slander. Instead, Food Lion claimed it was the victim of fraud for hiring two bogus workers and won $1,402 in compensatory damages in addition to the punitive award.

The jury award had stunned some because it appeared to open a new line of legal attack against news media and hidden-camera journalism that did not center on the accuracy of the story.

"This case was sitting out there as a very dangerous precedent for the press," said Gregg Leslie, acting executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

The appeals court, in a 2-1 ruling, overturned the punitive and compensatory damages, saying the supermarket chain wasn't damaged by the reporters' deception — though it upheld $1 in damages against each reporter for trespass and breaching their duty to be loyal to Food Lion.

"This is a victory for the American tradition of investigative journalism. In the end, after Food Lion spent millions of dollars on legal fees and public relations offensives, the court ordered ABC News to pay only $2 in damages," said David Westin, ABC News president.

The appeals court also reversed the jury's finding that ABC violated the North Carolina Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act, ruling that the law did not apply because the network and the Salisbury, N.C.-based supermarket chain were not in competition.

"ABC was not competing with Food Lion, and it did not have any actual or potential business relationship with the grocery chain," so the law could not be used in this case, said the opinion by Judge M. Blane Michael.

"Presumably, ABC intended to benefit the consuming public by letting it know about Food Lion's food handling practices," Michael added. Judge Diana G. Motz joined his opinion.

Judge Paul V. Niemeyer disagreed with the majority, writing in a dissenting opinion that there was ample evidence to support the jury's finding of fraud.

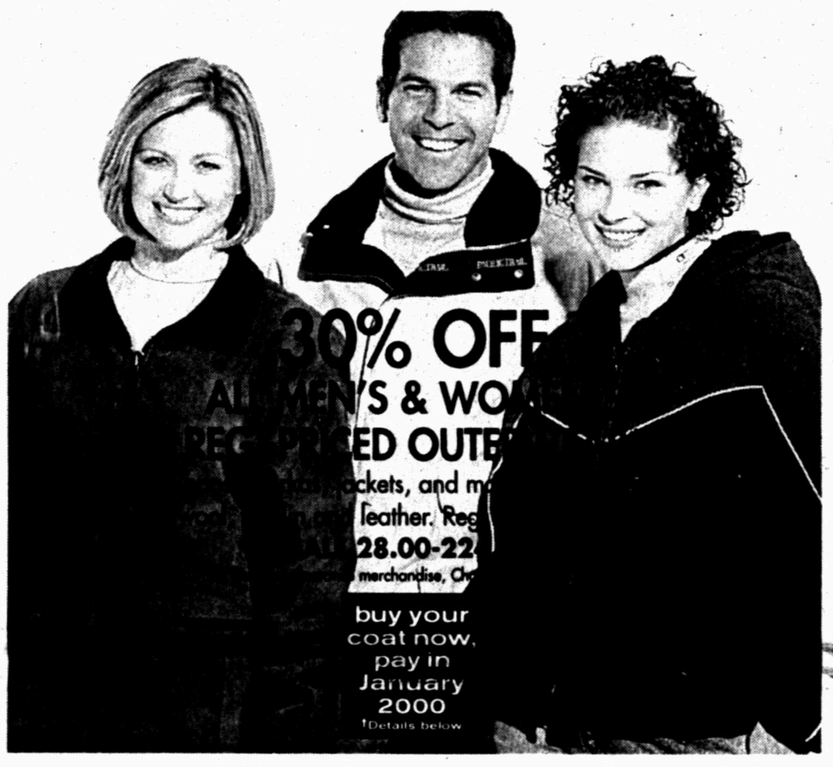
Food Lion said it was disappointed. "This is a complicated legal area, and our lawyers will review the court's decision and advise us of our options," it said in a statement.

Abrams, the media attorney, said: "The enduring message of this opinion is that the press will be protected against enormous judgments based on the content of articles unless the companies suing can prove that the articles weren't true.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 22, 1999

All Librans have a fondness for partnership arrangements, but in the year ahead matters where you operate independently of others will be the ones that could be the most successful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Once a disagreement is introduced, it will be difficult to subdue today, so stay away from issues that have caused you and your mate to take opposing views. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It's never a good policy to use a discussion with friends as a platform to criticize another who isn't present. You're the one who'll come off looking bad today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Sometimes there are no in-betweens with you and today could be just such a day. You might be either generous to a fault or surprisingly selfish. Try to temper both extremes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Instead of telling others what they should do, lead by example and show them how things should be done. Unless you take this initiative, you won't get others on your bandwagon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) One of your greatest assets is your ability to visualize the future, but unless your dreams are realistic today, their chances of being fulfilled are slim.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's no need to grant a request just because it is asked. Be strong enough to explain why you don't wish to comply should someone ask something of you that you're not up to doing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Little irritations can't put you in a bad mood today if you don't permit them to do so. Maintain that positive, upbeat attitude throughout the day and they'll have no impact.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually you're tolerant of others who have a difference of an opinion from what you believe, but today you might not take kindly to anyone who opposes what you think. Don't overreact.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't sweat the small stuff today and get all uptight over matters that are of no real significance. Keep your sense of humor about you and treat everything lightly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) When involved in a team effort today, be careful you are not the one who gets things off to a bad start by demanding that things are done your way. Harmony must prevail to succeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Lack of communication or jealous thinking mars productivity, so if you or your cohorts bring either into the picture, nip it in the bud immediately and get on with your work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is not the day to get involved in risky ventures or enterprises. If your involvements get too chancy or speculative, a serious loss could ensue.

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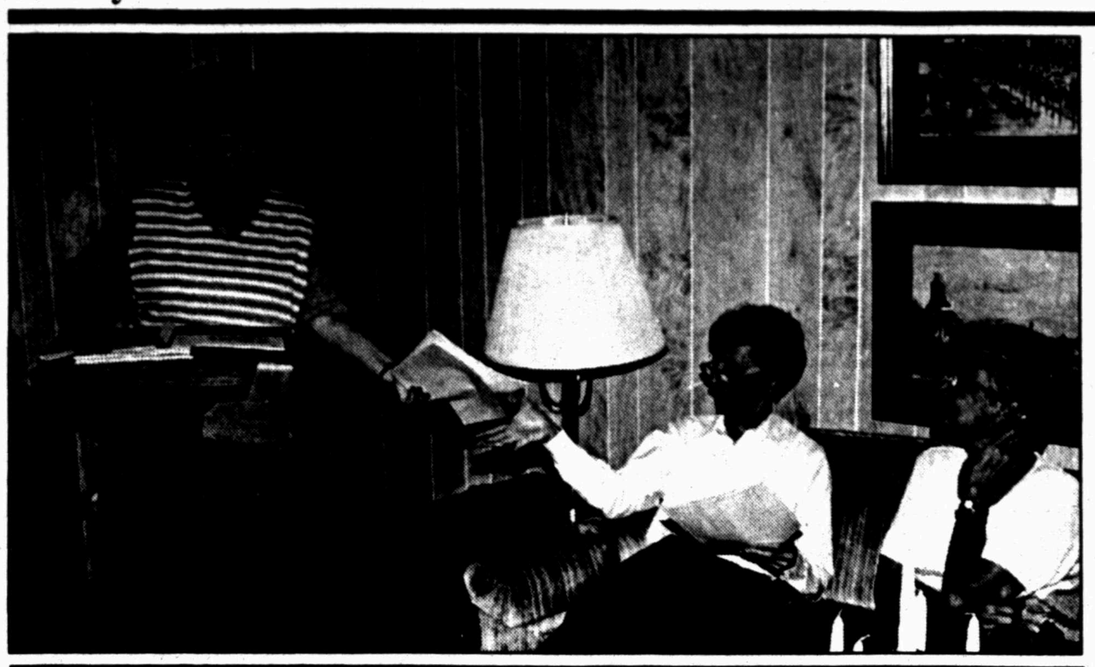
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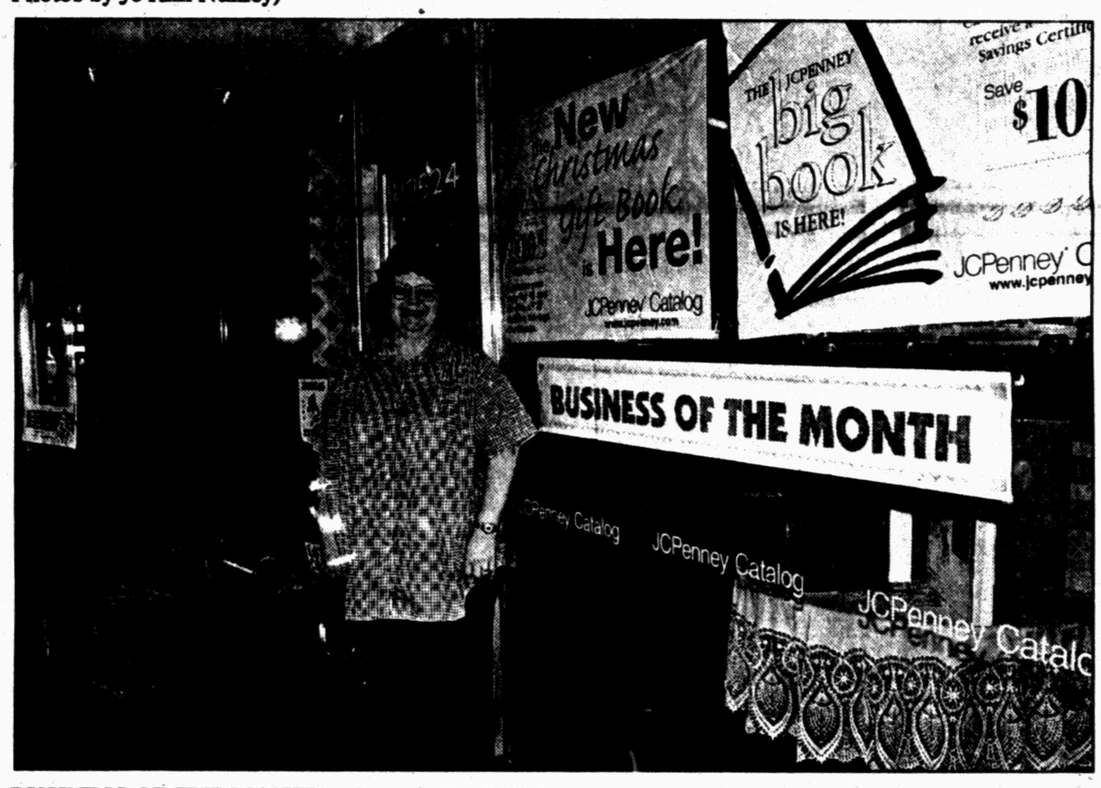
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FALL BRINGS CLUB ACTIVITIES — Atheneum Study Club met at the Martha Ann Woman's Club for a program by Jo Thrower, standing left in the top photo. A member of the Genealogy organization, Thrower gave tips on how to begin researching ancestors. She was pictured giving forms to Dorothy Kiser and Anne von Roeder. Following the program and business, Atheneum members worked on a table display for the Martha Ann Woman' Club's Tablescapes set for Oct. 30. From left are Wanda Falls, von Roeder, Nona Williams, Nelda Fields and Kiser. Tablescapes includes a luncheon and viewing many decorated tables and trees. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased by calling 573-6443, 573-6717 or 573-3427. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH —Long before Bill Armstrong retired from Amoco, he and his wife, Linda had decided they wanted to retire in Snyder. "The people were friendly and the location was good for having a ranch we both had interest in," said Linda. They purchased the JC Penney Store believing it was a good move for them and the people of Snyder. The store is located at 2524 Ave. R, on the east side of the square. JC Penney Store was chosen as business of the month by the city beautification committee and the Snyder Garden Club for its storefront appearance. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 10-21-99 ♠ Q 10 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A Q 7 6 4 3 2 ♣ 8 2	
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	South ♠ A K J 7 2 ♥ 10 7 ♦ K J 10 8 ♣ A K	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

