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34th annual fair to open Thursday

The floor of the Scurry County Coliseum is seeing a myriad of colors, textures, shapes and forms as the 34th annual Scurry County Fair opens Thursday.

This morning's rain did not slow down entrants bringing their handiwork or other items into the coliseum as booths began to fill with textiles, canned goods, fruits, vegetables, sewn items, nuts and woodworking items.

Snyder Palette began accepting art work Tuesday and entries for the Snyder Garden Club's annual show were being accepted this morning.

Entries will also be accepted in the show Thursday from 8-11 a.m.

Baked goods in the home economics division will be accepted Friday from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday from 8-9 a.m.

Junior and senior handicrafts will be accepted for entry today from 1-9 p.m.

Items entered in the men's division will be accepted today from 4-9 p.m., as will entries in the sewing division.

Textile entries will be accepted today from 1-8 p.m.

Entries in the kiddie barnyard show will be accepted today from 1-9 p.m., and kiddie event entries will be accepted today through Friday from 1-9 p.m. The critter parade entries will be accepted today through Friday from 1-9 p.m. The parade is set for 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the coliseum annex.

Saturday's horse show will accept entries beginning at 9 a.m. for the 10 o'clock show.

There will be a variety of entertainment on the stage of the coliseum beginning at 7 p.m. Friday and continuing until 10 o'clock. There will be continuous entertainment on the stage Saturday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The horseshoe and washer-pitching contest will be held Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

Entries for the domino tourney will be accepted Thursday at 5 p.m. Tournament play will begin Thursday at 6 p.m. and will continue with championship play at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Kiddie events are set for Saturday beginning with the tractor pull at 10 a.m. There are three classes kids can enter based on weight. Weight divisions are up to 33 pounds, 34 to 45 pounds and 46 to 59 pounds.

The fish pond event is for one to three-year-olds and it will be held from 1-1:30 p.m. Saturday.

The stick horse rodeo is set for Saturday from 2-2:30 p.m. and it will have two divisions. Division one is for three-five year-olds, and Division 2 is for 6-8 year-old-youngsters.

Stick horses will be provided, or youngsters may bring their own favorite stick horse.

The barrel race is set for 2:30-3 p.m., and it will have the same age divisions as the stick horse race.

The three-legged race, for ages eight and under, is set for 3-3:30 p.m.

Phil Robinson is president of the fair association and Joan Treadway serves as vice president. Sandra Barboza is secretary and Teresa Karlainen is treasurer.



CARNIVAL OPENS – The fair carnival will open Thursday at 5 p.m. with unlimited rides available with the purchase of an arm band for $10. On Friday, the arm band price will be $12 and again the carnival opens at 5 p.m. On Saturday, the arm band price will be $14 and the carnival will be open from noon until 10 p.m.



PRAY FOR SCHOOLS AND LEADERS — One hundred students and adults attended See You At the Pole early this morning at Snyder High School plus, some 50 students at Snyder Junior High. Students prayed for their schools, classmates, teachers and the leaders of the city, state and federal governments. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Gore has endorsements from Latino activists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Al Gore will be able to walk into tonight's Congressional Hispanic Caucus gala dinner with the endorsements of 521 Latino activists in his pocket.

But by sharing the stage with Hillary Rodham Clinton, Gore risks seeing his limelight stolen by the first lady's unresolved campaign contretemps with Puerto Ricans.

Gore himself has not said much about whether President Clinton was right to free 14 Puerto Rican nationalists imprisoned on sedition and weapons convictions.

With an eye on his own growing Hispanic support, Gore has said only that he is "not going to stand in judgment" of the president's clemency decision. Gore aides privately emphasize that the vice president's statement is hardly an endorsement of clemency.

Mrs. Clinton's surprise announcement of opposition to her husband's move infuriated several Puerto Rican political leaders, among them Rep. Jose Serrano, D-N.Y., who said he no longer could support her campaign for a Senate seat from New York, a state with a large Puerto Rican population.

"The vice president hasn't spoken out," Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., lamented after a pep rally Tuesday launching Gore's effort to amass support in the Hispanic community.

In that appearance, where Gore pumped hands in an adoring crowd to the hot-salsa sounds of Ricky Martin, the clemency issue did not come up.

Rainfall Reports

Snyder	.50
Lake Thomas (west end)	1.4
Hermleigh	.50
NE Hermleigh	.75
Fluvanna	.80
Polar	1.3
Camp Springs	1.5
North of City	1.3
West of City	.70
Dunn	.60
Ira	1.9
Dermott	1.0
Union	.70
Gail	1.68

Totals from Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning as reported by area residents.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The surest way to run into a problem is to run from it.

Frankly we'd rather be at the Four Seasons or Ritz-Carlton – and it's a whale of a lot cheaper.

Remember the old days when the length of a hospital stay was decided by the patient – not by Medicare, an insurance company or HMO?

Apparently, the patient can still decide. All it takes is money – and lots of it.

But there are a growing number of folks who want Five-Star hospital treatment – and they are willing to pay.

One cancer patient visits New York City regularly. Instead of the Ritz, he stays in a $575-a-night suite overlooking Manhattan's Central Park.

The suite has Queen Anne furniture, mahogany paneling and a refrigerator stocked with his favorite drink and snacks.

At least 10 medical centers have built entire luxury floors and have eliminated the traditional gripes about hospital food.

In addition to chefs, there are other concierge services normally found only at expensive hotels. Methodist Hospital in Houston provides limousine service to and from the airport at no extra charge.

Luxury rooms in Houston exceed 600-square feet along with closed circuit TV and a marble vanity. All medical equipment is hidden behind sliding wood panels. There is a business center and an administrative liaison. The private dining room will seat six. And the nurse to patient ratio is 5 to 1.

Mount Sinai has a Kosher kitchen, a 24-hour receptionist and a $100 robe that is yours to take home. Nothing was said about the towels.

At Columbia Presbyterian in New York, patients are treated to a tea-time pianist.

In Washington Hospital Center, the menu features garlic and rosemary leg of lamb with a kitchenette in each room along with a family sitting room

John Hopkins in Baltimore has an oasis of elegant suites with hardwood floors, gourmet menus, fax machines and fine linens.

In Cleveland, the VIP rooms features a dining table and the special treatment extends to the food served on it. The kitchen is stocked with steak and lobster. If that won't do, the hospital will get a take-out from the nearby Omni International Hotel whose chefs send over meals served on Lenox Presidential Collection China.

There was no word about a fur-lined bedpan or whether patients still get the middle-of-night wake-up call to take a sleeping pill.

Carolinas now target of Hurricane Floyd

COCOA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Coastal residents from Georgia to North Carolina braced today as huge Hurricane Floyd thrashed along the coast, whipping rain through deserted streets and pounding beaches with heavy surf.

Thousands of Florida residents were without power, but the state escaped the worst as the hurricane turned onto a path aimed at the Carolinas. North Carolina's Outer Banks were ordered evacuated today for the second time this month.

The storm packed 135 mph sustained wind this morning, down from its peak of near 155 mph when it battered the Bahamas, but it was still a Category 4 storm. Rain fell along the coast from Florida to North Carolina, heavy surf advisories were posted for New York's Long Island and clouds stretched into New England.

Landfall was forecast for Thursday near Wilmington, N.C. From there, the storm was expected to weaken but make life miserable all the way up the coast to Maine. Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening declared a state of emergency this morning.

Hermleigh and Ira trustees set tax rate

Both Ira and Hermleigh school boards met Tuesday evening and each approved the setting of its individual district's tax rate.

Ira trustees set a tax rate of $1.50 per $100 valuation, while Hermleigh trustees set a tax rate of $1.41 per $100 valuation.

Both districts approved their individual budgets last month.

Ira ISD adopted a budget of $1,407,924, some $200,000 less than the previous year, while Hermleigh ISD adopted a budget of $1,235,000 - $45,000 less than last year.

Besides setting the tax rate, Ira's trustees also approved a resolution relating to investment responsibilities of the district.

Ira Supt. Rick Howard said the item was a formality and that it allows him to receive annual investment officer training.

The board also adopted policy updates from the Texas Association of School Boards. The policy changes were in response to the legislative session.

Hermleigh trustees also set the calendar for teacher appraisals and set board training dates for Oct. 18 and Nov. 3.

All Ira board members were present to include Kirby Sterling, Doug White, Dirk Dunn, Bo Robinson, Keith Clements, Lance Autry and Sid Wall.

Hermleigh board members present included Tim Dacus, David Higgins, Tony Lambaren and Alan Culp. Absent were Burton Sandefur, Vance Reynolds and Sherene Digby.



EARLY MORNING SHOWER –An early morning shower dropped one-half inch of rain at the city's water plant and had parking lots glistening and water running curb-high briefly on some areas of College Avenue. Forecasters have given the county a chance of rain through Sunday. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q - What is the address of the Federal Court of Appeals in New Orleans that issued the opinion on no prayer before football games?

A - It is the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, 600 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 85 degrees; low, 62; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 64; .50 of an inch precipitation; total for 1999, 20.54

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, slight chance of storms. Low around 60. Thursday, partly cloudy, slight chance of storms. High, lower 80s.



Kunal Bhakta
Rain Chance

Sunset:
7:50 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:28 a.m.
Of 257 days in 1999, the sun has shone 250 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Courage puts a new face on everything.

—Emerson

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Handyman credited with saving lives

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — A hospital handyman who held a set of doors closed against a gunman was hailed by those he saved as a fallen hero, one of three killed in a shooting spree at West Anaheim Medical Center.

The shooting rampage began Tuesday morning when, police say, 42-year-old Dung Trinh walked into the hospital and started firing. Authorities said Trinh was apparently angry at the hospital over the death of his mother at another hospital earlier in the day.

Witnesses said Ronald Robertson, 51, tried to close the doors on the gunman, who had already shot two other employees and was heading toward the hospital's lobby where dozens of people were milling about.

While shutting the doors, Robertson was shot in the chest. Then, according to witnesses, a wounded Robertson jumped on the gunman, trying to hold him back, and was shot twice more.

The gunman was finally disarmed by employees.

"I'm here to say God bless the man that did save our lives for trying to shut the doors so it wouldn't come out to the lobby," said Debbie Cooper, who was in the lobby with her children when the shooting began.

Trinh's 72-year-old mother, Mot Trinh, had been treated at West Anaheim Medical Center in June for an undisclosed illness. She was taken to Anaheim Memorial West Hospital early Tuesday and died about five hours later.

