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Home Of Alice & Lydia Luera

Taxable values take a hit

The figures are in and the news is not surprising — taxable values for five of the six taxing entities in Scurry County are down.

Hermleigh ISD saw the only increase in tax valuation with a $1,478,359 increase from $28,286,312 in 1998 to $29,764,671 in 1999.

Total taxable values for Scurry County are down $64,905,857 with 1999's value being $533,423,021 compared to $598,328,878 a year ago.

County real estate values total $270,353,752 for 1999. That amount is up $22,557,358 over 1998's $247,796,394.

However, personal property values and mineral values are both down. Personal property totals for 1999 are $31,431,557 compared to $94,670,964 in 1998. That is a difference of $63,239,407.

County mineral values for 1999 are calculated at $91,168,682 — down $61,994,641 from $153,163,323 in 1998.

Western Texas College saw a drop of $64,298,417 in total taxable values. This year's values total $586,075,659 while last year's were $650,374,076.

The City of Snyder dropped $1,141,962 in total values — down to $233,123,892 from 1998's $234,265,854.

Real estate values are up $8,072,099 for the city. Totals for 1999 are calculated at $185,986,465 compared to 1998 totals of $177,914,366.

Snyder ISD taxable values for 1999 are $413,960,424 — down $37,639,051 from 1998's total values of $451,599,475.

Personal property value for the Snyder school district is down $57,801,336. The 1998 value was $87,466,350 compared to this year's figure of $29,665,014.

Real estate values for Snyder ISD are up $21,578,794 from $205,524,145 in 1998 to $227,102,939 in 1999.

The district's mineral values are down from $105,478,673 in 1998 to $60,084,962 in 1999. That is a drop of $45,393,711.

Ira ISD's values dropped $16,686,063 from $70,782,500 in 1998 to $54,096,437 in 1999.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The secret of getting ahead is getting started."

What a contrast.

While weather experts had predicted a long, hot summer, such has been the case in the Midwest and East.

However, Scurry County has actually experienced a short, mild – and often wet – one.

It sure wasn't like this last year. We don't have to remind citizens of last year's lack of moisture and the boiling heat.

In 1998, local residents endured 23 days in June when the temperature reached triple digits. It was even hot in the shade on June 27 when the mercury reached 114.

We thought that was some kind of record, but Dr. Mike Dunham insisted that it was 120 degrees in Snyder on June 24, 1994.

But this June was completely different.

According to records kept at the city water treatment plant and reported each day in the newspaper, there were no triple-digit days during June.

The mercury did reach 99 degrees twice, the last two days of the month. The average temperature in Snyder during June was a resort-like 87.3 degrees.

Snyder entered June well below the average for precipitation, standing at 6.36 inches. Thanks to a weekend flood and other early-morning showers, June saw rainfall totaling 7.23 inches here.

While the temperatures did tease the century mark on the last two days of June, it actually hit it in July. On the month's first day, the official temperature was 101 degrees.

July remained mild with the average temperature for July at 90.8 degrees. There were three more days in which the mercury hit or exceeded the century mark 100 on the 24th, and 101 on the 30th. It was a sizzling 103 on the 31st, causing us to wonder what to expect in August.

There was rainfall, however, not as great as June, but certainly appreciated by farmers, ranchers and those trying to keep grass green and gardens productive.

If we're gonna have a real West Texas summer, it will have to happen this month. With band marching practice and football workouts starting, there will be more and more hoping for fall-like weather.

It was Billy Ray Browning at the Wagon Wheel Ranch who told us a true weather story.

Billy Ray had noticed that folks all around him were getting more moisture than he was finding in his rain gauge.

No matter how much it rained, an employee would be dispatched to look at the rain gauge – and each time, the report would be the same.

Neighbors would get an half inch, inch or even two and each time the rainfall report would be three-tenths.

Had it not been for Billy Ray's better-half, Pam, he would still be just getting three-tenths. Pam decided to inspect the rain gauge.

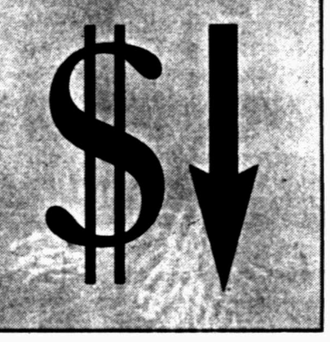
Shore 'nuff, there was a crack in the gauge, allowing the collected moisture to run right down to the same amount each time.

Thank goodness Billy Ray married a smart gal from Andrews.

Certified Values

Scurry County Appraisal District has released certified values for 1999. The following information compares 1999 values with 1998 certified values for the six taxing entities in the county:

	1999	1998	difference
County	$533,423,021	$598,328,878	-$64,905,857
College	$586,075,659	$650,374,076	-$64,298,417
City	$233,123,892	$234,265,854	-$1,141,962
SISD	$413,960,424	$451,599,475	-$37,639,051
HISD	$29,764,671	$28,286,312	+$1,478,359
IISD	$54,096,437	$70,782,500	-$16,686,063



Grand jury returns eight indictments on Monday

Seven people were indicted by the Scurry County grand jury Monday, including one person on two counts.

Murl Shane Lamb, 25, who currently is in custody in Breckenridge, was indicted on two counts of burglary of a building. Lamb is accused of breaking into Ken's Fried Chicken and Snyder One Stop on Dec. 14.

Lamb has a previous felony conviction in Garza County for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and in Midland County for burglary of a habitation.

Other indictments include Richard Charles Clayton, 31, of 1925 Garden Lane in Big Spring who was indicted for driving while intoxicated a June 20 offense.

Clayton has previous DWI convictions in Winkler County and Ector County, plus a conviction in Howard County of burglary of a building.

Kirk Kelly Evans, 38, of Rt. 1, Box 238 in Colorado City, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, a July 9 offense. Evans has two previous DWI convictions in Parker County.

Donald Craig Baker, 27, of 2303 Cindy Lane was indicted for possessing a controlled substance, cocaine, in amount less than one gram. The offense occurred on June 20.

Joe Ernest Luera, 41, of 315 33rd St. was inducted for the July 9 offense of being in possession of marijuana (more than four ounces but less than five pounds).

One other person was indicted, but has not been arrested.

Guilty plea nets probation for Snyder National drive-in teller

A former drive-in bank teller at Snyder National Bank Friday afternoon pleaded guilty to theft of bank funds.

Naomi Christine Stephens, 64, of 2653 North Highway 208 pleaded guilty in 132nd District Court and District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Stephens to two years in a state jail facility, probated for three years.

Stephens, a 20-year employee of the bank, was also given deferred adjudication which purges the record of the conviction if the terms of the probation are successfully completed. However, if probation is violated, the court may consider the full range of punishment allowed by law.

Stephens was indicted by a Scurry County grand jury on April 5.

Restitution in the amount of $14,930 has already been made to the bank.

Officials were called to Snyder National Bank on March 8 after bank management discovered missing funds and had already identified two suspects.

Scott Gassiot, a vice president and cashier, was indicted by a federal grand jury and has pleaded guilty to taking more than $427,689 from the bank's vault over a five-year period. Gassiot has not been sentenced.

Ira ISD board has workshop

Ira's school board of trustees met for two hours Monday evening to work on the district's 1999-2000 budget.

Supt. Rick Howard said he expects the district to adopt a budget with a deficit of about $70,000.

The district's budget is expected to be finalized when the board meets again on Aug. 12.

Presently, the budget is set at $1.4 million with income projected to be around $1.330 million, said Howard.

Howard said there are still some unknown costs associated with the upcoming budget, including insurance costs and teacher retirement expenses.

"We hope to have everything pinned down by the 12th," said Howard.

The superintendent said the district is receiving more state money this school year than in the past, but not enough to cover losses incurred due to declining oil values in the district.

"The state money is not making up for our local losses," said Howard.

The superintendent is echoing what is being heard from most school districts in West Texas this year.



Kristi Cline

Former SHS student...

Playboy centerfold

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

What started out as a "little dare" between sisters and friends, has turned into "something unbelievable' for a former student at Snyder High School.

Kristi Cline, sister Brandy, and some friends responded to a general invitation from *Playboy* magazine to pose for shots in a special Playmate 2000 bus travelling across the country looking for prospective Playmates.

"The bus was stopping in Albuquerque and we all decided to go down just to see what it was like," said Kristi. "They took shots of us in bathing suits and we all thought that would be the end of that."

However, the 1998 graduate of Sandia High School in Albuquerque was more than a little surprised when she got a call from a person saying she was with the magazine's Los Angeles office and asked her if she wanted to participate in a Playmate test.