From the good old prewar days

By Phillip Alder

It is interesting to study international matches from a long time ago. Declarer-play wasn't bad, but defensive techniques and bidding systems were far less sophisticated than they are today.

Here is an example deal, taken from a match between Ireland (Eire) and Wales in 1937. How do you think the auction would proceed nowadays? In particular, what would you rebid with that South hand after opening one spade and hearing partner respond two diamonds?

In the other room, after one spade and two diamonds, the Welsh South invented a two-heart rebid. His partner wisely rebid three diamonds, South continued the torture with four clubs, North repeated his diamonds, and South raised to game. When East led a club, declarer immediately claimed all 13 tricks: plus 440.

Here, South rebid three diamonds, which was normally played as nonforcing in England. (It is fine *if* forcing. Otherwise, South should either jump to four diamonds or fudge with three clubs; I prefer the former, which is "kiss" bidding: keep it simple, sensible.) North made the strange-looking three-spade continuation, then passed when South raised to game. (I would have thought he planned to retreat to five diamonds, but perhaps he hoped that both contracts would win only 10 tricks.)

West led the heart ace: three, two, seven. Then West, Simon Rivlin, did very well, switching to the diamond nine. East ruffed, put his partner back on lead with a heart, and received a second diamond ruff to defeat the contract: plus 50. So, Wales gained 490 points.

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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

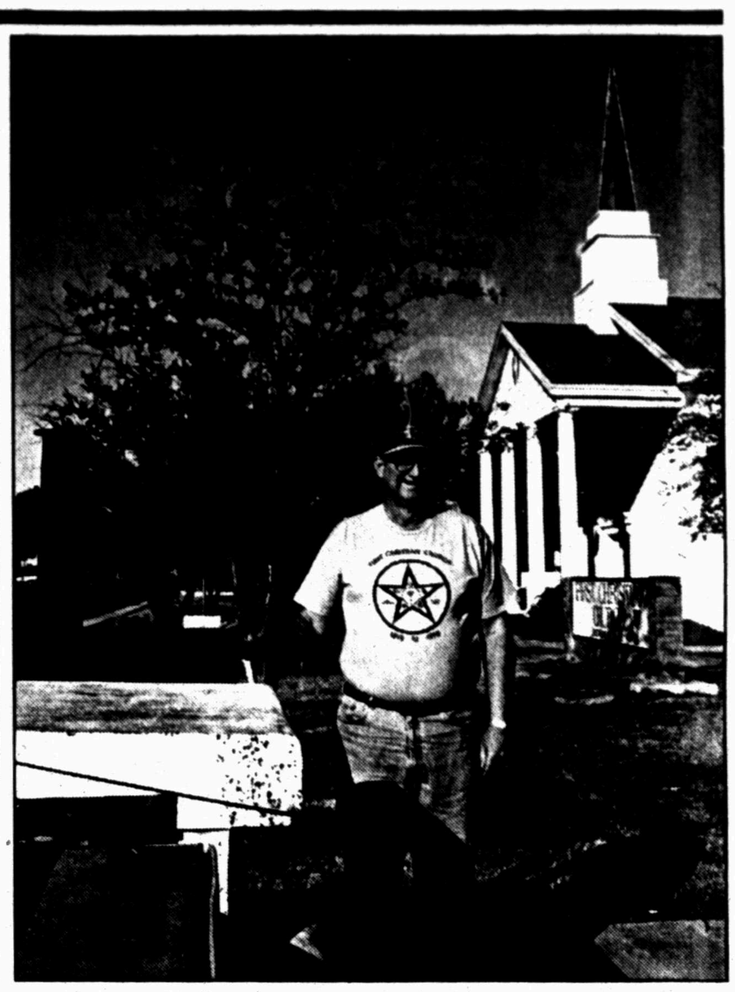
Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary meeting; board room at CMH; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7z;30 p.m.



FAJITA COOKOUT — Dr. Tim Griffin, pastor, will be ready with others from the First Christian Church to serve fajitas before the Sweetwater vs Snyder game Friday. The church is located on 37th Street near Tiger Stadium. Serving will begin at 5 p.m. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



YARD CONTEST WINNER — Tony Haley, left, won the Picture Perfect Yard Contest, sponsored by Wal-Mart Scott's Miracle Gro and Ortho. Store manager Charles Alvarez and Tony hold the winner's poster. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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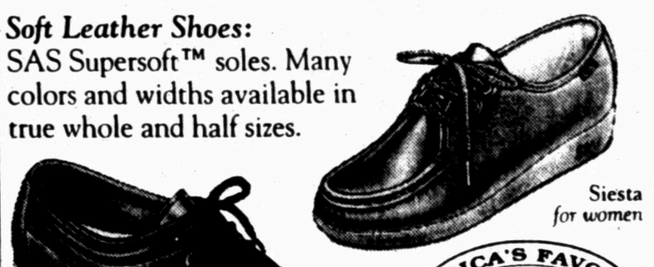
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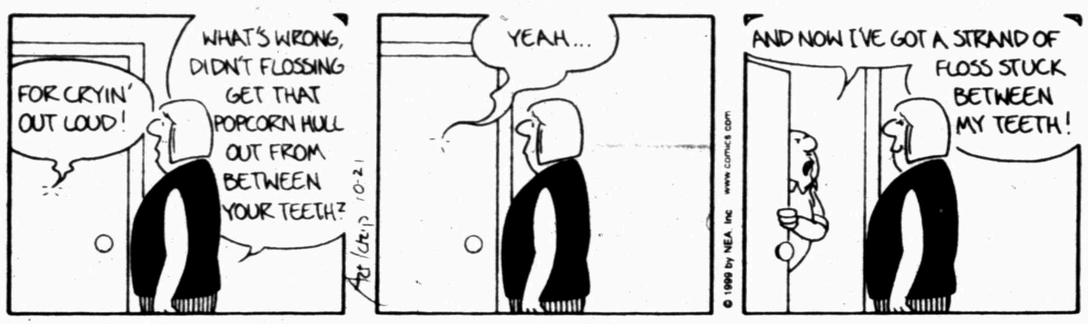


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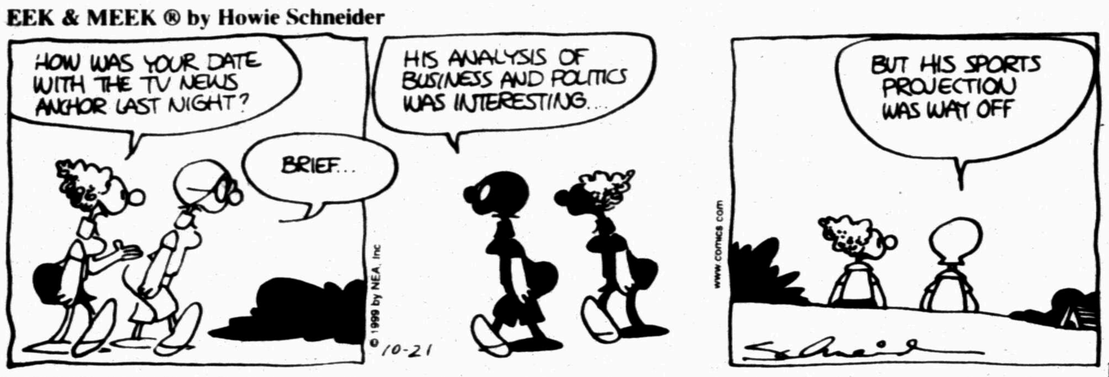
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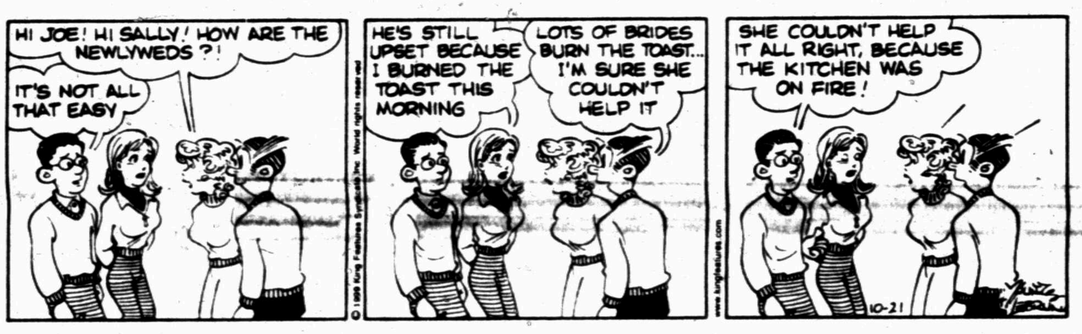
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1 Tolerate
6 Remove (a hat)
10 Post-storm problems
12 Like bears
14 Rancid
15 Away from the coast
16 Andes plant
17 Monastery (abbr.)
19 Eject (from office)
20 Actress Audrey —
23 At right angles to a ship
26 Actor Gulager
27 M.D.'s grp.
30 Ridiculous failure
32 Shoelace tip
34 National song
35 Tooth covering
36 Sts.
37 German one
39 Make happy
40 Spanning
42 Physicians (sl.)
45 Actor Hunter
46 Half a dance?
49 Shade of difference
51 Style of type
54 Add on
55 Most secure
56 Band instrument
57 At — — for words

