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Pilot crash lands plane here, escapes injury

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

A crop duster pilot applying chemicals as part of the boll weevil eradication program in Mitchell County escaped injury Tuesday afternoon as his plane crashed while attempting to land at Winston Field around 2:35 p.m.

The Cessna T-188 flown by Anthony A. Gray, a pilot with Davis Flying Service in Ballinger, had struck a utility pole belonging to Lone Wolf Electric Co-op some 10 miles southwest of the airport near Cuthbert.

The 47-year-old Atwood, Kan. man was visibly shaken while talking to DPS troopers Rick Campos and Marquis Cantu.

"I hit something in a field down there," Gray told the troopers. "I thought I was going to have to put it down in the field, but I decided to try and make it back here."

Gray said while he had good air speed, he could operate the plane despite missing the aileron on the left wing.

"It's when I had to slow for the landing is where the real trouble started. I had control of it until then."

He said as he touched down, the plane vaulted into the air and came down engine first and then flipped at least twice before skidding across an east-west runway at the airport and coming to rest right side up, just off the runway.

Darrell Mize, a pilot for E.D. Walton Construction Co., was working on their company airplane and was the first person on the scene and assisted Gray out of the downed Cessna.

Airport manager Rodger Sullenger said he was on the other end of the airport when an employee with the spraying service drove up and said they had a plane in trouble and it was on its way back to the airport.

"I immediately dialed 911 and thought I was talking locally when I gave the operator the information," said Sullenger.

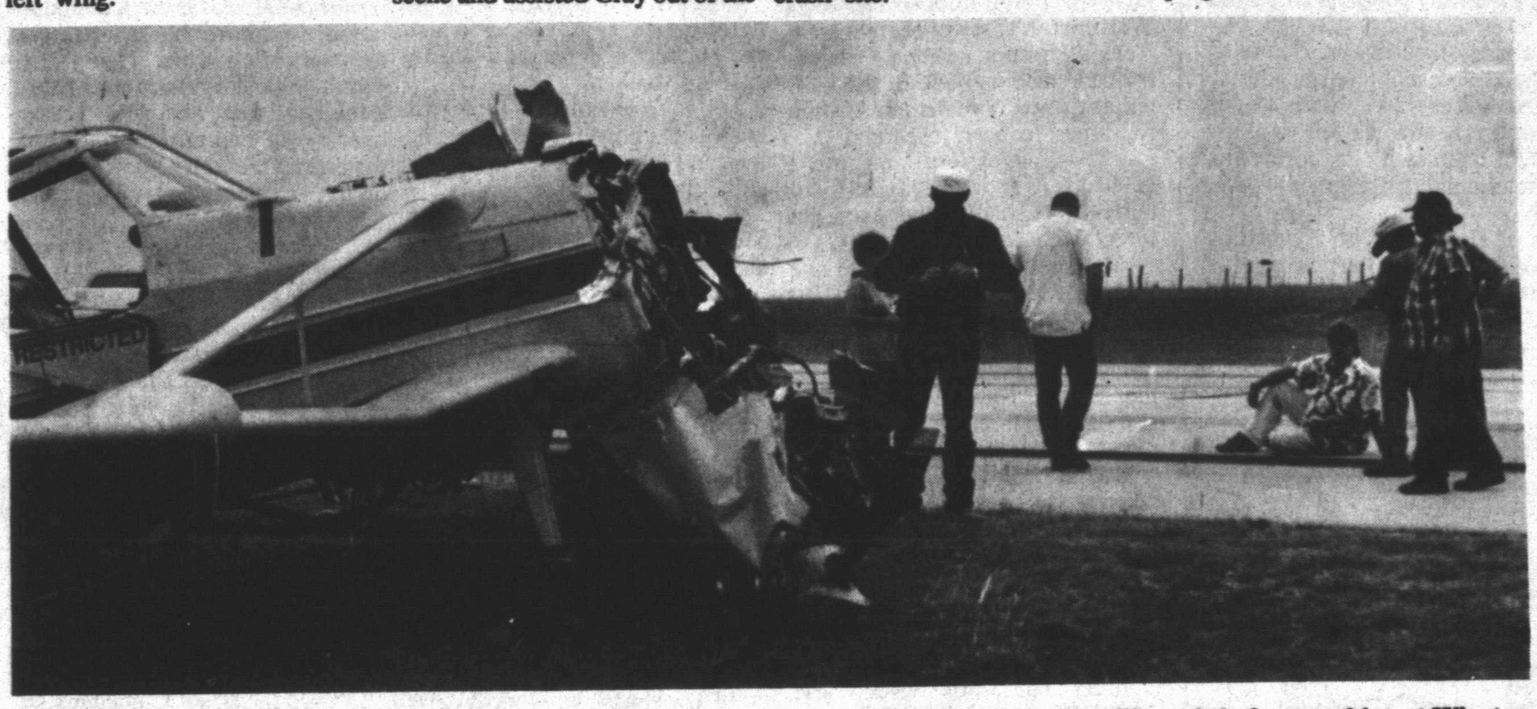
Sullenger said he then went and opened the coded gate to the runways in order to allow emergency vehicles access to the crash site.

However, 911 calls on cellular telephones are routed to Abilene and confusion existed on exactly where the airplane was trying to land.

"We were lucky yesterday. The pilot did an outstanding job of getting the plane back here without going down after hitting that pole," said Sullenger.

"We were awfully lucky not to have had a fatality out here."

Gray was operating one of four planes based at Winston Field which are applying Malathion in the boll weevil eradication program.



LUCKY PILOT — Anthony Gray, pictured at right sitting down, relates the events of a plane crash to DPS trooper Rick Campos Tuesday afternoon. While spraying crops in Mitchell County, Gray's plane had clipped a utility pole before crashing at Winston Field. (SDN Photo by Wade Warren).

Crash reveals glitch in 911 cellular calls

A plane mishap here Tuesday afternoon graphically revealed a glitch in emergency communications, and emergency rescue workers are alerting citizens in hopes of avoiding a repeat.

A 911 call was placed Tuesday afternoon to alert emergency response crews that an airplane was in trouble and was about to crash.

The 911 call was made from a cellular telephone, therefore the call was answered by 911 operators in Abilene. Before the call was completed, the transmission faded out before the caller could explain that the emergency was at Winston Field in Snyder.

As a result, emergency response vehicles — fire trucks, ambulance and helicopter — were dispatched to the Abilene airport.

Perry Westmoreland, Snyder EMS director, said all 911 calls from cellular phones are answered in another city. "If you use a cellular phone to report an emergency, the first thing you must tell the operator is that you are in Snyder."

Westmoreland said the 911 operator can quickly press a button and transfer the call to the Snyder 911 dispatcher.

Another solution when using a cellular phone, Westmoreland said, is to call the local law enforcement number, 573-2611.

Unlike 911 calls from a regular telephone, no address appears on the dispatcher's screen when the call is made from a cellular phone.

Westmoreland said all emergency calls from a cellular phone with a 575 prefix are answered either in Abilene or Lamesa, depending on the caller's location. Emergency calls from a cellular phone with a 338 prefix are answered in Colorado City.

Short time left to register to vote

Scurry Countians who don't have a current voter registration card have less than two weeks to obtain one if they want to cast a ballot in the Nov. 5 general election.

In addition to president, U.S. Representative and State Representative, there are five locally contested races on the November ballot.

The deadline for voter registration is Oct. 6. Anyone who has moved needs to notify the county clerk's office of their new address in order to be able to vote in their new voting precinct.

With the exception of the Precinct 3 commissioner's race, all eligible voters in the county will be able to cast a vote for any of the candidates in the November election. Voting in the commissioner's race, which features Republican Howard Limmer and Democratic incumbent C.D. Gray Jr., is open only to those residing within Precinct 3.

When going to the polls in November Scurry County residents will have an opportunity to make a major impact on how laws are enforced and criminals are dealt with. Voters will be deciding on a county sheriff, a district attorney and a county attorney, as well as a county clerk.

Vying for Scurry County sheriff are two current deputies, Democrat Darren Jackson and Republican Kerry Fritz.

Running for district attorney are Dana W. Cooley, a Republican who was appointed to the position last year, and Lealand W. "Pete" Greene, the Democratic nominee. Greene, a former Scurry County DA, currently serves as county attorney.

Seeking to replace Greene are two local attorneys in private practice — Democrat Marvin Sentell and Republican Michael W. Hartman.

Seeking the office of county clerk are Republican Joan Bunch and Democrat Denise Beck. The nominees were selected by their parties following the recent retirement of former clerk Frances Billingsley.

Four candidates, all Democrats, are running unopposed in November. They are Ralph Trevey, for Precinct 1 commissioner; Rona Sikes, for county tax assessor; Rodney Josey for Precinct 1 constable; and Billy Joe Gannaway, for Precinct 2 constable. Running unopposed as a Republican is Ernie Armstrong for district judge.

Other races of local interest include U.S. Representative and State Representative. For U.S. Representative of District 17, Democratic incumbent Charles W. Stenholm is challenged by Republican Rudy Izzard of San Angelo. In the District 70 State Representative's race, David Counts (D-Knox City) is being challenged by Scott McLaughlin (R-Big Spring).