After her death, police Lt. Steven Walker said Trinh drove a few blocks to West Anaheim Medical Center, opened fire and killed the three people.

Locations eyed on 911 cell phone calls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are taking the next steps toward ensuring that cell phone users who dial 911 automatically give emergency dispatchers a key piece of information: their location.

The action by the Federal Communications Commission would set technology standards for cellular companies to follow as they make 911 caller location available in their phones.

The FCC was expected to vote on the matter today, in hopes that cellular companies will begin providing phones with locator technology within two years.

"This decision will save lives without question," said FCC Chairman Bill Kennard in an interview. In situations such as auto accidents, when a few hours can mean the difference between life and death, knowing the location increases chances that emergency personnel will get to the scene on time, Kennard said.

Currently, when a person makes a 911 call from a regular wireline phone, say from home or work, the location of the caller will pop up on a screen read by emergency dispatchers.

Regulators want to see similar information provided for cellular 911 calls. In 1996, the FCC adopted rules requiring wireless carriers to set up systems by Oct. 1, 2001 that could locate a cellular caller within 410 feet.

New innovations have cropped up since then so cellular companies now have some choices in reaching this goal, Kennard said. The FCC is trying to lay out the rules carriers must follow, but are staying neutral on which technology to select, he said.

One option wireless companies have is to modify their network so they can track their customers. That way, the system could work with the existing 65 million wireless phones nationwide, said Mike Amarosa, vice president of public affairs for TruePosition Inc., which has opted to develop this kind of technology.

Other carriers are leaning toward building the technology right into the phone handset. The phones then could be pinpointed by the Defense Department's Global Positioning System.

Companies designing the location devices for the handsets say it offers even greater accuracy and flexibility for future advances.

"It lends itself very readily to continual upgrades," said Ellen Kirk, vice president of marketing and strategic planning for the San Jose-based SnapTrack Inc.

But such a plan also would require wireless customers either to replace or upgrade the phones they have. For this reason, regulators also must consider how such a system would be phased in.

Some privacy advocates have raised concerns that there exists the potential for abuse in a system that has network-wide location tracking built in. But industry leaders say companies are only going to be using the technology to find people who want to be found.

"We operate in a very competitive market. I don't think any carrier would be dumb enough to try and do that," said Michael Altschul, vice president of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association.

Public safety officials say their main concern is to see that the safety enhancement makes its way to consumers.

"The clear goal is to jump start this process and to see location technology arrive on the scene," said Joe Hanna, president of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials.

In other matters, the FCC today was expected to:

—Decide what pieces of their network Bell companies and other major local phone providers must make available for rivals to lease.

—Decide whether to provide U.S. companies with direct access to the international satellite consortium Intelsat, allowing it to bypass Comsat Corp. for services. The commission also is looking at whether to permit defense company Lockheed Martin Corp. to acquire 49 percent of Comsat.

Ira sets annual bike-a-thon for 'Jude' hospital

Ira's Wheels For Life bike-a-thon will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Part of the road at west FM 1606 and County Road 397 will be blocked off for the event.

Coordinator for this year's event is Mrs. Trish Payne. Snacks will be provided.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, founded in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, is the largest childhood cancer research center in America in terms of the number of patients treated and treatment success.

Treatment is provided at no cost to the family and all findings are shared freely with doctors and hospitals all over the world.

St. Jude Hospital helps children with leukemia, pediatric AIDS, sickle-cell anemia, and other life-threaening diseases.

Three-year-old Macarena Ottogalli represents all of the patients who have received the benefits of St. Jude's Research. Macarena was only 3 months old when she was diagnosed with neuroblastoma.

Since the tumor was discovered early, Macarena's chanes of surival are good. She has been in remission for two years and has returned home to Argentina.

She now has checkups every six months.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Could 'terrible twos' be ADD?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 2-year-old son is never still. He moves in his sleep, won't go to bed before midnight, refuses to nap and constantly raises Cain. People tell me he's hyperactive. What is hyperactivity and what can be done about it?

DEAR READER: The term "hyperactivity" is obsolete, having been replaced by "attention deficit disorder." ADD is a syndrome of unknown cause that may affect youngsters (and adults) of normal intelligence, and is marked by learning and behavior disabilities. It can range from mild (needing no therapy) to severe (requiring prescription medicine). In its characteristic form, ADD causes problems in language, motor skills, visual perceptions and memory; short attention span, emotional instability and poor school performance are also part of the syndrome. Hyperactivity may or may not be present. The diagnosis of ADD requires special psychological testing by a professional who is familiar with the affliction.

Let me add a personal observation.

Two-year-old children are almost always overactive by adult standards. Be careful not to label your son "hyperactive" on the basis of non-professional judgments. This would place a needless and unfortunate stigma on him. Better to discuss your concerns with a pediatrician. There may be other causes for your son's constant activity; in fact, it may be normal. A physician should examine your son and establish a diagnosis. If the child is normal, the pediatrician can give you some tips about how to survive this difficult period, known familiarly as "the terrible twos." If, on the other hand, your son does have ADD, the doctor can prescribe the necessary medication.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I play competition senior tennis. During matches, my pulse increases (to over 100), I become lightheaded and tired, and my arms seem to be made of lead. Your natural advice would be "give up tennis," but the sport gives me real pleasure. Should I worry?

DEAR READER: As a tennis player myself, my natural advice is: Don't give up playing. However, I do urge you to see a doctor, because the symptoms you describe could indicate illness. For example, you may be anemic or have a heart condition.

At rest, our bodies have a basic metabolic demand, which increases dramatically when we exercise. Your tennis-induced fatigue and rapid heartbeat suggest that your system is overworking to supply your muscles with the oxygen necessary for strenuous activity. If you are anemic, less oxygen is carried by the blood cells, leading to weakness and early fatigue. If your heart's efficiency is impaired, less blood (and oxygen) will circulate, causing breathlessness and lightheadedness. See a doctor and get checked out before your next tennis match.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood: Donations and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Last Week's Winner is Bernardine Sealy

Faces From The Past Entry W eek 84

1. Texas Savings Bank _____
2. Fast Oil Change _____
3. Plaza Cafe _____
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5. West Texas State Bank _____
6. American State Bank _____
7. Rudy's Restaurant _____
8. Bell-Cypert-Seale _____
9. Snyder Daily News _____
10. Subway _____

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

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

Last Week's Photos: 1. Trudie Hambrick Wood 2. Essie Pearl Greene Ellis 3. Arel "Red" Faver 4. Allie Beth Rosson Beachamp 5. LaVerne Middleton Lee 6. Bobby McCormick 7. Billy Longbotham 8. Lucille Sorrels Sterling 9. Estell Wellborn Pierce 10. Thelma Shipley Withers

Shopping center rules changed

AUSTIN (AP) — Fur is flying over an animal rights supporter's decision to discourage the sale of meat and animal products at stores in a shopping center she owns.

For Alegra's bridal shop, customers will have to go elsewhere for leather-bound photo albums. No more caviar in holiday gift baskets from Steve's Liquor & Fine Wines. The Austin Shoe Hospital was asked to put leather laces behind the counter.

But neighborhood residents didn't complain about TarryTown Center owner Jeanne Daniels' policy until it cost them The Grocery, a gourmet supermarket.

One reason the market's lease was terminated earlier this summer was that it housed a butcher shop, and owner Harvey Tack refused to stop selling meat.

The closing angered some residents, who told the Austin American-Statesman they fear the landlord is gutting their community shopping hub.

Ms. Daniels, who lives in Houston, said in a written statement: "We do not discuss our tenants' business. TarryTown Center is committed to maintaining its 60-year tradition of outstanding service to the community."

For many in the area, the center has been a one-stop shopping spot, a place where they can eat lunch, visit the post office and bank without having to move their cars.

Irate about the closing of The Grocery and fearful that restaurants in the shopping center could be next, a subcommittee of the West Austin Neighborhood Group, representing about 400 families, is considering sending a letter to Ms. Daniels asking for a meeting.

"We were really stunned ... by the depth of the outcry," said James Allman, who's helping draft the letter.

What makes the center so attractive?

"It's very well-established, so it's well-known," said Diane Land, president of the center's property management firm, DT Land Group Inc.

Bridge

ByPhillip Adler

	North 09-15-99 ♠ K 8 2 ♥ J 5 ♦ K J 8 5 ♣ A Q 8 2	
West ♠ Q J 10 9 7 6 3 ♥ Q 10 7 ♦ 2 ♣ J 4		East ♠ --- ♥ A 9 8 4 3 ♦ 7 4 3 ♣ 10 9 7 6 3
	South ♠ A 5 4 ♥ K 6 2 ♦ A Q 10 9 6 ♣ K 5	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	2 ♠	Pass	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	5 ♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

More bridge author's license

By Phillip Alder

This is the third deal from Alan Hiron's interesting article in the June issue of Bridge Magazine. He discussed the various possibilities when one holds either K-x opposite J-x-x, or K-x-x opposite J-x.

As with yesterday's deal, this one features contorted bidding to get South into the contract Hiron wished to discuss. How should the auction proceed?

Against five diamonds, West leads the spade queen; after ruffing, East switches to a low heart. What should South do now?

Opening with a weak two-bid usually shows only a six-card suit. Yet starting with a three-spade bid when vulnerable and holding nothing higher than a queen isn't everyone's choice. Some would compromise by passing. (I feel this is a matter of personal or partnership style.) Whatever West does, three no-trump should be the final contract, made with at least one overtrick. (After two spades, North passes. South balances with two no-trump, and North raises.)

East ruffs the spade-queen lead at trick one, then returns the heart four. (For tournament players: In a match-pointed pair event, East should cash the heart ace at trick two. It should be clear that three no-trump is making, probably with an overtrick, so holding declarer to his contract — plus 600 — cannot be bad, and will outscore all those East-West pairs conceding 630.)

If West wins this trick, another spade ruff will defeat the contract. So, South must go up with the heart king, maximizing his chance of keeping West off the lead. When the king wins, declarer draws trumps and claims.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Surgeon's Wife Surprised By His Covert Operation

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My husband is a well-known surgeon, and we have two beautiful children together. One morning we awoke and made love.

Then he went off to the hospital and I left to do some errands. When I returned later in the day I was shocked to find that our house had been burglarized — the furniture, artwork, electronic equipment had all been taken.