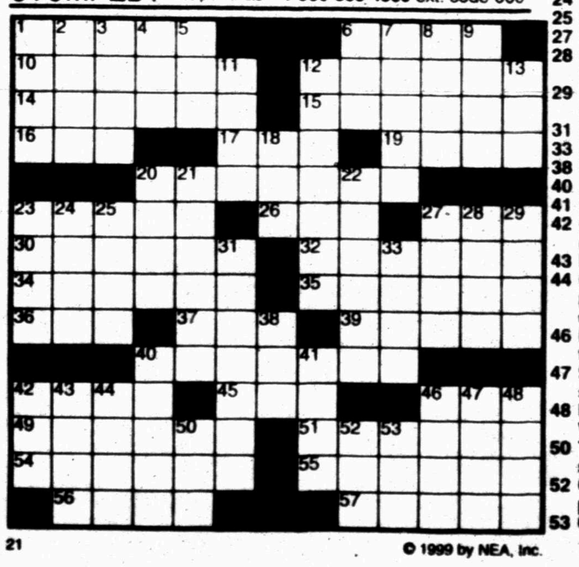
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3 Least bit
4 Small spot
5 Netherlands commune
6 Demand payment from
7 Synthetic fabric
8 German Mrs.
9 Swamps
11 Ginger cookie
12 Leg bones
13 Insecticide inits.
18 UK broadcasters
20 Heavenly — (ice cream)
21 Roast figures
22 Destroyed
23 At a distance
24 Tie up
25 Has lunch
27 — mater
28 Come together
29 Tamarisk salt tree
31 Left out
33 Strong wind
38 Gun grp.
40 Actor Ed —
41 Nile bird
42 Genetic stuff (abbr.)
43 Elf
44 Guitar player's device
46 Nile queen, for short
47 Snake's sound
48 Emulates Sam Waterston
50 TV news source
52 Chinese pagoda
53 CIO partner

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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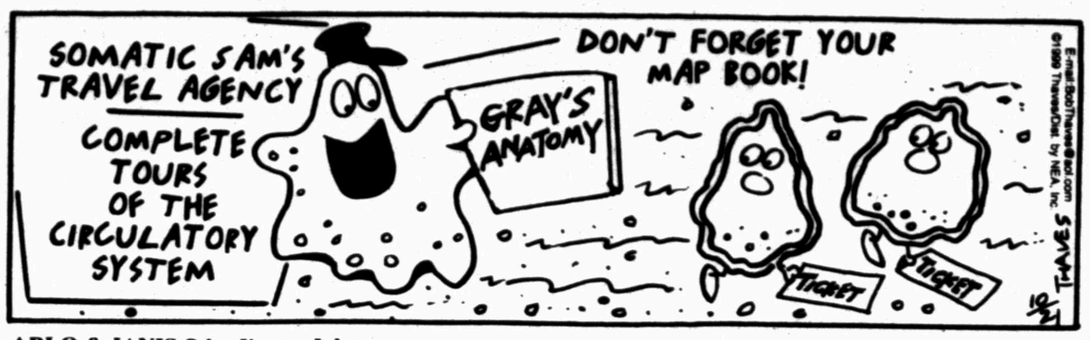
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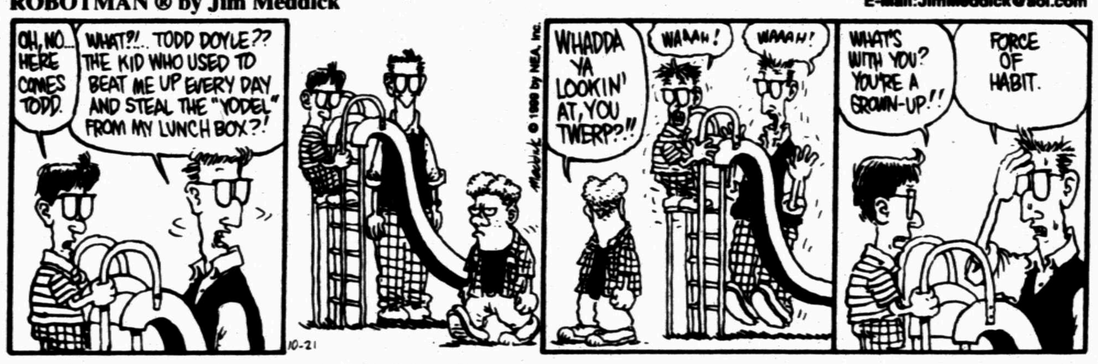


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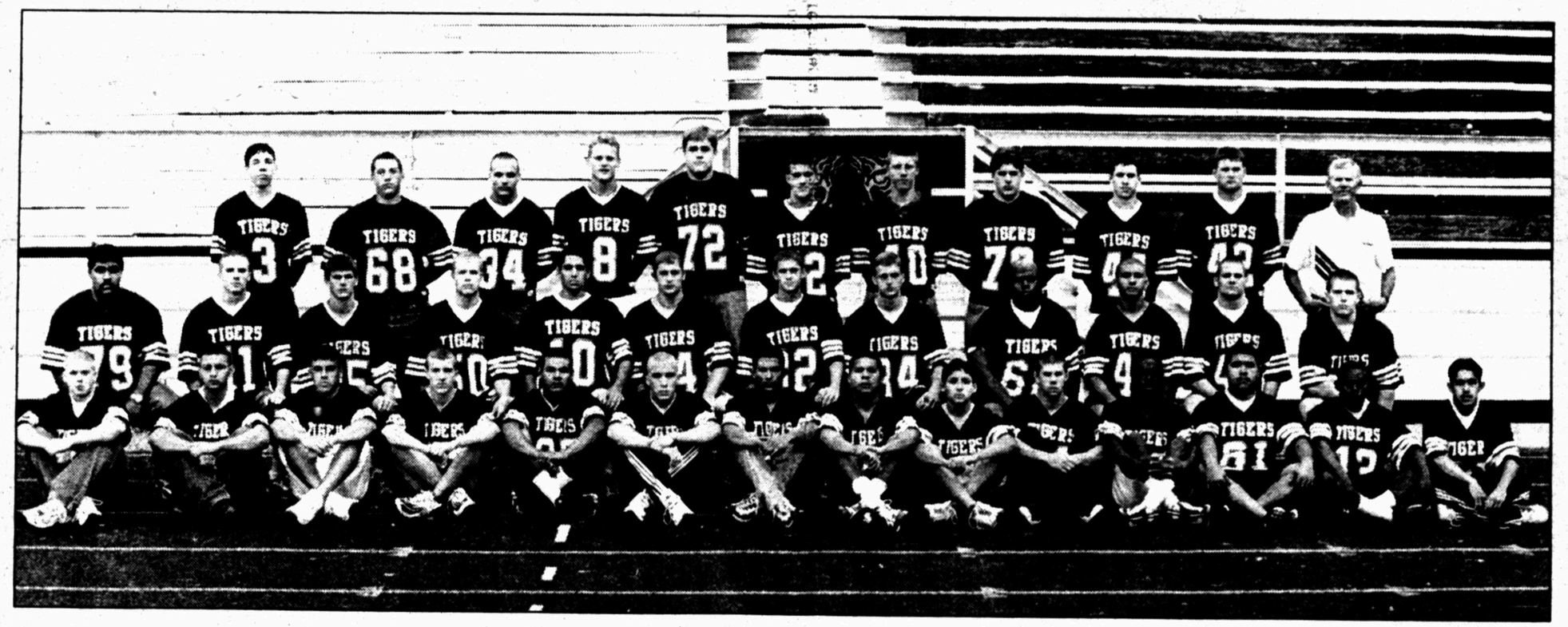
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SNYDER TIGERS — Members of the 1999 Snyder Tigers football team are, front row from left, Braden Doolittle, Mike Martinez, Sam Aviles, Jesse Haines, Josh Arizmendi, Ike Crill, John Ortegon, Bebos Martinez, Ralph Ramon, Larry Gilbreth, Tovares Brandon, R.J. Hernandez, Edwin James and Guy Terrazas. On the middle row are Joe Esparza, Billy Burleson, Seth Rosson, Jeremy Nelson, Brady Hackfeld, Max Blackwell, Matthew Grimmett, Justin Rosson, Tremaine Johnson, Sid Villasana, Paul Camp and Mark Medley. On the back row are Jared Thornhill, Chase McJimsey, Michael Loper, Sonny Cumbie, Cory Knipe, Randy Green, Daniel Highfield, Lance Foreman, Justin Phillips, Adam Beck and head coach David Baugh. Not pictured is Brian Gordon. (SDN Staff Photo)

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SPORTS

Tigers keep focus on task at hand

It's rivalry week in Snyder, as the Tigers prepare to host their battle with the Sweetwater Mustangs. The winner gets bragging rights for the next year, and a foothold on the climb to the district title.

The Tigers recorded their 2-0 league mark, thanks in part to the play of co-captains Randy Green and Sonny Cumbie, and defensive standouts Mark Medley and Michael Loper.

"Since we beat them last year, I definitely think they'll be looking for revenge," said Green, the Tigers' senior center. "But we're ready to go. We've been playing against this same group of guys since the seventh grade, and it would be nice to beat them twice in a row."