"My first thought was 'Yeah, right,' thinking it was one of my friends calling. But I looked at my caller ID, and sure enough, the call had come from the Playboy offices."

The magazine flew Kristi to California where she stayed at the Playboy Mansion and spent one day doing a photo shoot for a possible Playboy assignment.

"I really did not expect to hear from them again so soon, but about a month later, I got a call asking if I wanted to participate in a special Playmate 2000 photo shoot and possibly shoot photos for a centerfold."

"After the shoot, they told me I was going to be the Playmate of the Month for September and it's been fast and furious ever since," said the 19-year-old.

Kristi said photographs for the September issue were shot at a studio in California, and in Santa Fe and in Albuquerque.

Was she nervous posing without clothes?

"Of course I was, but only at first. The people with Playboy are professionals in their business and they did all they could to ease my nervousness.'

There were four people involved in the shoot, including her makeup artist and her hair stylist.

And her family's reaction?

"I was first scared to tell Mom and Dad that we (my sister and I) even did the first photo shoot in the bus. I did not know how they would take even that.

"As a matter of fact, it was my sister that eventually told them about us having those first pictures made," said Kristi.

"But now they are standing behind my decision to do this," she added. "That has really helped because it is not everyone's daughter who becomes the Playmate of the Month."

Kristi attended school in Snyder from the seventh grade through her sophomore year after moving here with her parents, Michael and Brenda.

Kristi says she is readily recognized in Albuquerque now, but surprisingly, that recognition has cut down on her social life.

"Everybody probably thinks I'm busy all the time with promotions and they don't call as much now," she said.

"But I love it...it's been fun."

Kristi presently attends a community college in New Mexico and has plans to transfer to Texas Tech next year.

"My plans are to graduate from Tech, and then go to medical school and become a pediatrician," said Kristi.

And what does she remember most about Snyder?

"I guess it's that it was so small, and that the people knew everybody and everything. But I loved it there. One of these days I'll live in a small town again."

But right now, she is plenty busy as she has Playmate promotions taking her all over the United States, and will eventually compete with the 11 other 1999 Playmates for Playmate of the Year.

ASK US

Q-While the unemployment rate in Scurry County is at 9.8 percent, how does that translate into numbers?

A-The Texas Workforce Commission lists a labor force in Scurry County of 8,722. At the end of June, 7,869 had jobs, leaving 853 people not working.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 90 degrees; low, 70; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 70; trace precipitation; total for 1999, 17.47 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy, 40% chance of storms. Low, upper 60s. E-SE wind 5 15 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy, 40% chance of storms. High, upper 80s. E-SE wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy, slight chance of storms. Low, upper 60s.



Josh Ball
Slight Chance

Sunset:
8:38 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:02 a.m.
Of 214 days in 1999, the sun has shone 207 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Life is lived in the present. Yesterday is gone, tomorrow is yet to be. Today is the miracle."
—Unknown

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Payroll taxes missed by IRS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is owed nearly $50 billion in unpaid payroll taxes and has little chance of collecting it all, a congressional audit has found. Poor record-keeping by the Internal Revenue Service is partly responsible.

IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti said the agency would use the audit to make "what near-term improvements we can."

More than 1.8 million businesses owed $49 billion in cumulative unpaid payroll taxes as of Sept. 30, 1998, according to the General Accounting Office audit released Monday by the House Government Reform Committee's government management panel. The sum includes about $19 billion in unpaid taxes and $30 billion in penalties and interest.

The $49 billion figure also represents just under one-fourth — 22 percent — of the $222 billion in taxes owed the IRS as of September 1998, the audit said.

The agency also has levied $15 billion in additional penalties against 185,000 people for withholding but not forwarding the payroll taxes — which help pay for Social Security and Medicare benefits — to the federal Treasury.

More than 18,000 people in this group received federal benefits worth $212 million, including Social Security and retirement payments, despite their $2 billion in payroll tax debt, the audit found. Others received vendor payments and loans. Federal law does not bar businesses or individuals from collecting federal payments or loans while they owe payroll taxes.

Gregory Kutz of the GAO said it was unlikely that all of the outstanding payroll tax payments would be recovered. Many of the businesses are defunct or do not have the money to pay or the IRS cannot find them, IRS records reviewed for the audit show.

Most of the offenders were small businesses in labor-intensive industries with few assets, such as construction companies and restaurants, Kutz said.

He estimated no more than nine cents on the dollar eventually would be collected.

Several factors contribute to the problem, including technological and other operational weaknesses at the IRS, Kutz said. The agency has no assurance that its records are accurate because it keeps separate databases for businesses and individuals on systems that cannot communicate with each other.

Taxpayer education and programs to highlight delinquency problems before they become serious also have been ineffective.

State and federal law also can hinder the IRS' ability to collect, and the agency's criminal division will not prosecute taxpayers who fail to pay payroll taxes unless fraud is clearly evident, the audit said.

Although Rossotti said the IRS would use the report to make improvements, he cautioned subcommittee members against looking for a quick fix.

"It would be misleading everyone to believe this problem can be solved by anything we could do short of revamping this process," he said.

The 102,000-employee agency is implementing changes required by a 1998 restructuring law. It also plans next summer to begin withholding up to 15 percent of a delinquent taxpayer's federal benefits, as authorized by separate legislation.

Court order about no ethic slurs in workplace upheld

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A judge's order prohibiting an Avis supervisor from using ethnic slurs has been upheld by the California Supreme Court, despite a scorching dissent.

"A government that tells its citizens what they may say will soon be dictating what they may think," said Justice Janice Rogers Brown, one of the dissenters in Monday's 4-3 ruling.

But the majority said free expression isn't violated by an injunction against bigoted speech that has already been found, by a jury, to be so extreme and pervasive that it causes a hostile and discriminatory work environment.

One justice, Kathryn Mickle Werdegar, described employees as a "captive audience" and said speech can be restricted in the workplace in ways that wouldn't be allowed elsewhere. She said the workers in this case could have escaped the harassment only by quitting their jobs.

A jury had already awarded $135,000 to eight employees of Avis Rent-a-Car at San Francisco International Airport. They accused supervisor John Lawrence of constantly calling them vulgar and derogatory names, in Spanish and English, in 1991 and 1992, based on their ethnicity and lack of English skills. They said Avis did nothing to restrain him.

Superior Court Judge Carlos Bea ordered Lawrence not to use epithets toward Hispanic workers and ordered Avis to stop him if possible. His injunction was upheld on appeal.

Date Book

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1999

Today is the 215th day of 1999 and the 44th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1492, Christopher Columbus began his voyage to discover a western passage to the East Indies. He sailed from Palos, Spain.

On this day in 1923, Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as the 30th U.S. president, following the death of Warren G. Harding.

On this day in 1981, U.S. air-traffic controllers went on strike, causing the suspension of half of the flights in the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rupert Brooke (1887-1915), poet; Delores Del Rio (1908-1983), actress; Leon Uris (1924-), writer, is 75; Tony Bennett (1926-), singer, is 73; Martin Sheen (1940-), actor, is 59; John Landis (1950-), director, is 49; Marcel Dionne (1951-), hockey star, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Mary Lou Retton won the women's gymnastics all-around event at the Los Angeles Olympics.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land." — Aldo Leopold

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (Aug. 4).

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Haney new SDN winner

Esthalee Haney of 4514 Garwood is the July winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News.

Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who either subscribe or renew for six months or more.

Local graduates

SAN ANGELO — A Snyder student at Angelo State University was among 468 students to receive degrees during the spring commencement at the university.

Christina Gonzales received a bachelor of business administration, cum laude, with a major in accounting and a master of business administration, with a major in accounting.

Joy School is now licensed for every day of work week

Two weeks ago, Joy School, an outreach ministry of East Side Church of Christ, became licensed by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to run as a five-day Christian preschool program.

Sally Miller, Joy School director, said, "We decided to go to a five-day program because of the need for parents in our community to find a Christian preschool that can care for their children every day of the week."

This is the first time that Joy School has operated all five days of the work week since it opened in 1977.

"Our goal, Mrs. Miller said, is to provide a safe and loving Christian environment that nutures children as they learn, grow and discover.

The theme for the year is, "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands." The children will learn about different countries and cultures through crafts, Bible stories, activities, field trips, lessons and songs.

Daily activities include assembly, snack time, crafts, academics, Bible story time, P.E. and music, outdoor play and internaction.

Mr. Miller and Vanessa Day, the assistant director, lead a staff of 18 members. Each teacher must have 15 hours of training every year and be certified in first aid. Some teachers have been with Joy School for over 15 years.

Joy School presently has 80 children enrolled, but still has room for more. Registration for Joy School will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at East Side Church of Christ, located at 201 31st St.