I called my husband's office to tell him the bad news, and his receptionist told me my husband was not available and gave me the number of his attorney. When I called the lawyer, I was told to come to the office to sign some settlement papers — there was a check for $20,000 waiting for me that I could have if I agreed to give up custody of the children. When I called my husband's parents, who are prominent people in this community, they urged me to take it and leave the state so my husband could have a happy life with a new wife. Needless to say, I was in shock.

When I tried to hire a lawyer to represent me, I discovered that my credit cards had been revoked and our bank accounts had been cleaned out.

Abby, I never saw this coming. Do you think I'm right to stay and fight for my children?

IN SHOCK AND HEARTBROKEN

DEAR IN SHOCK AND HEARTBROKEN: You have my respect for deciding to fight for your children against such odds, and I hope you prevail. Your husband must be a brilliant surgeon to have amputated a beating heart and left the subject viable enough for a custody battle.

Your unfortunate predicament demonstrates how important it is for a married woman to have credit and sole access to a sum of money to tide her over in case of the sudden death of a spouse or, God forbid, desertion. It's one of today's realities.

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DEAR ABBY: "R.I.P'd Off in Walla Walla, Wash." complained that his father's grave has only a military marker and no gravestone. He also stated that the marker was sinking. He felt the fact that his father didn't have a gravestone was a sign of disrespect, but was unsure about approaching his mother about it.

Abby, the bronze marker he referred to was provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Those markers are attractive. When my mother passed away, we purchased a bronze marker for her that matches those of my father and brother — both veterans.

If the marker is indeed sinking, he should contact the caretakers of the cemetery. They are responsible for assuring that the grounds and markers within the cemetery are properly cared for. When a marker is out of adjustment, it is their job to reset it properly. Sign me ...

A VETERAN IN ARIZONA

DEAR VETERAN: A number of veterans wrote to tell me that the bronze marker provided by the VA is a type of gravestone, and one which "R.I.P'd Off" should be proud to have adorn his father's final resting place. Thank you for pointing out that the responsibility for maintaining the gravesite belongs to the cemetery caretakers, including resetting the markers when necessary.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)



Johnna Ferris

Johnna Ferris elected to area sentinel office

Johnna Ferris, a senior at Snyder High School, has been selected to serve as the Area II FFA Sentinel.

In order to reach this level, Johnna had to complete an interview over the FFA and current agricultural issues.

Following the interview, Ferris presented a speech to the voting delegates of the Area II Association.

She will now serve the 1999-2000 school year representing FFA chapters reaching from Lubbock to El Paso and just west of Wylie.

Ferris is the daughter of John and Mickey Ferris. She has been active in Snyder's FFA chapter with accomplishments that are rivaled by few, said David Frazier, ag science instructor.

Work includes a state championship in marketing plan competition, a third place national placing in the marketing plan, two-year member of the state FFA chorus, one time member of the national FFA chorus, state winning proficiency award in swine production and her Lone Star FFA degree.

According to Ferris, "Serving the Area II FFA association is a way for me to represent the Snyder FFA chapter and high school in a positive way."

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Data from the Centers for Disease Control National Health Institute Survey indicate that migraine victimizes people living in all regions of the U.S., extends across all occupations and predominates between the ages of 24 and 44 in both men and women.

Five entertainers will be recognized

WASHINGTON (AP) — Actors Sean Connery and Jason Robards will be saluted for lifetime achievement at this year's Kennedy Center Honors, along with singer-songwriter Stevie Wonder, dancer Judith Jamison and pianist-comedian Victor Borge.

The 22nd annual awards, announced Tuesday, will be presented Dec. 4 at a dinner at the State Department. The next day President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton will throw a White House reception for the recipients, followed by a gala performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, taped for television broadcast later in December.

Robards, 77, and Connery, 69, are being honored for a wide range of acting. Connery, a Scot, first became known for his role during three decades as James Bond, Agent 007, in films based on Ian Fleming's novels.

Robards, born in Chicago, has performed in stage dramas from Shakespeare to Harold Pinter. He has won two Academy Awards, for his portrayals The Washington Post's Ben Bradlee in 1976's "All the President's Men" and novelist Dashiell Hammett in "Julia" in 1977.

Borge, who turned 90 last January, made his debut as Borge Rosenbaum, a soloist at 14 with the Philharmonic Orchestra of his native Copenhagen. Already celebrated in the Nordic countries for his musical humor before he was 30, he fled the Nazi advance with his American wife and was soon performing with Ed Sullivan, Rudy Vallee and Bing Crosby.

Wonder, a songwriter and singer, is "a musical genius who has been an integral part of American popular culture for years.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 16, 1999

Projects you personally direct or originate give you the greatest chances for success in the year ahead. It may be time for you to assume the mantle of independence and leadership.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may unexpectedly reverse your position on something that you have been unrelenting due to a sudden, positive shift in the critical factors influencing the situation. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Whatever you do, don't lock yourself into any ideas or plans that could tie you down today. Flexibility will enhance your possibilities of taking advantage of unpredictable occurrences.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Areas that concern your monetary growth are apt to be the most fortunate for you today, so devote as much time and attention as you can to strengthen your financial position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The more open-minded you are today about developing a new course you can set for yourself, the better your chances will be of developing one you'll be able to follow for some time to come.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Strangely, it could be through circumstances you do not directly control that you'll gain the upper hand today. The key is to relax and allow destiny be your guide.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The more progressive in nature a project or venture are that you begin, the more favorable today's aspects are for you. They favor unique or updated procedures.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could get a sudden chance today to capitalize on an opportunity that has been overlooked by your adversaries, giving you the edge in a heated competition. Stay alert.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's a strong possibility you could meet someone today who may have an unusual influence on your outlook or attitude towards life in some manner. The enlightenment will be an eye-opener.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something unique could develop today that leads you towards getting involved with others to right a common mistake. This occurrence could bring unexpected success for all involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A chance meeting with someone today who shares your interests could develop into an important new alliance. Teaming up with one another will bring you much gratification.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Significant improvements in conditions relating to your work or career could spring up from out of nowhere today. With its advent, new ambitious objectives can be established.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A surprise invitation today could trigger a noticeable upturn in your social life and popularity. It might come from someone you'd least expect.

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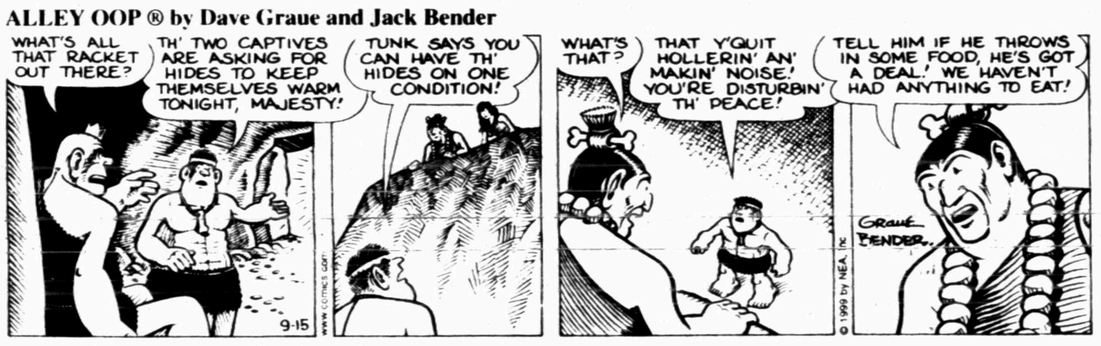
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ACROSS

1 Bakery treat
7 Food item
12 Fit for ingesting
13 Alerted
14 Banishes
15 Makes amends
16 Salamander
17 French wine
18 Ted Turner's network (abbr.)
21 Purposeful
23 Hundredweight (abbr.)
26 Possessive pronoun
28 Spanish title
29 "So that's it!"
30 Pierce
31 Disregards
33 Smallest
36 Worry
37 Org. concerned with freight rates
38 Toboggan
40 Do a clerical job
41 Fair grade
42 Sawlike part
44 Curvy letter
45 Latin gods
46 Astronauts' "all right"
48 Trimming
51 Talks idly
55 Type of birth
56 Fruit ripener
57 Montana city
58 Most sensible

DOWN

1 Wide shoe size
2 Roman 410
3 Number of cards in a Roman deck?
4 Skillful
5 "— — my heart . . ."
6 Took five
7 Pope's place
8 Golf club
9 Ms. Landers
10 Once named
11 Ortho-dontist's deg.
13 Using hand signals
18 — fibrosis
19 Observe
20 Shade of difference
22 Linger aimlessly
23 Actress Fisher
24 Car parts
25 Sips
27 Baseball stat
32 Switch setting
34 Perfume
35 Winter vehicle
39 Window coverings
43 Large artery
45 Food plan
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48 Subside
49 Actress Joanne —
50 Receive
52 Casual top
53 Annapolis grad
54 Collector's goal

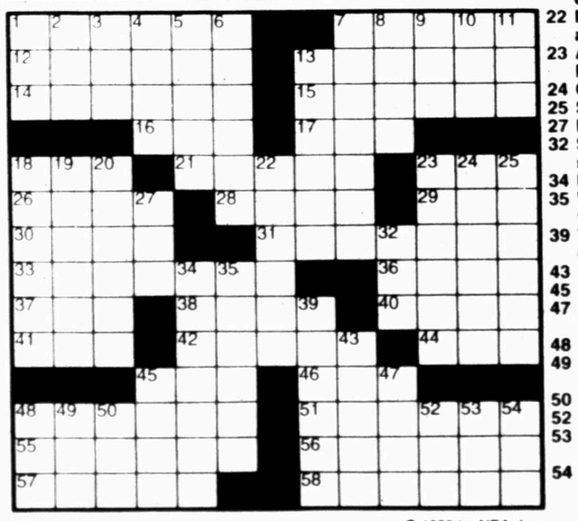
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STARCH	STEM	SPUD
WATER	COOK	EYES
SUGAR	ROOT	BOB
TUBER	FOOD	FAT

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F R I G A H R Y S R S I R
O O K U R I E E L A T O T
U P O S B P A S Q C O M U
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"DAD SURE LOOKS HAPPY! MAYBE HE DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO PLAY."

SPORTS

Expectations riding high for Westerners

Each year the expectations grow for the Western Texas College team, and this year is no exception.