To beat the Mustangs again, senior strong safety Michael Loper thinks he knows the key.

"We've got to stop Willie on the sweeps," Loper said, referring to speedy Sweetwater tailback Willie Amos.

Loper has turned in strong performances the last two weeks, registering double-digit tackles in victories over Andrews and Big Spring.

"When district started I stepped up my play some, because that's what I thought I needed to do to help the team," Loper stated. "This week we want to keep playing like we have been, and not get the big head."

Medley posted double digits in tackles as well the last two weeks. But the Sweetwater game will be a new experience for the junior linebacker, who missed last year's match-up with a knee injury.

"Watching from the sidelines last year was hard," Medley said. "But this year's game should be just as good. Since we beat them last year, I'm sure they're going to give us a good game this year."

Medley agrees with Loper's defensive key, stopping Amos.

"We have to gang tackle like we have been the past couple of weeks," Medley explained. "If we can stop them on the option and the sweep, then I think our offense can go to work on them."

When the Tiger offense goes to work, it will be senior quarterback Sonny Cumbie at the helm. Cumbie, the district's leading passer, knows the history of the Snyder-Sweetwater rivalry, but he also understands the big picture — a win Friday and the Tigers are 3-0 in district play.

"Snyder and Sweetwater have been rivals for so long, that I'm sure both teams will be up for the game," Cumbie said. "But in this district, every game is big. You have to be ready to play every week, or else you're going to get beat."

The senior signal caller admitted that the aspect of being 3-0 is more important than bragging rights over Sweetwater.

"The talent in this district is so high, that it seems like everyone is a rival," Cumbie stated. "It's more important for us to be 3-0, than is to be able to say that we beat Sweetwater. The winner will have the best shot at the district championship, and that's what we're shooting for."

As for offensive keys to victory, Cumbie believes there is one big one.

"We beat two really good teams the last two weeks, and it's no coincidence that we didn't turn the ball over in either game," Cumbie remarked. "We can't turn it over Friday night, and we need to have a good opening drive."

Kickoff is slated for 7:30 at Tiger Stadium.

Snyder's Pigskin Prognosticators

STANDINGS

Floyd	92-48	.657
Cypert	87-53	.621
Rodriguez	99-41	.707
Drennan	81-59	.579

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Big Spring at Andrews	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring	Big Spring
Lake View at Forst Stockton	Fort Stockton	Lake View	Lake View	Fort Stockton
Texas Tech at Baylor	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech
Nebraska at Texas	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Texas A&M at Oklahoma	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Oklahoma
TCU at Rice	TCU	TCU	Rice	TCU
Michigan St. at Wisconsin	Michigan St.	Michigan St.	Michigan St.	Wisconsin
Penn St. at Purdue	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.	Penn St.
Florida St. at Clemson	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.	Florida St.
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San Francisco at Minnesota	San Francisco	Minnesota	San Francisco	Minnesota
Denver at New England	New England	New England	New England	New England
Detroit at Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Detroit

Dallas, Kansas City awarded title games

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas and Kansas City were the winners Wednesday when the Big 12 Conference handed out locations for championship events in the first few years of the new millennium.

The Big 12 men's basketball tournament will come to Dallas in 2003 and 2004, leaving its Kansas City venue for the first time in more than two decades, league directors decided.

But the tournament closely associated with Kansas City will return there in 2005.

Strength of financial bids was among the factors in choosing the sites, said Robert Hemenway, University of Kansas chancellor and chairman of the league's board of directors.

"It was a competitive process," Hemenway said. "The cities that won were in a competition."

League officials declined to release the cities' bid information.

In 2001, the conference championship football game will take place at Texas Stadium in Irving, home of the Dallas Cowboys.

The football championship, which will be in San Antonio this December, moves to Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City in 2000.

While the locations for football championships after 2001 have not been set, conference directors want to continue rotating the games between northern and southern cities. Currently, the game alternates between San Antonio and St. Louis.

"There was a real interest and desire in trying something new with the championship game, but we really weren't interested in going long term with that event," said Big 12 commissioner Kevin Weiberg.

The basketball games in Dallas will be played at the American Airlines Center, the future home of the NBA Mavericks and NHL Stars that's scheduled to open in 2001.

Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

Here are a few points to ponder, while wondering how in the world the UIL didn't vote water polo to be an official sport.

The talk of the town is Friday night's gridiron showdown between Snyder and its rival, the Sweetwater Mustangs.

But there's another rivalry brewing this weekend, and this one revolves around golf.

When former SHS assistant golf coach Primo Gonzalez took the head boys position at Fort Stockton, he accepted an invitation to his new school's sports banquet.

During the course of the evening, the Lady Panther golf coach called Gonzalez to the front and told him that she had a message to send back to Coach Matt Glenn and his Lady Tigers.

In front of the entire banquet audience, the Lady Panther coach said that her squad was going to beat the Lady Tigers in district; it was going to beat them at regionals; and it was going to beat them at the state tournament.

Those sound like fighting words in the golf world.

And it just so happens that the Lady Panthers will get their first shot at Snyder this weekend at the El Paso Invitational, because as it turns out, Fort Stockton is paired with the Lady Tigers in the opening round.

I hope the Lady Panther leader isn't on a diet, because that's a lot of words to eat.

Teeing it up for the Lady Tigers in El Paso will be Lacey Kidd, Randi Reed, Sally Barham, Andra Lancaster and Kara Harrison.

When the UIL legislative council met earlier this week in Austin, a number of amendments were passed, but there were a few which were not. Here are some of the things that were voted down.

The UIL Standing Committee on Athletics voted against allowing boys to play girls sports; requiring every child to play in every game; mandatory knee braces for all football players; and allowing football teams to use "bench to the field communication" on a trial basis.

The Standing Committee on Policy did not ratify proposals to add the following activities: chess, bowling, girls' pole vault, water polo, cheerleading, and sport called BiRakIt.

BiRakIt is a sport in which two players, with a racket in each hand, play racquetball. Sports fans all across this great state of ours are shocked it didn't pass.

Warrick will miss tilt with Clemson

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Peter Warrick's football future remained on hold today, but the Florida State star probably won't play Saturday against Clemson.

For the second straight day, he received a court postponement on a plea agreement in connection with a department store scam. His lawyer wants to make sure Warrick can rejoin the top-ranked Seminoles after his legal problems are settled. And that requires the approval of the university president.

Warrick is to return to court Nov. 4, but the judge said the parties can return sooner if they have reached an agreement.

"If I enter a plea that is acceptable to the court and is acceptable to the state attorney's office, but won't help him get back on the field, it's not going to make Peter Warrick very happy," lawyer John Kenny said today. "So I've got to try to work between the state attorney's office and the university. And right now I don't have that set in concrete."

Snyder JV, freshmen knock off Lake View

Snyder's freshman and junior varsity volleyball squads made quick work of the Maidens Tuesday night.

Snyder knocked off Lake View, 15-9, 15-11, in JV action, after notching a 15-7, 15-9 victory in the freshman match-up.

In the junior varsity contest, Katie Voss led the Lady Tigers' service effort with 10 points. Kasey Collier and Vanessa Freeman tallied six points apiece, with Laura Billingsley and Leticia Martinez adding four each.

For the SHS freshmen, Wendy Proffitt served up seven points to anchor the service effort. Dara Chambers and Afton Schwertner registered five points apiece, and Zipporah Peoples accounted for four.

Hailey Putnam and Rachel Cave chipped in three points each, while Shelley Fisk and Chaelyn Robinson finished with one apiece.

The victory was the season finale for the freshman squad.

"I'm really proud of the way our girls played all year," said Coach Robbie Dickenson. "They had a fantastic season, and they worked hard to get even better every day."

Snyder JV will be in action again Saturday when it visits Fort Stockton.

Area Six-man Statistics

Offense	Rush	Pass	Avg.
Sands	2,391	838	461.3
Silverton	723	2,241	423.4
Cotton Center	1,659	1,257	416.6
Whitharral	1,664	889	364.7
Hermleigh	1,548	974	360.3
Grady	1,687	491	311.2
Ira	1,461	678	305.6

Defense	Rush	Pass	Avg.
Borden County	646	679	189.3
Dawson	1,016	451	209.6
Cotton Center	1,027	454	211.6
Ira	1,074	463	219.6
Whitharral	1,195	444	234.1
Hermleigh	1,338	591	275.6

Rushing	Att.	Yds
Sanchez, Dawson	111	1,177
Lopez, Whitharral	123	1,014
Garza, Grady	125	1,010
Bowen, Highland	137	1,004
Seaton, Lazbuddie	112	1,004
Digby, Hermleigh	104	917
Rodriguez, Bord. County	113	887

Passing	C	A	I	TD	Yds
Francis, Silvrtn	160	258	10	37	2,157
Long, Jayton	71	146	0	22	1,424
Nichols, Cot.Ctr.	58	99	8	18	1,142
Doggett, Herm.	56	110	2	16	974
Floyd, Sands	37	92	3	9	838
Smith, Ira	47	72	1	17	627

Receiving	Rec.	Yds
Garcia, Silverton	38	455
Callaway, Hermleigh	31	652
Ramirez, Silverton	31	617
Ivory, Silverton	30	174
Ureste, Cotton Center	26	528
Daves, Ira	17	173

SDN Sports Briefs

Freshman game changed

Kickoff for Snyder High School's freshman football game tonight at Tiger Stadium has been changed from 6:30 to 7:30.

Hermleigh caravan

A car caravan will travel from Hermleigh to Ira for Friday night's 7:30 match-up between the Cardinals and the Bulldogs. The caravan will depart Hermleigh High School at 6:15.

Deer hunting contest

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

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

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

Sight-in day will be Sunday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the range.

Peewee all-star games

The Boys and Girls Club all-star peewee football games will be held Saturday at Tiger Stadium.

The 9-year-old game will kick off at 9 a.m., with the 10-year-olds starting at 10. The 11 and 12-year-old contest will follow.

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Basketball: WTC at South Plains, scrimmage, TBA.

Rodeo: WTC at Texas Tech rodeo.

Tennis: Snyder JV at Lubbock High.