	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
County Sheriff	Darren Jackson	Kerry Fritz
County Clerk	Denise Beck	Joan Bunch
Precinct 1 Commissioner	Ralph Trevey	None
Precinct 3 Commissioner	C.D. Gray Jr.	Howard Limmer
District Judge	None	Ernie Armstrong
District Attorney	"Pete" Greene	Dana Cooley
County Attorney	Marvin Sentell	Michael Hartman
County Tax Assessor-Collector	Rona Sikes	None
Precinct 1 Constable	Rodney Josey	None
Precinct 2 Constable	Billy Joe Gannaway	None
U.S. Representative District 17	Charles Stenholm	Rudy Izzard
State Representative District 70	David Counts	Scott McLaughlin

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Despite the promises of politicans, we'll never achieve an equal or satisfactory distribution of wealth, rainfall or parking spaces."

Think Rain!

Next month, the state's number one law enforcement officer will be in Snyder to help honor Snyder's number one peace officer.

Col. Dudley Thomas, new commander of the Texas Department of Public Safety, will be in Scurry County on Oct. 10 for the Sheriff Keith Collier Appreciation Day.

While law enforcement often is serious, sometimes even grim, their job provides keen insight into human nature. Sometimes, the humorous helps maintain a balance of sanity.

Take for example the recent wire story concerning two brash prison escapees from Kansas who won a trip back to the hoosegow because of their participation into the good life once they tasted freedom.

According to the AP story, the two were captured after law enforcement officers got a tip that the pair had rented a limousine for a trip to Louisville, Ky.

That led officers to a luxury hotel where the escapees were arrested and a large sum of money confiscated. Officers were still trying to determine the origin of the cash.

The Texas State Trooper magazine reported another incident. A man robbed a Burger King restuarant, only to be told by the cashier that the register couldn't be opened without a food order.

"Okay," the bandit grumbled. "Give me an order of onion rings."

"But sir," the cashier responded, "this is the breakfast hour. We don't serve onion rings until 11 a.m."

"Forget it," the holdup man said as he left the store.

Another strange item from the state trooper publication told of an innovative auto repair job. A man replaced a fuse in his pickup with a .22 caliber bullet, because it was a perfect fit. Unfortunantely, the fuse box heated up and the bullet went off, wounding the driver in the leg.

The injured driver wasn't a crook, but he had the mentality for it.

Think Rain!

Snyder's resident star gazer, Rollin Swanson, reminds us that a total moon eclipse will occur tomorrow evening.

Swanson said the eclipse will start around sunset and should be total a little after 9 p.m., lasting for about 70 minutes.

"As a bonus, the very bright 'star' to be seen just to the south of the eclipsed moon will be the plantet Saturn."

Swanson adds, "During the eclipse, where the earth is between the sun and the moon, we will still be able to see the moon because of the light falling on it from Earth's sunrises and sunsets. And for us in West Texas, the next total moon eclipse will not occur until Jan. 21, 2000. So enjoy this one!"

Civilian NI analyst arrested for spying

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A civilian Naval intelligence analyst was charged today with passing at least 50 secret documents to a U.S. ally, his native South Korea.

Robert Chaegon Kim, 56, of Sterling, handed over classified information, many with "secret" or "top secret" designations, to Baek Dong-Il, a naval attache for the South Korean government, an affidavit released in U.S. District Court said.

Federal agents were searching Kim's house prior to his appearance in federal court here later today. A naturalized U.S. citizen who was born in Korea, he was arrested Tuesday night by the FBI and Navy investigators at Fort Myer, Va., a military installation across the Potomac River from Washington.

Kim was attending a diplomatic reception at the officers club at the time of his arrest, about 8:15 p.m. EDT.

Asked about the case, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said, "Relations between the United States and the Republic of Korea are strong and of the nature that they can endure any alleged wrongdoing by an individual."

In New York, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the U.S. government was in touch with South Korean officials about the incident. Christopher met Tuesday before Kim's arrest with the South Korean Foreign Minister, Gong Ro Myung.

The 20-page FBI court affidavit said that Kim, who has a top secret security clearance, handed over documents "relating to countries in the Asia-Pacific region near South Korea."

The affidavit said that Kim, who had computer access to classified information on South Korea and Asian nations, copied the documents and mailed or delivered them in person to Dong-Il between May and September this year.

The affidavit did not say whether Kim was paid or what Dong-Il intended to do with the documents.

CMH to review long term rates

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will consider restructuring long term care room rates in a meeting set for 8 a.m. Thursday.

The monthly financial report, accounts payable and medical staff reports and nursing reports are other items on the agenda.

ASK US

Q—Will there be a candidate forum this year?

A—Western Texas College social sciences division will host a candidate forum at 10:45 a.m. Oct. 3 in the Fine Arts Theatre.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 67 degrees; low, 64; 7 a.m. reading Wednesday, 65; no precipitation; total for 1996 to date, 12.27 inches.

Area Forecast: Wednesday night, mostly cloudy, 30% rain chance. Low, upper 60s. Thursday, mostly cloudy; 30% rain chance. High 80-85.

Samantha Pena

Rain Possible

Sunset: 7:36 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:35 a.m.
Of 268 days in 1996, the sun has shone 264 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

If you have nothing with which to pay, Why should he take away your bed from under you?

Proverbs 22:27

Police shoot man accused of killing 3, taking hostages

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Joseph Gallegos was known as "Crazy Joe," an 18-year-old convict who acquaintances said was obsessed with his ex-girlfriend and depressed.

Police said he snapped Tuesday, shooting his three roommates to death just two weeks after being released from jail, then driving across the state to his ex-girlfriend's college dormitory. He shot her in the foot and took her and two other students hostage before being killed by police, authorities said.

"The entire complexion of this community has changed. This is not the town it used to be," La Plata County Coroner Dick Mullen said after seeing the three bodies in Bayfield, a ranching town of 1,400 in southwestern Colorado.

During the four-hour standoff at the University of Northern Colorado, university police Chief Terry Urista called Bayfield authorities and told them that Gallegos had described the killings and gave an address.

Bayfield officers discovered the bodies of Steven Bates and John Lara III, both 20, and Joshua Turville, whose age was not available, in a small bedroom of a home they shared with Gallegos. The men — all construction workers — had been shot in the head, Bayfield Marshal Jim Harrington said.

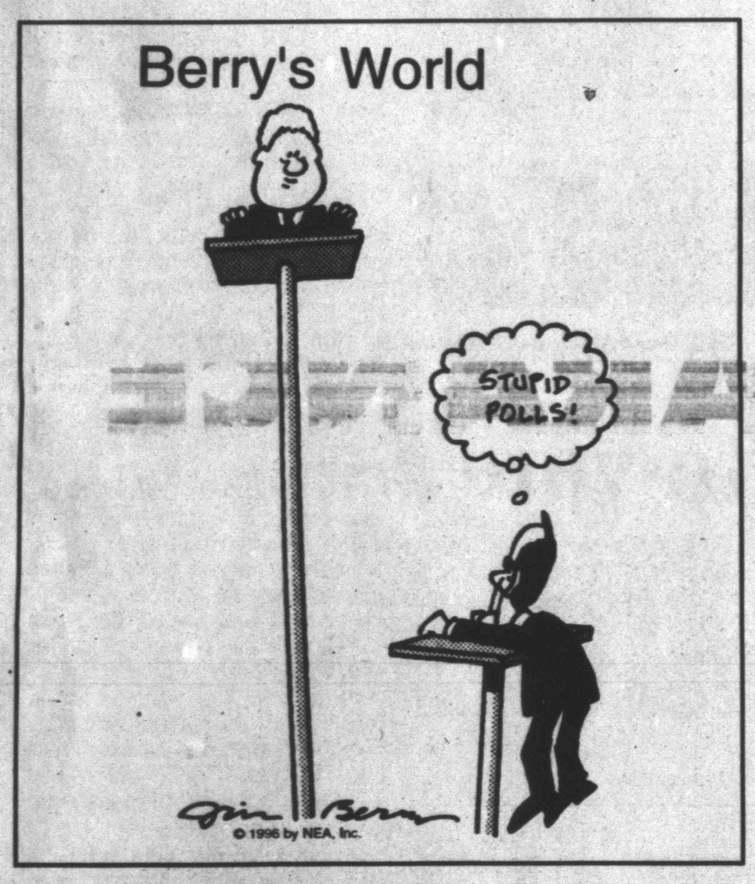
Gallegos stole one of the victim's cars and drove 350 miles northeast to the UNC campus in Greeley to see his ex-girlfriend, Heidi Hocker, authorities said.

A student reported that Hocker got a telephone call early Tuesday in which Gallegos said, "I've killed my roommate and I'm coming to get you."

Carefully edited TV footage, broadcast widely in Colorado, showed the gunman sticking his head and shoulder outside the fourth-floor dorm window. The video then cuts away as the sounds of one gunshot, then several more, are heard. He fell mortally wounded back into the room as SWAT team members stormed in.

Hocker was treated for the gunshot wound in her foot; the other two hostages were unharmed.

Elizabeth Rieboldt, a roommate of Hocker's who escaped by climbing out a window, said the gunman came to the dorm earlier in the day and returned when he knew his ex-girlfriend would be there.



Illegal immigration spurs new debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans are hailing a bill headed for final votes this week as the first serious attempt to curb illegal immigration in years. But some Democrats are urging President Clinton veto it.