WTC rides into the year's first rodeo Thursday at Portales, N.M., with its sights set on success.

"I like our chances in each individual event," WTC coach Greg Rhodes said. "In the past, each of our team members have shown they can be major contenders at any rodeo they pull up at. I expect a good showing."

The Western Texas women's team should be led by the performances of Jill Childers, Sequin Downey, Brandee Brock and Tara Bynum, all of whom return from last year's squad which advanced to the national finals.

On the men's side, newcomers Cimarron Boardman, Houston Hutto and Rawley McFarland will join returnees Casey Baize, Wes Stephenson and Luke Richards.

"Our competitors have so much experience in big-time rodeos, that this year is much less hands-on for me," Rhodes stated. "They have the initiative to motivate themselves, because they have been there before."

The Portales event, which will be held in the Eastern New Mexico University Rodeo Arena, continues on Friday, with the final round slated for Saturday night.

"Everybody wants to have success at the first rodeo," Rhodes remarked. "Everybody wants to start off with a good outing. We are no exception. But at the same time, this rodeo will not determine the success of our team, because we have the make-up to be successful every time out."

Specialists say Greer's injury not permanent

ARLINGTON (AP) — Two specialists said Texas Rangers left fielder Rusty Greer suffered no permanent damage to his left eye or surrounding bones from a thrown ball that hit him on Monday.

But Greer is expected to remained sidelined until Tuesday.

"And that's at the earliest," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said Tuesday night in Minneapolis, where Texas is in a series with the Twins.

Greer was hurt when he drifted into the path of pitchers Rick Helling and Aaron Sele, who were playing catch in the outfield during batting practice.

Agent claims Sanders not sure of return

DETROIT (AP) — Whether Barry Sanders plans to return to the NFL is still anyone's guess. If he does, it won't be with the Detroit Lions.

Sanders' agent, David Ware, said Tuesday that the star running back hasn't indicated whether he would return.

"I think he's ready to consider it, in the right situation," Ware told the Detroit Free Press for a report today. "But the right situation is not the Detroit Lions. His career is finished there."

That means his career is finished — period, Lions chief operating officer Chuck Schmidt said.

"We don't consider this an issue," Schmidt told the newspaper. "We've said all along that when Barry signed the contract, it was understood that he would retire a Detroit Lion, he'd finish his career in Detroit.

"And unfortunately that's what he's decided. If he decides to come back, we'll welcome him back. And if he retires again, he will retire a Detroit Lion."

Sanders, who announced his retirement in July, has offered to repay $5.4 million of his bonus if the Lions release or trade him.



INCOMING — Rina Geiger (left) and Callie Bane prepare to dig the ball, while teammate Whitney Webb moves into position Tuesday during action at the SHS gym. In their final tune-up before district play begins, the Lady Tigers knocked off Seminole, 15-11, 15-7. Snyder opens 5-4A action Saturday at Andrews. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers will enter district play at full speed

Heading into district action, the Lady Tigers got just what they were looking for Tuesday night — a boost of momentum.

Snyder displayed its power at the net, and its back row defensive skills, Tuesday evening in a 15-11, 15-7 victory over Seminole at the SHS gym.

The win propels the Lady Tigers into 5-4A play with a record of 11-9. Snyder visits Andrews at 3 p.m. Saturday in the league opener.

Kristin Martinez paced the Lady Tigers from the service line with eight points, which included the first five and last three of the second game.

In Game 2, Snyder jumped to a 9-0 lead behind the serving of Martinez and Christina Holder. The Lady Tigers stretched the advantage to 12-2, before the Maidens managed to post five unanswered points. Martinez then closed out the match with the final three serves.

Snyder's first four district matches will be on the road. After visiting Andrews, the Lady Tigers travel to Sweetwater on Tuesday.

Astros increase win streak to 12 games with 12-2 blowout

HOUSTON (AP) — With their 12th consecutive win, the Houston Astros set a team record and widened their NL Central lead.

Shane Reynolds homered and allowed six hits in seven innings, and Ricky Gutierrez went 4-for-4 as the Astros routed the Philadelphia Phillies 12-2 Tuesday night.

"Shane was really sharp tonight, about the only thing that hurt him was we hit so long, it was hard for him to stay in a groove," Dierker said.

Houston increased its division lead to four games over second-place Cincinnati, which lost to Chicago 4-3, and sent Philadelphia to its 11th straight loss. The Astros have outscored the Phillies 25-4 in the first two games of the series and outhit them 26-1.

"They kind of steamrolled us," Philadelphia manager Terry Francona said. "They did it last night too. They hit better and they fielded better."

Reynolds (16-11) allowed both runs, struck out three and walked one. He is 2-0 with a 1.25 ERA in three September starts.

"Thank God August is over," Reynolds said. "Me and August don't get along at all. But really, I'm not doing anything different other than my location has been a little better."

Paul Byrd (14-9) was tagged for seven runs and eight hits in three-plus innings. The losing streak is the Phillies' longest since they lost 11 straight from June 24-July 7, 1997.

"It was embarrassing," Byrd said. "I was trying to move them off the plate when I hit those guys. I was afraid to throw inside after that (because) I was afraid I'd take someone's head off. I'm throwing balls not even close to where I want them. It's one thing to miss by a couple of inches, it's another to throw it on the other side of the plate."

Houston, which outhit Philadelphia 16-8, took a 3-0 lead in the second. Gutierrez, who has 12 hits in his last 20 at-bats, hit an RBI double to left on a ball Ron Gant misjudged. Reynolds then hit his third career homer, his first since Sept. 8, 1996. He is 11-for-63 (.175) this season and leads all major league pitchers with 14 RBIs.

"It's about time the Reds lost a game," Gutierrez said. "We feel very good about where we are with a four-game lead with 15 (games) to go, but I don't think they're going to go away. I think (the race) is going to go right down to the end."

Carl Everett had an RBI double in the third and Houston broke it open with a six-run fourth. Craig Biggio singled in a run, Bill Spiers hit an RBI single off Billy Brewer, Everett hit an RBI grounder, Ken Caminiti had a run-scoring double and Daryle Ward hit a two-run single.

Philadelphia got out of the inning when Carlton Loewer induced Tony Eusebio to hit into a double play.

"It's not as easy to manage a game like this as it is to watch one," Dierker said. "You want to rest your regulars in a game like this, but you have to be careful how you do it when you have as many guys hurt as we do. I didn't want to take everybody out and then have them come back on us."

Gant singled in a run in the sixth following Doug Glanville's triple and scored on pinch-hitter Wendall Magee's single.

Palmeiro doubles in the ninth to fuel Texas' win

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro made the Minnesota Twins pay for pitching to him.

Palmeiro's two-out RBI double in the ninth led the Texas Rangers to a 5-4 victory Tuesday night over Minnesota, extending their winning streak against the Twins to 12 consecutive games.

Royce Clayton led off the ninth with a walk off Hector Carrasco and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. One out later, left-hander Eddie Guardado (2-5) intentionally walked Ivan Rodriguez to bring up Palmeiro.

"We made a decision to pitch to one of the better hitters in the game," Twins manager Tom Kelly said. "He got ahead in the count and he hit it to the wall. You live with your decisions."

Palmeiro, who is hitting .337 with 43 homers and 136 RBIs, doubled off the wall in right center, to give Texas the lead.

"I don't take it personally, I understand the situation, but I get pumped up in those situations," Palmeiro said.

"Games have been on the line a lot this year and I've been fortunate to win a number of them."

Minnesota has lost the first 11 games to Texas this season and hasn't beaten the Rangers since Sept. 6, 1998.

Danny Kolb (2-1) pitched one and a third inning, allowing one hit in the eighth for the win.

Wetteland pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 42nd save in 49 chances.

"They're a gritty team," Wetteland said. "They seem to scrap against you. They don't give up. They don't care if they're down. That's a reflection of their manager and their style."

Wetteland survived a scare with a runner on second and one out when Midre Cummings hit a foul pop behind the plate. The ball hit a speaker and ricocheted toward fair territory where Wetteland caught it by the first-base line.

Local Sports Schedule

THURSDAY
Rodeo: WTC at Portales, N.M.
Football: Ira JV vs. Rule, at Paint Creek, 7:30.
Football: Abilene Wylie at Snyder 9th, 5 p.m.
Football: Abilene Wylie at Snyder JV, 7 p.m.
Football: Snyder 7th and 8th at Abilene Wylie, 5 p.m., 6:30.
FRIDAY
Rodeo: WTC at Portales, N.M.
Football: Snyder at Frenship, 7:30.
Football: Veribest at Ira, 7:30.
Football: Blackwell at Hermleigh, 7:30.
Football: New Home at Borden County, 7:30.
SATURDAY
Rodeo: WTC at Portales, N.M.
Tennis: Fort Stockton at Snyder JV and varsity.
Volleyball: Snyder 9th at Denver City tourney.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	86	58	.597	—
Boston	83	62	.572	3½
Toronto	77	69	.527	10
Baltimore	69	76	.476	17½
Tampa Bay	62	83	.428	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Cleveland	89	55	.618	—
Chicago	64	81	.441	25½
Detroit	60	84	.417	29
Minnesota	59	85	.410	30
Kansas City	57	88	.393	32½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	87	59	.596	—
Oakland	80	65	.552	6½
Seattle	71	73	.493	15
Anaheim	60	85	.414	26½

x-clinched division title

Tuesday's Games

Seattle 5, Tampa Bay 1
Boston 12, Cleveland 3
New York 10, Toronto 6
Baltimore 13, Oakland 6
Detroit 7, Chicago 0
Texas 5, Minnesota 4
Anaheim 8, Kansas City 6, 1st game
Anaheim 6, Kansas City 5, 2nd game

Wednesday's Games

Oakland (Hudson 10-1) at Baltimore (Riley 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Cloude 4-4) at Tampa Bay (Alvarez 9-7), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (P.Martinez 21-4) at Cleveland (Colon 16-5), 7:05 p.m.
New York (Pettitte 12-11) at Toronto (Hentgen 10-10), 7:35 p.m.
Detroit (Moehler 9-14) at Chicago (Baldwin 9-12), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Loaiza 7-4) at Minnesota (Radke 12-13), 8:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Finley 9-11) at Kansas City (Stein 1-1), 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Anaheim (Ortiz 1-2) at Kansas City (Suppan 9-9), 2:05 p.m.
Oakland (Olivares 14-10) at Baltimore (J.Johnson 6-7), 3:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 14-8) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 8-9), 7:05 p.m.
New York (Irabu 10-6) at Cleveland (Burba 14-7), 7:05 p.m.