Football: Snyder JV at Sweetwater, 6:30.

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

Football: Snyder 7th and 8th at Sweetwater, 5 p.m., 6:30.

Football: Jayton at Ira JV, 7:30.

Football: Ira JH at Hermleigh, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Texas Tech rodeo.

Golf: Snyder varsity girls at El Paso Invitational.

Football: Sweetwater at Snyder, 7:30.

Football: Hermleigh at Ira, 7:30.

Football: Grady at Borden County, 7:30.

SATURDAY

Rodeo: WTC at Texas Tech rodeo.

Golf: Snyder varsity girls at El Paso Invitational.

Volleyball: Snyder JV and varsity, 1 and 2 p.m.

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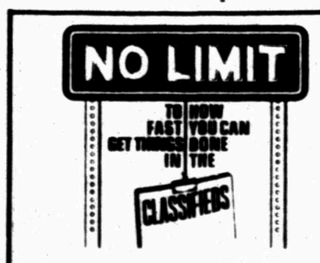
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By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

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DEAR READER: Get a stool analysis for worms. Cat tapeworm can be spread to humans by finger-to-mouth contact when the parasite's eggs are excreted, end up on objects or in soil, and are inadvertently ingested.

That said, I doubt that your symptoms are due to a tapeworm. We are not usually aware of tapeworm infestation until anemia develops or we pass the parasites in the stool. You probably have to look elsewhere for other causes of your distension, low energy and wriggling sensations. Nonetheless, a stool analysis is definitely in order.

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Culture of guns collides with Columbine fears in Montana

CONRAD, Mont. (AP) — Gerry Christensen started his three boys hunting for gophers and skunks when they were 9 or 10 years old. He taught the hunting safety course they needed to get their first big-game licenses.

But Christensen, the local power company manager, is also head of the school board. This summer, in the wake of the Columbine school massacre, he helped pass a resolution to use search dogs in the school parking lot to sniff out hidden drugs, alcohol — and gunpowder. Students with a firearm face expulsion.

All of this caused an uproar. The possibility of expelling kids with a hunting rifle in the pickup didn't go over well in rural Montana.

The madness of Columbine, where 13 were killed in April by two student gunmen who then killed themselves, shocked parents and administrators nationwide. Many schools have cracked down on weapons.

But in Conrad, a farm community of 2,900 some 50 miles north of Great Falls on Montana's high plains, guns are just part of growing up. School administrators, parents and teachers are grappling with how to mesh the new reality of school violence with the longstanding culture of hunting and guns.

It has not been an easy fit.

While hunting may be on the decline in much of the country, it remains strong in Montana. Of the state's nearly 900,000 residents, about 225,000 hold big-game licenses. Thousands will take to the field this weekend for the opening of Montana's big-game hunting season.

About 6,000 kids a year go through the hunter education classes. There are more hunters and anglers here per capita than in any other state — 47 percent of men and 10 percent of women.

A Montana kid often owns a gun long before he's trusted with a car. Jody Calbas, who runs the local hardware store, said the typical Conrad kid may get a .22-caliber rifle, costing from $100 to $200, at the age of 9 or 10.

They can plunk varmints without a license. And at age 12, after hunter safety class, they can go after big game with more powerful weapons. The first big hunting trip with dad is a traditional rite of passage.

But the dangers of the outside world are intruding on Conrad, and the school is responding. Besides the searches, it has added intruder and bomb-threat drills.

"We're only as safe as our most unstable child," said high school Principal Orlen Zempel.

Students hanging out in front of the IGA grocery store at lunch in late September on Homecoming Week showed little concern.

Brown claims judge was biased

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Football legend Jim Brown claims the female judge who presided over his domestic violence trial is biased against men, and he says he will refuse to collect trash as a form of community service.

A jury found Brown guilty of vandalism on Sept. 10 for smashing his wife's car with a shovel during an argument. He was acquitted of charges that he had threatened his 25-year-old wife, Monique.

Superior Court Judge Dale Fischer sentenced Brown to three years' probation and ordered him to pay $1,700 in fines. He was also ordered to attend a domestic violence counseling program and to complete 400 hours of community service. Brown was to appear in court today to prove he had enrolled in the counseling and community service programs.

Brown, 63, said Wednesday he filed a motion alleging Fischer is against men in general and black males in particular. The motion seeks to have her retroactively removed from his case and his sentence nullified.

During his sentencing earlier this month, Brown objected to any domestic violence conditions because he was acquitted of the threat charge.

"I am not going to clean trash on the freeway. They can take my (driver's) license. I am not going to get on my knees, and if they give me the maximum sentence, I will serve it like a man," Brown said Wednesday.

In his motion, Brown claimed that Fischer is a leader of the American Inns of Court, a professional legal organization founded in Utah in 1980 that he said is a "radical and extremist group" opposed to minority men.

Brown was prosecuted for making a threat against his wife even though she recanted her accusations to police that he had threatened to snap her neck.

She testified that she made her initial remarks following a June 15 fight at the couple's Hollywood Hills home to get attention because she believed her husband was having an affair.

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Chevron			91 15-16 90¾ 91 9-16— 7-16
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CocaCola			53 15-16 52¾ 53 13-16+1 1-16
ColgatePal s			56¼ 55¼ 56¼+ 2¼
ComclMetals			30¼ 30¼ 30⅜— ¼
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DowChem			112¼ 110 9-16 112 1-16+ 1¾
DuPont			63½ 61¾ 63¾+ 1¾
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EDS Corp			50¾ 49 50 7-16— 5-16
Entergy			28¾ 28¼ 28 11-16— ⅛
Exxon			76¾ 75 7-16 75½— ½
Flowers			16 15 9-16 15¾— 1-16
FordMotor			53 3-16 52¾ 53 — ⅛
GTE Cp			73¾ 71¾ 72¼— ½
GenDynam			56 5-16 54 54 —2 7-16
GenElec			122 120¾ 121¾+ ¼
GenMills			85½ 84¾ 84¾+ ½
GenMotors			65 3-16 64 7-16 65 1-16— 1-16
GaPacGP s			39 11-16 38¾ 38½— 1¼
GlobalMar			15¾ 15 7-16 15 11-16+ 3-16
Goodrich			26¼ 25¼ 26 3-16+ ¼
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Litton			48¾ 47 5-16 47¾— 1¾
LockheedM s			24 23 9-16 23¾— ⅜
Lowes Cos			54 15-16 53 5-16 54¾+13-16
Lubys			12¾ 11 13-16 12 1-16— 1-16
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SwstAirl s			16¾ 15 15-16 15 15-16— ⅛
SprintFON s			64 5-16 63¼ 64 —15-16
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Husband cleared of murder

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — For more than 27 years, authorities thought Gilbert Peppin shot his wife to death at home one summer night in 1972.

For just as long, Peppin maintained his innocence and even cooperated with investigators trying to nail down the killer.

Now authorities say a recent confession by the couple's former paper boy — already jailed for another death — is Peppin's long-awaited exoneration.

"It's been a long 27 years," Peppin said Wednesday after Ramsey County authorities announced the confession of Charles Lee LaTourelle. "There is no better thing I could find out at this time in my life."

LaTourelle, 44, confessed to the crime Oct. 10. He is already serving a prison sentence for the 1980 murder of Catharine John, a St. Cloud State University student. Ms. John was stabbed 21 times, raped and dumped into the Mississippi River.

Authorities say LaTourelle told them he killed Phyllis Peppin, then 26, on June 14, 1972, after she tried to flee from her home after he broke in.

LaTourelle, then 17 and the neighborhood paper boy, had come there with the intent of raping her, and says he was "obsessed" with her, according to a criminal complaint. He has been charged with second-degree murder.

Mr. Peppin had long maintained he found his wife's body on the floor after coming home late from work at his father's barbershop.

While investigators suspected Peppin, he was not charged. He cooperated with authorities, got married again and kept working as a barber. Police never considered LaTourelle committed the crime.

Peppin said he vaguely remembered LaTourelle, but only after being shown a photograph. "I have no idea other than I probably paid him a few times for delivering the paper," he said.

Peppin's wife of 16 years, Adrienne, said Wednesday she had endured criticism from relatives fearful of her marrying a murder suspect. The couple have two children, ages 13 and 15.

"He's the best guy I ever met," she said of her husband. "Hopefully, he can live his life in peace, and Phyllis can rest in peace."



NEW OFFICERS — Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, formerly known as Future Homemakers of America, elected officers for the 1999-2000 school year at Snyder High School. They are from left, seated, Daphny Lopez, president; Adriane Williams, chaplain; Jennifer Lara, historian; standing, Tazmean Moorehead, parliamentarian; Trisha Block, vice president of programs; Valerie Lara, vice president of recreation; Brian Castillo, treasurer; and Vanessa Lara, secretary. Not pictured is Suzanne Bogard, reporter. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Captain's errors are blamed in ship's grounding

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The saga of the New Carissa, the freighter that ran aground and refused to be disposed of, began with the captain's "ill-fated" decision to anchor close to shore in poor weather, the Coast Guard says.

An agency report issued Wednesday cited captain's error as the main cause for the grounding near Coos Bay last Feb. 4.

"The grounding was a result of the Master's ill-fated decision" to anchor near shore in a gale, the report said. "A contributing factor to the event was the Master's imprudent approach to anchoring. He chose to use only one anchor and did not lay out more anchor chain as would be expected for the environmental situation."

The Coast Guard noted that the captain, Benjamin Morgado, did not testify at the formal hearing because of possible pending criminal charges so there was little insight into his decisions. The report said the grounding was not due to a criminal act and tests on the Filipino crew showed no evidence of drugs or alcohol.

The freighter ran aground while waiting to enter Coos Bay to pick up a load of wood chips. The problems dragged on for months.

A harbor pilot tried to pull the wreck off the beach with its own engines, but failed. While waiting for a break in rough weather for a salvage tug to make its way down the coast, the ship bounced and twisted in the surf, breaking cracks in the hull and releasing 70,000 of fuel oil that fouled beaches and shorebirds.

A Navy demolition team placed explosive charges and Bangalore torpedoes throughout the ship to crack open the fuel tanks and set ablaze the thick gooey fuel oil. It took two tries and the fire didn't consume all the oil.