The first day of Joy School will be Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Emergency alert effort finds missing girl alive

DALLAS (AP) — An emergency alert system devised in the wake of an Arlington girl's death has helped suburban police find a 4-year-old girl after she'd been missing less than a day.

The Amber Plan, a kidnapping alert broadcast by area television and radio stations, helped searchers find Daisy Romero unharmed near downtown Dallas, Carrollton police said. Josefa Paredez, a friend of Romero's mother, has been arrested on the kidnapping charges.

Ms. Paredez, 39, remained at Lew Sterrett Justice Center today, police said.

"We credit the Amber Alert 100 percent for this," Sgt. Jack Adams told the Dallas Morning News on Monday. "It turned up the heat" on the search.

The broadcast alerts, which went into effect in October 1996, are an agreement between authorities and area stations to put out information on missing children and descriptions of their possible abductors over the airwaves.

The alerts are named for 9-year-old Amber Hagerman of Arlington, who was abducted and murdered in January 1996.

Monday's Amber alert was issued about 11/2 hours before Ms. Paredez and the girl were spotted.

Correction...

Marge Sealy has retired from the Scurry County Welfare office, not the Texas Department of Human Services. The reception was held at the TDHS.

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Thanks

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for all the response that we received during the fund raising for ceiling fans and microwave for the Hermleigh Community Center.

A special thanks to Katherine Wemken and Charlene Merritt for taking charge of collecting the funds and to Bro. Rex Reynolds, Kevin Roemisch and Jackie Roemisch for hanging the fans.

Thank you Snyder and Hermleigh.

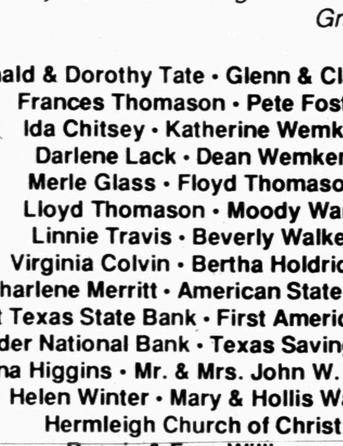
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HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES EARN ACLS — Advanced Cardiac Life Support is a two-day course that is an extension of Basic Life Support or CPR. It teaches advanced airway management techniques and cardiac medications to be used in the event of heart dysrhythmias and/or cardiac arrest. Completing this course were, from left, front row, Linda Briseno, RN, Bonnie Carroll, RN, Val Molina, RN, Teresa Smith, LVN; back row, John Busby, ER Tech, Brandon Rollins, Samantha Dillaha, RN, and not pictured, Katrina Reynolds, LVN, Nancy Branson, RN, and Laquita Culwell, RN. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Rileys gather for annual reunion

Descendants of James Valentine Riley and Sarah Elizabeth Parker Riley gathered at the Wagon Wheel Ranch July 17, for their annual reunion.

The Rileys came to Scurry County in June of 1891 and ranched in the Ennis Creek area, later moving further north near the Kent County line. They arrived in an ox-drawn covered wagon with their four children and 96 head of cattle. Four more children were born in Scurry County. The eight children were Anon Riley, Emma Meyers, Minnie Whatley, Ira Riley, Margia Doak, Bessie Miller, Ada Williamson and Effie McGlaun.

Out of 117 in attendance, recognition was given Torrence Riley of Clovis, N.M., 86, the oldest family member to attend, and the youngest was his eight-month-old great-grandson, Trace Riley.

Other family members attending were Doug Riley of Hermleigh; Tommy and Johnie Riley, Clayton, Jerri, Magan and Jacob Riley of Snyder, Gaylon McKelvey of Abilene, Mark and Rosie McKelvey of Gordon, Darla Chance, Linda Smith of Sweetwater.

Others were Barry, Shelly, Spencer and Cameron Chance of Levelland, Bill and Billie Aucutt of Clovis, N.M., Arthur and Eulene Cronk of Lubbock; Douglas and Norma Horn of Jefferson; Torrence and Jewell Riley of Clovis, N.M.; Randall and Kay Riley, Tommie and Trace Riley and Barbara Taylor of Levelland; Wendell and Marilyn Hendricks, and Lurinda Hendricks of Farmington, N.M. David, Carlene, Will, Austin Marissa and Kaitlin George of Springdale, Ark. D'Ann and Koby Dickenson of Eunice, N.M.

Also attending were Bea Meyers, Chuck, Myra, Rachel, Riley and Luke Meyers of Hobbs, N.M.; Zada Bea Singer of Salt Lake City, Utah; Carolyn, Wade, Russell and Spencer Stevens of Holden, Utah, Francine and James Moore of Killeen.

More family members included Anna Burnett and Linda Burnett of Gilroy, Calif., Rufus and Faydene Hart of Snyder; Patsy Barnett of Wilson, Dorothy Zoenell Wildenstein, Anna Wildenstein, Dorothy Christian and Chrissie La Pere and San Antonio.

Also Lanham Riley of Aledo; Sano and Bonnie Blocker of Flower Mound, Jimmie and Dorothy Randals, Jerry, Jina and John Vick, Richard, Donna, Anna and K.C. Randals and Megan Walters of Tucumcarie, N.M.

Larry Jack Williams of Galveston; Excel and Elizabeth Smith, Melissa Smith of Trinchera, Colo.; David Smith of Amarillo; Mary Bess, Bonnie and Gage Murphy, of Dalhart; Jo Beth and Sarah Steward of Paradise.

Riley and Mary Miller of Justiceburg, Clayton, Vanessa and Channing Miller of Post, Ralph, Dewey Fay and Becky Miller of Fluvanna; and Tammy, Miller, Miles and Merik Valentine of Fluvanna.

Relatives also included Loyd McGlaun of Big Spring; Doug and Jean McGlaun of Fort Worth; Sheri and Lynn Fuller of Willow Park; Debbie and Regan McMahon of Kingwood; Gerald, Pam and Kent McGlaun of Aledo; Kevin, Nancy, Nick and Jake McGlaun of Arlington; Jack and June McGlaun, Marsha and Abby Levens, and Joy McGlaun, all of Snyder.

Guests attending were Raymond House, Eddie Jo Richardson of Snyder, Bob Byrd of Rotan, and Tom Neatherlin of Abilene.

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Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949. 573-4238 pr 573-8010; 6 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons 12 & 12, closed meeting; Park Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Storytime at the Scurry County Library for 4- and 5-year-olds; 10 a.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; senior Citizens Center; 9;30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1;30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	08-03-99
	♠ A J 10 9 7 6 5 2	
	♥ K 8	
	♦ A	
	♣ A 5	
West		**East**
♠ Q 8 4		♠ 3
♥ 6 4 3		♥ Q 10 7 5
♦ 6 5 4 3		♦ J 9 8 7
♣ 10 6 4		♣ 9 7 3 2
	South	
	♠ K	
	♥ A J 9 2	
	♦ K Q 10 2	
	♣ K Q J 8	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
7 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 6

If you bid up, play up

By Phillip Alder

How much information is our government keeping from us? Oscar Wilde felt that some of it related to the discovery of the country: "Of course, America had often been discovered before, but it had always been hushed up."

In today's deal from the Vancouver Spring Nationals, South wanted his line of play hushed up, but he was being kibitzed by a journalist, Maureen Dennison from England. See if you would have done better. You push into the adventurous seven no-trump. West leads a diamond. How would you continue?

After winning with dummy's diamond ace, declarer played a spade to his king, led a club to dummy's ace, and cashed the spade ace. (If the spade queen had appeared, South would have had 17 top tricks.) However, he didn't know which red-suit card to discard. When the spade queen didn't drop, the contract was history. Declarer had to lose the last trick to East in the red suit from which he didn't discard.

Instead of going for the spades immediately, suppose declarer starts by taking his four club tricks, discarding a couple of spades from the dummy. Then he unblocks the spade king, crosses to dummy's heart king, and cashes the spade ace. What does East discard? He is down to three cards in each red suit. And when he commits himself, South discards from the other suit.

Let's suppose East releases a heart. Declarer throws the useless diamond 10, plays a heart to his jack, and cashes the heart ace, which establishes the heart nine as the 13th trick.