National League

At A Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	91	55	.623	—
New York	89	57	.610	2
Philadelphia	68	77	.469	22½
Montreal	61	84	.421	29½
Florida	57	87	.396	33

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	91	56	.619	—
Cincinnati	86	59	.593	4
Pittsburgh	70	74	.486	19½
St. Louis	68	77	.469	22
Milwaukee	64	80	.444	25½
Chicago	57	87	.396	32½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	88	57	.607	—
San Francisco	79	65	.549	8½
San Diego	68	78	.466	20½
Los Angeles	67	78	.462	21
Colorado	66	80	.452	22½

Tuesday's Games

Chicago 4, Cincinnati 3
Houston 12, Philadelphia 2
Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 1
Colorado 7, New York 2
Arizona 2, Pittsburgh 1
San Francisco 3, Florida 0
Montreal 3, Los Angeles 0
Atlanta 11, San Diego 4

Wednesday's Games

New York (Hershiser 13-10) at Colorado (Bohanon 12-11), 5:05 p.m.
Chicago (Lieber 8-9) at Cincinnati (Neagle 6-5), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Person 8-5) at Houston (Elarton 8-4), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Pulsipher 4-6) at St. Louis (Bottenfield 17-7), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Benson 10-13) at Arizona (R.Johnson 15-9), 9:35 p.m.
Florida (Springer 5-14) at San Francisco (Ortiz 16-9), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (Powell 2-6) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 13-13), 10:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Smoltz 9-7) at San Diego (Clement 8-12), 10:35 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Florida (Nunez 6-8) at San Francisco (Rueter 14-8), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago (Lieber 8-9) at Cincinnati (Guzman 6-2), 7:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National Football League

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	31	14
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	38	21
New England	1	0	0	1.000	30	28
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	14	31
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	28	30

Central

Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	41	3
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	43	0
Tennessee	1	0	0	1.000	36	35
Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	10	27
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	35	36
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	0	43

West

San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Denver	0	1	0	.000	21	38
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	24	28
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	20	28

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	25	24
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	41	35
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	17	13
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	24	25
Washington	0	1	0	.000	35	41

Central

Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	28	20
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	28	24
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	17	14
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	13	17

West

New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	19	10
St. Louis	1	0	0	1.000	27	10
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	14	17
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	19
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	3	41

Sunday's Games

Chicago 20, Kansas City 17
New Orleans 19, Carolina 10
New England 30, New York Jets 28
Green Bay 28, Oakland 24
Indianapolis 31, Buffalo 14
Arizona 25, Philadelphia 24
St. Louis 27, Baltimore 10
Tennessee 36, Cincinnati 35
Dallas 41, Washington 35, OT
Minnesota 17, Atlanta 14
Jacksonville 41, San Francisco 3
Detroit 28, Seattle 20
New York Giants 17, Tampa Bay 13
Pittsburgh 43, Cleveland 0
OPEN: San Diego

Monday's Game

Miami 38, Denver 21

Sunday, Sept. 19

Arizona at Miami, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New England, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Washington at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Tennessee, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 4:15 p.m.
New York Jets at Buffalo, 8:20 p.m.
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Monday, Sept. 20

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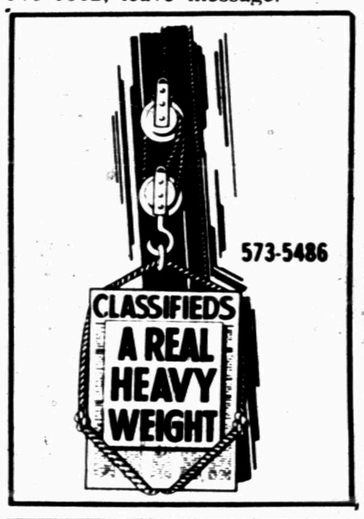
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Mercury found in Midwestern rain

CHICAGO (AP) — Rain contaminated with mercury from coal-fired electric plants is fouling Midwest lakes and rivers, according to a report released by several environmental groups.

Mercury is showing up in Chicago rainfall at levels 42 times greater than federal standards consider safe, according to Andrew Buchsbaum of the National Wildlife Federation. Mercury levels in rain are even higher in Detroit and Duluth, Minn., he said.

The report was released Tuesday by groups including the Environmental Law and Policy Center and the Sierra Club. The data was collected from government and university studies with the help of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Buchsbaum said.

"Unfortunately, the largest contributor to the problem, the electric utility industry, continues to get a free ride on its mercury pollution," said Peter Morman of the Environmental Law and Policy Center. "While other sources are reducing emissions, no such requirements exist for coal-fired power plants."

Morman said mercury pollution by Midwestern utilities probably will increase because deregulation will prompt them to generate higher levels of electricity.

Buchsbaum said the plants should cut their mercury emissions, with an eye on eliminating them entirely, by turning to cleaner energy sources such as natural gas.

Scott Miller, Commonwealth Edison's air quality engineer, said Tuesday that the utility's seven coal-fired plants emitted 1,700 pounds of mercury in 1998 — an amount that has been steady for several years.

Miller said ComEd is cooperating with the EPA studies on mercury emissions. He said the utility has no plans to convert its coal plants to gas.

A naturally occurring metal, mercury accumulates in fish and becomes more concentrated as it moves up the food chain. In humans, the neurotoxin can slow fetal and child development and cause brain damage.

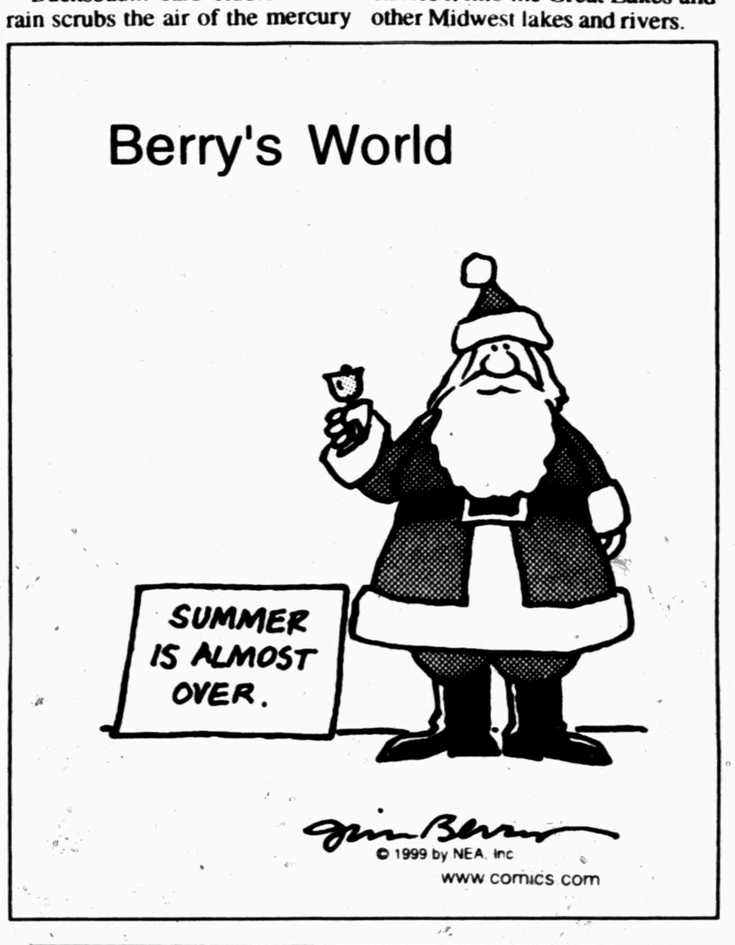
Buchsbaum said data collected by the University of Michigan Air Quality Laboratory found that rain falling on Chicago's South Side had mercury levels ranging from 5.4 parts per trillion to 74.5 parts per trillion.

The EPA considers mercury levels in the Great Lakes to be safe for wildlife at 1.3 parts per trillion. For humans, it is 1.8 parts per trillion.

The Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry in the Department of Health and Human Services says that based on the latest studies, people can consume as much as 0.3 micrograms of mercury per kilogram of their body weight without health risks. Its previous standard — and the standard still used by the EPA — had been 0.1 microgram.

But the health impact of low levels of mercury contamination has been widely disputed. Congress last year barred further regulation of mercury until the National Academy of Sciences completes an 18-month study of the health effects.

Buchsbaum said studies show rain scrubs the air of the mercury that belches from coal-fired power plants and incinerators and carries it into the Great Lakes and other Midwest lakes and rivers.



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LockheedM s				36 11-16 35 7-16 35½— 1
Lowes Cos			48 15-16	47 13-16 48 11-16+1 3-16
Lubys			13 3-16	13 1-16 13 1-16— 1-16
LucentTech s				68⅛ 66⅜ 67 — ⅜
MayDeptStr s				38 11-16 37⅞ 37¾— ⅜
MediaOne			66 3-16	64 13-16 65 5-16 — ⅛
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Navistar				46¼ 45¾ 45¾+ ⅛
Penney JC				37 3-16 36 13-16 37 + 7-16
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PhelpDodge				57¾ 57 9-16 57⅝+ 1-16
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PilgrmPrd B				9¾ 9¼ 9⅜— 3-16
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US West Inc				57 56½ 56¾+ ¼
USX-Marathn				32 3-16 31¾ 31¾— ⅛
USX-USS				27 5-16 26¼ 26¾— ¼
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UnitedTech s				63¾ 62¾ 62¾+ 7-16
Unocal				41 7-16 40 11-16 40¾—11-16
Venator Grp				8 13-16 8 7-16 8⅛+ ⅛
WalMart s				48 47¼ 47¾+ ½
WellsFargo				39¾ 38¾ 38 11-16+ 9-16
WstnGasRs				20 19 11-16 19¼+ ⅛
WinnDixie				34 33¾ 33 7-16— 5-16
Xerox Cp s				48¼ 47 9-16 47¼+ ⅛

LEGAL NOTICE

SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
September 7, 1999

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) 40 year old male, 26th. Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child, By Exposure". Victim was a female child 10 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Un hombre, 40 anos de edad, Calle 26th., Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecencia Con Un Menor Por Descubrir". La victima era nina, diez anos de edad.

