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Top of the line...

BUSINESS RECOGNIZED IN NYC— Farmer's Design Group won three top awards at the Design of the Times competition in New York. Shown from left are Fran Farmer, owner; Brenda Hedges, special projects; and Gary Bailey, head of prototype research and development. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Local design company wows them in the city

A home-owned, home-grown business recently took the three top awards at the prestigious "Design of the Times" competition in New York City.

Farmer's Design Group, a display design and manufacturing firm owned by Fran Farmer, was the sweepstakes winner in the New York Point of Purchase Show, competition that recognizes the industry's most innovative and effective examples of point of purchase marketing in the retail industry.

FDG's sweep of the top three awards was the first time that a company has been awarded all three awards in the department store-specialty store category. The entries were based on creativity in design, innovative use of materials and the ability to enhance a designated brand image.

"We were just overwhelmed at the show," said Farmer. "The MC announced that one firm had swept all the awards and I had already picked out who I thought would win."

"I certainly did not think it would be us," she said.

Farmer said the gold trophy went to the Folio watch display. The display was launched this year and is featured in a select number of Sears and J.C. Penney stores.

The silver trophy was awarded for the Relic display for its watches. This display is used in over 3,000 locations throughout the country.

The bronze trophy was awarded for the DKNY display that is used to display that brand of watches all over the world.

The local company specializes in developing and producing innovative in-store point-of-purchase displays for the retail industry.

The company's client list reads like a who's who of the retail industry.

They have developed specific programs for Sears, Fossil, Gadzooks, J. C. Penney, Bloomingdale's, Macy's, Seiko Marketing International, Ocean Pacific, DKNY, Ralph Lauren, Donna Karan Fragrances, Dillards, Yves St. Laurent, Warner Brothers, Eddie Bauer, Wal-Mart and Target.

The company currently is working on a program that will help support the anticipated launch of the Harry Potter watch line in the spring.

Due to its success, the local firm is currently expanding its manufacturing facilities south of Snyder.

The company was recently granted a tax abatement from Scurry County and Western Texas College.

Also, Farmer is scheduled to meet with the Development Corporation of Snyder Thursday concerning job creation incentives.

Presently, the company employs 32 people.

Lease of airport land is postponed by county

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Scurry County Commissioner's Court this morning tabled action on leasing nine acres of land to the U.S. Air Force until County Attorney Mike Hartman has time to speak with representatives and clarify the lease agreement.

Commissioners had several questions pertaining to the lease, including whether the county would be responsible for the utilities and maintenance at the Air Force's facility.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom pointed out that the agreement did not specifically say that the land or the building the Air Force will construct would revert back to the county after the end of the 50-year lease.

"I think that is a big point. That is one of the things we were told," Idom said.

Air Force officials were not present at the meeting, and Idom said that he was hesitant to make a decision without someone clarifying the issues. The rest of the court was in agreement.

Hartman said that he would contact the proper Air Force representatives and bring the information to the court at its next meeting, which would be in early November.

In the public comments section of the meeting, sheriff write-in candidate Kirk Taylor addressed the court concerning an article in the Sunday edition of the *Snyder Daily News*.

Taylor said the article was "not all correct" and that it didn't say anything of his "contributions to the community."

"I would like to say that I do not condone anything that I did, and I am certainly not disappointed at the people responsible for bringing this up. This young man certainly made some bad decisions growing up that he is not proud of, but I can guarantee you that some of the foolish things that I have done helped me to be the man that I am today."

"They failed to mention some of the other things that I have done like donating hundreds of dollars to our local schools through advertising or leading songs for years in one of our local churches or teaching Sunday School from teenagers down to children or owning a local business where I give excellent customer service."

Taylor noted that Sheriff Darren Jackson made a mistake when he voted in the Republican election. "We all make mistakes, but the difference is that I have paid for mine in full. The sheriff would like to get away from his mistakes, if possible."

In other business, the court adopted resolutions proclaiming Oct. 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week and November as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The court also approved election judges for the November general election.

A resolution supporting the closure of a roadside park on the Lamesa highway by the Texas Department of Transportation was also approved. The resolution clarifies that the county has no claim to the land and that the state can give it back to the original property owner.

Several line-item transfers were also approved as was one budget amendment and the bills for payment.

Judge Ricky Fritz presided and all commissioners were present to include Idom, Ralph Trevey, Howard Limmer and Chloanne Lindsey.

Chevron buying rival Texaco, Inc.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Chevron Corp. is buying rival Texaco Inc. for $35 billion in a stock swap that will create the world's fourth-largest oil company.

The combined company will be called ChevronTexaco Corp., and joins the ranks of other industry powerhouses formed by similar mergers: Exxon Mobil Corp., Royal Dutch/Shell Group and BP Amoco PLC.

SISD trustees, administrators discuss past and future goals

Snyder ISD's board of trustees and administrators met Saturday morning for the district's yearly goal-setting session.

The group discussed the goals for 1999-2000 to determine whether they were achieved. Supt. Gayle Lomax and assistant superintendents Dr. Missy Jones and Lee McNair presented this information to trustees.

One of the goals set by the district last year was to formulate an early-retirement plan. That objective was reached as 12 teachers took advantage of the retirement package.

The cost to the district was around $252,000, but Snyder ISD was able to absorb nine of the 12 positions.

In the area of financial goals for the current year, the district is aiming for the successful completion of its capital improvement project funded by maintenance tax notes.

The architectural and engineering firm BGR of Lubbock is drawing up plans to seek bids on new heating and cooling equipment for East, Northeast and West campuses.

Trustees voted Thursday night to seek the bids. That action followed board approval in September to issue the maintenance tax notes in the amount of $520,000 for campus improvements.

It is expected that East Elementary will be the first campus to see improvements.

While Snyder ISD did not attain its goal of exemplary status, which is determined by student achievement on the state-mandated TAAS test, Dr. Jones said it would continue to strive for the mark. The district did receive recognized status for the 1999-2000 school year.

"This will be an on-going goal," she said.

Another goal relating to the test was to establish a baseline assessment for tracking individual classroom performance.

Dr. Jones said that campuses had tracked the information informally for a number of years, but she hoped to gather the data in a formal fashion.

Administrators also reviewed a number of goals that are continuations of ones set forth in previous years.

The overall wellness of district employees was a major goal in 1999 and will continue.

One of the objectives is to increase participation in the district's wellness program, which includes free flu shots and an annual health screening.

In 1999, the district also sponsored a "Walk Across Texas" fitness-directed program. In addition, the district pays a portion of employees' membership to Tiger Health and Fitness Center if the employee attends at least once a week.

A variety of other goals were discussed, including implementation of the Academics 2000 grant program into each elementary campus improvement plans.

The district also hopes to continue to offer a quality special education program.

Board members present at the session were Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Mark McCormick, Glenn Clarady, Mike Levens and Janet Stribling. Cathy Peoples was absent.

Police investigate drive-by shooting

Two persons have been charged with deadly conduct following a drive-by shooting that occurred early Sunday morning in the 4000 block of College Avenue.

Taken into custody at 12:46 Sunday morning were Brandon Lynn Leatherwood, 17, of 134 Milburn and Michael Jason Garcia, 17, of 2006 Ave. N.

The two were arrested by officer Brian Peterson in the 3600 block of Avenue V.

A 14-year-old male was also taken into custody, but was later released to his father after questioning at the police department.

The event began to unfold around 12:21 a.m. when a clerk at the Allsup's store activated the store's panic alarm. The clerk also called 911 and advised of a possible drive-by shooting in the parking lot of the Dollar General store, just south of Allsup's.

The clerk told officers that shots were fired from a brown Chevrolet pickup and several persons who had been on the parking lot had run into the store after the shots were fired.

Sgt. Brian Haggard said that the shooting apparently resulted from an earlier fight.

Haggard said the shots were fired from a shotgun and that officers "were pretty sure who fired the shots."

"We're not ready to release that person's name just yet," said Haggard.

It is expected that the case will be forwarded to the district attorney's office this week.

Jury selection underway

Jury selection was underway this morning in the trial of 19-year-old Sigifredo Parrilla Saenz of Lubbock.

Saenz is charged with robbery and unlawful restraint as a result of an incident in Snyder on May 29.

The Lubbock resident attempted to steal a car from the parking lot of United Supermarket, but that attempt went awry when 11-year-old Brandon Robbins – who was a passenger in the car – began to fight him for the keys.

After shoppers responded to Robbins' call for help, Saenz fled on foot from the parking lot and was apprehended a short time later near the Varsity Square Shopping Center.

Following his arrest, Saenz has been free on bonds totaling $15,000.

Ira trustees to meet tonight

Ira ISD's board of trustees will meet at 7 this evening for its regular monthly meeting.

Trustees are expected to appoint Doug White as the assistant secretary of the board, and will hear a recommendation to revoke a transfer for an elementary student.

In other action, the board will review a bill for $2,127.50 for portable bleachers now being used by the school. Also on the agenda is the adoption of the district's integrated pest management program.

ASK US

Q—In reference to Sunday's story on the sheriff's race, was a criminal background check run on Keith Collier?

A—Yes. They were run on all four candidates, as well as Darren Jackson.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 83 degrees; low, 65; high Sunday, 74; low, 52; 7 a.m. Monday, 53; .09 of an inch precipitation; total for 2000, 15.12 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy, 30% rain chance, low 50-55, E wind 5-10 mph; Tuesday, morning fog possible, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high around 70.

Meghan Cooley
Cloudy

Sunset: 7:11 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:49 a.m.
Of 289 days in 2000, the sun has shone 286 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Life is an echo. What you send out — you get back. What you give — you get.

Report: Texas' capital punishment system flawed

DALLAS (AP) — Convictions and death sentences wrongfully gained through prosecutorial misconduct, racial discrimination in sentencing, ineffective defense and a weak appellate process require overhaul of Texas' capital punishment system, a new report shows.

A watchdog group's analysis of hundreds of capital cases shows that in many appeals, defense attorneys raised no new claims or conducted investigations, according to published reports Monday.

"We're drowning ... in a sea of deficiencies in the death penalty process, and while we're drowning everyone's standing around going 'Everything's fine,'" Maurie Levin, managing attorney for the Texas Defender Service's Austin office, told The Dallas Morning News.

The service, in a report scheduled for release Monday, cited 84 capital cases in which a prosecutor or police "deliberately presented false or misleading testimony ... concealed exculpatory evidence or used notoriously unreliable evidence from a jailhouse snitch," according to the Washington Post.

In 121 cases, the nonprofit group's attorneys said, prosecutors relied on "junk science" to gain convictions and death sentences.

Texas, the nation's busiest capital punishment state, has executed 232 people since 1982, when the state resumed carrying out death sentences. Over half the executions — 145 — have come under Gov. George W. Bush's more than 5 1/2 years in office.

State Attorney General John Cornyn countered that the state's criminal justice system is working.

"Each death penalty case is reviewed by 12 jurors selected from the community and at least 22 state and federal judges, including the United States Supreme Court," he told The Morning News. "This system ensures that only the guilty are ultimately convicted and that only the most dangerous criminals representing a continuing threat to society are executed."

An automatic direct appeal applies in Texas for review of any possible trial error plus a second stage of appeals — the habeas corpus writ. In it, each death row inmate is entitled to attorneys' fees of up to $25,000 from the state for complete review of evidence.