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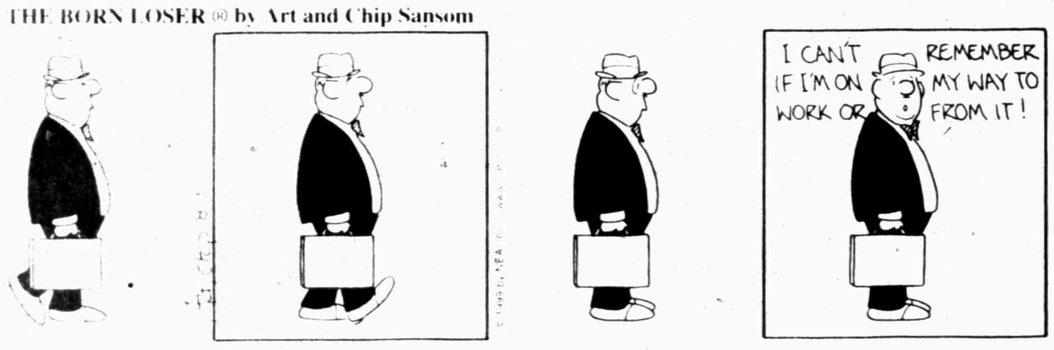
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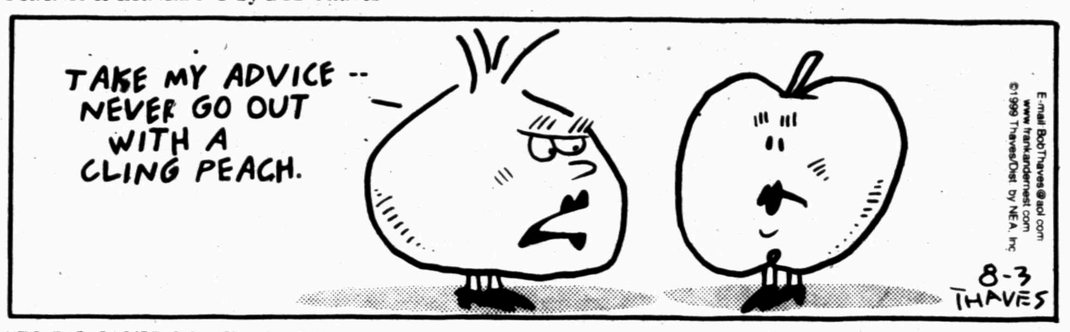
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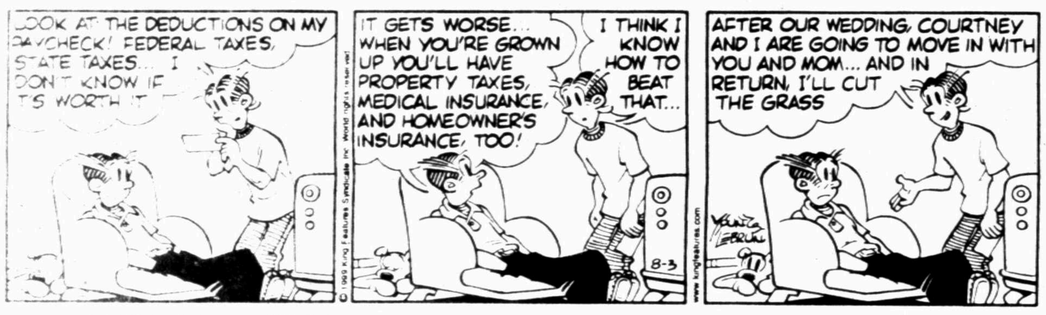
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7 — up (judging)
13 Blood fluid
14 Like better
15 Revolt (2 wds.)
16 Give another title to
17 So far
18 Number of cards in a Roman deck?
20 Pull (a car)
21 Retaliates for
25 Coldness
28 — out (stretching)
32 Criminal groups
33 Bus passenger
34 Rocky Mountain park
35 "— — Lucy"
36 Gunwale part
37 "To a Skylark" poet
39 Attentive (2 wds.)
41 Eastern title
44 Baseball player Mel —
45 Unused
48 Baby — (parents' employee)
51 Hot Mexican specialty
54 Made sleep noises
55 Fit for ingesting
56 Glimpses
57 Bred

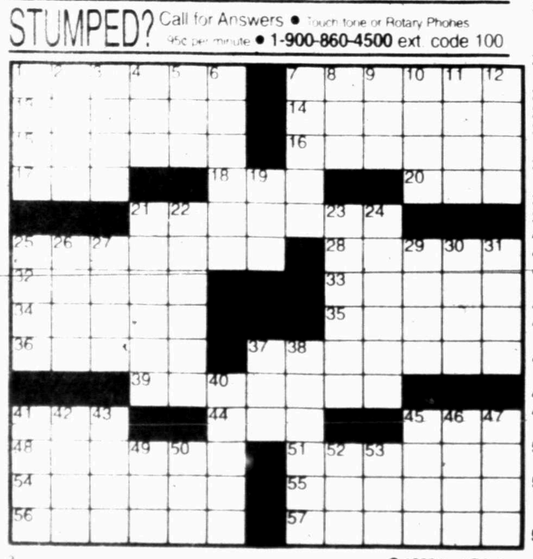
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1 Nimble
2 Tennis player Nastase
3 Oven
4 Consume
5 Unit of mass
6 Florida city
7 Tiny branch
8 Indignation
9 Buddhism type
10 "— — first you don't . . ."
11 Verne hero
12 Increased
19 Those holding office
21 Actress Lansbury
22 Container for liquids
23 More uncanny
24 Talents
25 "By the time — — to Phoenix"
26 Type of flow or bar
27 Division word
29 Matinee guy
30 Actress Campbell
31 Author Zane —
37 Gel
38 Milliner
40 Titled men
41 The caama
42 Farm machines
43 Upon
45 Catches (a criminal)
46 "Vogue" competitor
47 Garden pest
49 Prefix for "pod"
50 Wide shoe size
52 Susan Hayward movie
53 Roman 1,002

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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SPORTS

For area squads...

Workouts set to begin Wednesday

A trio of Snyder squads, and three surrounding high schools, will swing into action Wednesday with the start of summer workouts.

Snyder High School's football, volleyball and tennis teams are slated to begin practice, along with the gridiron squads at Ira, Hermleigh and Borden County.

Football players from around the area were issued equipment today, with workouts getting underway Wednesday morning. Teams can schedule intrasquad for the end of next week, with Aug. 19 being the first day allowed for scrimmages against other schools.

The Lady Tigers' first volleyball scrimmage is Aug. 13, with the season opener Aug. 17 in Abilene.

Fall tennis also begins its preparation for the upcoming season. In the team tennis format, Snyder will be looking for another trip to the regional tournament. Last season, SHS advanced to the event, before falling in a tiebreaker to Dumas.



TAKE OFF — Snyder's Stetson Merritt lunges from the starting line on his way to a first place finish at Wall Dragway on Sunday. Finishing just behind Merritt were Tod Stinson, Gary Halkowitz and Neal Cannon. In Saturday's action, Cannon took the top spot, with Stinson again in the runner-up slot. Halkowtiz was third, followed by Merritt. (Contributed Photo)

At Cowboys' training camp...

Young receiver finding success

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Jeff Ogden was a decent high school football player, but not good enough to be given a college scholarship.

Ogden ended up walking on at Division I-AA Eastern Washington and becoming a pretty decent receiver, but not good enough to get drafted by the NFL.

Once again, Ogden is having the last laugh. He's in his second training camp with the Dallas Cowboys and this time he's focusing on moving up the depth chart rather than worrying about making the team.

"I'm taking a more aggressive, more proactive approach to improving the team," Ogden said. "Last year, there were some times where I didn't improve the team. I was just kind of a guy who could fill in. This year, I'm actually trying to make a difference."

In only a week of practices he's already impressed coach Chan Gailey.

"The way he carries himself, his confidence, his hands — every aspect of his game has improved," Gailey said. "He doesn't even look like the same person who first stepped on our field last year."

Ogden was one of 10 players trying to win the final receiver's job last summer. He outlasted the others by showing quick feet and sure hands in practice, then backing it up in preseason games. Ogden caught seven passes for 126 yards, good for a team-best average of 18 yards per reception.

In the regular season, Ogden contributed mostly on special teams, although he also caught eight passes for 63 yards. His most memorable game was Nov. 22 in Seattle when he caught four passes for 26 yards and ran 12 yards on an end round while playing in front of friends and family in his home state.

Some would call the 6-foot, 190-pound Ogden an overachiever. It may be more accurate to say people have simply underestimated his abilities.

Ogden has been winning inspirational awards since his high school days in Snohomish, Wash. He had a slow start to his college career then broke out as senior with 57 catches for 1,148 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Ten NFL teams invited him to training camp. He picked Dallas, and the Cowboys are glad he did. Receivers coach Dwain Painter already has told Ogden to be prepared to fill any of the five receiver roles in the playbook.

"The reason I'm here is because I can play a few different positions," Ogden said. "That's going to be a burden put on me, but it's one I gladly accept."

He began this camp working out with rookies and newcomers instead of going through veteran drills.