Despite noisy complaints from the Democrats, a committee of lawmakers approved the legislation's details Tuesday, resolving the differences between immigration bills passed by the House and Senate this spring.

A House vote could come as early as Wednesday, and the Senate could vote later in the week, said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, author of the original House version.

Democratic opponents, led by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., denounced the bill as too harsh on immigrants — both legal and illegal — and too soft on businesses that knowingly hire illegal aliens. They also accused Republicans of shutting them out of negotiations over what to include in the legislation and forcing a take-it-or-leave-it bill on them.

"Republicans have been keeping their unsatisfactory proposals secret for weeks," Kennedy said. "Now they spring them on Congress in its final days in hopes that the American public won't see how extreme they are."

But Smith, a San Antonio Republican, said the bill could stand as one of the 104th Congress' most significant achievements.

"A tremendous victory is at hand," he told reporters. "This will be dramatic and landmark legislation. ... I expect President Clinton to sign it."

In a victory for Clinton — and a defeat for Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole — the Republicans stripped a House-passed measure from the bill that would have allowed states to eject illegal immigrant children from public schools if they chose. Clinton had threatened to veto the entire bill because of that single measure.

Dole earlier had urged Republican lawmakers to retain it, saying California spends $1.8 billion annually to educate children with no legal right to be in the country.

But in a letter to Republican leaders this week, Dole said if Congress decides against voting on the measure separately, "the citizens of California will know whom to blame — a liberal president who feels no compunction about inflicting a multibillion-dollar burden on California's taxpayers."

Democrats were especially irate over measures in the final bill that were different from earlier bills passed by the House and Senate.

For example, Kennedy said, the final bill deleted a plan in earlier versions to increase the number of Labor Department inspectors who enforce wage-and-hour laws. It also forbids legal immigrants from using Medicaid to pay for treatment of AIDS or HIV infection.

Proposals to stiffen penalties for employers who repeatedly hire illegal aliens were dropped. Also deleted as a largely symbolic measure that would deny tourist or immigration visas to wealthy Americans who renounce their citizenship to avoid paying U.S. taxes.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., was the lone Democrat on the negotiating committee speaking in favor of the bill. California is being overwhelmed by the large numbers of illegal immigrants coming to the state, she said.

Princess Di shines at star-studded event

WASHINGTON (AP) — The evening was studded with high style for a high-minded cause, as Washington's power set met New York's fashion elite. Princess Diana shined as belle of the ball, helping raise more than $1 million for breast cancer research.

"Those eyes are amazing," gushed New Yorker David Hochberg. "No, really, the eyes are incredible."

All eyes were on Diana, as she glided through the Great Hall of the National Museum Building, which was awash in brilliant orange fabric draped 75 feet from the ceiling. Candles lined three stories of balconies, as the party played out in three rooms below.

One end featured a room full of fashion — designer clothes at slashed prices — a preview of the 6th annual SuperSale to benefit the Nina Hyde Center for Breast Cancer Research at Georgetown University Hospital. The general public will have a chance at the clothing later this week, and they'll only have to pay $15 to get in.

Tuesday evening, some 800 guests paid $500 for dinner and dancing, and an additional 300 paid $150 to join the party for dessert.

The event, co-sponsored by The Washington Post, Ralph Lauren and Vogue magazine, offered a distinct mix of Washington and New York party scenes.

The difference between Tuesday's affair and the standard Washington party was palpable, said Roxanne Williams of Washington. "We're talking a political town versus a design town," she said.

But even with gods of fashion Ralph Lauren, Donna Karan and Calvin Klein in attendance, the cause was not lost in the mix.

Diana spoke eloquently of the fight against breast cancer, which she called "a great dark enemy stalking women."

"It's a word of just six letters but has the power to strike panic, fear and anxiety in the hearts of all," she told dinner guests.

But she said she is hopeful because of advances in research and early detection.

"From where I sit, looking in from the outside, I sense the fight back has begun," she said.

Lauren, who worked to organize the event, was given a humanitarian award for his efforts. He recalled when Nina Hyde, the Post's legendary fashion writer, told him that she had breast cancer. He had suffered a scare that turned out to be a benign tumor, and he understood how she felt, he said.

"There was a bonding because I know what it's like. I said I'd do whatever I can to help," he said.

Those with an eye to the next black-tie affair had rows of dresses, jackets, skirts and scarfs to consider.

"I bought a very slinky Ralph Lauren dress. I'll have to hold my stomach in," said broadcaster Barbara Walters.

As Diana's entourage came through, the princess stopped to give Walters a kiss on each cheek. Walters said she would love to interview Diana but wouldn't think of asking at a social occasion.

Hostility, harassment and threats keep girl from VMI

CHRISTIANSBURG, Va. (AP) — Kathy Kreye pictured herself sitting in a barber's chair at Virginia Military Institute, watching in the mirror as her long, curly blond hair was sheared away. She could handle that.

"It would grow back — no big deal," the 17-year-old Christiansburg High School senior said.

What she couldn't handle was the hostility, harassment and threats she said she got ever since announcing she wanted to be among the first women to attend VMI, which ended its men-only tradition on Saturday.

About three weeks ago, Miss Kreye was sitting in her car at a traffic light when a pickup truck pulled up beside her. A man rolled down the window and started cursing at her, she said.

"He was telling me, 'How could I even think about going to VMI.' He said I was going to get killed and all that stuff," she said Tuesday. "I was so scared I wanted to run the light. I was just shaking."

Instead of VMI, she will attend Virginia Tech.

VMI's Board of Visitors voted 9-8 to admit women by next fall in response to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June that said the 157-year-old, state-supported school cannot exclude women unless it goes private.

Hours after the vote, VMI mailed applications and brochures to 67 women who had inquired about enrolling.

Under the new guidelines, women must meet the same physical demands and wear the same uniforms as men, and even have the same stubbly, buzzed hair cuts.

Jahaira Pichardo, 16, said she was hassled by some of her classmates at Franklin Military School in Richmond after she inquired last year about enrolling at VMI. The school referred her to Mary Baldwin College, a private women's school that began a military-style leadership program last year with an endowment from VMI.

"I didn't want to go to Mary Baldwin, I wanted to go to VMI," said Miss Pichardo, a junior at the city-owned school for students who want a military-style environment. "The discipline and curriculum that VMI has, it's something very different."

Some girls enrolled in high school ROTC programs, however, said they were wary of VMI's insistence that women and men meet the same demands.

"They're only saying that so women get scared and not join," said Cheryl Clements, 17, the battalion commander of West Potomac High School's Junior ROTC program.

Suspect in Adam Walsh kidnapping dies in jail

STARKE, Fla. (AP) — The prime suspect in the kidnap and murder of 6-year-old Adam Walsh — the crime that helped lead to the creation of "America's Most Wanted" — has died in prison.

Ottis Elwood Toole, who was serving a 20-year term for arson, died Sept. 15 at a medical facility after being diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver. No one claimed his body.

Toole was believed by police to be the killer of Adam Walsh, whose 1981 disappearance outside a mall set off a nationwide manhunt.

Police said Toole confessed to killing the boy, whose severed head was found two weeks afterward, but he later recanted and was never charged.

"If he is the one who did it, we need to prove that he did it to the exclusion of everyone else," said Hollywood police spokesman Todd DeAngelis. "One bright side is that if someone was holding back telling us information because they feared him, that is now gone."

Adam's murder was reported nationwide and generated tremendous attention on how law enforcement agencies treat missing children cases.

His father, John Walsh, headed up the effort and eventually created the TV show, "America's Most Wanted," which appeals for public help in catching dangerous criminals.

The Fox network announced last May that it was canceling the show after this month, but Fox announced Tuesday that it had changed its mind and was ordering new episodes. John Walsh will continue as the host, Fox said.

Thousands of fans, law enforcement agencies and the governors of 37 states bombarded Fox with letters urging executives to keep the series alive. The FBI even weighed in with a statement saying the show "empowered millions of Americans to safely and constructively combat crime."

"Never before has a television program made such a clear and significant impact on people's lives. Quite simply, people have told us that this program made them feel safer," Fox Entertainment President Peter Roth said Tuesday.