Families welcome battered Cole sailors

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (AP) — Louge Gunn needed a place to lament the death of his son one of the 17 sailors killed in the USS Cole blast.

"When you're in pain like that you think you need a shot of cognac, but what I really needed was a shot of the church," he said as his son was remembered at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Norfolk, where he was christened 22 years ago.

The memorial service for Seaman Cherone Louis Gunn was held Sunday, the same day of the return of his 33 shipmates who were injured in the suspected terrorist attack last week at a Yemeni port.

None of the wounded has a life-threatening injury, and doctors expected some to be released from the hospital Monday.

"We have 33 very tired, very hungry, but very happy sailors," said Capt. Martin Snyder, the senior attending physician at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital where the 30 male and three female sailors were taken.

One of the injured sailors, 19-year-old Kesha Stidham of Austin, Texas, told NBC's "Today" show Monday that the death toll would have been much worse if the ship had been attacked a few minutes later, because the crew was gathering for lunch.

"I didn't hear anything," she said. "I didn't hear the explosion. I didn't see anything. It just hit me all of a sudden."

She tearfully recalled those who died, saying, "It just seems unreal that they're not here anymore." And she said she doesn't really want to go back to sea, "but orders are orders, if I'm ordered to, then I am."

Soon after the C-141 medical transport plane landed Sunday from Germany, relatives raced across the tarmac to embrace the battered crew members, who came out one by one to a steady ring of applause.

Some walked with the aid of crutches, some got into waiting wheelchairs and a few were on stretchers.

A crowd of about 1,500 sailors in dress white uniforms waited with the 200 relatives, and the Atlantic Fleet band played as the returning group and families boarded buses for the short trip to the hospital.

Stidham's mother, Michelle Poston, said the families had been told to wait but she couldn't, and she rushed to embrace her daughter.

"I had to get to her. I had to touch my daughter," Poston told NBC. "When I saw the airplane coming through the air, the tears just rolled. She was safe, she was on American soil."

Two banners made by children of crew members were put up on the base's control tower for the arrival. The banners said, "Our heroes. We join hands and hearts to welcome you home."

Rear Adm. Clinton Adams, commander of the medical center, said spirits were high among family members, with almost a party-like atmosphere as sailors reunited with their loved ones. "They are a cohesive bunch," Adams said.

Lisa De La Torre, wife of Lt. Anthony De La Torre, the Cole's third in command, said relief was the overwhelming emotion of the relatives. "They were just very, very grateful," said De La Torre, whose husband was unhurt and is still with the ship.

At the Gunn memorial service earlier Sunday, members of the congregation surrounded the fallen sailor's parents, fiancee and three brothers, hugging them and blessing them.

Louge Gunn, a retired chief with the Navy, said he drew comfort from the service and stressed the pride he felt for his son, who enlisted in January.

"He was a hero," said Gunn, whose beige jacket was smeared with makeup by the end of the ceremony. "He gave his life for his country, for something that he loved — the Navy. He was a sailor, a true sailor. His life was fulfilled."

On the Net:
Navy: http://www.navy.mil

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Rocker A Operating Co. will drill the No. 19 CHV Browning in the Corazon field, four miles northeast of Fluvanna. Planned for a depth of 2,850 feet, location is in Section 574, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 13 T.W. Pollard in the Diamond M field, 10 miles west of Snyder. The venture will be drilled to a depth of 3,423 feet, and location is in Section 214, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

McClure Oil Co. will drill the No. 2 Kirkpatrick West in the Rocker A field, eight miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 5,300 feet, drill site is in Section 944, Block 97, H&TC survey.

B&S Salvage will drill the No. 7R-A Connell in the Rocker A field, three miles southeast of Post. The venture will be drilled to 3,100 feet, and location is in Section 30, Block 5, GH&H survey.

Mitchell County

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 4 Biegel in the Iatan East Howard field, seven miles southwest of Westbrook. The venture will be drilled to 3,500 feet, and location is in Section 2, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Crownquest Operating will drill the No. 5 Biegel in the Iatan East Howard field, seven miles southwest of Westbrook. Also planned for 3,500 feet, location is in Section 2, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Howard County

Anadarko Petroleum will drill the No. 2867-A B.S. Snyder in the Snyder field, six miles southeast of Coahoma. Planned depth is 3,900 feet, and location is in Section 28, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

Partee Drilling Inc. will drill the No. 341 Twins, an 8,300-foot wildcat located six miles south of Coahoma. Location is in Section 34, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Partee Drilling will drill the No. 33 Twins, an 8,300-foot wildcat located six miles south of Coahoma. Drill site is in Section 33, Block 31, T1S, T&P survey.

Teen struck by lightning; flights canceled in storms

DALLAS (AP) — A teen-ager was critically injured in a lightning strike at the Texas Motor Speedway as strong thunderstorms moved through the state, forcing dozens of plane flights to be rerouted or canceled.

The lightning victim, identified by a relative as Preston Pruett of Decatur, was struck Sunday at the motor speedway's parking lot shortly after the IRL season championship, the Excite 500, ended.

Pruett, a 17-year-old junior at Decatur High School, was in critical condition at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas early Monday, according to officials.

At least 60 American Airlines flights were canceled Sunday at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport as a frontal system moved through North Texas, accompanied by storms dumping the region's most significant rainfall in the last four months.

American officials also diverted 51 incoming flights from DFW to other airports, airline spokesman Tim Kincaid told The Dallas Morning News.

Berry's World

"DO YOU THINK WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH TIME DURING THE COMMERCIALS TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR LIVES?"

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Mother's illness strains relationship with teen

DEAR ABBY: I am 15 and have been going out with my boyfriend for 13 months. He is my best friend. His mom is sick and always on some sort of drug, but she takes all of her pain out on him. She refuses to listen to anything he has to say, and cuts him off with, "No! You are wrong!" I have even heard her claim that she hates him. She refuses to listen to reason. His dad just says, "Listen to your mom; she is sick."

I think he is becoming depressed when he is at home. Outside of the house he is cheerful, but inside he is neglected, ignored and yelled at.

Are there any other methods of getting her to listen to him that don't involve talking or letter-writing? — **CONCERNED IN WEST CHESTER, PA.**

DEAR CONCERNED: The teen-age years can be difficult in the best of circumstances. No one should have to navigate them feeling alienated and alone.

Since your boyfriend's mother is physically or mentally ill, and unable to relate lovingly, calmly or rationally to her son — and his father is unable to intercede for him — suggest he consider finding another adult in whom he can confide. Eligible candidates might be a trusted aunt or uncle, a grandparent, a teacher or counselor at school, or his clergyperson.

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DEAR ABBY: May I respond to "Had It in Houston," who was tired of the neighbor child hanging out at their house all day, every day?

I was that uninvited child until I reached the age of 15. I was sent home at dinnertime or when friends had to do their homework. I felt like an outcast.

When I was 15, my family moved to a different community and I made a new friend, Kelly. To this day she remains my closest friend. I was welcomed at her house. Her parents didn't send me home. They included me and made me feel important. It was the best thing that ever happened to me. I felt wanted.

Twenty-five years later, Kelly, her sister and her parents are still a part of my family. I love them all and would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

My message to "Had It" is simple: Please don't turn your neighbor child away. Children need to feel wanted — to know that someone is there for them. You have been chosen by this child. Appreciate the honor. — **SHERRI IN CINCINNATI**

DEAR SHERRI: Your letter is one that will be appreciated by many latchkey (and former latchkey) children. Single parents — and many couples — must work in order to make ends meet. Although we may wish it weren't the case, sometimes it does "take a village" to raise a child. One can only hope that the citizens of the village are willing and able when the need arises.

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DEAR ABBY: When it is said that after Labor Day you shouldn't wear white, I was always under the impression that this pertains only to purses and shoes or sandals. Is it acceptable to still wear white slacks, pants or capri pants? — **CARLA IN WINDHAM, OHIO**

DEAR CARLA: The old "rules of dress" have been relaxed to the point that they have nearly disappeared in the last 20 years. At this point, it's often a matter of common sense.

If the weather is still warm and summery, I see no harm in wearing summer-weight — and summer-colored — clothes until it turns cool. At that point, heavier fabrics are practical, and an off-white ("winter white") is acceptable.

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Date Book

Monday, Oct. 16, 2000

Today is the 290th day of 2000 and the 25th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1815, Napoleon was exiled to the remote Atlantic island of St. Helena.

On this day in 1934, Chinese Communists, led by Mao Tse-tung, began their "Long March."

On this day in 1984, Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end apartheid in South Africa.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Noah Webster (1758-1843), lexicographer; Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), writer; Eugene O'Neill (1888-1953), dramatist; William O. Douglas (1898-1980), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Angela Lansbury (1925-), actress, is 75; Dave DeBusschere (1940-), basketball great, is 60; Tim McCarver (1941-), baseball star-broadcaster, is 59; Suzanne Somers (1946-), actress, is 54; Tim Robbins (1958-), actor, is 42; Bob Mould (1960-), musician, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, the New York Mets defeated the Baltimore Orioles 5-3, winning the World Series in Game Five.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Conventionality is not morality." — Charlotte Bronte

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Oct. 13) and last quarter (Oct. 20).

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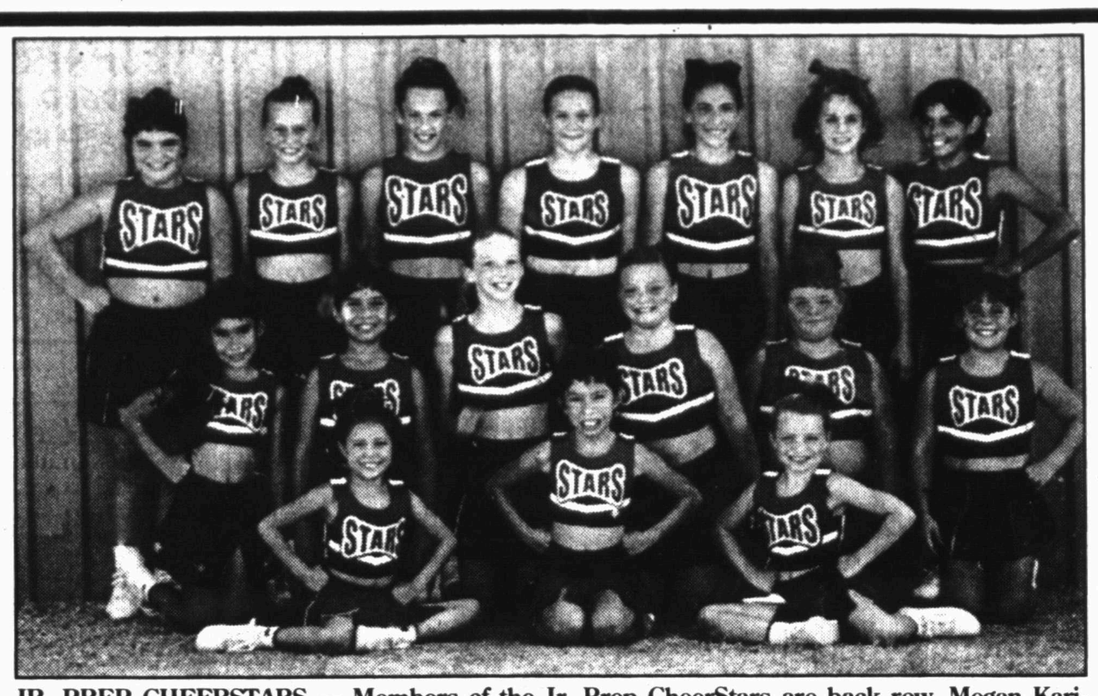
Cheer squads garner awards



JR. PREP CHEERSTARS — Members of the Jr. Prep CheerStars are back row, Megan Kariainen, Tana Sullenger, Aspen Mann, Shannon Mangis, Whitley Fulford, Kate Wall, Lindsey Morin; middle row, Jessica DeLeon, Shelbie Talavera, Krista Dorsett, Teryn Sullenger, Melanie Kariainen, Destinee Naegele; front row, Savannah Valdez, Jackie DeLeon, Brook Bollinger. (Contributed Photo)

Snyder CheerStars dominated Howard College's 14th Annual Battle of the Cheerleaders held this past summer. This competition is held in conjunction with the Howard County Fair in the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Nine varsity groups and eight junior groups participated in this year's competition.