Weeks later, an ocean-going tug using a special cable pulled the bow section off the beach.

Court revives prospect of massive award in trial

MIAMI (AP) — An appeals court has ruled that a lump-sum payment may be awarded to plaintiffs in a landmark suit against Big Tobacco — a payment that lawyers for cigarette makers fear could cripple the industry.

The 3rd District Court of Appeal ruled Wednesday that the same jurors who decided the nation's largest cigarette makers are liable for making a deadly product can decide on a single sum for punitive damages instead of on a case-by-case basis.

Tobacco industry lawyer Dan Webb had warned the court that permitting such a lump-sum award for 500,000 sick Florida smokers could exceed $300 billion, which "would destroy any industry."

"The stakes have suddenly become humongous," said Northeastern University law professor Richard Daynard, head of an anti-tobacco clearinghouse. "The fate of the industry rests on this jury that has already found that the industry has behaved outrageously."

In July, the jury found that the nation's five largest cigarette makers produced a product that causes emphysema, lung cancer and other illnesses. The same panel is to determine damages in the second phase of the trial, set to begin Nov. 1.

Last month, the appeals court agreed with the industry that damages should be decided one smoker at a time. Investors rejoiced, figuring the tobacco industry could more easily defend itself against lots of small awards than against one big multibillion-dollar verdict.

But the same appeals court withdrew its decision and agreed to reconsider. On Wednesday, just hours after hearing arguments from both sides, the three-judge panel issued an unanimous, one-paragraph ruling without explaining its reasoning.

Presiding Judge David Levy, who heard the case along with Judges Mario Goderich and Melvia Green, said the appeals court "cannot micromanage what the trial judge does" as long as he's not exceeding his authority.

Lawyers for both sides are prohibited from discussing the case.

The defendants are Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, Brown & Williamson Tobacco, Lorillard Tobacco, the Liggett Group and the industry's Council for Tobacco Research-U.S.A and Tobacco Institute Inc.

Martin Feldman, a tobacco analyst for Salomon Smith Barney, said the ruling probably increases the chance that the industry will try to settle the case out of court.

U.S. juries have awarded damages in smoking liability cases only five times — twice in Florida and once in New Jersey, Oregon and California. The Florida and New Jersey verdicts were overturned on appeal.

The $206 billion national settlement reached with the tobacco industry in November bars states from suing to recoup the costs of treating sick smokers but doesn't stop lawsuits by individuals.

Months after confession, man charged in Yosemite murder

MARIPOSA, Calif. (AP) — Relatives of three sightseers slain in Yosemite National Park say they are glad murder charges have been filed against a motel handyman who allegedly confessed to the killings three months ago.

"I think I'll feel a resolution when it's all done — when this man is in jail or in prison for at least the rest of his life," said Carole Carrington, whose daughter, Carole Sund, and granddaughter, Juli Sund, were two of the victims.

Cary Stayner, 38, was charged with three murder counts on Wednesday. He could face the death penalty if convicted.

FBI investigators say Stayner confessed in late July to killing Sund, 42, her daughter Juli, 15, and their Argentine friend Silvina Pelosso, 16, while the three were visiting the park in February.

Stayner's admission came while he was being questioned in the beheading of Yosemite naturalist Joie Ruth Armstrong, 26, officials say. Stayner, who also said he killed Ms. Armstrong, has pleaded innocent in that case.

Investigators had said they were waiting to charge Stayner in the sightseers' slayings until they could rule out the possibility of accomplices.

One member of the FBI task force handling the case, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he was "stunned" by the charges, saying "there are just too many unanswered questions" about whether Stayner acted alone.

A month after their disappearance, authorities discovered the bodies of Mrs. Sund and Miss Pelosso in the trunk of their rental car, which had been set afire and abandoned along a logging road. Juli's body was found a few days later in a thicket near a lake.

Stayner was questioned repeatedly but never considered a suspect in the deaths. Agents began searching for him again when he failed to show up for work the day after Ms. Armstrong's body was found in a remote corner of Yosemite, not far from the motel where he worked.

He was arrested at a nudist camp three days later.

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A focal point even a millimeter in front of the retina results in significant myopia, or nearsightedness, the plight of at least a quarter of the human race.

Date Book

Thursday, Oct. 21, 1999

Today is the 294th day of 1999 and the 29th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1805, an English fleet under the command of Admiral Horatio Nelson defeated a combined French and Spanish fleet in what became known as the Battle of Trafalgar.

On this day in 1918, Margaret Owen set a speed-typing record in New York City by typing 170 words per minute.

On this day in 1961, Bob Dylan recorded his first album, which was entitled "Bob Dylan."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834), poet; Alfred B. Nobel (1833-1896), industrialist-inventor-philanthropist; John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie (1917-1993), musician; Sir Georg Solti (1912-1997), conductor; Edward "Whitey" Ford (1928-), baseball great, is 70; Carrie Fisher (1956-), actress, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1877, Pitchers Tommy Bond and Bobby Mitchell of Boston and Cincinnati threw baseballs around a stake in order to prove that curveballs really curve.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Every increased possession loads us with a new weariness." — John Ruskin

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Oct. 17) and full moon (Oct. 24).

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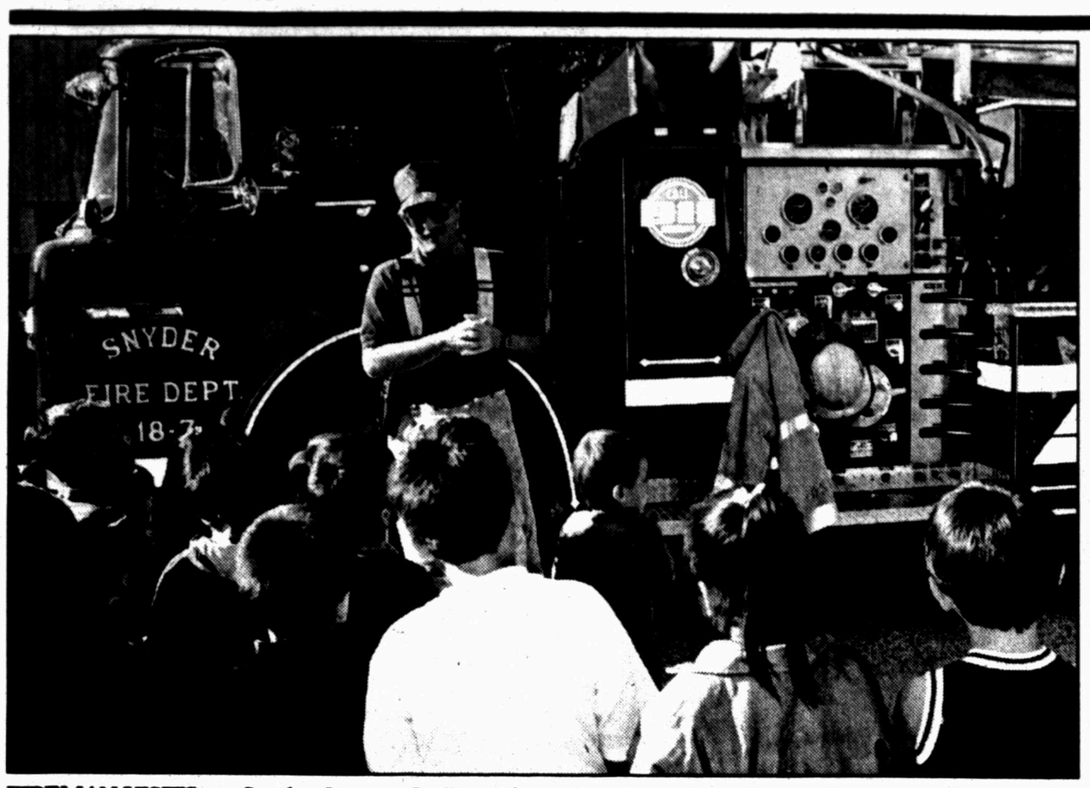
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FIREMAN VISITS — Snyder fireman Cy Posey brought a fire truck to Central Elementary last week for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students to see. He told students what a fireman does and he showed them the various equipment the fire truck has. (Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

College students should be warned about meningitis.

ATLANTA (AP) — It was Christmas Eve in 1995 when Melanie Benn began feeling ill from the disease that would eventually take both her arms and legs.

Then a college freshman, Ms. Benn says she was unaware that her battle with meningitis might have been prevented had she injected a $65 vaccine.

"I had no idea the vaccine was out there before I entered college, and even though I got sick while at home, I'm convinced that I contracted it in the dorm," said Ms. Benn, now 22.

In an attempt to stem such cases, a panel of federal health experts recommended Wednesday that colleges make meningitis vaccines readily available and that they warn students of the risks of the disease.

But the advisory committee from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stopped short of recommending that all college students be vaccinated.

The panel didn't go further in its recommendations because current meningitis vaccines are no more than 90 percent effective and don't work on all strains, said Dr. Nancy Rosenstein of the CDC's meningitis branch.

Meningococcal meningitis is an infection of the membranes around the brain and spinal cord that is fatal in about 10 percent of cases. It can be spread through contact such as kissing, sharing kitchen utensils and sneezing. Symptoms include fever, headache, nausea and vomiting, neck stiffness and skin rash.

The meningitis vaccine was originally developed to combat the disease in U.S. Army barracks. It has been mandatory for Army recruits for more than 30 years, and the disease is now extremely rare among soldiers.

School and health officials have been reluctant to recommend the vaccination to all students because it is expensive — averaging $65 a shot — and not completely effective, and the disease is so rare.

However, meningitis cases involving people ages 15 to 25 have doubled since 1991, and more than 170 colleges have added meningitis vaccine guidelines to their health recommendations in the last two years.

A CDC study of 83 reported meningitis cases in college students from September 1998 through May 1999 indicated a rate of 1.4 cases per 100,000 freshmen, and 3.8 cases per 100,000 freshmen living in dormitories.

Administration defends how agribusiness mergers handled

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration on Wednesday defended its handling of a wave of mergers in the agriculture and food industries that has brought criticism from Democrats and proposals for a freeze on more deals.