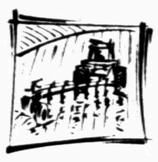
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Lieutenant, CID

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Dell	46 3/16	-7/8
Wal Mart	47 1/8	+1/4
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GTE	71 3/4	+1/2
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Long-term solution to farmers' woes evasive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers appear headed toward consensus on billions of dollars in emergency aid for farmers, but members of the House Agriculture Committee made it clear Tuesday there is no agreement on changing farm policy in the long term.

For the second consecutive year, prices for nearly every farm commodity are in a tailspin triggered by the collapse of the Asian economy and continued glut of supplies worldwide, a depression that began just as the market-oriented reforms of 1996 kicked in.

Negotiators from both chambers are set to consider the Senate-passed $7.4 billion disaster aid package contained in the $68 billion Agriculture Department spending bill for fiscal 2000.

Meantime, minority Democrats and some farm groups are pushing for an overhaul of the 1996 "Freedom to Farm" law, which was designed to wean farmers from government price supports and production controls. Low prices have led to hefty government assistance packages like the one approved in the Senate.

"We've got a farm bill that is not working and needs to be fixed," said Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D. "It was supposed to make farmers independent of the government. The difference now is, they never know what Washington is going to do. It's cruel to put people in that kind of total unknown."

Yet even Pomeroy acknowledged that major revisions would be unwieldy: "The last thing we can afford is to get bogged down trying to fix everything forever."

Republicans acknowledge there is a need to revisit some long-term policies, but they resist wholesale change.

"I haven't met a farmer yet that didn't think there needed to be changes," said House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas.

Several Democrats said they had spent the August recess listening to producers pleading for changes in the 1996 law, while Republicans said their farm constituents want lawmakers to keep the reforms and work more aggressively to open markets to U.S. products.

And Rep. Jerry Moran, a Kansas Republican who visited each of his 66 counties during the break, was headed back to Hutchinson, Kan., with eight ag committee colleagues for a congressional field hearing next weekend on the issue.

"The people in my 14 counties don't want to go back to the old days," said Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill. "What about fair trade and free trade, what about markets?"

LaHood said concentration of beef processing among just a few companies is a major concern among livestock producers, who also are suffering from European reluctance to buy American beef that has been treated with growth hormones.

Hundreds of members of Democrat-aligned National Farmers Union and other groups are lobbying Congress this week to pass the emergency aid package along with long-term solutions that include tools to lessen an over-supply that has driven down prices.

They planned to rally Wednesday at the Capitol with Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and other Democratic senators.

Yet the largest farm organization, American Farm Bureau Federation, is urging Congress to let today's economic woes usher in government supply controls or storage programs or boost crop subsidies.

What appears likely to pass this year is a measure akin to the Senate's disaster aid package, along with separate proposals for sweeping changes in crop and crop revenue insurance that would make cheaper policies more widely available.

Moran said after the hearing that its main purpose was to build the case among House members in favor of the disaster assistance package, a measure Moran co-sponsored in the House.

"It creates pressure for assistance sooner rather than later," Moran said.

Pesticide regulations drafted

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — With a big judicial nudge, California pesticide regulators are drafting the first statewide regulations governing the use of methyl bromide, a fumigant treasured by farmers but poisonous to humans.

Under a court order, the state Department of Pesticide Regulation must shape a set of formal guidelines by June 2000, incorporating public opinion and the views of other stakeholders throughout the rule-making process.

A coalition of environmental groups, which in a lawsuit accused the agency of failing to obey a 10-year-old state law requiring clear, uniform and enforceable regulations, wanted a quicker timetable.

But, the groups say they are encouraged that DPR Director Paul E. Helliker has actively solicited watchdog groups for input as his department formulates a plan.

Helliker "is making steps in the right direction for reducing the impact of toxins in California," said Susan Kegley, a staff scientist for the Pesticide Action Network in San Francisco.

Methyl bromide, an odorless, colorless gas, is used worldwide, mostly by strawberry and tomato growers, to purge soil of insects, mites, rodents and weeds before plantings. A potent pest killer also used by exterminators, the fumigant is highly poisonous to humans and has been blamed for damaging the Earth's protective ozone layer.

According to the most recent state data, 361 people were definitely or probably poisoned by methyl bromide from 1982 to 1996; of these, 248 involved farm uses. Environmentalists believe the toll is much greater because many people suffering from pesticide poisoning assume they have the flu or another common ailment.

TPWD By Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist

Landowners and hunters should be aware of regulation changes concerning the harvest of antlerless white-tailed deer, effective with the 1999 hunting season.

Some counties that previously allowed antlerless deer harvest during the first six days of the regular season will now allow antlerless deer harvest for the first 16 days of the regular season.

The counties are Armstrong, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Haskell, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lipscomb, Motley, Ochiltree, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Stonewall, Swisher, Wheeler, Wichita and Wilbarger.

Free technical assistance concerning wildlife management is available through Texas Parks and Wildlife's Private Lands Enhancement Program.

For assistance in the Snyder area, contact Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist, at 915-863-2755. For assistance in the Panhandle, contact Danny Swepston, district wildlife biologist, at 806-655-3782, for the wildlife biologist in your area.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Drying Fruits

Dried fruits can be called nature's candy. The fruit's flavor becomes concentrated and tastes sweeter after drying because the water has been removed. They can be eaten anytime because they're portable and can be added to any food, such as cereals, muffins and bread.

Basic steps for preparing fruit for drying

*Select fully ripened fruit in top condition. Blemish or bruised fruit will not keep as well and may turn a whole tray of drying fruit bad. Save overripe fruit for making fruit leathers.

*Prepare only as much as you can dry at one time.

*Just before processing, wash the fruit well in cold water to remove dirt, insects and insect eggs.

*Prepare an anti-darkening solution for light-colored fruit.

*Peel fruit, if desired. The peel can be left on the fruit, but it will take longer to dry.

*Leave some small fruits whole, if desired, cherries, blueberries, cranberries, grapes, figs and prune plums. Fruit should be pitted, if necessary and their skins "checked."

Checking is the process of making minute cracks in the skin of fruits that have a wax-like coating. This process speeds up the drying process and the fruit is unlikely to case harden.

Steps for "checking" the skins

*Gather no more than one pound of berries loosely in cheesecloth.

*Hold them in one gallon of briskly boiling water for 30 seconds.

*Lift out, dunk in plenty of fresh, cold water to stop any further cooking action. The skins should crack with the shock of the temperature change.

*Shake off water and continue drying.

*Cut larger fruit into thin, even slices for the fastest drying and treat with anti-darkening agent to ensure a better product. The bigger the piece of fruit, the longer it will take to dry. Keep all pieces that will be dried together about the same size so they will dry at the same rate,

*Certain fruits, such as peaches, nectarines, pears, plums and apricots can be dried as halves; to shorten drying times, flatten the halves (pop the backs) by pressing in the round side with your thumb to expose more surface. Dry the fruit skin side down.

*Blanch fruits in steam or boiling water after they are sliced for drying.

Basic steps for drying fruit

*Preheat oven to 160 degrees F.

*Spray a baking tray or pan that fruit will be dried on with non-stick pan coating spray.

*Load tray, place fruit on the tray in single layer.

*Dry fruit for 2 hours at 160 degrees F. Then, turn each piece of fruit over gently with a metal spatula. Continue drying 6 more hours at 140 degrees F. If using more than one tray, alternate tray placement in the oven every one or two hours to allow for more even heating.

*Fruits are soft, pliable and not sticky when dry. Banana and apple chips can be dried until they are crisp, if desirable.

*Cool fruit completely, then condition.

*Package immediately in glass jars, tin or plastic containers with tight fitting lids.

C-City auction

The Colorado City Livestock Auction had a run of 1,790 head of cattle for the Saturday, Sept. 11, sale. There was no sale last week due to holiday.

Feeder steers:
200-300: 104-114
300-400: 97-106
400-500: 86-94
500-600: 86-93.50
600-700: 81-87
700-800: 71.50-76
Feeder heifers:
200-300: 90-101
300-400: 84-92
400-500:77-85
500-600: 73-80
600-700: 71-76
700-800: 68.50-73.50
Replacement cows: 490-575
Bred cows: 370-475
Cow and calf pairs: 735-825
Slaughter cows: High dressing: 39-41.25
Slaughter bulls: High dressing: 52-53.75

Lubbock auction

The Lubbock Stockyards, Inc. had a run of 657 head of cattle for the Thursday, Sept. 9, sale. Cows were steady. Yearlings and calves were $2 cheaper. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows
(High dressing — cutters — utilities: 35-40.50
Canner and low cutters: 30 to 34.50
Slaughter bulls: 45-51
Feeder steers — choice:
300-400: 90-105
400-500: 80-92.50
500-600: 75-85
600-700: 74-82
700-800: 70-75
Feeder heifers:
300-400: 80-90
400-500: 72-82
500-600: 70-76.50
600-700: 68-73.50
700-800: 65-72.50
Feeder Bulls — good and choice:
500-600: 72-82
700-800: 65-71
Cow and calf pairs:
Good: 650-850
Grade: 500-650
Springers: 400-600
Baby calves: 125-225
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Prosecutor questions removal

WACO (AP) — The federal prosecutor who first raised concerns about a cover-up at Waco says he's perplexed by the Justice Department's decision to remove him from the case.

"I'm not for sure what to make of it," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Johnston, who was removed along with his boss, U.S. Attorney James W. Blagg, and the rest of the federal prosecutor's office for western Texas.

"I'm trying not to be paranoid," Johnston said Tuesday. "I don't know how to characterize it. Nothing in this case surprises me."

Justice Department officials said the change, made on Friday, heeded a request made by Blagg to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest.

The officials said Johnston, who helped handle the criminal prosecution of survivors of the Branch Davidian tragedy, and his colleagues are potential witnesses in the independent inquiry into the government siege. Attorney General Janet Reno has recused herself from the case, and the officials said additional government lawyers may also be removed.

The special counsel for Waco, John Danforth, the former Republican senator from Missouri, is beginning his investigation into whether the government acted inappropriately during the fiery end of the 1993 siege and then tried to cover it up.

Branch Davidian cult leader David Koresh and an estimated 80 of his followers were killed on April 19, 1993 when a fatal fire engulfed their compound outside of Waco. Government officials maintain that Branch Davidians, and not federal agents, set the blaze.