Plaques were awarded to the first through third place squads in each of two categories: dance and cheer. Snyder CheerStars Co-Ed Squad won first place in the varsity division in both dance and cheers.

The Jr. Prep CheerStars also raked in first place honors in both categories. Members of the Jr. Prep Squad consist of girls ages 7-12. The Co-Ed Squad consists of high school students and one junior high student.

The Jr. Prep CheerStars also competed in a national competition in San Antonio, placing fourth. They will attend two more national competitions next year.

This squad also attended a NCA summer cheerleading camp at Howard College where they received several team awards as well as individual awards. They received superior ratings at all four of their camp evaluations. They received three spirit sticks.

The stunt award was also among the honors they received at camp. In addition, they were one of the teams nominated to compete in the Top Team Runoff, and one of only two teams who qualified for a bid to compete in the NCA All-Star National Competition in February, which is held in Dallas.

Savannah Valdez, Whitley Fulford, Krista Dorsett, Megan Kariainen, Tana Sullenger, Shannon Mangis, Whitney Ashford, Aspen Mann, Jessica DeLeon and Jackie DeLeon were all nominated to try out for the NCA All-American Team.

The Snyder CheerStars received more nominations for All-Americans than any other team at the camp. Aspen Mann, Jessica DeLeon and Jackie DeLeon were the youngest athletes to be named to the All-American Team at this camp. They are eligible to participate in several NCA Productions around the world.

SR. CO-ED CHEERSTARS — Sr. Co-Ed CheerStars are bottom row, from left, Desiree Garcia, Tara Price, Gena Stevenson, Ira Gonzales; middle row, Josh Ortegon, Whitney Ashford, Amanda Ponko, Kasey Crill, Jaki Davilla, Chelsie Thame, Brandi Russell, Chaelyn Robinson, Lance Moore; back row, Coach Neika Porter, Leslie English. (Contributed Photo)

The Sr. Co-Ed CheerStars also attended a national competition at South Padre Island. They placed third at the ASC National Championships. The various members of this team are from Snyder, Colorado City, Roby, and Sweetwater.

Josh Ortegon, local team member, competed in the individual division at these national championships. He ranked third against some of the best cheerleaders from across the nation in his first individual competition. This squad will also compete in two more national competitions in 2001. Several members will be entered in an individual group stunt competition and partner stunt competition. The CheerStars are coached by Neika and Kay Porter at Stars-R-Us Tumbling and Trampoline.

Neika Porter praised the members of both squads. "These athletes are doing a tremendous job. They put in at least four hours a week of practice in the gym, but many more countless hours of practice on their own time. Before competitions, they must spend 10 hours a week at the gym. They have to be completely dedicated to be involved in this sport. Cheerleading is one of the most physical sports you could ever participate in. They get many bumps, bruises, bloody noses and black eyes from stunting. Their routines are three minutes of intense dance, stunts, tumbling and cheers. It's amazing to see such young athletes be able to put forth such an effort. Their hard work is evident in their performances. Our community is truly lucky to have such a fine group of athletes represent them at these events."

College costs going up 4.4 percent in fall

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of a college degree continues to rise faster than inflation, with tuition and fees at public four-year colleges up an average 4.4 percent this fall, even more at private schools, a new survey has found. And loans provide a growing chunk of the extra money students need to pay for those degrees.

Average in-state tuition and fees at public, four-year schools is $3,510 per semester — $148 more than last year, according to figures released Monday by the College Board. On-campus room and board now averages $4,960, up 5.1 percent.

At private four-year colleges, tuition and fees average $16,332, up 5.2 percent from last year. Room and board on campus is now $6,209, a 4.2 percent increase.

Only public two-year schools, chiefly community colleges, stayed below the current inflation rate — but barely. Tuition rose this year to $1,705, up 3.4 percent, the survey found.

Private two-year schools boosted tuition and fees to $7,458, a 7 percent rise.

This pattern follows an old, familiar trend, said Joni Finney, a policy analyst at the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education in San Jose, Calif. "Colleges and universities have a very difficult time controlling their costs," she said.

"These institutions were underfunded in the early part of the '90s," Finney said. "... But they've more than made up for lost ground."

But Stanley Eikenberry, president of the American Council on Education, an umbrella group for higher education, said in a statement, "Given the large, fixed costs of most campuses, in personnel and facilities especially, these numbers show institutions are working hard to hold the line on increases."

The recent increases push past inflation. The Consumer Price Index rose 2.7 percent in 1999; the first eight months of this year, consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 3.5 percent. Last year, college tuition and fees rose less than 5 percent.

Despite the increases, college remains affordable and a good investment, said College Board President Gaston Caperton in a statement with the surveys. "In both earning potential and learning potential, you cannot beat the value of a college education," the former West Virginia governor said.

The College Board's figures concern the costs for 6.4 million full-time undergraduates — 54 percent attending four-year public institutions, 27 percent at four-year private schools, 17 percent at two-year community colleges and 1 percent at private two-year schools.

A majority of students need grants or loans — or both — but their exact numbers are unknown, a College Board spokesman said.

Last school year, loans made up 59 percent of a record $68 billion in financial aid. A decade ago, loans made up just over 41 percent of student financial help.

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Study: Widespread cheating among teens

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Many of the nation's high school students lie a lot, cheat a lot and many sometimes show up for class drunk, according to preliminary results of a nationwide teen character study released Monday.

Seven in 10 students surveyed admitted cheating on a test at least once in the past year, and nearly half said they had done so more than once, according to the nonprofit, nonpartisan Joseph & Edna Josephson Institute of Ethics.

"This data reveals a hole in the moral ozone," said Michael Josephson, founder and president of the Marina Del Rey-based organization.

On the other hand, the results were not significantly worse than on the last test in 1998 — the first time that has happened since the group began testing in 1992.

"The good news appears that it's peaked," Josephson said. "The bad news is that it's horribly high."

The "Report Card on the Ethics of American Youth" found that 92 percent of the 8,600 students surveyed lied to their parents in the past year. Seventy-eight percent said they had lied to a teacher, and more than one in four said they would lie to get a job.

Nearly one in six students said they had shown up for class drunk at least once in the past year. Sixty-eight percent admitted they hit someone because they were angry. Nearly half — 47 percent — said they could get a gun if they wanted to.

Josephson said the results amounted to the formula for a "toxic cocktail" involving "kids who think it's OK to hit someone when they're angry, who may be drunk at school when they do it and who can also get their hands on a gun."

Josephson stopped short of assigning blame to a particular group, but he said parents, teachers and coaches need to pay special attention because they have the most significant interactions with youngsters.

"I'm not saying there aren't some out there doing their best," he said. "But if all three were doing their best, we wouldn't have this problem."

The survey, conducted this year, involved students in grades nine through 12 in public and private schools. Participating schools handed out surveys with 57 questions that students could submit anonymously.

The results had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The high school results, along with those for middle schools, will be included in a series of three finals reports to be released later this year.

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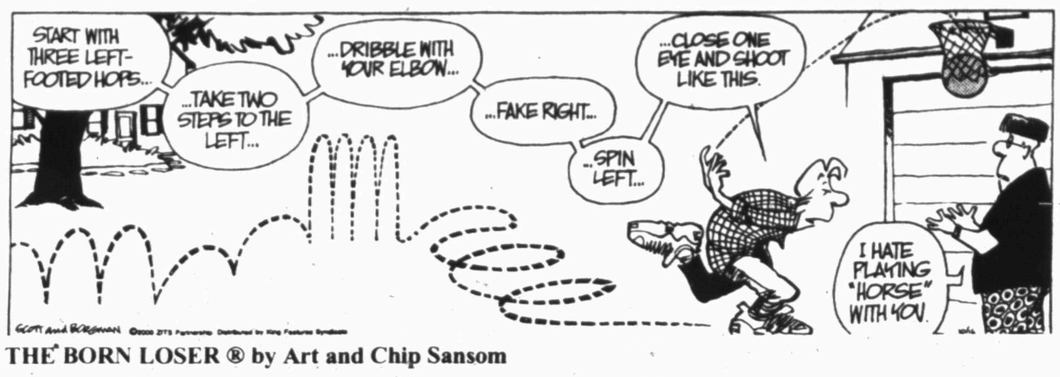

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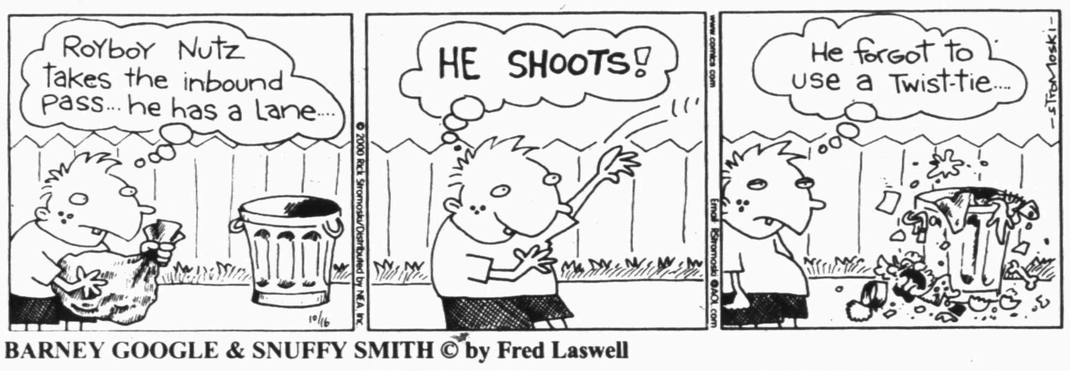

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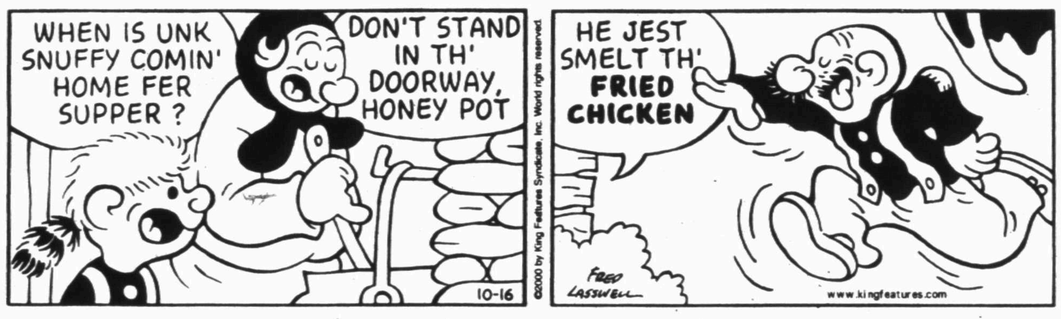