"I still have a long ways to go," he said. "I've just got to keep working."

Ogden's goal now is to move up to the No. 3 receiver behind Michael Irvin and Raghib "Rocket" Ismail. His experience in Gailey's complicated offense gives him a head start over newcomer James McKnight and rookies Wane McGarity and MarTay Jenkins.

"A lot more comes to me now on the field, where last year I was more into the book, memorizing things," he said. "I'm learning a lot more about how to get open, how to be alone when the ball gets there."

It hasn't taken Gailey long to notice. And the coach's praise is adding to Ogden's confidence.

Thinking back to what Gailey said about him, Ogden smiled proudly and said: "I am a different person."

WNBA Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	14	10	.583	—
New York	12	10	.545	1
Detroit	10	13	.435	3½
Orlando	9	13	.409	4
Washington	7	17	.292	7
Cleveland	6	18	.250	8
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	20	4	.833	—
Los Angeles	16	6	.727	3
Sacramento	14	10	.583	6
Minnesota	12	10	.545	7
Phoenix	10	13	.435	9½
Utah	8	14	.364	11

Monday's Games

Charlotte 62, Cleveland 56
Washington 75, Detroit 70
Minnesota 73, Phoenix 56
Houston 75, Sacramento 70

Tuesday's Game

New York at Utah, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.

Woods wins prime time duel with Duval, 2 and 1

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Great start, rocky finish.

That made David Duval a loser to Tiger Woods in golf's first appearance on network television in prime time.

Playing not far from where he grew up, Woods overcome a sluggish start and dominated the par-3 holes to beat Duval 2 and 1 in the "Showdown at Sherwood," a made-for-television match-play competition Monday night.

It was nothing more than an exhibition match, but the world's top-ranked golfers were paid very well for their three-plus hours of work.

Woods earned $1.1 million, while Duval collected $400,000. Each will donate $200,000 to charity, including $100,000 each to the PGA Tour-sponsored First Tee program.

If either felt any pressure, it certainly wasn't evident, although neither was at his best.

At a time where the pressure perhaps should have been on, Woods and Duval were giggling like schoolchildren as they chatted while walking down the 15th fairway. Woods led 1-up at the time.

"I approached the match that David and I are good friends, and we were going to come out here and put on a good show," Woods said. "I think it's a wonderful concept."

So is this sort of thing the start of something new?

"I hate to say it, but it's basically up to the ratings," Woods said. "How high the ratings are will determine how successful it was."

Duval won the first two holes with a birdie and a par, but Woods won the next two, and added wins at the sixth and ninth holes for a 2-up lead at the turn.

A win on 12 put Woods ahead 3-up, but when Duval won 13 and 14, it was anyone's match.

The players halved 15 before the match's biggest shot.

Duval hit what he would later call his best shot of the day down the middle on the par-4, 449-yard 16th hole, but the ball took one bounce into a rock formation some 300 yards from the tee.

That meant a one-shot penalty.

Meanwhile, Woods hit two terrific shots to leave him 10 feet from the hole. Duval conceded, giving Woods a 2-up lead with two holes left.

"It was one of the worst breaks I've ever seen, to end up in Jack's little concoction in the middle of the fairway," Woods said, referring to Jack Nicklaus, the course designer.

"I hit it where I was aiming it," Duval said. "I've played the Shark Shootout three times (at Sherwood Country Club), I know it's there. I've aimed for it every time."

This time, to his dismay, he hit it.

Needing a birdie to keep the match alive, Duval's tee shot on the 232-yard 17th caught a ridge and rolled 50 feet from the hole. Woods was 40 feet away, and lagged his putt within 2 feet.

Duval then conceded, and they smiled and shook hands as the floodlights installed on the final two holes at Sherwood before the match cast shadows across the green.

It was the fifth par-3 hole played by the pair; Woods won the first four.

"The great thing about match play is I was down early, I knew I could come back," Woods said. "It's a game of momentum. The momentum changes, it's like the NBA or football, when a team gets on a roll, they get all pumped up."

Woods is No. 1 in the world rankings, a position Duval previously held.

Major League Baseball

American League All Times EDT East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	63	41	.606	—
Toronto	59	49	.546	6
Boston	57	48	.543	6½
Baltimore	46	59	.438	17½
Tampa Bay	43	63	.406	21
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Cleveland	64	41	.609	—
Chicago	50	54	.481	13½
Minnesota	44	60	.423	19½
Kansas City	44	61	.419	20
Detroit	42	64	.396	22½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Texas	63	42	.600	—
Oakland	55	50	.524	8
Seattle	52	53	.495	11
Anaheim	44	60	.423	18½

Monday's Games

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

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland (Jar.Wright 7-6) at Boston (P.Martinez 15-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago (Snyder 8-6) at Detroit (Thompson 9-9), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hamilton 3-6) at New York (Cone 10-5), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Sampson 3-1) at Texas (Morgan 11-6), 8:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 5-6) at Anaheim (Fyhrie 0-2), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Bones 0-2) at Oakland (Hudson 5-1), 10:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 5-5) at Seattle (Halama 8-2), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Toronto (Escobar 9-7) at New York (Irabu 8-3), 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 10-3) at Boston (Portugal 6-8), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (J.Johnson 2-5) at Oakland (Haynes 7-9), 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 8-9) at Texas (Loaiza 3-1), 8:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Witasick 4-8) at Anaheim (Hill 3-10), 10:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Eiland 1-6) at Seattle (Meche 2-1), 10:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League All Times EDT East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	64	43	.598	—
New York	64	43	.598	—
Philadelphia	57	48	.543	6
Montreal	40	62	.392	21½
Florida	41	65	.387	22½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Houston	64	42	.604	—
Cincinnati	60	43	.583	2½
St. Louis	53	53	.500	11
Pittsburgh	51	53	.490	12
Milwaukee	49	55	.471	14
Chicago	48	55	.466	14½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Arizona	60	47	.561	—
San Francisco	56	50	.528	3½
San Diego	50	55	.476	9
Colorado	47	58	.448	12
Los Angeles	46	59	.438	13

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 12, Philadelphia 4
Pittsburgh 2, Florida 1
Cincinnati 9, San Francisco 1
Montreal 10, Milwaukee 4
Colorado 5, St. Louis 4
San Diego 10, Houston 3
New York 5, Chicago 4, 13 innings
Los Angeles 4, Arizona 2

Monday's Games

Montreal 5, Chicago 1
St. Louis 6, San Diego 5
New York 7, Milwaukee 2
Arizona 16, San Francisco 6
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia (Schilling 14-4) at Florida (Dempster 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Millwood 12-5) at Pittsburgh (Benson 8-8), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jam.Wright 0-1) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 10-6), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 4-5) at Chicago (Bowie 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Hershiser 10-8) at Milwaukee (Pulsipher 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 8-10) at Houston (Hampton 14-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Boehringer 6-3) at St. Louis (Oliver 6-7), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (L.Hernandez 5-10) at Arizona (Daal 10-5), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Montreal (Powell 0-3) at Chicago (Trachsel 3-14), 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Ogea 6-9) at Florida (Meadows 8-11), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Chen 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 9-7), 7:35 p.m.
Colorado (Kile 6-10) at Cincinnati (Neagle 1-3), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Rogers 0-0) at Milwaukee (Peterson 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (K.Brown 11-6) at Houston (Holt 2-10), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Clement 5-10) at St. Louis (Mercker 4-4), 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 3-9) at Arizona (B.Anderson 3-2), 10:35 p.m.

SDN Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

Kiwanis golf tourney

The Snyder Kiwanis Club Hubert and Mary Cargile Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday at Western Texas College. All proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Cargile Scholarship Foundation at WTC.

There will be drawings for merchandise, and cash prizes for the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes are $10,000 and Top-Flite Tour Irons.

Entry fee is $120 per team. Players can register by calling Brenden McNeil at 573-1432, Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 573-3267, and Melanie or Linda at American State Bank, 573-4041. Sign-ups will also be taken at the WTC pro shop.

Junior high football

Dates for junior high football players to pick up equipment have been set. Eighth grade gridders will be issued equipment from 2-3:30 p.m. Friday. Seventh graders may pickup gear from 2-3:30 p.m. Monday.





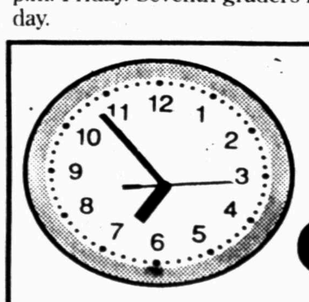
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GOOD NEWS
By Wayne Horton

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In a country song a few years ago, the answer to life was "Faster horses, younger women, older whiskey and more money." That opinion, of course, is the devil's lie (John 8:44) but a lot of Americans have bought the lie. And we've bought a lot of other "things" in a desperate attempt to "grab for the gusto" of life.