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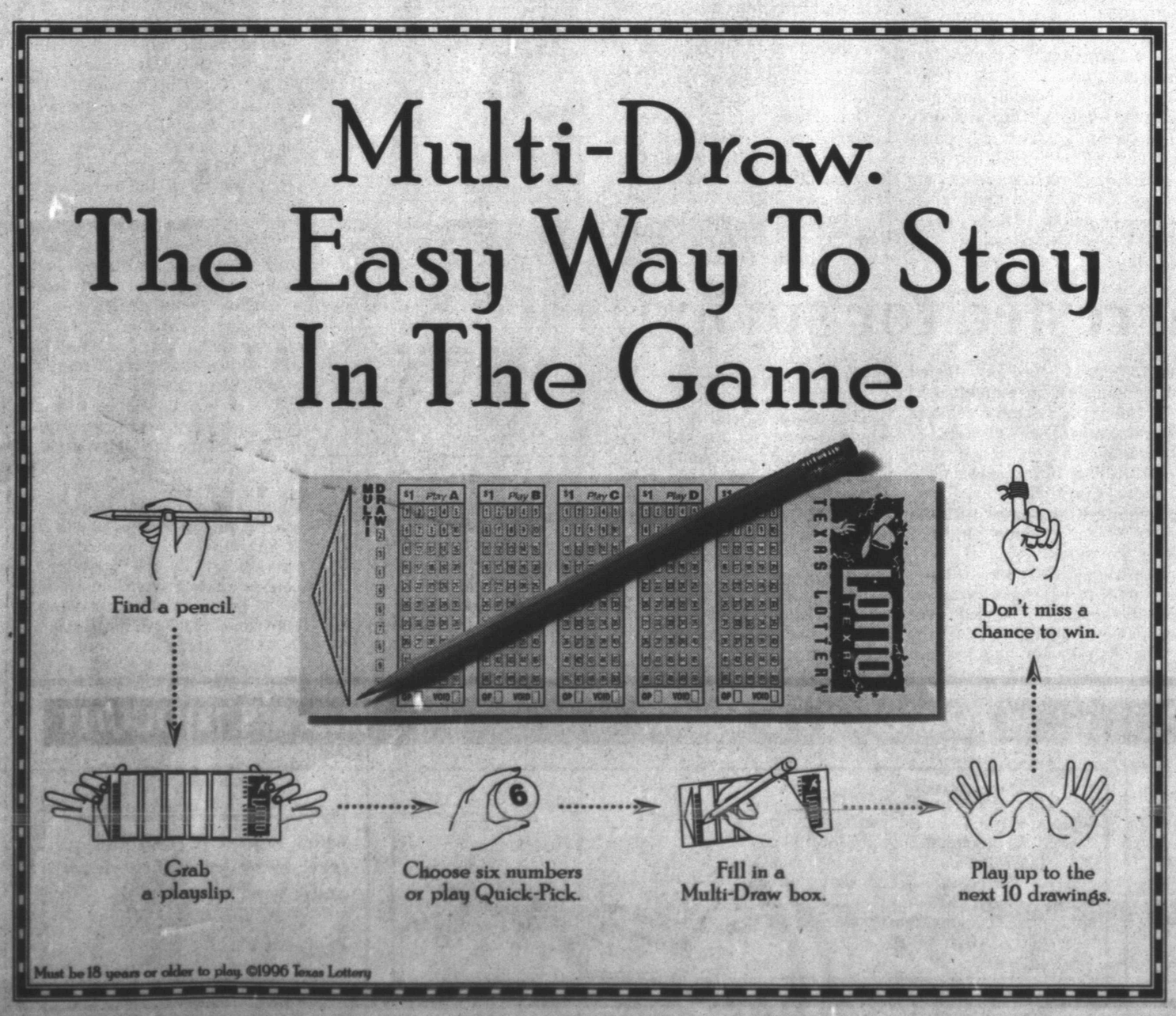


Du Pont ruled incompetent to stand trial

MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — Until psychiatrists can bring John E. du Pont back from a land of fantasy, the eccentric millionaire won't stand trial in the slaying of Olympic wrestler Dave Schultz.

Du Pont, the chemical heir who claims to be Jesus, the Dalai Lama and the last of the Romanovs, was pronounced a psychotic Tuesday and ruled incompetent to stand trial in Schultz's killing.

Common Pleas Judge Patricia Jenkins ordered the 57-year-old du Pont committed to a mental hospital, where he will be examined every three months. He can eventually be brought to trial if doctors conclude he can help with his own defense and understand the murder charges he faces.

"That was the right result on the basis of the evidence, factual and medical," said defense lawyer Thomas Bergstrom.

The wrestler's widow took the ruling calmly, saying she had faith in prosecutors and could wait until du Pont gets his day in court.

"I look ahead to the time when justice will be served for me and my family," Nancy Schultz said.

During a three-day hearing, four doctors and two former du Pont lawyers said he believes he is the Dalai Lama, the Christ child, the heir to Hitler's Third Reich and the last surviving heir to the Russian throne. They said he believes that assassins have targeted him, that Republicans killed Schultz and that the CIA considers him its top consultant.

Defense lawyers said they never once had a cogent conversation with du Pont about his case.

Prosecutors, however, noted that du Pont signed his own name on contracts with his lawyers, and jail workers testified that he showed no psychosis in prison and answered to "John."

Schultz, 36, was shot to death on Jan. 26. He was living with his wife and two children on du Pont's estate outside Philadelphia while training and coaching at a sports complex there.

After the shooting, du Pont, an avid gun collector, holed up inside his mansion for two days before police captured him.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Palette Club; Billy Joe Jay of Roscoe will give a watercolor demonstration; hostess, Lois Burney; remember to bring picture for library; 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of First Baptist Church; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 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 appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

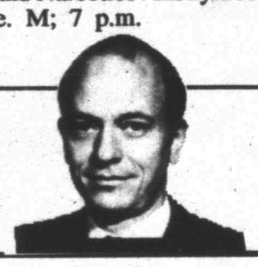
CROP Walk to help the hungry; everyone invited, meet at the courthouse gazebo with peanut butter, tuna, beans or rice for local Food Cupboard; 2 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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The echo again, again

By Phillip Alder

My grandmother used to claim things went in threes. I'm more inclined to think they go in pairs. Soon after seeing yesterday's deal, I came upon this one, which was reported by the declarer, Knut Kjarnsrod from Norway.

North's two-club opening was natural, showing at most 15 high-card points and at least five clubs. Then some aggressive bidding pushed South into four hearts.

West led the diamond jack: nine, king, two. East switched to a trump, West winning with the ace and returning the suit. The declarer called for dummy's king and played a club to his queen. West, Pal Haga from Oslo, ducked smoothly!

South was duly fooled into thinking that East had the club ace to go with the two top diamond honors, marking West with the spade queen. South ruffed a diamond in the dummy, played a spade to his king, drew the last trump and led a spade to dummy's 10. Disaster! East produced the queen he "couldn't" have and cashed the diamond ace for one down.

Note that if West wins trick four with his club ace, the contract cruises home, the declarer needing only one club ruff to establish dummy's suit.

And again, like yesterday, perhaps South should have seen through the smokescreen, as East had passed as dealer.

Much as he might have wanted to, I doubt East kissed West after this deal, for a reason pointed out by Oliver Wendell Holmes: "The sound of a kiss is not so loud as that of a cannon, but its echo lasts a great deal longer."

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HISD has not collected all property taxes

DALLAS (AP) — The Houston Independent School District hasn't collected $86.6 million in back property taxes, partly because of a longstanding policy against foreclosures on property owned by delinquent taxpayers, a state audit has found.

Houston school officials disputed the findings, which are part of a management review for Comptroller John Sharp, The Wall Street Journal's Texas Journal reported Wednesday.

Teams of auditors from Sharp's office have studied 21 school districts across the state to determine how the districts can improve their delivery of educational services.

Sharp's auditing teams began their review of the Houston ISD, the state's largest, in April at the request of the Legislature. Sharp plans to release the full report next week.

According to the audit, delinquent tax bills equalled 14 percent of the district's total $617.5 million tax levy. That was the second-highest rate among Texas' largest school districts, after San Antonio.

By contrast, the Dallas Independent School District reported around $48 million in tax delinquencies, about 9 percent of its total tax collections. The DISD aggressively pursues foreclosures on and sales of delinquent properties.

'Cable Guy' weds

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The cable guy has tied the knot.

Rubber-faced actor Jim Carrey married "Picket Fences" actress Lauren Holly on Monday, said Marleah Leslie, the actor's publicist.

Date Book

Sept. 25, 1996

Today is the 269th day of 1996 and the fourth day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1493, Christopher Columbus left Cadiz, Spain, with 17 ships on his second voyage to the new world.

On this day in 1513, Vasco Nunez de Balboa became the first European to cross the isthmus of Panama and see the Pacific Ocean.

On this day in 1888, a letter from Jack the Ripper announcing his next murder arrived at a news agency in England.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Faulkner (1897-1962), writer; Mark Rothko (1903-1970), painter; Walter "Red" Smith (1905-1982), sportswriter; Dimitri Shostakovich (1906-1975), composer; Phil Rizzuto (1917-), baseball great-sportscaster, is 79; Michael Douglas (1944-), actor-producer, is 52; Pedro Almodovar (1951-), director, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, 34-year-old Willie Mays became the oldest man to hit 50 home runs in a season; 10 years earlier he had become the youngest to hit 50 in a season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Any sportswriter who thinks the world is no bigger than the outfield fence is not only a bad citizen of the world but also a lousy sportswriter." — Red Smith

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1939, 45 people were killed at sea when the El Cordonazo tropical storm moved ashore in southern California.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon.

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Ex-drug program chief pleads guilty to conspiracy

AUSTIN (AP) — The former head of Austin's largest substance-abuse treatment center has pleaded guilty to conspiring to steal tax dollars intended to help addicts.

Ron V. Whittington, former program director at the Austin Recovery Center, pleaded guilty Tuesday to a federal charge of conspiracy to commit money laundering.

A sentencing hearing, where Whittington could be sentenced to up to 5 years in prison and fined $250,000, will take place in 60 to 90 days, Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Pitman said.