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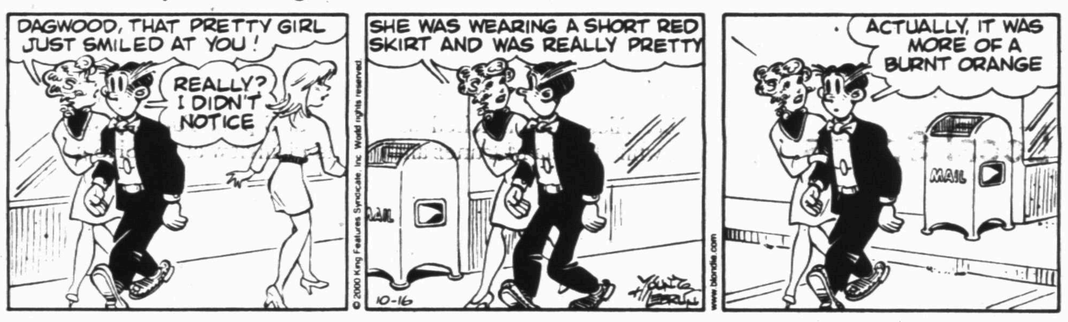

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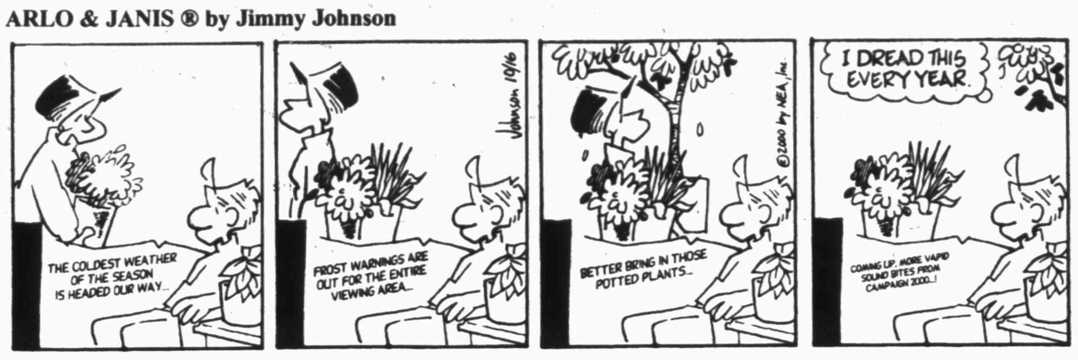

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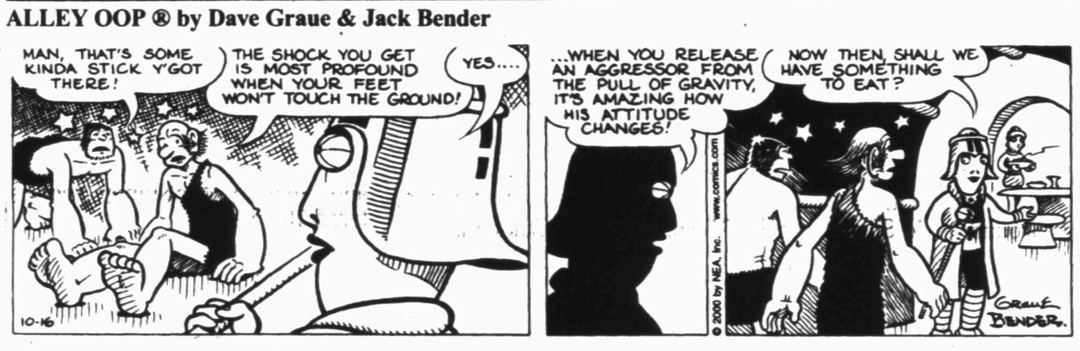

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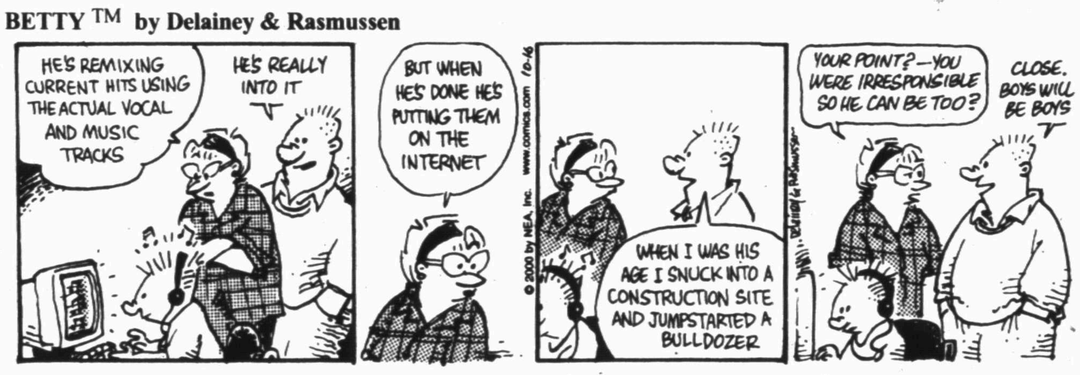

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7 "— Dinsmore"
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13 Eastern philosophy
14 Type of street
15 Arm joints
16 Actor Alastair —
17 Lodge
18 Globe
21 Actor Greene
23 R.R. depot
26 "The — King"
28 Is a shrew
29 Small child
30 Tennis player Lendl
31 "Motor City"
33 Experienced person
36 "Merry" king
37 Before (poet.)
38 Jug
40 Gets older
41 "Awesome!"
42 Auto racer Andretti
44 NYC summer hrs.
45 — tai
46 Nonprofit TV
48 Casual top
51 Mod paintings (2 wds.)
55 New York team
56 Part of NFL
57 Author Joyce Carol —
58 Huge house

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1 Explosive inits.
2 Carpenter's tool
3 WWII area
4 Shooter marbles
5 Symbol of slowness
6 Earlier form of a word
7 Sincere
8 Cut of meat
9 Family mem.
10 "Real" ending
11 Print units
13 Qualm
18 Dickens-based musical
19 TV's Geraldo —
20 Sailed
22 Actress Gilda —
23 Fall guy
24 Worked hard
25 Certify
27 Opp. of SSW
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35 Is in store for
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43 Double-reed instruments
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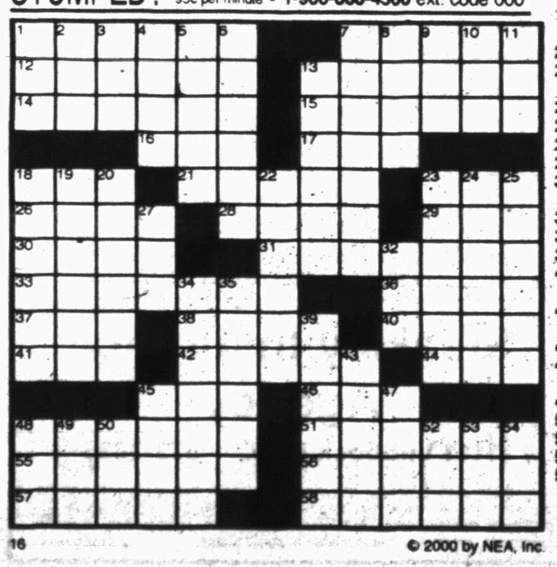

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KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright

SPORTS

SHS netters secure district title

It's official. Snyder High School is the District 4-4A tennis champion.

Snyder clinched the district crown Saturday with a 13-6 victory over pre-season favorite Big Spring.

The win keeps the Tigers' record at a perfect 6-0 heading into the district finale against 0-6 Estacado.

"We came out ready to play," said first-year Snyder coach Brad Wikse. "Big Spring switched its boys' line-up, but it didn't change anything. Our kids played hard, and they earned the title."

The Tigers won only three matches on the boys' side, but swept all nine in girls' competition. Snyder also won the mixed doubles match.

Snyder's girls never dropped a set to the Lady Steers. Capturing wins for the Lady Tigers were Patricia Vargas, Claire Cotton, Jordan Hardin, Afton Sutter, Cozy Jones, Andra Dunham, Kara Brumley and Sara Cantu.

Ryan Gibson and Alex Best won their boys' singles matches, while Gibson and Allen Smith also teamed up for a doubles victory. Jones and Tyson Kubena took care of the mixed doubles.

Snyder's final district match against Estacado was slated for Saturday, but could be moved to Thursday to give the Tigers more time to prepare for the regional tournament.

"I'm pretty sure we'll be able to move the match to Thursday," Wikse stated. "It would work out better for us, so that we could take the weekend to recuperate and prepare for regionals."

The Region I-4A Tennis Tournament will be held Oct. 27-28 in Wichita Falls, and Wikse believes his team can do well, if they garner one of the top four seeds.

"I'm going to really battle for a top seed during the draw meeting," Wikse remarked. "Some people don't give us much respect out of this district, we've played a lot of tough teams all year, and I think we deserve to be seeded.

"And whether or not you get a seed could determine your whole tournament. If you get one, you're assured not to face one of the other top teams right away. But if you don't get seeded, then you could draw one of the Wichita Falls schools right off the bat."

Snyder 13, Big Spring 6

Boys' singles: Ryan Gibson def. Smiley, 6-3, 7-6; Allen Smith lost to Shroff, 6-0, 6-2; Horacio DePaz lost to Edgeman, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; Alex Best def. Roffers, 6-4, 6-1; Adam Rodgers lost to DeHoya, 6-2, 6-0; Charlie Gorman lost to Wingert, 6-0, 6-0.

Boys' doubles: Gibson-Smith def. Edgeman-Shroff, 6-0, 6-1; DePaz-Rodgers lost to DeHoya-Smiley, 6-2, 6-0; Best-Gorman lost to Roffers-Wingert, 6-4, 7-6.

Mixed doubles: Cozy Jones-Tyson Kubena def. Mireles-Richardson, 6-4, 6-0.

Girls' singles: Patricia Vargas def. Ward, 6-3, 6-1; Claire Cotton def. Roffers, 6-2, 6-1; Jordan Hardin def. Parnell, 6-2, 6-1; Afton Sutter def. Partee, 6-2, 7-5; Jones def. Richardson, 6-3, 6-3; Andra Dunham def. Chesworth, 6-0, 6-0.

Girls' doubles: Cotton-Hardin def. Partee-Ward, 7-5, 6-1; Dunham-Vargas def. Parnell-Roffers, 6-3, 6-1; Brumley-Cantu def. Simmons-White, 6-0, 6-2.

Lady Tigers stay on path to postseason

Snyder's victory wasn't an upset. Levelland's was.

But they both pushed the Lady Tigers one step closer to the postseason.

Snyder whipped Lubbock Estacado, 15-4, 15-4, in Saturday's District 4-4A volleyball action at the SHS gym.