Folks, the down side about "things" is they most always disappoint and we get very tired of them. Remember in the mid-nineties when that exercise machine was advertised on TV? You know, the one you sit on and push with your feet and pull with your arms. Looked like lots of fun and easy exercise. Only cost $199.99...plus shipping and handling. Lots of people bought them.

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"Things" can never bring us peace. And Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." We mustn't give our lives for things that will be burned up in a big bonfire at the end of time (2 Peter 3:10). Instead we must long for the city where the streets are paved with gold (Revelations 21:21)! May God help you and ME to learn this truth.

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Albertsons	49¾	49¼	49 11-16+	5-16	
AlldSignal	64 13-16	64¼	64 9-16+	3-16	
Alltel	74 1-16	72½	73 13-16+	1 3-16	
AmOnline s	95¾	89¼	91 —	1¾	
Ameritech	76 15-16	75¼	76¾+	1¾	
AndarkPtr	36¼	36 1-16	36 5-16—	5-16	
ArmcoInc	6 9-16	6½	6 9-16		
AtlRichfld	91¼	90 5-16	90 13-16+	3-16	
ATMOS Egy	24¼	24 11-16	24 11-16—	5-16	
Aviall	15¼	14¼	15 —	¾	
BP Amoco	116¼	115¾	116 1-16—	¾	
BakerHughes	33 13-16	32¾	33 3-16—	¾	
Bank of Amer	65 13-16	64¾	64¾—11-16		
BellAtl	65¾	64 7-16	65 3-16+	3-16	
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BethSteel	7¾	7 11-16	7 11-16—	1-16	
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Caterpillar	58 15-16	58	58 —	9-16	
CenSoWst	22	21 11-16	21¾+	¾	
Chevron	92¼	91 3-16	91 11-16+	7-16	
Citigroup s	44 15-16	44¼	44¾+	½	
Coastal	40¾	40	40 1-16+	1-16	
CocaCola	61¼	60¾	60 15-16+	¼	
ColgatePal s	48¼	48	48¾+	½	
ComclMetals	32¾	32¾	32¾—	¾	
CooperIn	55 5-16	54¾	55 5-16+	¾	
CyprusAmax	13½	13¾	13 7-16+	¼	
DaimlrChry n	76¼	75¼	75¾+	¼	
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UnitedTech s	66¾	65 11-16	66 3-16—	⅛	
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Federal help pledged for desparate farmers

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Terry Dunn's sweet corn crop is a total loss, his hay crop half its usual yield. His field corn is not worth harvesting. The chickens' eggs are smaller than usual.

It was on Dunn's 122-acre farm that federal officials chose to declare West Virginia and parts of five neighboring states agricultural disaster areas Monday — the latest step as the region's terrible drought grows more severe each day.

"I guess I had the worst-looking crops," Dunn said of his chance to host a tour by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman. "It's a dubious honor."

After picking a few sickly, 3-to 4-inch ears of corn from a field of dry, knee-high stalks, Glickman issued the declaration for 89 counties in Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

The order, which likely will be expanded in the coming days, makes farmers who have lost at least 30 percent of a crop eligible for low-interest federal loans.

"Drought is like an insidious cancer. It's slow, it infects and it's harder to deal with as a disaster," Glickman said. "Farm prices are the lowest in a decade, and this drought couldn't have come at a worse time."

One of the hottest Julys on record has also had a horrendous human cost: more than 200 heat-related deaths in 20 states since July 19.

The drought gripping the mid-Atlantic area is already the third-worst this century and could surpass the droughts of 1929 and 1966 to become the most devastating, scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey said Monday. Some of the region's soil hasn't been this dry since the Depression.

"We've got a crisis here. Together we're going to try to do emergency assistance for the farmers and long-term policy that will help reverse this trend," Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening said.

Rural wells and underground aquifers, already low from a winter with little snow or rain, are continuing to run dry. That will hurt farmers again next year.

From Boston to Miami, rainfall in some areas is 50 percent to 80 percent below normal. The dry weather has been felt from tree nurseries in the Northeast to fruit orchards in Florida. The arid weather has sucked the life out of crops, wilting limbs and dropping fruit to the ground.

In Galway, N.Y., Christmas tree farmer Dave Eaton has lost about 70 percent of this season's plantings, some 15,000 trees at a cost of $1 apiece.

New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman issued a drought warning Monday, clearing the way for state officials to assert control over the state's water supply. People should conserve now or face possible mandatory restrictions later, she said.

To preserve hay for the winter, many West Virginia livestock growers are selling cattle early at prices their fathers and grandfathers got 30 to 40 years ago, Sen. Robert C. Byrd said.

The West Virginia Democrat is sponsoring an amendment to a $9.9 billion farm-spending bill that would give livestock farmers $150 million in grants to help cover the mounting losses.

Glickman said he would lobby for Byrd's measure. And in Washington, President Clinton said he would work with Congress to provide $10 billion in drought relief.

"We provide emergency assistance for disasters around the world, and there's no reason we shouldn't provide comparable assistance for people here at home," he said. "And we will do that."

The aid may come too late for some.

This year may be the last for up to 10 percent of West Virginia's 21,000 farmers, state Agriculture Secretary Gus Douglass said. Statewide, farm losses so far have surpassed $100 million.

"We would need about 15 inches of rain to make up for the loss, but the damage is already done," Douglass said. He said one farmer he saw wept as he was forced to sell his cows.

"Folks, it just comes down to one single word, and that is survival. One of the best examples of American rural culture is being destroyed," he said.

Vaughn Harshman knows that all too well.

After examining shin-high soybeans — they should be more than 3 feet tall by now — the third-generation farmer said he wasn't sure his 800-acre grain and cattle business would survive.

"I'm at the point where if they want to know what I'm going to do next year, I honestly don't know," he said.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Wednesday, August 4, 1999

Call your own shots in the year ahead when faced with making important decisions that may have a direct affect upon your personal circumstances. Don't allow those with less wise heads make judgments for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Trying to gain the support of others today could be a Herculean task, because objectives that are meaningful to you could be just the opposite for associates. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you persist in adopting a negative attitude about things today, you would severely reduce your effectiveness and productivity. Reaffirm your positive, optimistic outlook.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Regardless of which side you choose to support when caught in the middle between two dissenting friends today, you'll turn out to be wrong. Let your pals fight it out on their own.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Chances are good that individuals who are not usually antagonistic may be so today. If you get involved in one-on-one situations, brace yourself for some possible turbulence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In your haste to get things done today, unpleasant consequences could be in store for you if you continually ignore proper procedures and proceed in a reckless fashion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Matters that relate to your finances must be handled prudently and cautiously today. Lady Luck is no where to be found at this time, so act carefully and responsibly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your past diligent efforts will count for very little today if you try to bring critical matters to a head prematurely. Check all the details for flaws before completing your plans.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Projects that pile up on you because of attempting to do more than you can comfortably manage could yield accidents. Be cognizant of your limitations.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If things go wrong for you financially today, don't look to place the fault on others. If you truly want to fix the problem, look in the mirror.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It'll create long range ill will of others if you aren't as considerate of them as you should be today solely for the purposes of fulfilling your own ambitions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Acting first and thinking later is one of the problems you suffer from time to time and this could be one of those days. Try to put greater emphasis on the latter.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't loan anything you can't afford to lose to anybody today, but especially avoid loaning anything to one who has proven to be a poor credit risk. It'll be your loss.

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Joey: If you were in a jungle by yourself and an elephant charged you, what would you do?
Jack: Pay him.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Loss of Self-Esteem Is No Game For Victims of Domestic Abuse

DEAR ABBY: I was appalled by the letter written by the retired therapist, "Dr. Howard Bott," who said that a victim of domestic abuse who confides in her friends is somehow responsible for the abuse. His suggestion that somehow the woman named "Sara" was playing a "game" for dramatic effect was unbelievable.

Women who are abused by spouses and significant others believe that they are powerless to stop the cycle of abuse. Friends and family need to show the victim that their love is unconditional, gather information about a "safe plan" from their local victim/witness or women's shelter, and assist her when she's ready to leave the relationship. They also need to be patient with the victim.

Ask any member of my family and they'll tell you it takes a long time for the victim to rebuild that self-esteem and to know she's capable of changing the situation. Our daughter was in a similar relationship for more than seven years. When she finally found the courage to leave, it was too late. He stalked and murdered her.

Please tell your readers that they should *never, ever* consider domestic abuse to be a "game." It's not. It has deadly consequences.