Whittington admitted that during eight years at nonprofit drug and alcohol treatment center, he deposited into an account labeled "Health Help" more than $42,500 in tax money designated to help addicts.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Skip supplement for healthy diet

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 17-year-old athlete on a low-fat diet. I don't smoke or drink and have started taking chromium picolinate as a dietary supplement in order to build muscle and increase my energy level. Some friends are wary of this mineral, and I wonder what the risks and advantages are.

DEAR READER: This dietary supplement is probably unnecessary for your health and performance. Chromium is a vital trace mineral that is required for proper metabolism. The Recommended Daily Allowance is 50 micrograms a day, an amount easily supplied by a balanced diet containing meat, eggs, grains, and vegetables.

On the other hand, a chromium supplement will not harm you. There are no reports of chromium toxicity from dietary sources or supplements. Rather, this affliction results from chronic exposure to industrial sources (such as chromium plating), which can cause liver and kidney damage.

As a general rule, I am skeptical of health claims made by nutrition "experts" who have a product to sell. Therefore, I side with your friends. You'll probably build more muscle and increase your energy level by eating a balanced diet with, perhaps, more fat (a good source of energy) and protein.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son suffers from multiple lipomas on his arms, legs, and torso. The doctors he has seen indicated that the lumps are benign and only need to be removed if there is a cosmetic issue. Is this correct or should he see a specialist?

DEAR READER: No one knows why some people develop lipomas, benign fatty tumors under the skin. Lipomas don't have to be removed unless they cause symptoms — for example, irritation under a belt-line — or are socially unacceptable.

Therefore, your son's doctors are correct. In the event that some of these harmless tumors require excision, a qualified general surgeon can easily perform the procedure.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 76-year-old widow and haven't been sexually active for 18 years. I'm now thinking of remarriage but have a cystocele that is bothersome. About 10 years ago I had bladder suspension. Will my history interfere with being intimate? Is it all right to do so, or shouldn't I even think about it at my age?

DEAR READER: A cystocele is a weakness of the tissues that normally support the bladder, which may protrude into (or out of) the vagina. The condition is a common consequence of multiple pregnancies and ordinarily does not interfere with normal sexual functioning. However, it can cause urinary incontinence.

The "dropped bladder" can be treated with a pessary, a plastic ring that holds the bladder in place, or with surgery to resuspend the bladder. You should be examined by your gynecologist, who will advise you about which method is appropriate for you. But, remember, a cystocele should not in any way affect your plans for re-marriage.

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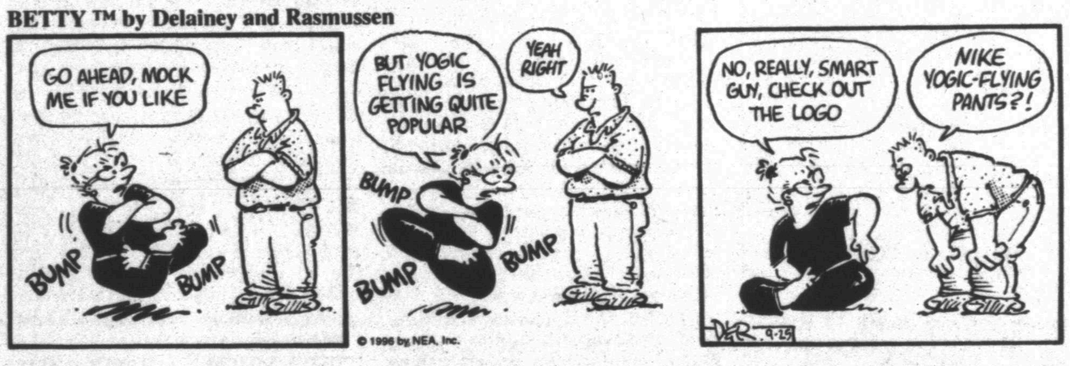

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56 Nervous
57 Inclination
58 Politician Landon

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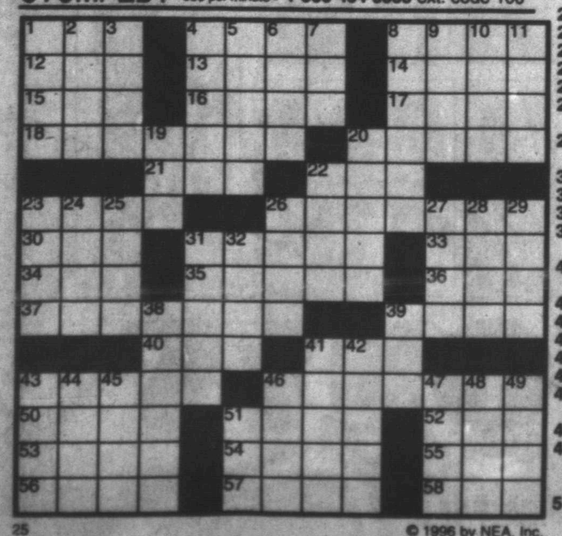

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SPORTS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

By The Associated Press
American League Standings
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	89	67	.571	—
Baltimore	85	72	.541	4½
Boston	82	75	.522	7½
Toronto	71	86	.452	18½
Detroit	53	105	.335	37
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Cleveland	97	60	.618	—
Chicago	84	74	.532	13½
Milwaukee	77	80	.490	20
Minnesota	76	82	.481	21½
KansasCity	72	85	.459	25
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	87	71	.551	—
Seattle	83	73	.532	3
Oakland	75	83	.475	12
California	69	87	.442	17

x-clinched division title

Tuesday's Games

Texas 7, Oakland 3
Milwaukee at New York, ppd, rain
Cleveland 7, Minnesota 5
Chicago 3, Kansas City 2
Toronto 4, Detroit 1
Boston 13, Baltimore 8
California 11, Seattle 6

Wednesday's Games

Toronto (Janzen 4-6) at Detroit (Nitkowski 2-3), 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (VanEgmond 3-4 and Karl 13-8) at New York (Cone 6-2 and Rogers 11-8), 2, 4:05 p.m.
Seattle (Torres 2-2) at California (Boskie 12-10), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Krivda 2-5) at Boston (Wakefield 14-12), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Robertson 7-16) at Cleveland (Nagy 16-5), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Appier 13-11) at Chicago (Tapani 13-9), 8:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League Standings

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Atlanta	94	63	.599	—
Montreal	86	71	.548	8
Florida	77	80	.490	17
NewYork	70	87	.446	24
Philadelphia	64	93	.408	30
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-St.Louis	85	73	.538	—
Cincinnati	78	79	.497	6½
Houston	78	79	.497	6½
Chicago	75	81	.481	9
Pittsburgh	70	87	.446	14½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
LosAngeles	89	68	.567	—
SanDiego	88	70	.557	1½
Colorado	81	77	.513	8½
SanFrancisco	65	92	.414	24

x-clinched division title

Tuesday's Games

Florida 12, Atlanta 1
St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 1
New York 4, Houston 0
Cincinnati 6, Chicago 3
Montreal 6, Philadelphia 2
Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 2
Colorado 5, San Diego 4, 11 innings

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta (Glavine 15-9) at Florida (K.Brown 16-11), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Alan Benes 13-10) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 9-5), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Paniagua 2-3) at Philadelphia (West 1-2), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago (Foster 7-5) at Cincinnati (Burba 10-13), 7:35 p.m.
New York (Clark 14-11) at Houston (Reynolds 16-10), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (VanLandingham 9-14) at Los Angeles (Astacio 9-8), 10:35 p.m.
Colorado (Ma.Thompson 8-11) at San Diego (Hamilton 15-8), 10:35 p.m.

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Lady Tigers drop loop opener to Lady Tors

Snyder's Lady Tigers find themselves in an uphill battle after losing the District 2-4A volleyball opener to Lamesa on Tuesday, 15-8, 15-13.

"I thought we played well as a team, but we had a lot of unforced errors," said SHS coach Patty Grimmett following the loss. "I think we underestimated Lamesa. I underestimated Lamesa. I knew they were going to get up for us, they always do. They played probably their best game of the season.

"We have another chance at them in Lamesa. We need to take each opponent one at a time, and take care of business next time we play Lamesa," she said.

In other 2-4A opening action Tuesday, Lubbock Estacado shocked Frenship 15-10, 15-9 and Levelland defeated Plainview 15-3, 15-4.

Snyder had five blocks in the game with Lamesa, but had trouble getting its offense on track. Raechele Wemken had one service point, two kills and two blocks. Tiffany Garza had five service points, including one ace, along with three kills and three blocks.

Others getting service points were Lila King and Shawn Purcell, three each, and Amanda Huff and Michelle Lewallen, one apiece. Huff's was an ace.

Ironically, Coach Grimmett's squad found itself in a similar position last year.

"We lost to Lamesa the first time we played last year and came back and won, so the girls know what they need to do," said the coach. "Lamesa played a great game (Tuesday). We just didn't do our part. The good news is, there is still a long way to go."

The Lady Tigers, now 16-5 overall, continue district play on Saturday when they play in Levelland. Estacado is at Lamesa and Plainview travels to Frenship.

In other action Tuesday, Snyder freshmen defeated the Golden Tors 15-10, 13-15, 15-11, while the JV lost to the visitors 15-0, 15-4.