The victory left the Lady Tigers in sole possession of second place in the district standings. Snyder holds a one-match edge over third-place Andrews, and a two-match advantage over Big Spring, which fell to Levelland, 15-9, 9-15, 15-10.

Saturday's results all but clinch a playoff spot for the Lady Tigers, who wrap up the district schedule against Plainview and Andrews.

"Our girls know that if they go out and play like their capable of playing, then things will take care of themselves," said Snyder coach Patty Grimmett. "So that's what they're doing. We started out a little slow against Estacado, but we still executed like needed to."

Snyder continued to excel from the service line. The Lady Tigers committed only one service error, and kept the 0-12 Lady Matadors scrambling most of the day.

T'Leah Eicke served up nine points to lead Snyder, while Rina Geiger's eight kills and Kameron Kallemeyn's seven paced the Lady Tigers at the net.

"Our serving and serve receive have really been strong the last few matches," said Grimmett. "When we receive the serve, we're making good passes to the setters and it's allowing us to run our offense like we want."

The Lady Tigers close out their home schedule at 7 p.m. Tuesday when they host Plainview. SHS seniors and their parents will be recognized before the match.

Snyder can officially clinch a playoff berth with a victory over Plainview, or a Big Spring loss.

The Lady Tigers can garner the district's second seed with another victory Saturday at Andrews.

In the playoffs, Snyder would face a representative from District 3 on Oct. 27 or 28.

Snyder def. Estacado 15-5, 15-4

Snyder service points: T'Leah Eicke, 9; Whitney Webb, 7; Cameron Mackey, 5; Laura Billingsley and Rina Geiger, 4; Kameron Kallemeyn, 1. **Kills:** Geiger, 8; Kallemeyn, 7; Mackey, Ashley Delce and Katie Voss, 4; Cindy Sanchez, 1. **Blocks:** Geiger, 2; Voss, 1.

Injuries force Baugh to fill holes in Tigers' line

After a typical hard-hitting District 4-4A affair Friday night, the Snyder Tigers are trying to patch up their offensive and defensive lines.

The Tigers lost both starting guards along the offensive front in Friday night's 7-3 setback to Andrews.

R.J. Hernandez, who also starts at defensive tackle, will miss at least two weeks and possibly longer with a knee injury.

Stephen Ortegon is nursing a high ankle sprain, and is also expected to be out of action Friday when Snyder hosts Lake View.

The Tigers also lost back-up center Adam Owen, who cracked his ribs on punt coverage.

"We're having to shift some guys around," said Snyder coach David Baugh. "We'll have some new guys in there, and some others who are playing new positions."

To accommodate for the loss of both guards, Tremaine Johnson will move in from his tackle position. Diego Hernandez will be inserted in Johnson's spot at tackle.

At the other guard, senior defensive starters Mark Medley and Max Blackwell will likely share time.

Robert Early will be back up Johnson at guard, while Junior Martinez will serve as reserve center, behind starter Josh Knox.

The Tigers and the Chiefs are in search of their first victories in district competition after 0-3 starts. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Tiger Stadium.

Local competitors nab medals at Senior Games

TEMPLE — Three local competitors captured a total of seven medals at the Texas State Senior Games in Temple.

Barnard Bartels, Don Duncan and Dorothy Duncan garnered at least one gold medal apiece, and are eligible to compete in the National Senior Games to be held in July in Baton Rouge, La.

Bartels brought home four medals overall, three gold and a silver. In the swimming competition, Bartels won the 50-yard backstroke and the 50-yard breaststroke, while finishing second in the 50-yard freestyle event. He was also tops in his division of the horseshoe pitching.

Don Duncan also captured a gold medal in the horseshoe pitching, as did Dorothy Duncan. Dorothy added to her medal count with another gold in the washer toss.

Frosh edge Big Spring

Neither squad could build a large advantage, but Snyder held on in the end to knock off Big Spring, 15-11, 13-15, 15-13, in Saturday's freshman volleyball action.

Kelsi Johnson led the Lady Tigers from the service line with 11 points, while Desiree Braziel and Sharday McKinney registered 10 apiece.

Erin Burleson and Kelbi Drum tallied four points apiece. Desiree Braziel posted three points, and Ashley Martinez chipped in one.

Snyder will be in action again at 6 p.m. Tuesday when it hosts Plainview at the SJHS gym.

JV dominates Estacado

Snyder's points came in bunches Saturday, as the Lady Tigers cruised past Estacado, 15-6, 15-4, in junior varsity volleyball action.

Shelley Fisk served up 10 consecutive points in Game 2 to pace the Lady Tigers.

Amber Alexander notched six points, while Leticia Martinez and Lori Chesser accounted for four apiece.

Loryn Brown and Chaelyn Robinson tallied two points each, and Dara Chambers and Aaryn Stewart added one apiece.

Snyder will be back on the court at 6 p.m. Tuesday when it hosts Plainview at the SHS gym.

Saturday's Major College Football Scores

EAST
Boston College 20, Syracuse 13
Bucknell 42, Lafayette 30
Colgate 23, Cornell 16
Dartmouth 31, Holy Cross 14
Duquesne 44, Georgetown, D.C. 20
Fairfield 24, St. Peter's 10
Lehigh 45, Harvard 13
Marist 27, Iona 7
Massachusetts 33, Maine 10
Monmouth, N.J. 41, St. Francis, Pa. 6
Penn 43, Columbia 25
Princeton 55, Brown 28
Rhode Island 7, James Madison 6
Richmond 31, New Hampshire 10
Rochester 34, Canisius 28, 2OT
Sacred Heart 23, Stony Brook 6
Temple 48, Rutgers 14
Towson 38, Howard 6
Villanova 34, Northeastern 20
Wagner 24, Cent. Connecticut St. 7
Yale 24, Fordham 17

SOUTH
Alabama 45, Mississippi 7
Alabama A&M 30, Morris Brown 24
Bethune-Cookman 42, S. Carolina St. 14
Charleston Southern 42, Austin Peay 20
Chattanooga 27, VMI 14
Clemson 35, Maryland 14
Delaware 28, William & Mary 17
East Carolina 42, Army 21
Elon 43, Samford 21
Florida 38, Auburn 7
Florida St. 63, Duke 14
Furman 33, The Citadel 7
Georgia 29, Vanderbilt 19
Georgia Southern 34, Appalachian St. 28
Georgia Tech 52, Wake Forest 20
Grambling St. 24, Ark.-Pine Bluff 17
Hampton 47, Norfolk St. 19
Jackson St. 64, MVSU 20
LSU 34, Kentucky 0
Louisiana Tech 48, Louisiana-Lafayette 14
Louisville 38, Cincinnati 24
McNeese St. 28, Jacksonville St. 0
Middle Tennessee 28, Louisiana-Monroe 0
Morgan St. 12, Savannah St. 6
N. Carolina A&T 30, Florida A&M 10
N.C. State 38, North Carolina 20
Northwestern St. 27, Nicholls St. 21
South Carolina 27, Arkansas 7
Southern Miss. 56, Tulane 24
Tennessee St. 33, Tenn.-Martin 6
Texas Southern 16, Alcorn St. 13
UAB 13, Memphis 9
UCF 34, E. Kentucky 3
W. Kentucky 17, Tennessee Tech 14
Wofford 40, W. Carolina 31

MIDWEST
Ball St. 33, E. Michigan 14
E. Illinois 48, Murray St. 7
Illinois 31, Iowa 0
Illinois St. 21, Indiana St. 0
Kansas 38, Missouri 17
Miami (Ohio) 24, Bowling Green 10
Michigan 58, Indiana 0
Minnesota 29, Ohio St. 17
N. Illinois 52, Akron 35
Notre Dame 45, Navy 14
Ohio 44, Kent St. 7
Oklahoma 41, Kansas St. 31
Purdue 41, Northwestern 28
Robert Morris 17, Dayton 13
Toledo 42, Marshall 0
W. Illinois 14, SW Missouri St. 10
Wisconsin 17, Michigan St. 10
Youngstown St. 28, N. Iowa 24

SOUTHWEST
Alabama St. 51, Prairie View 21
Iowa St. 33, Oklahoma St. 26
Nebraska 56, Texas Tech 3
Sam Houston St. 52, Stephen F.Austin 41
Texas A&M 24, Baylor 0
Utah St. 17, North Texas 12

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Air Force 51, Wyoming 34
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Davidson 27, San Diego 13
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Hawaii 30, SMU 15
Idaho 42, Arkansas St. 25
Montana 34, CS Northridge 30
New Mexico St. 42, Tulsa 28
Oregon 28, Southern Cal 17
Oregon St. 38, Stanford 6
Portland St. 59, Idaho St. 21
Sacramento St. 24, Montana St. 13
St. Mary's, Cal. 71, Menlo 34
Texas 28, Colorado 14
UC Davis 56, S. Utah 20
UTEP 47, San Jose St. 30
Utah 21, San Diego St. 7
Washington 21, Arizona St. 15
Weber St. 12, N. Arizona 10

Local Sports Schedule

TUESDAY
VOLLEYBALL: Plainview at Snyder frosh, JV and varsity, 6 and 7 p.m.

THURSDAY
RODEO: WTC at Texas Tech
FOOTBALL: Snyder JV at Lake View, 5 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Lake View at Snyder freshmen, 5 p.m.
FOOTBALL: Snyder 8th grade at Big Spring, 5 and 6:30
FOOTBALL: Big Spring at Snyder 7th grade, 5 and 6:30

FRIDAY
FOOTBALL: Lake View at Snyder, 7:30
FOOTBALL: Borden County at Ira, 7:30
FOOTBALL: Loraine at Hermleigh, 7:30
GOLF: Snyder girls at El Paso tourney
RODEO: WTC at Texas Tech

SATURDAY
VOLLEYBALL: Snyder frosh, JV and varsity at Andrews, 2 and 3 p.m.
GOLF: Snyder girls at El Paso tourney
RODEO: WTC at Texas Tech

Sports Briefs

Parent-Child tourney

A parent-child golf tournament will be held Saturday at Western Texas College. Registration deadline is Friday. To sign-up, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

WGA weekly play day

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Mets pound Kile, Cards

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets pounded St. Louis ace Darryl Kile for a record five doubles in a four-run first inning and moved within one win of the World Series, beating the Cardinals 10-6 for a 3-1 lead in the NL championship series.

Mariners stave off elimination

SEATTLE (AP) — Facing elimination, Alex Rodriguez and the Seattle Mariners made sure the AL championship series returned to the Bronx.

Rodriguez hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the fifth inning, and Edgar Martinez and John Olerud followed with consecutive homers that carried Seattle over the New York Yankees 6-2. The Mariners pulled to 3-2 in the best-of-seven series.