Johnston's removal from the Waco case came to light Tuesday, less than 24 hours after the public release of a letter he had sent to Reno Aug. 30.

"I have formed the belief that facts may have been kept from you — and quite possibly are being kept from you even now — by components of the department," Johnston wrote.

Johnston had been at odds with Blagg and other Justice officials over the investigation of the government's actions. He had pressed for independent filmmakers to be allowed to review evidence sifted from the charred Waco ruins — evidence that led to the FBI's recent admission that potentially incendiary tear gas canisters were fired on the day of the fire.

That disclosure sparked congressional inquiries and Reno's appointment of Danforth.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Johnston said Tuesday he had done what he thought was right. "In August, the department continued to deny there were any issues," he said. "I just had to do something."

Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin, asked whether removing Johnston was a reprisal for his outspoken criticism in the Waco case, said: "Absolutely not."

Moscow security sweep continues after blasts

(AP) — Moscow police pressed on with a security sweep today in response to the deadly explosions that have rocked Russia, but politicians insisted there were no plans to impose emergency regulations.

Police have searched for explosives in apartment buildings throughout the capital, and have demanded identity documents from people in subway stations, outdoor markets and busy intersections throughout the city.

They have concentrated their attention mostly on dark-skinned men assumed to be from the southern Caucasus Mountains region, where Islamic rebels are battling government troops in the Russian republic of Dagestan.

At one Moscow market today, two barrel-chested riot officers dragged a slightly built vendor from his meat pie stand and tossed him against a police truck while they checked his documents. The vendor, a dark-complexioned man from Azerbaijan who gave his name as Sasha, said it was the fourth time he had been challenged in three hours.

Each time, the officers determined his passport was in order and let him go.

Russian authorities suspect Islamic militants from southern Russia are responsible for three huge explosions this month that have killed at least 275 people, including 118 who died in a Moscow apartment explosion on Monday.

'Death' joke not funny; woman files harassment charges

A Snyder woman wasn't laughing when a man told her that he was only joking when he said his mother had died.

She filed harassment charges and the case has been forwarded to the county attorney's office.

The incident was reported at 8:29 p.m. Tuesday when Belinda Wortham requested a welfare check on the 33-year-old man's mother after Wortham was informed that the woman had passed away Saturday morning.

Officers made contact with the mother and son who advised they were playing a joke on Wortham.

An offense report for Class B harassment was filed.

The jokesters could face punishment of a fine not to exceed $2,000 and/or 180 days in jail.

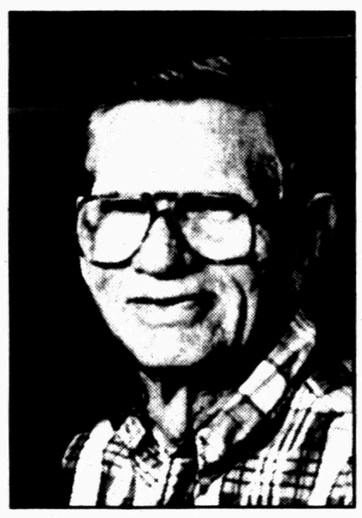
In other activity Tuesday, one arrest was made.

Delores Ann Davis, 40, of 901 29th Street was booked into jail at 5:05 p.m. on a felony warrant for motion to revoke probation.

An offense report for disorderly conduct/language was filed at 10:44 a.m. Tuesday.

At 11:50 a.m., a minor two-vehicle mishap occurred in the 300 block of 37th Street. Involved were a 1996 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Jeremy Lee Stark, 18, of 5400 College, Apt. 124, and a 1989 Mercury Sable driven by Pamela Dawn Ashley, 18, of 205 34th Street.

Obituaries



Russell Carroll

Russell Carroll

1935-1999

Russell Glenn Carroll died Monday, Sept. 13, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Carroll, 63, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

The Rev. Danny Williams, pastor of Lighthouse Assembly of God, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Carroll was born Sept. 16, 1935 in Colorado City and reared in Loraine. He was an U.S. Air Force veteran.

He married Bonnie Johnson on July 3, 1964 in Scurry County. Mr. Carroll had done construction work, worked in an electronics plant in Garland and had also worked as a security guard, returning to Snyder in 1978. He was a Baptist.

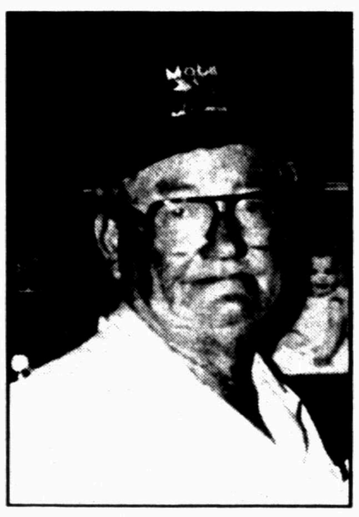
Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Carroll of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Ollie and Bob Burke of Fort Worth; two sons, Kenneth Carroll of Blackwell and Marcus Carroll of Middlesex, N.J.; a brother Cecil Carroll of Snyder; a sister and brother-in-law, Marjorie and Clayton Gerstenberger of Mission; a mother and father-in-law, Novella and Bennie Benitez of Snyder; and three brothers-in-law, Billy Johnson and Don Johnson, both of Snyder, and Jesse Johnson of Alamo, Tex.; and five grandchildren.

Friends are making memorial contributions to the Cogdell Hospital Foundation.

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Winifred Proctor

Winifred Proctor

1935-1999

William Winifred Proctor died Tuesday, Sept. 14, at his home, eight miles west of Snyder, following a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Proctor, 64, is set for 11 a.m. Friday in the First Christian Church. Dr. Tim Griffin, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Glenrest Cemetery in Big Lake. Services are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born March 1, 1935 in Coleman, he married Mary Underwood on Jan. 7, 1961 in Denver City. He worked for Sharidge in Ira.

Mr. Proctor was preceded in death by a son, Winifred Lee Proctor.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Proctor of Snyder, three daughters, Linda Proctor of Snyder, Barbara Fennell of Gardendale and Pam Jewett of Amarillo; four sons, Doug Proctor of Snyder, Billy Proctor of Burnet, Danny Proctor of Lytle, and Luke Proctor of College Station; two sisters, Dorothy Foy of Austin and Bonnie Jonas of Arlington; three brothers, Jimmie Proctor of San Angelo, Horace Proctor of Hermleigh and Robbie Proctor of Big Lake; a sister-in-law, Ophelia Proctor of Brownwood; 12 grandchildren, including Amanda Williams and Christy Collier, whom he raised; and one great-grandson.

Jerry L. Minor

1942-1999

Funeral service for Jerry Lynn Minor, a former resident of Snyder, is set for 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church, and Bill Looney, Church of Christ minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Minor, 56, of Seagoville died Monday, Sept. 13, in Baylor Medical Center in Dallas after a sudden illness.

He was born on Oct. 27, 1942 in Ira.

Mr. Minor had operated a wrecker service in the Dallas area for about 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Minor of Seagoville; his mother, Veda Minor of Snyder; two daughters, Stephanie Cervantez of Houston and Gracie Wilson of Dallas; three sons, Michael Minor and Robert Minor, both of Houston, and Jerry Lynn Minor Jr. of Dallas; a sister, Vicki Bell of Snyder; and two brothers, Rudy Minor of Snyder and Benny Mack Minor of Marble Falls; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Sept. 14-Gerrel Bigham and Richard Sumruld.

DISMISSALS: Billy Adams, Bill Hayes, Gerald Rogers, John Self and Ennis Powell.

CENSUS: 41 (Med./Surg.14, Long-term Care-24, ICU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1)

Births

Jordan and Miranda Rinehart announce the birth of their brother, Erique Jo Braydon, born at 11:21 p.m. on Sept. 13 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Erique weighed seven pounds, 2 ½ ounces. Mother is Linley Rinehart of Snyder.

Grandparents are Ronnie Rinehart of Snyder and Jenna Rinehart of Kermit. Great-grandparents are Kenneth and Wanda Rinehart of Snyder and Norma Wallace of Post.

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Shawn and Carol McCowen of Snyder announce the birth of identical twin daughters, Raven Kyle and Emily Ann McCowen. They were born on Sept. 9 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Raven was born at 1:12 p.m. weighing five pounds, four ounces, and Emily was born at 1:14 p.m. weighing three pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Clint and Frances McCowen of Snyder and paternal grandparents are Ronald and Eugenia Hill of Sweetwater. Great-grandmother is Leona Voss of Sweetwater.

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

Ira annuals for sale

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

Diabetes support group

The Diabetes support group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Hospital cafeteria. The speaker will be a dietician.

Conversational Spanish

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

Swimnastics for seniors

Swimnastic classes for Senior Citizens at WTC are being held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information call 573-4035.

Fajita supper

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

Gold Coat luncheon

A luncheon for Snyder Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats will be held at noon Friday at The Shack.

Ira homecoming

Ira homecoming will be held this weekend, starting with a taco supper at 5 p.m. Friday. An exes' basketball game is set for 6:30 p.m. with a bonfire on the baseball field at 8:30 p.m. Saturday activities include an open house from 9 a.m. until noon, a barbecue at noon followed by the football game with Paint Creek at 2 p.m. A dance is set for 8 p.m.

Glow-in-the-dark T-Shirts

East Elementary will be selling T-Shirts at the Scurry County Fair to the public. Youth sizes are $10, adult sizes XL are $12 and XXL and XXXL sizes are $15

AARP meetings

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

Quilting Club

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

Tennis boosters

Snyder High School and junior high tennis boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Texas Savings Bank to discuss the year's activities. For more information, call 573-2400.

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Disease regular meeting will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. The program will be presented by Janet Schwantz, speech and language pathologist. She is associated with Neurology Research and Education Center in Lubbock.

GED classes

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

Ira school pictures

School pictures for grades K-11 will be taken Tuesday as well as football, cheerleaders, mascots and class officers. Pictures must be paid in advance, but all students will photographed.

MAWC game day

Martha Ann Woman's Club's luncheon and game day is set for next Wednesday. A style show will be included. The cost is $7.50 and reservations may be made by calling 573-3427 by 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Hermleigh bi-annual homecoming

Hermleigh homecoming will be Sept. 24-25 with registration Friday at 6 p.m. at the high school followed by the football game at 7:30. Saturday registration begins at 9 a.m. and the noon meal will be in the cafeteria. The business meeting will be at 2 p.m. For additional information contact Jerry Gannaway at 863-2334.