Volleyball 2-4A Glance

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Lamesa	1	0	14	6
Levelland	1	0	8	8
Estacado	1	0	2	8
Snyder	0	1	16	5
Frenship	0	1	7	9
Plainview	0	1	3	13

Tuesday's Results: Lamesa def. Snyder, 15-8, 15-13; Estacado def. Frenship, 15-10, 15-9; Levelland def. Plainview, 15-3, 15-4.

Saturday's Games: Snyder at Levelland, Estacado at Lamesa, Frenship at Plainview.

Freshmen

Snyder def. Lamesa, 15-10, 13-15, 15-11.
Snyder: Lexie Beard 14 service points (6 aces); Cara Best 1; D'Ann Hager 4 (1 ace); Tessa Hildebrand, 8 (2 aces); Chistina Holder 7 (3 aces); Kristin Martinez 3; Leslie Rollins 2; Courtney Rinehart, 2 (1 ace); Kristy Tomlinson 2 (1 ace).

Junior Varsity

Lamesa def. Snyder, 15-0, 15-4.
Snyder: Amy Ricks 1 service point, 2 kills, 1 block; Erica Arellano 3, 2 blocks; Alisha Peoples, 1 kill, 4 blocks.

DINKS IT OVER — Snyder High School Lady Tiger Tiffany Garza dinks the ball back over the net Tuesday during the district opener for Snyder. The Lady Tigers suffered a 15-8, 15-3 defeat to Lamesa. A year ago, Snyder and Lamesa split the two district matches before the Lady Tigers won a playoff in Big Spring. The two teams will meet again Oct. 12 in Lamesa. (SDN Staff Photo By Wade Warren)

Rangers magic number to 3 with 7-3 win over Athletics

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Their magic number for clinching the AL West is down to three, but that's not on the minds of the Texas Rangers today.

Instead, they're celebrating the run toward the franchise's first division title by getting away from baseball. Some are playing golf, others are relaxing at home as they recover from a long road trip.

The Rangers built their lead over Seattle to three games in the AL West by defeating the Oakland Athletics 7-3 Tuesday afternoon, a few hours before the Mariners lost 11-6 at California.

Texas, which a few days ago was struggling to hold on to its shrinking division lead, headed home with a huge sense of relief.

"We're in control now. We're going back home," said Dean Palmer, who had a two-run single in Tuesday's win. "I think everyone's relieved to come out of this road trip. Everyone's just looking forward to getting back home and relaxing a bit."

While the Mariners played again today at California before heading to Oakland for four games, the Rangers headed home for a day off and then a four-game series against California beginning Thursday.

"This has been a long road trip. We're glad it's over," said Texas manager Johnny Oates, whose club went 3-6 on the West Coast swing that was its last road trip of the regular season. "It's time to get away from baseball for a day."

Texas seemed to be on the verge of blowing a nine-game lead over Seattle when it lost the first five games of the road trip.

Four straight defeats in Seattle and a loss last Friday night at California chopped the Rangers' lead over the Mariners to one game. But the Rangers won their final two games at California and split a two-game series with the A's.

"When we were in Seattle, I think we just put too much emphasis on that series," Palmer said. "Once we got to California, we settled down."

Will Clark was looking forward to a quiet day at home today and then wrapping up the regular season in Arlington.

"We came into California and Oakland and ended the road trip on a good note," Clark said. "Hopefully we can close this out at home."

Mickey Tettleton hit a two-run homer, his 24th of the season, to break a 1-1 tie in the fourth against Oakland. Palmer's two-run single came in a three-run fifth. Rusty Greer added an RBI double in the sixth. Juan Gonzalez had singled in a run in the first.

Dennis Cook (5-2), the third of five pitchers, got six straight outs — including three strikeouts — for the win. He came in to strike out pinch-hitter Brian Lesher with men on first and third and two outs in the fifth after Oakland already had scored two runs in the inning.

Geronimo Berroa drove in two runs for the A's with a bases-loaded groundout in the first and a sacrifice fly in the fifth. Mark McGwire had a bases-loaded walk to drive in a run in the fifth.

Aaron Small (0-3), making his second career start, allowed six runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings. The A's made four errors, including two by shortstop Mike Bordick.

WTC golfers tie for 3rd in Ruidoso

RUIDOSO — It was a third place tie for the Western Texas College golf team here in its first outing of the year.

The WTC white team fired a two-day total 587 as did New Mexico Military Institute.

Morten Vildhoj finished seventh in the medalist hunt, shooting 72-72 for a two-day 144. Chris Walls from the University of New Mexico was the medalist with a 68-69-137. UNM won the tournament with a 563.

The WTC green team finished eighth out of 15 teams. Green team carded a 302-309 for 611.

According to WTC golf coach Milton Ham, "Only four teams broke 600. We played pretty good on a tough golf course. The greens were the fastest we have ever played on."

Next action for the linksters will be Oct. 6-8 at the Odessa College Invitational at Mission Dorado Country Club in Odessa.

WTC WHITE

Morten Vildhoj 72-72—144; Jake McCullough 72-74—146; Jason Darby 77-82—159; Harry Hernandez 82-75—157; Andreas Ljunggren 72-73—145.

WTC GREEN

Page Patterson 77-80—157; Bryan Hawkins 76-76—152; Kevin Taylor 76-77—153; Marcus Olvestad 73-76—149; Ole Fuglsang 77-83—160.

Mets blank Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — The Astrodome's outfield scoreboard told the story: St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh 1.

To the Houston Astros, the score meant playing the final minutes of their 4-0 loss to the New York Mets Tuesday night with the knowledge that they'd already been eliminated from the NL Central race.

The Cardinals had taken care of business and, for the second straight year, the Astros had not.

"There is no question these guys are tired mentally and physically," Astros manager Terry Collins said. "They've played so hard all year and been in first place for so long. It's hard to say anything against them."

The Astros started September with a 2½ game lead in the NL Central but they went straight downhill. They lost their ninth straight game Tuesday night, dropping to 4-16 for the month.

They lost their final 12 road games, including sweeps at Colorado, Atlanta and Florida. They were contenders last season, too, but an 0-11 swoon in August kept them from the playoffs.

"There are no excuses and there never will be," Astros manager Terry Collins said following Tuesday night's defeat. "We had some chances and we didn't get it done. We have no one to blame but ourselves."

Houston is scoreless in 23 innings and has just two runs in its last 39.

"It's hard to believe we've had nine straight losses now," first baseman Jeff Bagwell said. "That's kind of embarrassing. We've got to go out and put a stop to that, no matter how you look at it, we're going to have a bad taste in our mouth after this season.

"We have to play our best in the last few games."

The Astros continued to find ways to lose. Bobby Jones (12-8) allowed four hits and got his first shutout of the season. Edgardo Alfonso and Lance Johnson had RBI doubles in the fifth inning and Alex Ochoa and Rey Ordonez drove in two more runs with singles in the sixth.

That was more than enough to bury the Astros.

"It's been a tough season," Houston center fielder Brian Hunter said. "We had the team to do the job and we just didn't get it done. We've got five games left and we just want to make sure we finish second."

Jones (12-8) got his first victory since Aug. 20 and his third complete game of the year. Derek Bell doubled to center field in the fourth and was the only runner to reach second base.

"I'm frustrated and certainly every player in that locker room is frustrated, too," Collins said. "I've talked to everyone of them over the past few days. They are emotional spent."

Butch Huskey led off the Mets' fifth with a single off Donne Wall (9-8) and scored from first on Alfonso's double off the right field scoreboard. Johnson doubled to the left field corner and Alfonso scored, beating the relay throw by shortstop Orlando Miller for a 2-0 lead.

The Mets got two more runs in the sixth inning. Bernard Gilkey walked, Todd Hundley struck out and Ochoa singled to end Wall's day. Ochoa's hit scored Gilkey, and Ochoa scored on a single to right by Ordonez.

SJHS volleyballers take on Sweetwater

The Snyder Junior High seventh grade volleyball teams knocked off Sweetwater in action Monday.

The A team won 15-7, 8-15, 15-4. Meagan Hatley led the way with 13. Katie Voss added 10, Vanessa Freeman eight, Andra Lancaster and Chasity Perales four, Amber Alexander three, Shiloh Fritz two and Kallie Billingsley one.

It was a 15-3, 15-0 victory for the B team. Stormy Clark and Maritza Aguirre each had six points, Cheyenne Walker three, Anna Williams, Keeli Shoemake two, Crystal Garcia and Amber Dodgin one.

The eighth grade A team took a 15-4, 15-2 triumph over Sweetwater.

Valery Haines led the with with six. Rina Geiger added five, Lacy Crawford four, Callie Bane three. Five girls contributed two points each, Cary Brown, Kameron Kallemeyn, Whitney Webb, Ashley Delce and Dixie Yandrich. Cameron Mackey and Lisa Hall each had one.

The eighth B team came up on the short end of a 15-11, 15-11 outing. Brooke Williams had the hot hand with 13 service points. Kristen Murray and Leslie English had four, Jennifer Newman two and Amy DeLorea, Crissida Tyler, Jessica Pierson and Lindsey Bunch all with one.

Next action for the junior high teams will be Saturday in the Andrews tournament.

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Cancer victims more likely to lose jobs

GLEN COVE, N.Y. (AP) — When Jane Karuschkat was recuperating from cancer, she longed for the routine and motivation her job provided. But one week after her first chemotherapy treatment, she was laid off.