BEEN THERE, SUPERIOR, WIS.

DEAR BEEN THERE: Please accept my sympathy for the tragic loss of your beloved daughter. In recent years, law enforcement and behavioral therapists have become more knowledgeable about the cycle of domestic violence — and all agree that it is not to be taken lightly. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I was shocked and angered at how much blame "Dr. Bott" placed on "Sara," the victim of domestic abuse.

I dated a young man for more than five years before we finally married. "Mike" had never laid a hand on me. Three weeks into our marriage, he started shoving me into walls, slapping me, dragging me around the house and throwing me down stairs. I believed it was my fault. "If only I had not made him so mad," "Maybe if I had a second job so we had more money," "If only I had cleaned the house better," etc. I was convinced that I was a horrible, ugly, stupid human being, and I was too embarrassed to tell family and friends.

The people at work saw through my lies and made me admit what Mike was doing. I cannot describe the relief I felt. These wonderful people never failed to tell me every day that it wasn't my fault, that I needed to leave Mike.

One day I had a terrible bruise on my arm. "Jake" walked over to me, took my hand and told me that of all the people in the world this happens to, it shouldn't be happening to me because I was smart and beautiful. He talked for 10 minutes about what a wonderful person I was. I couldn't stop crying. Abby, no one had ever said anything like that to me.

That night, I went home and suddenly saw Mike for who he really was — a sorry excuse for a man without a job, who couldn't get his life together, who drank and smoked pot — and when he became disillusioned with a world he couldn't control, he took it out on me with insults and violence. I left him that night.

This September, Jake and I will celebrate four happy years of marriage with our beautiful 3-year-old son. It took counseling, prayer and love, but I realize that Mike had problems, and what he did to me was inexcusable.

Today, I am the beautiful, smart, confident woman I had always wanted to be. I thank God daily for the angels he sent to help me. Blaming the victims of domestic violence only perpetuates the cycle. Only when we become outraged at the abuser, when we make hitting your partner and your kids inexcusable, will we have a chance to stop this horrible epidemic.

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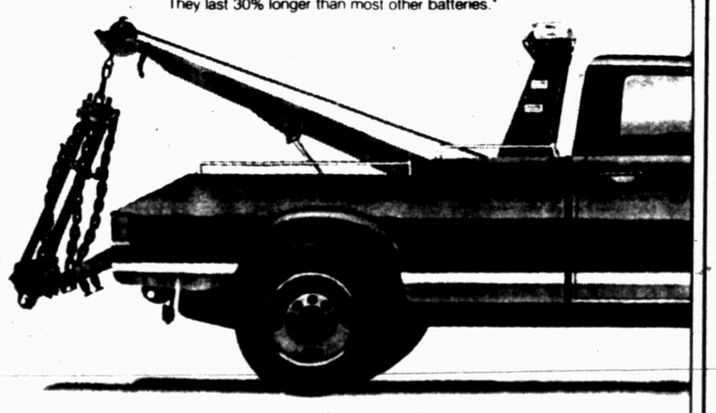
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

GOP, Demos debate farm aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — With farmers facing another gloomy harvest, Republicans proposed a $6.7 billion package of emergency assistance and hoped to push it through the Senate this week before Congress starts its long August recess.

The GOP proposal would eclipse the $6 billion farm bailout Congress passed last year but is $4 billion short of what Senate Democrats want.

Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., said the GOP package would "provide a wide range of benefits to producers who are eligible for ... assistance because of economic disasters."

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman was to be asked for his advice on the issue at a hearing before the Senate Agriculture Committee today.

The committee's chairman, Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., suggested Monday that $2 billion to $3 billion in aid would be sufficient. Crop subsidies already give farmers a "pretty strong safety net," he said.

But farm groups say that far more than that will be needed to prevent thousands of producers from going out of business.

Democrats proposed $10.8 billion in aid Monday, while Republicans countered with a $6.7 billion plan. The money would be added to an annual spending bill for the Agriculture Department.

"Silently and quietly, American farmers and ranchers are losing their businesses. They are at the end of their rope," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

The first vote was expected after separate meetings of Democratic and GOP senators.

A worldwide glut of grain has kept commodity prices low for the second year in a row, and USDA projects that net farm income will dip to $43.8 billion this year, about 4 percent off the average for the decade.

The Democratic plan includes nearly $6 billion in extra crop subsidies, $2.3 billion in disaster aid, and $1.4 billion in emergency trade provisions.

Most of the GOP package would go toward doubling the annual "market transition" payments that farmers receive from the government under the 1996 farm bill.

That the Republicans even offered a proposal of their own this week was a recognition of how potent a political issue the farm economy has become.

Republican leaders had argued that it was too early to know how much help farmers will need this fall and they had pressed the Clinton administration without success to offer its own proposal. The emergency label on the extra aid lets Congress ignore required spending limits.

Obituaries



Donald Gressett

Donald Gressett

1930-1999

Don Gressett, longtime Snyder businessman and former city councilman, died early this morning at his home in Snyder following a sudden illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Gressett, 68, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church. Dr. Marty Akins, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 5, 1930 in Sterling City, he grew up in Forsan and graduated from Forsan High School in 1948 and attended West Texas State University. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and married Sara Chanslor on June 28, 1953 in Amarillo.

Mr. Gressett went to work for Lota' Burger in Pampa. The company transferred him to Lubbock in 1952, and in 1955, he was transferred to Snyder when the Lota' Burger location was on North College Ave.

Gressett purchased the business, and in 1963 he moved it to the present location on South College Ave. After 42 years in the business, he sold it and retired in May, 1996.

At the time of his retirement, Gressett recalled one day in which he prepared 2,300 hamburgers.

Mr. Gressett was also known in Snyder for alerting motorists of expired inspection stickers, a longtime project that grew out of trying to be helpful to senior citizens.

Mr. Gressett served as a member of the Snyder City Council from April, 1980 to April, 1984. He was a longtime deacon of Snyder's First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William (Bubs) Gressett.

Survivors include his wife, Sara Gressett of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Tim Courtney of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Terry Gressett of Midland; a sister, Dorothy Pye of Hobbs, N.M.; four grandchildren, Ben Cook and Whitney Waner, both of Snyder, and Sherman Gressett and Berkleigh Gressett, both of Midland.

Born in Philadelphia, he graduated from school there and served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the European Theater, Headquarters Company 66th Infantry, 2nd Battalion. He graduated from Texas Tech in 1949 with a degree in chemical engineering. He lived in Borger for 32 years where he was a chemical engineer for Phillips Petroleum.

Mr. Wilt moved to Bartlesville, Okla., for 18 months and back to Amarillo in 1984. He was a member of the Chess Club and a Life Master Bridge Player. Mr. Wilt was a volunteer for the IRS at the Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors also include his wife, Mary Wilt of Amarillo; a son, Rex Mason Wilt of Amarillo; a sister, Marion Defeo of Maple Shade, N.J.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo 79176.

Mason Wilt

1922-1999

AMARILLO - Mason S. Wilt, the father of Cyndee Gayle of Snyder, died Monday, Aug. 2, in Amarillo following a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Wilt, 77, is set for 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Schooler Funeral Home Brentwood Chapel. Dr. Alan Pickering, minister of Southwest Church of Christ in Temecula, Calif., will officiate.

Graveside service is set for 11 a.m. Thursday in the Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock.

Three arrests are made here

Three subjects were taken into custody Monday.

A 37-year-old male was arrested at 7:55 a.m. in the 2500 block of Avenue K for Class C assault by threat.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 49-year-old male into custody at 7:02 p.m. in the 800 block of North Hwy. 84 for public intoxication and a JP warrant for assault.

At 10:45 p.m., deputies arrested a 34-year-old female three miles East on U.S. Hwy. 84 on an outstanding Lubbock warrant for speeding.

Three offense reports were also filed Monday.

An offense report for cat bite was submitted at 7:52 a.m.

A subject notified officers at 10:32 p.m. that another subject was threatening him with a gun. Officers filed an offense report for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

An offense report was filed for Class A assault/family violence at 11:45 p.m.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Bobbie Coonrod of Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: Mickey Ferris, Geneva McKnight and Dejahn Peppers.

CENSUS: 31 (Med., Surg.-8, Long-term Care-23).

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

37th Street VBS

Vacation Bible School at 37th Street Church of Christ continues at 7 p.m. today through Wednesday. Classes will be held for kindergarten through adult. The public is invited.

Guest speaker

Janice Wagner, RN, will speak on depression and withdrawn behavior in the elderly at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Oaks Care Center. The public is invited and there is no charge.

Masonic Lodge meeting

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Snyder Chapter will convene at the close of 706.