Major League Baseball Playoffs

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
All Times EDT

American League
(NBC)
Tuesday, Oct. 10
Seattle 2, New York 0
Wednesday, Oct. 11
New York 7, Seattle 1
Friday, Oct. 13
New York 8, Seattle 2
Saturday, Oct. 14
New York 5, Seattle 0
Sunday, Oct. 15
Seattle 6, New York 2, New York leads series 3-2
Tuesday, Oct. 17
Seattle (Halama 14-9) at New York (Hernandez 12-13), 8:12 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 18
Seattle at New York, 8:12 p.m., if necessary

National League
(FOX)
Wednesday, Oct. 11
New York 6, St. Louis 2
Thursday, Oct. 12
New York 6, St. Louis 5
Saturday, Oct. 14
St. Louis 8, New York 2
Sunday, Oct. 15
New York 10, St. Louis 6, New York leads series 3-1
Monday, Oct. 16
St. Louis (Hentgen 15-12) at New York (Hampton 15-10), 8:18 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 18
New York at St. Louis, 4:18 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, Oct. 19
New York at St. Louis, 8:18 p.m., if necessary

National Football League

All Times Eastern

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	5	1	0	.833	112	51
N.Y. Jets	5	1	0	.833	125	103
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.667	172	130
Buffalo	3	3	0	.500	113	122
New England	2	5	0	.286	120	141
Central						
Tennessee	4	1	0	.800	104	78
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	128	75
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	99	78
Jacksonville	2	4	0	.333	113	128
Cleveland	2	5	0	.286	95	175
Cincinnati	0	6	0	.000	37	143
West						
Oakland	5	1	0	.833	161	125
Denver	4	3	0	.571	217	147
Kansas City	3	3	0	.500	134	113
Seattle	2	5	0	.286	118	169
San Diego	0	7	0	.000	117	204

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	120	105
Washington	5	2	0	.714	114	99
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	168	101
Arizona	2	4	0	.333	114	162
Dallas	2	4	0	.333	126	167
Central						
Minnesota	6	0	0	1.000	153	110
Detroit	4	2	0	.667	115	120
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	150	97
Green Bay	3	4	0	.429	148	139
Chicago	1	6	0	.143	101	189
West						
St. Louis	6	0	0	1.000	262	174
New Orleans	3	3	0	.500	110	98
Carolina	2	4	0	.333	110	100
Atlanta	2	5	0	.286	130	217
San Francisco	2	5	0	.286	198	224

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Giants 19, Dallas 14
St. Louis 45, Atlanta 29
Buffalo 27, San Diego 24, OT
Washington 10, Baltimore 3
Oakland 20, Kansas City 17
New Orleans 24, Carolina 6
Pittsburgh 15, Cincinnati 0
Denver 44, Cleveland 10
Indianapolis 37, Seattle 24
N.Y. Jets 34, New England 17
Philadelphia 33, Arizona 14
Green Bay 31, San Francisco 28
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm allergic to sulfa antibiotics and wonder if I should be careful of dried fruit that contains sulfur.

DEAR READER: An allergy to sulfa drugs does not necessarily mean that you are hypersensitive to foods that contain sulfur, which primarily occurs in the form of sulfites, which are used in the preservation process. If you react to such foods, you may actually be exhibiting a sensitivity to other compounds used as preservatives. Conversely, people who are allergic to sulfites need not automatically avoid sulfa antibiotics. In order to determine precisely what substances and products to avoid, you should have skin and blood tests performed by an allergist, who can accurately define your problem and, if necessary, suggest treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband of 40 years is 70, caring and wonderful to live with, yet he is upset by inconsequential matters and events that cause profound mood changes. He is being treated for high blood pressure, but I am really concerned about his mood swings. Could his blood pressure be to blame?

DEAR READER: Alterations in mood can be an early manifestation of many emotional ailments, including bipolar mood disorder (manic-depression) and depression itself. In addition, unpredictable mood swings may reflect periodic mental confusion, as is seen in certain forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease. I doubt that hypertension (or the treatment for it) is a cause of your husband's problem.

You should bring his behavioral changes to his doctor's attention. A physical examination is certainly in order and, I suspect, the physician may wish to have your husband undergo a psychiatric evaluation as well. In most instances, mood swings can be successfully treated with counseling or medication, once the diagnosis has been made. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Alzheimer's Disease." 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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have severe arthritis, which causes me constant pain. While in church last month, I felt a buzzing on my neck. I slapped my neck and was stung by a wasp on the hand. (I finally finished him off with a hymnal.)

To my surprise, the next day my hand was completely free of arthritis pain. What do you make of this?

DEAR READER: Bee venom therapy is a form of alternative medicine that may be underappreciated. There are many reports of people who, once stung, were relieved of chronic pain, especially that caused by arthritis. Despite the intriguing implications of this phenomenon — and despite the fact that there are bee-keepers who routinely provide their services to those in need of this therapy — traditional medical practitioners have steadfastly refused to admit that bee venom could play an important role in treating the discomfort of arthritis. I, for one, would welcome some scientific studies on this subject. I am convinced that it is a real and potentially useful phenomenon.

So, in answer to your question, some arthritis sufferers have been helped by bee venom. The reasons are unknown. The technique should be investigated in the same way that any therapy must, by undergoing scrupulous scientific evaluation.

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Crime decline in U.S. could begin to slow

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI's report of a 7 percent drop in serious crimes reported to police in 1999 extended the nation's longest crime decline through its eighth year, but there are hints the gains may be about to slow down.

The FBI reported Sunday that the murder rate sunk to a 33-year low: 5.7 for every 100,000 residents, the lowest since 5.6 per 100,000 in 1966.

The overall violent crime rate reached to a 21-year low — 525 murders, rapes, robberies and assaults for every 100,000 residents. The last time the figure was lower — 498 in 1978 — came well before an epidemic of crack cocaine sent violent crime soaring in the mid-1980s.

But cities with more than a million residents showed the smallest decline in murder rate of any size community, down just 4 percent from 13.5 to 13.0 per 100,000. The largest, New York, even saw murders rise from 633 in 1998 to 671 in 1999.

"The big cities are reaching their limit" in crime reduction, said Professor James Alan Fox of Northeastern University in Boston. The murder totals are considered the most reliable figures in the FBI report and a leading indicator of crime in general.

"The big cities were the first to go up in the 1980s, the first to come down in the 1990s," said Professor Alfred Blumstein of Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh. "Now, having the lowest murder rate decline suggests they'll be the first to stabilize. Murders and crime can't go down forever."

Nationwide, the rate and the number of all seven major violent and property crimes declined, despite an increase in the U.S. population, the FBI reported.

The national total for the seven serious crimes reported to 17,000 police agencies for 1999 was 11,635,149, down 20 percent since 1990. Total reported crimes were down 10 percent in the West, 7 percent in the Northeast and Midwest and 5 percent in the South. The totals were down 7 percent in cites and rural areas and 8 percent in suburbs.

Among violent crimes, the population-adjusted rate for murder fell 8.5 percent; for robbery, 8.4 percent; for aggravated assault, 6.2 percent; and for rape, 4.3 percent.

Among property crimes, the rate for burglary fell 10 percent; for auto theft, 7.7 percent, and for larceny-theft, 5.7 percent.

The overall decline extended a trend begun in 1992 that is now nearly three times longer than the second-longest decline, the three years from 1982 through 1984. FBI records go back through 1960.

Attorney General Janet Reno said, "American families are safer today than they have been in a generation.... But we cannot rest." She called for more effort to ensure that the 500,000 Americans to be released from prison this year end up in jobs rather than back behind bars.

Tests begin in new Boston Strangler search

BOSTON (AP) — Thirty-six years after her death, the last victim of the Boston Strangler has been exhumed and her body examined for signs of her killer's identity.

A private autopsy on Mary Sullivan, who was killed in 1964, was conducted on Saturday, following a request by her family and that of Albert DeSalvo, who confessed to killing her and 10 other women.

DeSalvo was never charged in the murders, which took place between June 1962 and January 1964. He was killed in prison in 1973 while serving a sentence on an unrelated rape conviction.

The two families believe that DeSalvo was innocent and that he confessed only because he thought he could make money from a book and film about the murders.

The families' attorney Elaine Whitfield Sharp said the examination was necessary because the state had refused to release evidence from the murder scene.

"They're telling us it's still an open investigation. ... But they haven't done anything about this in 36 years," Whitfield Sharp said.

Sullivan's nephew and DeSalvo's brother and nephew have sued Massachusetts' attorney general, the state police, the Boston Police and the medical examiner's office to gain access to records and evidence.

Stephen Bilafer, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Attorney General, said the case was being treated "the same way we treat other unsolved homicides."

George Washington University forensics specialist James Starrs, who took part in the autopsy, said examiners had found evidence that ran counter to DeSalvo's confession.

He said they had been unable to find the effects of a blow DeSalvo claimed to have inflicted on Sullivan and that a neck bone which usually snaps during strangulation was intact.

Starrs said DNA testing would begin on hair, tissue and semen samples from the body.

Whitfield Sharp said police still had evidence related to the case, including semen-stained bed sheets, cigarette butts and clothes Sullivan was wearing the night she was killed.

The families have released copies of taped confessions.

Microsoft announces new Windows CE for vehicles

DETROIT (AP) — Microsoft Corp. introduced its newest software for in-car computing devices Sunday, as well as the industry standards it would like to see adopted for how computers and cars swap information.

Analysts predict that by 2006, nearly 50 percent of all new cars — and 90 percent of luxury vehicles — will have some kind of Internet capability. Dozens of automakers and electronics companies are vying for position in the market.

Microsoft on Sunday unveiled a third version of its Windows CE software for vehicles. The first version was used in the Clarion AutoPC, a voice-controlled device that combined elements of a car stereo, cell phone and personal digital assistant. The second version will be used in the Internet computer GM plans to install on some Cadillacs later this year.

Bob McKenzie, the general manager of Microsoft's automotive business unit, said the new version of Windows CE could be used to control a variety of devices — everything from a simple, push-button cellular service system like GM's OnStar to an in-dash computer that also controls video entertainment for passengers.

After four years of work, the number of cars with a Windows CE computer is only in the thousands. But McKenzie said the company expects the business to take off.

Microsoft also introduced Car.Net, a set of standards it would like to see automakers and other companies adopt for in-car computing. Car.Net is based on open computer industry programming languages and standards — not Microsoft-only products.

Under Car.Net, devices could shuttle information between a home, office and car and among several different devices — from pagers to desktop computers.

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By Phillip Alder

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♦ 10 7 4
♣ 8 3

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♦ 9
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♦ K 6 5 2
♣ J 9 4

South
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♣ A K Q 7 6

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

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3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Monday, Oct. 16, 2000

The product parade never ceases

By Phillip Alder

This week, to get a jump on the Christmas buying season, let's look at the best of the recent bridge books.

I am a fan of David Bird's books, especially those about the monks of St. Titus. The latest is "Saints and Sinners" (Master Point Press). Yet there are two major differences between this book and the previous six. This one has been written by Bird around difficult deals supplied by the Australian Tim Bourke. And each of the 21 chapters contains three or four quiz questions in boxes, so that you can test yourself before reading the text. The recommended answers, with scores, are in an appendix.

Brother Anthony, a Eustacian silent-order monk, makes an appearance, sitting North here. Partnering someone who never bids adds an extra dimension — to both sides.

The Abbot (West) assumed South had the spade king and a long minor for his three-no-trump overcall. He decided to lead a heart, selecting the queen in case East had the ace. If so, East would overtake and return a spade. However, Brother Adam (South) took full advantage. After winning with dummy's heart ace, he ran the diamond 10, carefully unblocking his eight. When West's nine dropped, declarer finessed the diamond seven, took a third diamond finesse, and ended with 11 tricks, which was a top in the pairs event.