"I thought I was being called to take dictation," the former legal secretary recalled. Instead, Karuschkat — who missed five days of work after a mastectomy — said she was told: "I can't afford to keep you anymore."

"I couldn't believe what I was hearing," said Karuschkat, 45. "The voice inside my head was screaming, 'You can't do that! You can't do that!'"

But they do. Employees with cancer are fired or laid off five times as often as others, according to a survey issued Tuesday by Working Woman magazine and Amgen, a Thousand Oaks, Calif., company that makes drugs to lessen chemotherapy side effects.

And when cancer patients do keep their jobs, they are often stripped of important duties by supervisors who believe the treatment will slow the workers down.

One in 14 cancer survivors (7 percent) interviewed said they were fired or laid off because of their illness. Of all American workers, only one in 80 (1.3 percent) was fired or laid off in 1995, according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The May telephone survey included interviews with 100 supervisors, 100 co-workers and 500 cancer survivors who worked while undergoing treatment.

Eighty-five percent of supervisors said they believe the cancer survivors who worked for them suffered fatigue while undergoing chemotherapy, but only 58 percent of the cancer patients actually did. Seventy-four percent of the supervisors also cited nausea, yet only 33 percent of the cancer patients had that side effect.

"Today a majority of patients are treated as outpatients and there are new medicines that dramatically reduce and often eliminate chemotherapy side effects like low blood counts, nausea," said Dr. Ellen Gold, a hematologist-oncologist at Beth Israel Medical Center. "It seems (employers) just aren't aware of that yet."

Most treatments also can be scheduled for Friday after work, giving patients the weekend to recover, she said.

Lani Stewart of Westminster, Colo., was laid off from her purchasing job three years after being diagnosed with breast cancer.

Though the company told her she was being let go because of "necessary reductions in the work force," Stewart, 42, is convinced the self-insured company simply didn't want to risk future medical bills. Others laid off included a woman whose husband had a brain tumor, a man with diabetes and two other breast cancer survivors.

Stewart's lawsuit against her company is pending.

Karuschkat, 45, went to the state Human Rights Commission and won a $70,000 judgment against her boss for discrimination. The cancer has since reappeared in her hip bone after a second mastectomy.

Despite the illness, Karuschkat believes her work would not have suffered. The Long Island woman points to the lavish flower gardens she designed and nurtured, the vegetable garden bursting with mega-squashes, the basement lined with hand-painted oils — all done while undergoing chemotherapy.

"Having a job was an important motivation for getting up every morning," said Karuschkat, who is bald because of the cancer treatments. "When I lost my job, it was like the rug was pulled out from under me."

Of those surveyed, 81 percent of survivors said their job helped them maintain emotional stability during their treatment.

"Too many employers don't understand that people with cancer can function close to 100 percent," said Richard Glovsky, a Boston lawyer who specializes in discrimination cases.

Each finding in the survey is subject to a margin of error, depending on the sample size and level of response. It ranges up to 4.5 percentage points, plus or minus, for the 500 survivors and is higher for the smaller groups of co-workers and supervisors.

Espy trial gave peek into corporate ties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sun-Diamond Growers of California sells raisins, prunes and walnuts to most Americans, but a federal prosecutor says the convicted agribusiness giant peddled corruption in Washington.

The harsh words came Tuesday after a jury convicted the company of making illegal gifts worth up to $5,900 to former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy and $5,000 in illegal campaign contributions to Espy's brother, Henry.

The gifts to Mike Espy included luggage, fancy meals and a $9,000 weekend at the U.S. Open tennis tournament. Other gifts, not part of the $5,900, included favors to Espy's girlfriend, Patricia Dempsey.

"I don't recall a time, certainly in the last 50 years, that we've had a sitting member of the Cabinet to whom a corporation has now been found guilty of giving gratuities," prosecutor Theodore S. Greenberg told reporters.

Because no individuals were charged, no one faces a jail term, but the Pleasanton, Calif.-based company could be fined up to $3 million. Defense attorneys say they'll recommend an appeal.

The trial and conviction were the first arising from an investigation by Independent Counsel Donald C. Smaltz, appointed two years ago to investigate Espy and his corporate suitors. Espy resigned in December 1994.

Espy has yet to be charged in an investigation that has devoted far more energy to the gift-givers than the recipient: Espy, a Democrat who had taken over the department after 12 years of Republican control.

Most recently, a grand jury indicted Jack L. Williams, a Washington lobbyist for Tyson Foods Inc., a Springdale, Ark.-based food giant with close ties to President Clinton.

Williams is charged with making false statements to federal investigators about favors Tyson gave to Espy and his girlfriend. Despite the political connection in the current cases, prosecutors said corruption crosses partisan lines.

"As is the case in Washington, administrations and Cabinet secretaries come and go, but the merchants of corruption — Sun-Diamond's and those that engage in illegal activities — remain," Greenberg said after the verdict. "Regardless of party, these permanent corrupters of government must be stopped."

In the Sun-Diamond case, the company favors were paid by Richard Douglas, the company's senior lobbyist and a longtime Espy friend. Douglas, who has not been charged, also is a longtime Republican who had served in the Agriculture Department and in President Bush's last campaign.

Prosecutors argued that Douglas exploited his friendship with Espy with the company's blessing because other connections would disappear with the new administration.

Likewise, a key prosecution witness, lobbyist James H. Lake, is a longtime Republican who had played major roles in Reagan and Bush presidential campaigns.

Defense attorneys played up the 25-year friendship between Espy and Douglas, who has left the company and denies any wrongdoing, and argued that some gifts were made without company knowledge and some because of the friendship.

They argued that Lake, who ran a lobbying and communications firm employed by Sun-Diamond, lied about Douglas' role in seeking and planning the illegal contributions. Lake cooperated with the prosecutors in a plea bargain.

"We thought we had discredited Lake and demonstrated that the true victim in this case was Sun-Diamond," defense attorney Richard Hibey said.

Hibey also argued that the gifts had to be for official acts — none of which had been demonstrated — not solely because of someone's official position.

Although Sun-Diamond had many business issues before the department as a regulator, buyer of commodities and dispenser of export promotion money, there was no proof that the department gave the company special treatment.

Four other cases, including the Williams case, await trial. The grand jury also has indicted Crop Growers Corp., of Great Falls, Mont., the nation's second-largest crop insurance company, and two of its former executives; Henry Espy and his campaign manager, Alvarez T. Ferrouillet Jr., and one of his businesses; and Five M Farming Enterprises of Greenville, Miss., as well the farm operators, Brook Keith Mitchell Sr. and Brook Keith Mitchell Jr.

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Dillard	33⅞	33⅜	33⅜	— ⅛
DowChem	82⅛	81⅜	81⅜	— ⅜
DresserInd		29¼	29	29
DuPont	87⅞	86⅜	86½	—1⅛
EastmanChem	57⅞	56½	57⅞	+ ⅜
EstKodak	76⅞	76⅛	76⅛	+ ½
EDS Corp	58⅛	57⅞	57⅞	+ ⅜
EljerInd		9⅝	9⅝	9⅝
Enserch	20⅝	20⅜	20⅜	— ⅛
Entergy		27½	27⅜	27⅜
Exxon	86⅛	85⅜	85⅜	— ½
FstBksAm		10⅛	10¼	10¼
Flowers s		19⅝	19	19¼
FordMotor	31⅛	30⅝	31	— ⅛
GTE Cp	38⅝	38⅛	38⅜	— ⅛
GenDynam	65⅞	64¾	65⅛	+ ⅜
GenElec	90⅝	89¾	89¾	— ⅛
GenMills	57⅞	57⅜	57⅞	+ ⅛
GenMotors	48⅜	47⅞	47⅞	— ½
GaPacif	78	77⅞	77⅞	+ ⅛
GlobalMar	15⅞	15½	15½	+ ⅛
Goodrichs		43½	43⅜	43½
Goodyear s	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	— ½
GtAtlPac	26	25⅛	25⅞	+ ⅛
Haliburtn	50⅝	49½	50⅝	— ⅛
Hanson ADS	12⅛	12	12⅛	— ⅛
HarteHanks s	26⅛	26	26⅛	+ ⅛
HoustonInd s	22⅞	22⅜	22⅛	+ ⅛
IBM	126	124½	125⅜	+1⅛
IntlPaper	42⅞	42⅛	42⅛	— ½
JohnsnJn s		50⅝	50⅝	50⅝
K mart		9⅝	9⅛	9⅛
Kroger	44⅛	43⅞	44	+ ⅛