Canyon community reunion

The Canyon community reunion will be held Sept. 25 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Ira Community Center. For further information or donations contact Cecil or Dorothy Lankford at 573-5246.

First Christian fajita cookout

The annual fajita cookout sponsored by First Christian Church, originally scheduled before the SHS homecoming game, has been moved to the Sweetwater game on Oct. 22. The fajitas will be served before the game beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets will be available after Oct. 1.

Road to Recovery program

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

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

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Arkansas has fastest-growing Hispanic count

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Every day, Honduran native Oneyda Rugg welcomes about a dozen newcomers, pointing them to jobs, schools, doctors, homes and social service agencies.

For the past seven years at the Northwest Arkansas Multicultural Center in Springdale, she has been devoted to making immigrants — particularly fellow Hispanics — feel at home in Arkansas.

Apparently, it's working.

During this past decade, the Hispanic population has grown at a faster rate in Arkansas than any other state, according to U.S. Census Bureau figures released Tuesday.

Most Hispanics who come to Arkansas have stayed, despite the general dearth of other Spanish-speaking residents or of ethnic attractions.

"We could consider that this is one of the very rare places where your children feel safe," Ms. Rugg said. "It's healthy, it's green, it's beautiful, there are plenty of jobs. The cost of living is not as high as other parts of the country."

Nationwide, the Hispanic and Asian populations of the United States have surged during the 1990s, with the number of Hispanics growing by more than 35 percent and Asians more than 40 percent, the Census Bureau said.

In Arkansas, the Hispanic population rose from 19,988 in the 1990 census to 49,473 last year — a 148 percent increase — according to Census Bureau estimates released Tuesday.

"Arkansas is really at the forefront. However, we're not talking about a lot of people," said Sabine Henning, a demographer at the Institute for Economic Advancement at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. "The numbers are still relatively small, and I think we always have to keep that in mind, too."

Despite the influx, Hispanics still comprise a little less than 2 percent of the state's 2.5 million people — up from just less than 1 percent in 1990.

By comparison, Hispanics comprise 40 percent of New Mexico's population. And the Hispanic population in California increased by 2.4 million to 10.1 million people. California's total population is 32.6 million.

The increase in the Hispanic population alone in California was almost as large as Arkansas' current population, and the total population of Hispanics in California is more than four times Arkansas' entire population.

The national Hispanic population is expected to overtake the non-Hispanic black population to become the largest minority group by the end of 2004, said statistician Larry Sink.

The Hispanic growth in Arkansas has attracted plenty of attention from local residents. Not all of it has been encouraging — particularly from those who resent employers hiring Hispanics.

"I think it's an absolute atrocity what the cheap labor advocates are doing to these people, they're just using them," said Scott Leachman, a general contractor and vice president of Americans for an Immigration Moratorium.

The group is based in northwestern Arkansas' Benton County, which has the state's fastest-growing Hispanic population — up 221 percent from 1990 to 1998.

But in Sevier County in southwestern Arkansas, where nearly 10 percent of the population is Hispanic — the largest percentage in the state — local officials say Hispanic immigrants have helped spur the economy.

"Them being here has boosted the economy. They shop here, they spend their dollars in the city, so the county gets tax money, the city gets tax money," said Fonda Hawthorne, director of the De Queen-Sevier County Chamber of Commerce.

Population estimates show more males than females among Hispanics in Arkansas, the opposite of the rest of the population.

Condemned inmate's last words were about Cowboys

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Condemned killer William Prince Davis obviously was a Dallas Cowboys fan.

Davis, who at age 42 spent half his life on death row, went to his death Tuesday night by thanking his fellow condemned inmates and his family, expressing love to them and asking for forgiveness from the survivors of his murder victim.

Then, just as the lethal drugs were about to start flowing into his arms, he blurted out to Warden Jim Willett: "Oh, I would like to say in closing, What about those Cowboys!"

Seven minutes later, he was pronounced dead.

Davis, condemned for gunning down the manager of a Houston ice cream company during a 1978 robbery, was not the first condemned killer on the Texas death chamber gurney to tell of his love for the Dallas pro football team.

In 1997, convicted killer Earl Behringer thanked the Cowboys for giving him years of enjoyment just before he was put to death.

Davis' execution came in near anonymity. He had no family members present. None visited him in his final days. No members of his victim's family attended. A single death penalty protester waited on the street outside the prison and was gone by the time witnesses exited. And two of the five media spots in the death house were vacant.

Davis became the 24th killer executed in the state this year and the third this month. Another is set to die next week.

The seventh-grade dropout from Harris County was convicted of fatally shooting Richard Lang, 60, on the evening of June 2, 1978.

Several drivers were in the offices of the Red Wing Ice Cream Co., turning over the day's receipts to Lang, when Davis showed up.

As Lang approached Davis, court records showed he was shot once in the chest with a .32-caliber pistol. The shooter then ordered the drivers against the wall and fled with $712 and a shotgun taken from the office.

Ken Sparks, a former assistant Harris County district attorney who prosecuted Davis, said the case was not a high-profile one during a particularly violent period in Houston — the height of the late 1970s energy boom.

"He gave a written confession, so the trial was primarily over the question of life or death and not really an issue of guilty or not," Sparks said.

The guilt-innocence portion of the trial lasted one day.

Three drivers identified Davis as the gunman. Lang's then teenage son was among the people who saw the shooting.

While it takes an average of about 10 years before convicted killers in Texas are executed, Davis' case languished in the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals for 81/2 years before his initial appeal was denied in September 1989.

On Tuesday, about three hours before he was put to death, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to halt the execution.

Lang was murdered six months after Davis got out of prison, where he served 21/2 years for burglary and aggravated robbery committed when he was 17.

In punishment testimony, jurors also learned of an extensive criminal record that began when Davis was 10.

Date Book

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 199

Today is the 258th day of 1999 and the 87th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1943, Paul Robeson performed the title role in Shakespeare's "Othello" in New York City for the 296th time.

On this day in 1949, "The Lone Ranger" television show debuted, starring Clayton Moore. Jay Silverheels played Tonto.

On this day in 1982, USA Today was first published.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Fenimore Cooper (1789-1851), writer; William Howard Taft (1857-1930), U.S. president; Robert Benchley (1889-1945), humorist; Agatha Christie (1890-1976), writer; Bobby Short (1926-), pianist, is 73; Gaylord Perry (1938-), baseball great, is 61; Tommy Lee Jones (1946-), actor, is 53; Oliver Stone (1946-), director, is 53; Dan Marino (1961-), football star, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, Muhammad Ali won his fourth world heavyweight championship bout by defeating Leon Spinks in 15 rounds. The match was fought in New Orleans.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance and to turn round three times before lying down."
Robert Benchley

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Sept. 9) and first quarter (Sept. 17).

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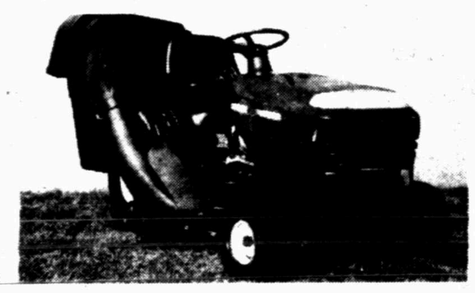
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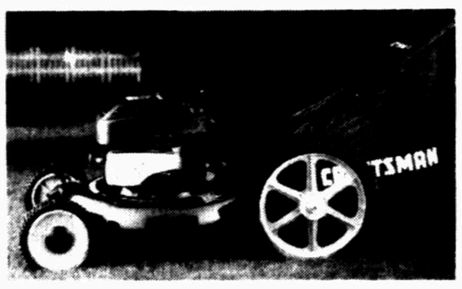
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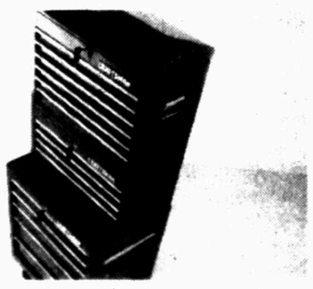


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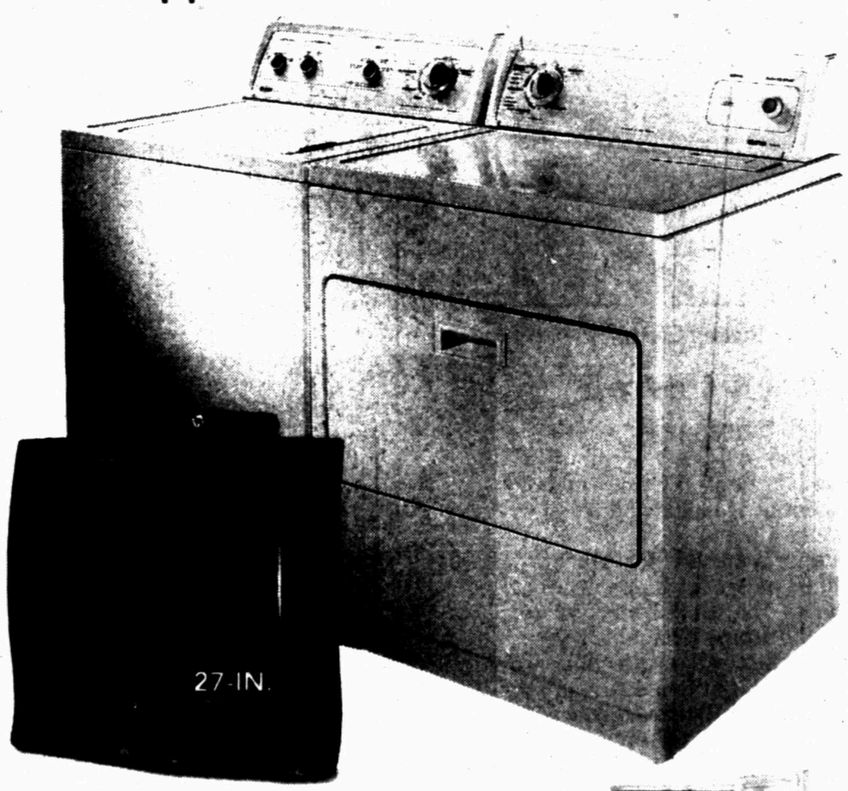


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