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Asian-American crowned Miss America 2001

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The last Miss America spent her year rallying the cause of veterans. Her successor is hoping one such patriot will help her champion the struggle of a younger audience.

Miss America 2001 Angela Perez Baraquio wants to devote her yearlong reign as beauty queen-cum-activist to teaching little kids to grow into decent, balanced people through "character education." She hopes to enlist the help of America's Promise — a nonprofit group also known as the Alliance for Youth — and its chairman, retired Army Gen. Colin Powell.

"As a society, we must work together to guide each child to become a well-rounded individual and contributing citizen," she said, "by infusing character development into every educational institution's daily school culture."

Baraquio, 24, of Honolulu, knows something about being well-rounded.

The elementary school teacher overcame stage fright, a disdain for pageants and an unsuccessful pair of tries at the Miss Hawaii title en route to capturing a $50,000 college scholarship with her victory Saturday night.

Baraquio, whose parents are Filipino, said she didn't feel like a pioneer after becoming the first woman of Asian-American heritage to win the crown.

"It doesn't matter what (ancestry) you are. It matters what you are on the inside," she said.

The eighth of 10 children, she is a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa who works as a physical education instructor and athletic director at Holy Family Catholic Academy in Honolulu.

Her parents own an exterminating company called Able Termite Control.

"They have a pest control company because they have 10 kids," she laughed.

Baraquio said she began entering pageants at age 18 to help finance college.

"I was the worst when it came to pageants," she said Sunday. "But then I thought, well, it's a scholarship program. I needed money to go to college. I said 'I might as well.'"

She finally became a Miss America contender, just as she reached the pageant's age limit, by winning Miss Hawaii this year.

Baraquio (pronounced bur-OCK-eey-oh) wept Sunday during her first news conference as Miss America 2001.

"All the Miss Americas came up to me last night and said, 'Welcome to the sisterhood.' I said 'Wow, I'm part of the legacy. I'm a part of the American dream," Baraquio said.

Meanwhile, Miss America Pageant CEO Robert Renneisen revealed Sunday that a preliminary judge had failed to disclose "what could be perceived as a judging conflict of interest."

Myron Martin — who judged three nights of preliminary competition leading up to Saturday's 80th annual Miss America Pageant — failed to tell pageant officials he was familiar with one of the contestants from a state pageant in which he'd served as a judge.

Martin was a judge in the 1999 Miss Texas pageant, one of whose contestants was Tara Watson. Watson made the top 10 on Saturday, based on scoring by Martin and the other preliminary judges.

Renneisen said pageant auditors confirmed that Miss Texas would have made the top 10 even without Martin's vote.

A teen, a dream, and Internet fame

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In many ways, Ashley Power is the stereotypical Southern California teen, with sun-streaked hair and speech peppered with "like, you know."

Unlike her fellow high school sophomores, however, Power runs her own company, stars in her own slickly-produced Internet series and might end up taking her Web site to television.

Goosehead.com has caught the attention of Hollywood executives eager to find new ways to appeal to teens — an elusive, yet potentially profitable audience.

On Friday, MGM Television Entertainment signed a first-look one year deal with the company, which includes a chance at turning Power's Web show, "Whatever," into a one-hour, weekly series for the Showtime Network. Who would star in the series? Ashley Power.

"I'm happy to have the opportunity to make the show I want to make, enjoy life and still be a kid," the 15-year-old said Friday.

After morning classes at Notre Dame High School, Power was calling on a cell phone from a mall in Sherman Oaks. She was putting in an appearance at a pajama store that lent her sleepwear for an interview that aired Thursday evening on the ABC program "Prime Time Thursday."

Goosehead.com started as Power's collection of photographs, links, music files and computer artwork. The site ballooned into an enterprise earlier this year when Power began to help write a live-action series for her site called "Whatever."

The program is based on her life and tackles adolescent issues ranging from sexuality to sibling rivalry. Episode 3 is titled "Heaven, Hell and Parents."

The show is directed by Power's stepfather, Mark Schilder, who also is co-chairman of the company, which employs 30. Much of the site's revenue comes from advertising and product tie-ins.

"Ashley and I write the shows together," Schilder said in a recent interview. "She writes notes about everything that goes on in her life, things that strike her as funny, as poignant, and she brings those notes to me."

The shows, which run about 10 minutes, cost between $20,000 and $30,000 to produce. The site is funded by family and friends, with some sponsorship from major firms, such as Oakley, which makes sports apparel. Actor Richard Dreyfus, a friend of the family, recently agreed to create programming for the site.

Perhaps because the site does not have big investors who demand fast returns, it has developed to the point of Friday's deal with MGM, while other, better-funded sites aimed at teens have folded or are struggling.

Through it all, Power struggles to balance the demands of her private and very public life.

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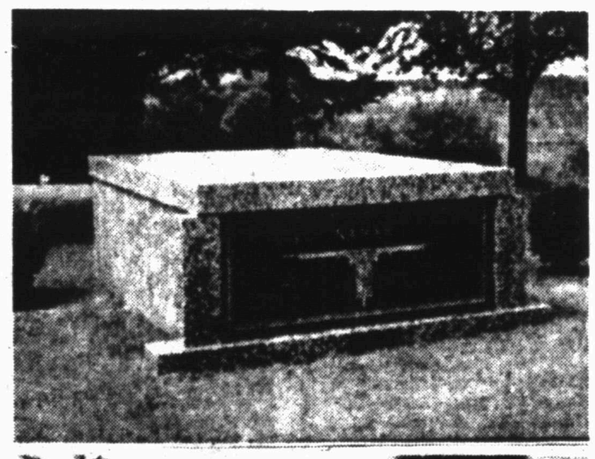

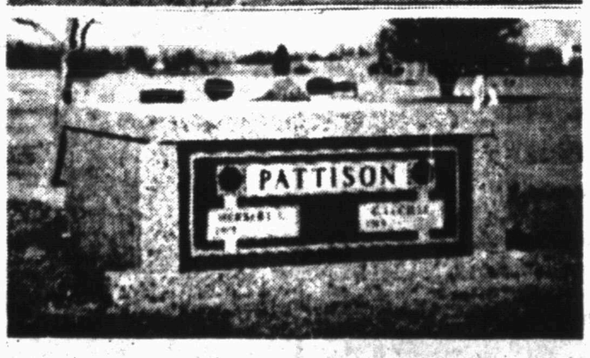

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Women march against poverty and violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women from around the world marched and shouted "Shame!" at the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund buildings in a protest against world poverty and the mistreatment of women.

Several thousand marchers from Africa, Asia and the Americas chanted in a cacophony of languages their support for equal rights for women and their opposition to domestic violence.

"Violence and poverty are the two main enemies of African women," Oumarsou Hadiza, a teacher from Niger, said at the event Sunday. "I want to stop the violence and poverty around the world and that's why I came here."

The IMF and the World Bank are the main lending institutions for poor countries. Activists in a major new movement against globally based economics contend the institutions' lending policies discriminate against the poor.

The Washington rally was a culminating event of the World March of Women 2000, which began in March in Geneva.

The movement's international delegation planned to meet Monday with IMF and World Bank officials to seek greater debt relief and improved lending for poor countries. The same group will meet with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan on Tuesday to present him with petitions signed by 2 million people seeking an end to violence against women.

"This march is against the champions of patriarchy that deny the human, democratic and social welfare of women," said Ramesh Sepehrrad, spokeswoman for the National Committee of Women for a Democratic Iran.

Other speakers from the United States had a political focus.

"In three weeks and a few days we will carry this energy, this enthusiasm and these issues to the voting booths of this country to elect a government that will support our equality," said Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, the lead organizer of the march.

Ireland also condemned the treatment of women in the war-ravaged regions of the world. "Our prayers and our spirit goes out to those in the Middle East, especially the women and the children," she said.

The cheering crowd held signs supporting a range of issues such as defense of abortion rights and protests of female circumcision, or genital mutilation.

Molly Mattessich, 21, said she came from Boston because she empathized with the condition of women around the world. "It was important for me to come because there are so many women around the world who can't speak for themselves," she said.

Some men joined in. Dan Nooter, 23, of Washington, spent his day volunteering at the march. "Violence is something that men have a responsibility for ending," he said. "But I'm not coming out here as a man. I'm coming out here as someone who is concerned about ending violence and poverty."

On the Net:
World March of Women 2000: http://www.worldmarch.org/
National Organization for Women: http://www.now.org

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2000
Your possibilities for fulfilling your objectives in the year ahead look better than they have for some time, but you must not talk about your plans until they are a fait accompli.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Pursuing forbidden fruit today could create complications for you with far reaching effects. If you become enthralled with someone who is already spoken for, respect that union. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even if it's with a friend you know very well, get all important essentials down in writing before putting together a substantial business arrangement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The relationship with someone you deem to be an ally and in accord with your purposes could erode today if she or he suspects you're a manipulator. Be honest about your actions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Cooperation and team spirit is a must today if you hope to make productive gains in your work endeavors. Without proper instructions, the assembly line could break down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You could be tempted to change horses in midstream today when an enticing but untested new provider opens up for you. Chances are that if you do so it would be a mistake.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If your spouse or roommate is a bit grumpy today, instead of reacting in kind, try to be a bit more tolerant than usual. Kindness is the substance that sweetens the soul.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Someone with whom you're closely involved will take you at your word today and expect you to do what you promised. It is imperative that you do so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you have a day of ups and downs financially today, it will be due to your extravagance not matching up to your earning capacity. Be more diligent.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Youngsters under your charge could expect what you do for them today to become a standard practice. The example you set will be important. Don't be too harsh, nor too lenient.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Stick strictly to sincerity today, because any form of subterfuge or manipulation will be discerned and have the opposite effects you desire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though you usually try to get good mileage from the dollars you spend today, at some point you might get carried away. Make it a point not to buy what you don't need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's a possibility you could waste most of your time on a person you think can do you some good and hardly notice a pal who can come through for you until it's far too late in the game to help.

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Pavarotti to perform

DETROIT (AP) — Luciano Pavarotti is returning to Motown after all.

The 65-year-old tenor is scheduled to perform Dec. 21 in a concert version of Giuseppe Verdi's "Aida" at the Detroit Opera House, director David DiChiera announced.

Pavarotti originally was to perform Nov. 21, but his appearance was postponed because of what he called "an unforeseen schedule conflict." DiChiera announced the December show on Saturday night, when the Michigan Opera Theatre opened its 30th anniversary season.

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Search for USS Cole victims continues

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — Divers searched water-filled compartments of the USS Cole on Monday and crews with powerful metal cutters tried to slice through the wreckage to reach more victims as sailors worked to stabilize their crippled warship.

Conditions improved slightly for those aboard, with damaged electricity facilities restored to the point where the air conditioning could be turned on for the crew, said Lt. Terrence Dudley, spokesman for the U.S. 5th Fleet.

Temperatures have been in the 90s in Aden, and the crew has been without air conditioning since the explosion Thursday that killed 17 sailors in a suspected act of terrorism.

Other officials said exhausted Cole sailors were spending some time resting aboard two other Navy ships after working until dawn Sunday to keep the ship afloat when a bulkhead collapsed.

Pressure variations had blasted open the bulkhead while sailors were draining areas of the ship, sending more water flooding in. Electrical shorts kept crews from using the regular pumps, so they jury-rigged a system using firefighting equipment.