Hobbs school registration

Any Snyder student wishing to return to Hobbs School should register at Snyder High school between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Certain requirements must be met and a parent or guardian must accompany the student.

Ira Booster Club

The Ira Booster Club will meet at 8:15 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

Joy School

Joy School at East Side Church of Christ is now state licensed and will be open five days a week. The school is for ages 18 months to pre-kindergarten and begins Aug. 11. Parents may choose days wanted. Call 573-3554 for 575-1138 for more information. Registration is Thursday from 9-11:30 a.m.

Sonshine School

Registration for Sonshine School at 37th Street Church of Christ is being held for pre-school through age five. For more information call the church office at 573-0154 or Lora Lord at 573-1700.

King's Kids registration

First Baptist Church is currently registering for King's Kids, ages 1-5, and for Mothers' Day Out, six months to five years old. Call 573-2631 for more information.

Limited space available

Children's Day Out, a Tuesday-Thursday child care program at First United Methodist Church, has limited spaces available for two and three year olds. School Begins Aug. 11. Call 573-4770 for more information.

Rock and Roll quilting club

The quilting club meets every Monday from 8 a.m. until noon at Hermleigh Community Center for free quilting lessons. Everyone is invited. Call 863-2426 for more information.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at Western Texas College.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "What to Expect When You Visit the Church," followed by "What Can I Believe?"

Social Security rep in Snyder

Representatives of the Social Security Administration will be in Snyder next Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Center, 2603 Ave. M.

Support groups

Four different support groups meet at 6:30 the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, cancer support group, grief support and adult children caring for aging parents. Child care is provided.

Gramm staffer due here

Sondra Ziegler, a representative of U.S. Senator Phil Gramm's staff, will be in Snyder from 1-1:45 p.m. Aug. 13 in the county courtroom to meet with any local citizen.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

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.

Pick 3

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

6-4-6

(six, four, six)

Cash Five

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

5-16-25-32-39

(five, sixteen, twenty-five, thirty-two, thirty-nine)

Police will not remove photographs

ROME, N.Y. (AP) — State police said today that they will continue to post several Associated Press photographs in their cyberspace investigation of crimes at Woodstock '99, despite demands from AP that the photos be removed.

Police posted 14 photographs on their Web site last week, including 10 used without permission that were shot by AP photographers. The AP protested Monday, as soon as it learned of the unauthorized use.

Lt. Jamie Mills said today that the photographs will remain on the Internet site. She also said police have received 40 e-mail messages in their probe, but wouldn't discuss what information was provided in the messages.

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Texas company fined for errors in giving test

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A Texas company has been stung with a $1.1 million penalty for blunders in administering a statewide test to millions of California students.

The state Board of Education on Monday voted 6-0 to withhold 5 percent of the $22 million payment to Harcourt Educational Measurement because of the company's errors in managing California's 1999 Standardized Testing and Reporting program.

Harcourt accidentally miscounted about 250,000 students as not fluent in English and erred in the scores for 190,000 students in year-round schools. About 4.2 million children were tested.

The severity of mistakes has led to "an unfortunate lack of confidence now in a statewide test that was really meant to send us down a road of not just high stakes but high standards," said board member Monica Lozano.

The test is part of the state's effort to improve the dismal performance of California's public schoolchildren on nearly every national measure.

"We're disappointed with the decision but we know we have a good test and that the results are accurate," said Jack Dilworth, a Harcourt senior executive.

Company officials cited efforts to swiftly resolve problems and said they regretted the errors and resulting embarrassments. They added that they are improving quality-assurance procedures.

The penalty, recommended in advance by state Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin, who could not attend the meeting, was the maximum that the board could impose now. The board also could seize Harcourt's $2.2 million performance bond this fall.

"Our taking this matter very, very seriously will help begin to restore the credibility of this assessment throughout the state of California," said board member Susan Hammer.

"Not a day goes by when you don't read something in one publication or another about this," she said.

Hammer called a last-minute effort by Harcourt to thwart the penalty "laughable."

Dave Osberg, a Harcourt senior executive, suggested that in lieu of the penalty the company could supply additional information, such as filling in gaps on student gender and socioeconomic status.

But Department of Education officials said the company should be doing the work anyway under terms of its contract.

The board certified the test involving more than 1,000 local school districts as complete even though the company is still working on results for three districts and 27 charter schools.

Seven board members participated in the meeting by telephone conference, but only six voted. Board vice president Kathryn Dronenburg abstained from voting because her husband works for a firm that has been hired to audit Harcourt.

In addition to the board's penalty, the 1,100 school districts that have separate contracts with Harcourt could decide this fall to withhold part of their payment to the test maker.

This is the second year for the Standardized Testing and Reporting program, known as STAR. The state requires all public school students in grades two through 11 to take a standard test each spring, and compares their scores to a national sample.

The scores for the state, counties, school districts and individual schools were required to be posted on the Internet by June 30.

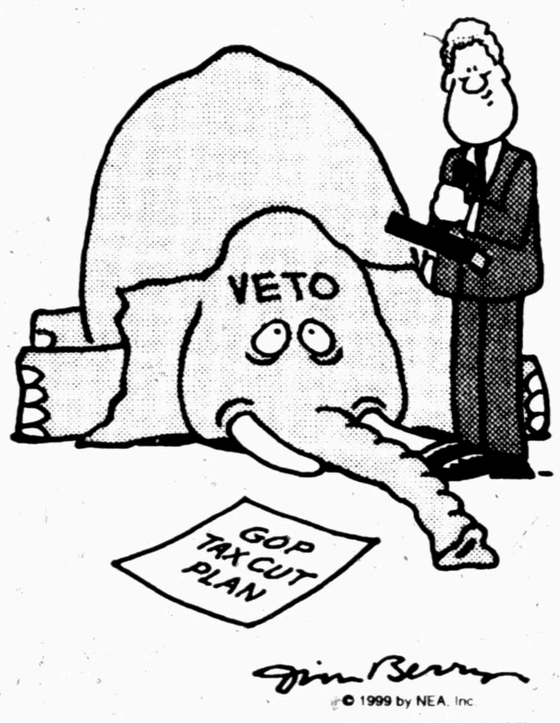
The state discovered the errors made by Harcourt the day before the results were to be released.

Harcourt had mistakenly included about 250,000 English-speaking students among the 800,000 English-learning students. That made the non-English-speaking students' scores look better.

Later, mistakes in the scores for 190,000 students in year-round schools were found.

The statewide scores for all students — English speakers and English learners — released June 30 showed scores below the national average in nearly every grade and subject.

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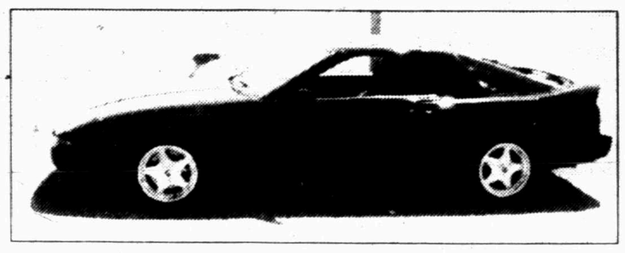
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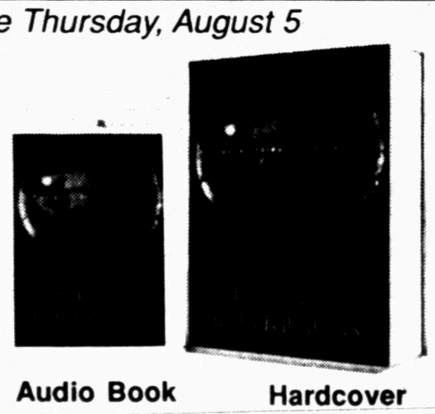
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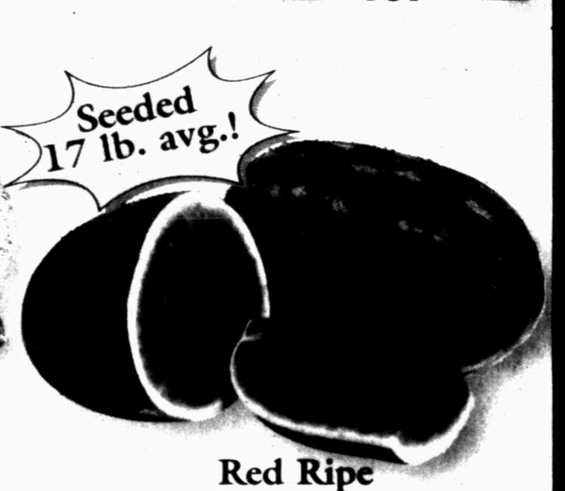


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