"Any significant transactions ... are going to get a very careful look," said John Nannes, a deputy assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's antitrust division.

He also told the House Judiciary Committee that existing antitrust laws are adequate for "policing and enforcing our nation's concerns about the ability of markets to operate competitively."

A handful of companies now control many segments of the agriculture and food industries, including meat processing and grain shipping.

The Agriculture Department is doing what it can, including expanding its economics and legal staff, to ensure that meatpackers treat livestock producers fairly, said Enrique Figueroa, USDA's deputy under secretary for marketing and regulatory programs.

Last week, several Senate Democrats who believe the administration's antitrust enforcement has been lax said they intend to force a vote on an 18-month moratorium on further mergers of agricultural or food companies. The administration would be required to do a study of the industries during the moratorium.

The farm economy is in its worst downturn since the mid-1980s, and although economists blame it on overproduction of crops and livestock, many lawmakers have been pointing to agribusiness mergers as a culprit.

Earlier this year, the Justice Department allowed Cargill Inc., North America's second-largest grain trader, to acquire the grain operations of Continental Grain, provided the companies sold some of their facilities. Congressional critics of the department do not think the deal ever should have been approved.

Last year, the department forced Monsanto to spin off some corn technology interests before it could acquire DeKalb Genetics Corp.

Those actions "ought to be an indication that we are watching market trends very carefully in the agricultural marketplace," Nannes said.

In one of the latest deals before the department, Smithfield Foods Inc. of Smithfield, Va., the biggest pork processor as well as the largest hog producer, is seeking the department's approval to acquire No. 2 producer Murphy Family Farms of Rose Hill, N.C.

Congress should consider tightening antitrust laws to curb the consolidation, said Rep. John Thune, R-S.D.

"Congress should act deliberately, but also with broad and bold strokes," Thune said. "The net result should be a system that fosters true competition for all those participating in it."

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Mother of Bride Dances Away From Her Fear of Ex-Husband

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Shaking in Harrisburg, Pa." hit close to home. She said her son was being married in a few weeks, and was insisting that she dance with her abusive former husband at the wedding.

My daughter married a year ago, and she was kind enough to realize that asking me to dance with my ex at her wedding was like asking me to dance with the devil himself. She told me she would never put me through it, knowing how hard the divorce was on me.

Abby, I, too, am engaged to a wonderful man now. I never thought life could be so beautiful. At the wedding reception, I stood looking at the man who had hurt me so deeply and took a real hard look at him. I asked myself why I was still so fearful of him even though I had put my life back together. I realized at that moment that I really wouldn't completely put my life back together unless I faced my fear of him.

My children were stunned when I walked over and asked him to dance. I held my head up and looked him straight in the face. He couldn't even look me in the eye. It wasn't long before I realized the man was nothing more than a "weasel," and I actually began to smile. By the time the dance was over, I realized I could put the past behind me. All my fears were gone.

Weeks later, my daughter asked me why I had danced with her father when she knew it was the last thing on earth I wanted to do. I told her the truth — that I hadn't done it for *her*. I did it for *me*. She knows the past is finally behind me, and she is proud of me.

Please tell "Shaking" that she needs to face her past fears to really get on with her life and be happy.

IN CONTROL AT LAST
IN MINNESOTA

DEAR IN CONTROL: I applaud you for conquering your fears and going on with your life. However, unless someone is ready to do that, I would never push her. You are not the only reader who identified with "Shaking in Harrisburg" and wanted to offer encouragement. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I danced with my ex-husband at my son's wedding this summer. I can understand why "Shaking" is unhappy, but she might want to give this some consideration:

I view my ex as an emotionally handicapped person and more like a nonfavorite cousin. Because we have children, I feel we will always be "related." I no longer focus on the difficulty of our divorce eight years ago. If her ex still has her shaking, then she's letting him live rent-free in her head. Surely he's not worth it. She should focus on him instead as the man she loved when her son was conceived and born (if that was the case) and how wonderful it was that they produced something so good.

Our 26-year-old daughter was surprised we danced so well together. I reminded her that there were many things we did well together, which is why we married in the first place — even if it didn't last.

WISER NOW

DEAR WISER NOW: I congratulate you for your tact, and for handling the situation with humor as well as grace. You're fast on your feet in more ways than one.

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COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE THIRD CALENDAR QUARTER, 1999 TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, BE IT KNOWN THAT:

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, did duly convene in Regular Session at its meeting place in the Courthouse in the City of Snyder at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, October 18, 1999 and, the entire membership of said court, viz., Ricky Fritz, Ralph W. Trevey, Roy Idom, Jr., Howard Limmer., and Chloanne Lindsey, Commissioners for Precincts, 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, being present, the matter of the comparison and examination of the Quarterly Report of Charlie Bell, Treasurer for Scurry County, for the period July 1 thru Sept. 30, 1999 came to the attention of said Court and the said Court compared and examined the same, and inspected and counted all the actual cash, certificates of time and demand deposits, and other assets in the hands of the Treasurer belonging to the County at and as the time of such report: NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court finds that the Treasurer at and as of the time of his said report did not have actually in his hands any money or other assets of Scurry County but the same were all on deposit in the Snyder National Bank of Snyder, Texas, the official County depository, except the following, viz., Texpool; and that from the commencement of business at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on July 1, 1999 thru September 30, 1999, the beginning and ending balances for each fund of the Treasurer of Scurry County, Texas, for such quarterly period are fully and accurately reflected by the following tabulation at hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and made a part hereof for all purposes;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we, the aforesaid and undersigned County Treasurer, County Judge, and each Commissioner, swear that the above and foregoing averments are complete and correct and that the requirements of Article 1636, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, as amended, have been in all things duly complied with by the County Judge and each Commissioner aforementioned in the Regular Session of said Court of Scurry:

SCURRY COUNTY TREASURER
THIRD QUARTERLY SUMMARY

FUNDS	*CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 06-30-99*	*RECEIPTS*	*TRANSFERS IN*	*DISBURSEMENTS*	*TRANSFERS OUT*	*CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 09-30-99*
GENERAL						
Departmental				$879,725.94		
Jury				1,353.60		
Permanent Improvement				0.00		
Airport				18,282.67		
Health Unit				29,235.91		
Park & Coliseum				74,630.07		
Library				36,565.78		
TOTALS						
GENERAL FUND	$33,110.64	$978,188.83	$740,328.60	1,039,793.97	$703,243.40	$8,590.60
PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	328.52	1,046.08	779,467.65	779,467.65	1,027.77	346.83
TEXPOOL FUND	7,115,627.64	85,592.27	887,837.00	0.00	1,925,687.00	6,163,369.91
ABANDONED VEHICLE FUND	2,715.71	42.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,757.76
D.A.R.E. PROGRAM FUND	648.00	6.19	0.00	243.00	0.00	411.19
HEALTH UNIT FUND	7,866.05	4,141.91	0.00	8,891.39	1,687.40	1,429.17
JUVENILE PROBATION FEES FUND	6,095.13	393.93	0.00	1,118.34	0.00	5,370.72
LIBRARY DONATIONS FUND	1,962.93	259.08	0.00	137.46	0.00	2,084.55
COGDELL DEPRECIATION FUND	9,611.09	624.54	299,000.00	148,783.90	0.00	160,451.73
COGDELL REFUND FUND	(5,689.34)	172.69	41,848.05	36,145.43	0.00	185.97
COGDELL PAYROLL FUND	841.24	3,710.23	1,094,889.02	1,097,771.00	0.00	1,669.49
COGDELL OPERATING FUND	277,986.95	3,383,272.98	730,000.00	2,323,534.17	1,827,887.07	239,838.69
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	$7,451,104.56	$4,457,450.78	$4,573,370.22	$5,435,886.31	$4,459,532.64	$6,586,506.61

Airport Revenue 3rd Quarter	$16,304.22
Interest 3rd Quarter	$96,747.05
Interest Earned to Date	$310,868.08

Charlie Bell
Charlie Bell , Scurry County Treasurer

(s) Charlie Bell, County Treasurer
(s) Ricky Fritz County Judge
(s) Ralph W. Trevey Commissioner for Precinct No. 1
(s) Roy Lee Idom, Jr. Commissioner for Precinct No. 2
(s)Howard Limmer Commissioner for Precinct No. 3
(s) Chloanne Lindsey Commissioner for Precinct No. 4

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to by the said Charlie Bell, Ricky Fritz, Ralph W. Trevey, Roy L. Idom, Jr., Howard Limmer., and Chloanne Lindsey before me, the undersigned, Scurry County Clerk for Scurry County, Texas:

ATTEST:
(s)Joan Bunch, County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas
(Seal)

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Republicans push spending bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite veto threats from President Clinton and a contentious start to budget talks, Republicans are continuing to push overdue spending bills through Congress for the new fiscal year.

Republicans planned to try moving a $14.5 billion measure through the House today that would finance the Interior Department and cultural programs. The bill contains millions more than last year for many programs, but Clinton has threatened a veto because it has less than he wants for park land purchases and has provisions helping oil, mining and other industries he considers anti-environmental.

In remarks to reporters Wednesday, Clinton maintained a positive tone.

"We still have a great opportunity to make this a season of progress and work together to pass a budget that lives within its means and lives up to our values," Clinton said. "We've done it before and we can do it again."

On Friday, Republicans hope to send Clinton the last and biggest of the 13 annual spending measures for fiscal 2000, which began Oct. 1. The bill would provide more than $300 billion for the departments of Health and Human Services, Labor and Education.

House and Senate Republicans have added billions of dollars to it in recent days — including, they say, $340 million more than Clinton requested for education. But it too faces a veto threat because it lacks money for Clinton's plan to hire thousands of new teachers, and generally gives states added control of federal education dollars.

To keep that bill from eating into Social Security surpluses — which both sides have promised not to do — Republicans are strongly considering an across-the-board cut of about $5 billion out of the 13 bills. Democrats say the reduction would be overly harsh, but GOP lawmakers say such a cut would be felt only slightly.

"Mr. President, no means no," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, reiterating Republican promises to leave Social Security alone.