The crew was to receive a visit Monday from Gen. Tommy Franks, Tampa, Fla.-based commander of the U.S. Central Command. Franks was also scheduled to meet with Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, officials said.

There has been no credible claim of responsibility for the apparent suicide attack, which killed 17 sailors, wounded 39 others and punched a 40-by-40-foot hole in the hull. Yemeni security forces have detained more than a dozen people for questioning, but no arrests have been announced.

Thousands assemble for family march

WASHINGTON (AP) — From the U.S. Capitol to the Washington Monument and beyond, thousands of families of all colors assembled in Washington Monday at the summons of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan to celebrate the strength and diversity of the American family.

On the fifth anniversary of the Million Man March — said to be the largest gathering of black people in a Washington demonstration — the crowds came peacefully — not to petition the government but to exult in their numbers.

The assemblage was expected to be the largest gathering of black people since that march, which the National Park Service said drew an estimated 400,000 people but which Farrakhan said drew more than 1 million.

Organizers refused to say how many people they expected Monday, but they told city officials to prepare for more than 1 million.

The park service has stopped making crowd estimates since the 1995 event and its controversy over the size.

The overarching purpose of Monday's event was to demonstrate that "people of God can come together, despite our diversity, for the noblest of causes, the family," said Minister Rashul Muhammad, son of Nation of Islam founder Elijah Muhammad.

Speakers pushed for people to improve different areas of their lives. Comedian-activist Dick Gregory urged parents to live cleaner, healthier lives so their children would have a positive example to follow. "I'm so sick of people saying, 'What's wrong with the youth of today?'" he said. "What's wrong with the children? It's you old folks."

Ayanna Muhammad, 11, spoke for the preservation of families. "Broken homes make children sad," she said.

Barak, Arafat meet face to face today

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met face to face Monday at an emergency summit brokered by President Clinton and other leaders struggling to end the bloodshed on the West Bank and in Gaza.

"We cannot afford to fail," Clinton said as the meeting opened. "The future of the peace process and the stability of the region are at stake."

Underscoring the urgency of the talks, violence erupted anew in the West Bank and Gaza Strip less than an hour after Clinton spoke. Israeli soldiers opened fire at Palestinian gunmen and rock-throwers. A Palestinian police officer was killed and dozens of civilians were wounded by Israeli fire.

Clinton took pains to make a balanced appeal to Arafat and Barak, whose relationship has slid into distrust, in contrast to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, the meeting's host and an influential voice among Arab leaders.

Pointedly blaming Israel for the recent violence that has cost nearly 100 lives, most of them Palestinians, Mubarak said he was moved to call the summit by "the aggressions to which the Palestinian people were subjected during the last two weeks."

Mubarak said the situation in the region could ruin relations among Arabs, Jews and Christians "because the consequences will be too grave for any party to withstand, however strong he is."

White House press secretary Jake Siewert described the early hours of discussion as "businesslike and serious."

Expectations were low for the summit being held in this Red Sea resort amid intense security. Asked how the talks were proceeding, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan cautiously responded: "Reasonably well."

The morning session began with Clinton, Arafat, Barak and Annan along with King Abdullah of Jordan and Javier Solana, the European Union's foreign affairs chief, filing sober-faced into a conference room at the seaside golf resort. They took their places 10 feet apart around a horseshoe-shaped table with Clinton and Mubarak at the head.

In his opening remarks, Clinton avoided taking sides.

"We have to move beyond blame," he said.

He urged both Arafat and Barak to remember how far they have come since 1993, when they agreed to resume peace talks.

"We shouldn't give it all up for what has happened in the last few weeks," he said. "And what has happened in these last few weeks reminds us of the terrible alternative to continuing to live in peace and to continue in the peace process."

After the 30-minute session, the leaders broke for lunch. Clinton strolled on the golf course with Osama el-Baz, senior adviser to Mubarak.

Bush and Gore get ready for debate

AUSTIN (AP) — George W. Bush and Al Gore simulated town hall-style meetings as practice for their third debate Tuesday, the presidential rivals' last face-to-face showdown before a final sprint to Election Day.

The format isn't his favorite, but Texas Gov. Bush was not considering major strategy shifts as he practiced answering questions, perched on a stool in the governor's mansion, campaign officials said Sunday.

His advisers believe the Republican nominee's laid-back style and comfort level with foreign and domestic issues have paid off in the polls, which show the race essentially even.

"He's approaching it very similarly to the way he approached the other two debates," said Bush campaign spokesman Ari Fleischer.

"We expect the questions that will be asked will be similar to the ones he gets at town hall meetings on the campaign trail," Fleischer said. "Those events are the best practice for him."

On Monday, Bush planned to tweak President Clinton with a rally in his home state of Arkansas on the way to St. Louis for the debate.

Gore arrived in St. Louis Sunday night and was preparing for the debate format that advisers say is his strongest — honed during years spent representing Tennessee in Congress and answering questions from voters in scores of town hall meetings.

On Monday, the vice president was holding an hourlong mock town hall — plus at least 30 minutes of review and critique afterward — with 23 "real people" debate coaches, a group that Gore called "our happy band."

Discovery spacewalkers to install station docking port

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A spacewalking duo drifted out of space shuttle Discovery on Monday to help install a docking port on the international space station.

It was the second spacewalk in as many days for the shuttle crew. Altogether, four spacewalks are planned for this space station construction mission.

Astronauts Jeff Wisoff and Michael Lopez-Alegria floated out to the sound of music from an Austin Powers movie, a favorite of the crew. Their crewmates played the recording to pep up the spacewalkers. "That was awesome," Wisoff said.

The spacewalkers' first task was to release the 16 bolts that secured the new docking port in Discovery's cargo bay.

Once the docking port was loose, shuttle robot arm operator Koichi Wakata was to lift the 2,700-pound structure to the bottom of the 140-foot space station jutting out of the cargo bay. Because of the tight clearances, Wisoff and Lopez-Alegria were needed to help guide it in to its berth on the station.

The spacewalkers also had to connect a multitude of cables during the planned 61/2-hour spacewalk, between the docking port and the space station's Unity module.

Bill McArthur and Leroy Chiao kicked off the four days of exterior work Sunday.

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Several arrests were made in Scurry Co. over the weekend

Arrests

Scurry County jailers were busy this weekend as a number of people were booked into jail.

Officers arrested a 24-year-old male at 11:28 p.m. Saturday at the VFW for public intoxication.

At 11:54 p.m. Saturday, a 35-year-old female was arrested for misdemeanor DWI in the 1200 block of Avenue I.

Another alcohol-related arrest was made at 12:12 a.m. Sunday as a 20-year-old male was arrested at the VFW for public intoxication.

At 12:24 a.m., officers made another arrest at the VFW for public intoxication as a 40-year-old male was taken into custody. The man was also charged with disorderly conduct, language.

At 1:36 p.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 20-year-old male in the 600 block of 29th Street for outstanding Snyder city warrants, and Abilene DPS warrants.

Two people were also arrested early this morning.

A 37-year-old male was arrested in the 900 block of 17th Street for public intoxication and a 20-year-old male was arrested for misdemeanor DWI.

Family violence

Officers filed a report for family violence at 9:08 p.m. Saturday in reference to a 22-year-old female being tied up by her family. Responding officers were told that the woman had been tied up because she was drunk, and that was the only way they could keep her from driving.

A report for family violence and Class A assault was filed Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at the sheriff's office in reference to a person being assaulted Friday.

At 6:45 p.m. Sunday, another report for family violence was filed in reference to a grandmother reporting her two grandsons were fighting each other.

Thefts

An offense report for Class C theft was filed at 11:10 a.m. Saturday in reference to the theft of a computer game from Movies N Video.

Janie Molina requested an officer in the 2000 block of Avenue M at 11:20 a.m. Saturday to report a theft. An offense report for felony theft was submitted as jewelry had been taken.

Gunshots

Officers were called to the 1300 block of 19th Street at shortly after 11 p.m. Sunday in reference to a person reporting gun shots. Investigating officers did not find anyone discharging firearms in the area.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Ira council meeting

The Ira Council for Educational Excellence will meet at 7 this evening in the school cafeteria to discuss the fall festival.

Football boosters

Snyder Tigers Football booster club will meet at 7 this evening in the SHS student center.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 this evening is "Satan, The Christian's Great Enemy," followed by "The Stone the Builders Rejected."

Planning meeting

A second planning meeting for Sunday's "Be Nice to Bryce" event is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the chamber of commerce office.

West Elementary meeting

West Elementary parents and teachers will meet at 7 tonight in the school library. Projects and fund-raisers will be discussed. All parents and teachers are welcome.

East reading night

East Elementary will host a family reading night beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children, and refreshments will be served. Pre-school child care is provided.

WTC computer classes

The Continuing Education Division of Western Texas College is offering a variety of computer classes this fall beginning Tuesday night. For a schedule or additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Lions Club meeting

Dennis Gloyna with Southwestern Bell Telephone in Abilene will speak at noon Tuesday to the Lions Club meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Guests are invited. Meals are $7 and reservations can be made by calling David Holt at 573-3255.

AARP board to meet

AARP chapter 2063 board members will meet at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at Rudy's.

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, and 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

Discovery School

Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is receiving and registering babies from six weeks up. Spaces are also available for children 18 months through pre-K. Call 573-4770.

Fajita supper

First Christian Church will host its annual park and eat fajita supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday prior to the Snyder-Lake View football game. Cost is $5 for adults and $3 for children.

Booster club chili supper

The boys basketball booster club will have a chili supper from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the high school cafeteria prior to the Lake View football game.

CPR and first aid certification

CPR and first aid certification classes will be held next Monday and Tuesday at WTC. Classes will be from 6-10 p.m. Cost is $51 for both classes and pre-registration deadline is Oct. 20 when a $10 registration fee is due. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 342 or 390.

Tiger Times yearbook

The 2000-01 Tiger Times yearbook are on sale at the junior high until Nov. 21 in room 110 or the office. The full $14 may be paid now, or a deposit of $7 may be paid with the balance due in the spring. Checks must be made out to Snyder Junior High School. No extra copies will be available.

GED exams

GED exams will be administered at Western Texas College from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24. For more information, call Emily Hataway at 574-2112, or Molly Kattes at 573-2919.

Museum needs holiday quilts

It's beginning to look like the holiday season, and the Scurry County Museum is starting to develop its holiday theme. For 2000, the theme is holiday quilts. If you have a holiday quilt, which means any holiday of the year, the museum would like to display the quilt, or any other quilted items, such as a pillow or wall hanging, from Nov. 1-Dec. 8. The items are needed by next Monday. Call the museum at 573-6107 if you have a quilt to lend.

Stanfield fall festival

The annual fall festival at Stanfield Elementary will be Saturday, Oct. 28, from 6-8 p.m. The parent council invites all students and their families to enjoy the fun. There will be games, food booths and raffle drawings donated by local merchants.

Ira 2001 annuals

The 2001 Bulldog annuals are now on sale. The cost is $26 with your name on the cover or $22 without. They will be offered for sale until Nov. 21. The supply will be limited, so order as soon as possible. To order, contact Ira ISD's principal's office at 573-2628.

Pick 3

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

4, 1, 7

Texas Lotto

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

The ticket was worth an estimated $6 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 10, 16, 20, 22, 31, 42.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $9 million.