For years, both parties have used Social Security's surpluses to cover spending without diminishing the system's annual benefit payments. But looking ahead to next year's elections, each party is trying to cast itself as a protector of the massive pension program for the elderly and disabled.

On Wednesday, Congress sent Clinton a $39 billion measure financing the departments of Commerce, Justice and State. The House approved it 215-213, while the Senate used a voice vote to pass it. It too faces a veto threat because it provides less than Clinton wants for hiring police officers.

The GOP legislative push was mainly designed to let them argue that they had move all the required spending bills to Clinton's desk, and that he was vetoing them because he wants to spend more money.

Meanwhile, budget talks at the Capitol between the Clinton administration and Congress got off to a rocky start as White House officials accused Republicans of ignoring a pact to stop attacking each other over Social Security.

White House budget director Jack Lew complained that a news release by House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and a news conference by DeLay violated an understanding reached Tuesday at a White House budget session between congressional leaders and Clinton.

Armey spokeswoman Michele Davis said the two sides had agreed not to attack each other, but Armey was merely repeating an argument he has used for weeks.

"I don't know how you can commit to save Social Security, and not be allowed to say so," she said.

Overall, Clinton has threatened to veto or vetoed five of the bills because of disputes over spending or policy. They cover the departments of Education, Interior and five other Cabinet level agencies, plus foreign aid and the District of Columbia's budget.

If those fights are not resolved by Tuesday, White House officials are threatening a veto of a sixth measure, a $268 billion defense bill. The administration hopes to use that threat for leverage because a veto would add it to the bills from which savings could be pulled to pay for other spending.

Clinton signed the sixth spending bill of the new year Wednesday, a $99 billion measure financing housing, veterans and environmental programs. An earlier round of bargaining between lawmakers and the White House produced an added $7 billion to earlier House-approved levels for housing, space and other items.

Charges related to Tech audit mulled

LUBBOCK (AP) — Lubbock County District Attorney Bill Sowder plans to decide in the next week whether he will file criminal charges related to rampant mismanagement problems with Texas Tech's campus construction projects.

An internal audit last month found that Tech's facilities, planning and construction department violated state laws and university policies. Among the improprieties listed in the audit were altered invoices and requests that vendors submit bills with inappropriate project numbers.

Sowder said he requested additional documents from the university.

"I did meet with them. I'm not to the point where I can make a decision yet," Sowder told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "I have asked for some more documents, and I need to call a few more people."

Sowder, who normally prosecutes violations of criminal codes, said he may confer with the state Auditor's Office for assistance in reviewing possible violations in other government codes.

When the audit was initially released, Tech Chancellor John Montford did not dispute conclusions that employees violated state laws, but he added, "I did not find any evidence of criminal intent."

A university spokeswoman said no employees were to be disciplined.

Tech voluntarily submitted the audit to the District Attorney's office for an opinion on whether any laws were broken.

The facilities, planning and construction department manages construction projects, including the new United Spirit Arena, which was budgeted to cost $47 million. After numerous delays and cost overruns, the facility's final cost was $62 million. The arena - originally scheduled to open November 1998 — opened Oct. 1.

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Lawyers want to test theory

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a high-stakes challenge to the government, lawyers for survivors of the 1993 Waco siege are offering to put to the test their claim that federal agents fired into the Branch Davidian compound during the deadly standoff's final hours.

The lead lawyer in a wrongful-death lawsuit filed against the government proposed Wednesday to stage a demonstration — attended by experts for the FBI, Congress and the special counsel investigating Waco — recreating conditions similar to those present when the FBI recorded aerial infrared footage of the siege's final hours.

"The results of this demonstration will prove conclusively that the only possible explanation for the flashes seen on the FBI (infrared) tapes from April 19, 1993 is government gunfire," Houston lawyer Michael Caddell wrote the Justice Department.

The FBI cautioned that it would be "near impossible" to duplicate conditions — particularly since the plaintiffs lack crucial information about the altitude of the FBI plane that flew over the Texas compound, the infrared camera's design specifications and film speed.

Furor over Waco was touched off anew in late August, with the FBI's belated admission that potentially incendiary tear gas canisters were fired hours before the Davidians' retreat erupted in flames.

Congressional inquiries are underway and Attorney General Janet Reno appointed a special counsel who has said he will examine Waco's "dark questions" — including whether federal agents fired shots on the final day.

The government long has insisted FBI agents did not fire any shots during the event.

Obituaries



Ruth Eaton

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1903-1999

Ruth Gist Eaton, longtime Snyder resident, died at 8:04 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Service for Mrs. Eaton, 96, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Eaton was born on Oct. 18, 1903 in Zephyr and married Joe Everet Eaton on Nov. 3, 1923 in Zephyr. He died on Dec. 17, 1986.

Mrs. Eaton moved to Snyder in 1928 and was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Pat Rutherford of Fort Worth; a son, Joe G. Eaton of Lubbock; a sister, Mary Harper of Amarillo; four grandchildren, Kay Brantley, Mark Patterson, Cindy Frisbie, all of Dallas, and Lisa Bleything of Fort Worth; nine great-grandchildren, Jason Brantley, Tracey and Kristin Patterson and Mark Rockwell, all of Fort Worth, Nicole and Justin Brantley of Ashville, N.C., Kelly Landrum of Tyler and Erin and Shannon Frisbie of Dallas; and two great-great-grandchildren, Hunter and Derek Landrum of Tyler.

Ms. Odhuong'o

1969-1999

LUBBOCK — Pamela Odhuong'o, former basketball player for the WTC Lady Dusters, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, in Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

From Nairobi, Kenya, Ms. Odhuong'o, 30, attended WTC during 1997-1999 and was the conference's leading rebounder two years ago.

Survivors include her husband, David Anym; a daughter, Bria Auma Anym; and a son, Aarom Auma Anym.

Martin Young

1933-1999

ANGLETON — Martin Cleveland Young, uncle of Lynn Maldonado and Sally Ballard of Snyder, died Wednesday, Oct. 20, at his home in Brazoria County.

Graveside service for Mr. Young, 66, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in Angleton Cemetery under the direction of Palms Funeral Home in Angleton.

He was born on March 17, 1933 in Bronte.

Other survivors include his wife, Hazel Young of Angleton; three sons, Clifford Young of Porter, Marty Young of Pasadena and Billy Young of Onalaska; a stepdaughter, Elizabeth Hathcoat of Greenbelt, Md.; five sisters, Loretta Moser of Loraine, Jo Shappell, Dean Hughes, Martha Seaton and Sue Ann Barnfield; three brothers, James Young, Mike Young and John Young, formerly of Snyder; 12 grandchildren; and nine-grandchildren.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Florine Badger, Margaret Cole, Aaron Garza and Melanie Sullenger.

DISMISSALS; Selby Johnson.

CENSUS: 45 (Med./Surg.-19, Long-term Care-23, OB-3)

Three men jailed on Wednesday

Three subjects were taken into custody Wednesday.

At 10:05 a.m., officers arrested a 55-year-old male on a warrant for public intoxication.

An outstanding warrant for misdemeanor motion to revoke probation sent a 67-year-old man to jail at 4:18 p.m. Deputies arrested him at the Farmer's Coop Gin on East Hwy. 180.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 20-year-old male into custody at 6:37 p.m. on U.S. Hwy 84 for driving while license suspended.

In other activity, an offense report for illegal dumping was submitted in reference to someone dumping lumber and cabinets on North Ennis Creek Road..

Officers also filed an offense report for family violence at 11:47 p.m.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Inmate art show

The third annual Inmate Art show concludes today at the Scurry County Museum on the campus of Western Texas College.

Fajita cookout

The annual fajita cookout sponsored by First Christian Church will be held before the Sweetwater game Friday. The fajitas will be served starting at 5 p.m.

Chili supper

The SHS basketball booster club will have a chili supper with homemade cobbler from 5-7 p.m. Friday before the Tigers play Sweetwater. Time is from 5-7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased from any high school basketball player or at the door. Carry outs available. Call 573-2553 for tickets. Funds will be used to purchase new uniforms.

Booster club dance

The SHS baseball booster club will sponsor a dance Friday in the student center immediately following the football game with Sweetwater.

Snyder Cub Scouts

The scouts will have a family camp-out Friday beginning at 5 p.m. and ending Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Elam place on Ave. L and Huffman Ave. For more information, please call James Garvin at 573-3310

Battle of bands

WTC will host a Poppy Punk Rock battle of the bands at 7 p.m. Friday in the courtyard. Admission is free. Bands are KWG of Snyder, Last in Line of Midland and Know it All of Santa Fe, Tex.

Lucky 13 costume dance

Lucky 13 is having a costume dance Saturday in the Snyder High School Student Center from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is $3 per persor $5 per couple. Prizes for best costumes will be awarded.

Enchilada dinner

St. John's Catholic Church will sponsor an enchilada dinner with rice, beans, salad Sunday in the Hermleigh school cafeteria. Price is $6 for adults and $3 for children under 6. Proceeds will go to build handicap ramps at the church.

Where Is Your Heart?

The Apostolic Faith Bible College will be in concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Apostolic Faith Church, 2506 25th. The group is from Baxter Springs, Kan. For more information call 573-8115.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air each week on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Messengers of Doom," followed by "Choosing a Spouse."

Scout pack meeting

The monthly Boy Scout pack meeting will be Monday at 7 p.m. at West Elementary.

Baseball booster club

The club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the high school student center. All parents of prospective players are invited to attend.

Quilting Club

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

Cancer society board

The board of directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Adult education classes

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

Glass donations sought

The Ira senior class is seeking donations of drinking glasses (any type) for the fall festival. Call the school at 573-2628 and the glasses will be picked up. Deadline is next Wednesday.

WTC Fallfest

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

Spook house

Snyder Healthcare Center will conduct a Spook House from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30. Donations of wrapped candy will be appreciated and should be taken to Dorothy at 5311 Big Spring Hwy.

Fall festival

Games, concessions and door prizes will be part of the Fall Festival from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The event is for birth through 6th grade.

55th anniversary

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

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.

Support groups

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

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-0-4

Texas Lotto

By The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.The jackpot was worth an estimated $29 million.The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 11, 15, 22, 33, 38 and 47.