Midday Stocks

Litton	47⅞	47⅞	47⅞	+ ⅛
LockhdMart	91⅞	90⅞	91⅛	+1⅛
Lowes Cos	41⅞	41½	41⅜	— ⅛
Lubys	24⅞	24⅛	24⅛	+ ⅛
LucentTech n	39⅝	39	39⅛	— ⅛
MayDeptStrs	48⅛	47⅞	47⅞	— ⅜
Medtronics	62⅞	62	62	+ ⅜
Mobil	118¾	117⅞	117½	—1⅛
Monsanto s	36⅝	35½	36⅛	+ ⅞
Motorola	53⅜	52⅝	52⅝	— ½
Nationsbk		84⅜	83⅞	84
Navistar		9⅛	9	9
NoramEngy	14⅞	14⅜	14⅞	+ ⅛
Norwest		40⅞	40½	40½
Nynex	44	43⅝	43⅞	+ ⅛
OryxEngy		17⅝	17⅝	17⅝
PacTelesis		34⅛	33⅞	33⅞
PanEnergy	34⅞	34⅜	34⅞	+ ⅛
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Pennzoil	53⅞	53⅜	53⅞	+ ⅛
PepBoys		34¼	34	34
PepsiCo s		30⅛	29⅞	30
PhelpDodge	61½	61	61⅛	+ ½
PhilipPet	42⅞	42⅜	42⅜	— ½
PilgrmPrd	8⅜	8⅜	8⅜	— ⅛
Polaroid	44⅝	44⅛	44⅛	— ⅛
Praxair	43⅛	43	43	— ⅛
ProctGamble	96⅞	95	95⅞	+ ⅛
PubSNwMx	19½	19⅜	19⅜	— ⅛
RoyalDutch	156⅞	156⅛	156⅛	+ ⅜
SBC Comm	48⅜	48⅜	48⅜	— ⅛
SaraLee	34⅞	33⅞	34⅜	+ ½
SearsRoeb	46⅛	45⅞	45½	— ⅛
SherwinW	46	45⅞	45⅞	— ⅛
SmthBchADS	58⅞	58½	58⅜	+ ⅜
SouthernCo	22⅞	22½	22⅜	+ ⅛
SwstAirlines		23⅛	22⅞	22⅞
Sprint		40⅛	39⅞	39⅞
SunCo	23⅛	23	23⅛	+ ⅛
Tandy	43	42⅞	43	+ ⅛
TempleInl	52⅞	52⅛	52⅜	— ⅜
Tenneco	51⅞	51⅛	51⅜	— ⅛
Texaco	95	94½	94⅝	— ⅜
TexasInd	60⅛	59⅞	59⅞	— ⅛
TexasInst	57⅞	56⅛	56⅛	— ⅞
TexUtil	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛	— ⅛
Textron	85⅛	84⅞	84⅞	— ⅜
Travelers s		47⅛	46⅞	47⅛
TrinityInds	33½	33⅛	33½	+ ⅛
TritonEngy	44⅛	43⅞	43⅞	— ⅛
Tyler	1⅜	1⅜	1⅜	+ ⅛
US WestCm s		29⅞	29½	29⅞
USWstMda n		17⅞	17⅞	17⅞
USX Delhi		14⅛	14⅛	14⅛
USX-Marathn	21⅞	21½	21½	— ⅛
USX-USS	28⅛	28	28	+ ⅛
UnCarbde	45⅞	45½	45⅜	+ ⅜
UnPac	72⅞	72⅛	72½	— ⅛
UnitedTech	119½	119	119⅝	+ ⅛
Unocal		35⅞	35½	35½
WalMart	26⅛	26½	26½	— ⅛
WstnGasRs	14⅞	14⅛	14⅜	+ ⅛
WestghEl	18⅜	18⅜	18⅜	— ⅛
WinnDixie s		35	34⅝	34⅞
Woolworth		21⅞	21⅛	21⅛
XeroxCp s	54⅞	53⅞	54⅛	+ ⅜
ZenithE	16⅞	15⅞	15⅞	+ ⅛

Secret Service...

White House releases some documents today

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House today released Secret Service documents in the FBI files controversy that officials said show the background data on Reagan and Bush appointees was gathered by mistake.

Deputy Whitewater prosecutor John Bates supplied the White House with copies of the Secret Service material on Tuesday.

The White House said the documents appear to be portions of outdated lists of names used by Anthony Marceca to gather FBI background summaries on hundreds of aides from Republican administrations in late 1993 and early 1994.

Sen Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said today, "What list Mr. Marceca was using is irrelevant. He could have been using the White House phone book."

Calling the White House announcement a "diversion," Hatch said the important point is Marceca knew he was using an over-inclusive list to collect FBI files. "The only question is who else knew what Mr. Marceca was doing. So far we don't know the answers."

Whitewater prosecutors collected the lists as part of their investigation when the FBI files furor erupted in early June. The White House has contended from the start of the controversy that Marceca mistakenly relied on the outdated lists of names to get the sensitive files from the FBI.

Because the Secret Service lists were in the hands of prosecutors, the White House was unable to provide any documentary support for its account.

In a letter Tuesday to the White House, Bates said he was fulfilling an earlier pledge to provide copies "at such time when disclosure of the documents would not hinder or impede our investigation."

"We believe that time has been reached," Bates said in his letter Tuesday.

In a statement, White House spokesman Mark Fabiani said the newly released lists "support what the White House has said all along about the FBI files matter: The files were mistakenly sought as the result of a bureaucratic blunder."

The Secret Service documents returned to the White House include a list of names generated on June 10, 1993. The alphabetical list runs from "Po-to-Zy" and is titled "Exclusive Employer Directory for White House Operations Personnel."

"Even though this Secret Service list was generated on June 10, 1993, it contains the names of many former Reagan and Bush Administration figures," said Fabiani.

"These names include John Sununu, Samuel Skinner, Sherrie Rollins, Charles Nelson Warfield, Bob Teeter, Margaret Tutweiler, Robert Zoellick and Bush Administration Personnel Director Charles Untermeyer," said Fabiani.

Marceca got as far as "Go" in the alphabetized list of names he used to gather FBI background files.

On Tuesday, Republicans on a House committee said the Clinton White House may have been preparing an enemies list by gathering FBI background files on hundreds of appointees from the Reagan and Bush administrations.

The Government Reform and Oversight Committee engaged in one final debate Tuesday on the controversy.

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Taste test passed 'with flying colors'

Local emu producers got a double boost from the American Tasting Institute when they bestowed their "Best of Show" award on ground emu meat and then gave their "Award of Excellence" to the new "Emu Medallion Fillet."

Emu Marketing Unlimited (EMU), a national agricultural cooperative of emu producers, entered the competition with the idea that "...emu is ready for prime time on America's shopping lists." The Institute's 1996 competition was held at the Four Seasons restaurant in San Francisco this year and its accolades proved what emu producers have been saying for some time: "Emu meat is not just good, it's good for you." Lower in fat and cholesterol than chicken or turkey, this beef-like red meat is becoming a serious alternative for health-conscious American diets.

But taste is the real test and emu passed that one with flying colors at the 1996 National Chefs Convention in San Antonio. Over 2,000 portions were served to very discriminating chefs who know very well that people eat what they like. Lots of new recipes featuring emu are being developed in the wake of this year's convention. Anticipating the increased demand, EMU moved its national headquarters to Dallas, where it will coordinate processing and distribution for its 1,700 members who produce emu all across the U.S.

But healthy red meat is not the end of the story. Claims that the oil produced from emu cures cuts, bruises, burns and even the pain of arthritis are beginning to be substantiated by scientific studies. EMU has just finished the very successful test marketing of its "Dreams" line of emu oil moisturizers, facial cleansers, a burn treatment and a sore muscle rub.

National distribution of these fine products will provide yet another opportunity for Americans to "experience" emu. And it's about time, since the Australian Aborigines have been relying on the therapeutic properties of emu oil for over 10,000 years.

Wood to speak at local Ratite meeting here

Craig Wood, owner of Woodhaven Farms in Conroe, will be guest speaker for the Zone 7 and Rolling Plains Ratite Meeting, set for noon Saturday at Rudy's.

Everyone is invited.

Prior to emu farming, Wood and his wife, Paula, owned an operated the American coordinating arm of Wagon-Lits Travel — the largest travel agency in the world. Wagons-Lit is the owner of the Orient Express, in addition to hotels and travel-related operations world wide.

The Woods' emu operation has 67 breeder pairs, with some 600 birds on the property. The couple started the farm in early 1993 with six pair of chicks.

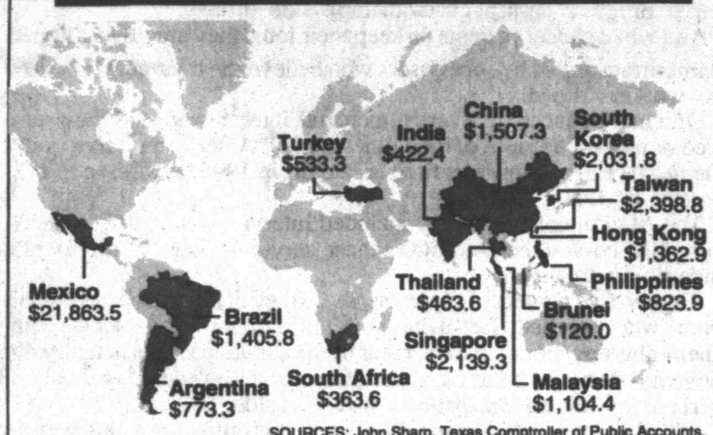
Meat from the farm is in Kroger in Houston, and the Woods have agreements to expand to Cincinnati, Memphis and possibly Dallas this summer. Kroger also carries the farm's Dreamtime line of emu oil skin care products in 193 stores.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas products fill world markets

Sales to emerging markets jumped 55 percent from 1991 to 1995, as foreign buyers purchased $37.9 billion in Texas products for transportation, electronics, scientific, publishing, chemical, petroleum, food, and agriculture industries.

Value of Texas exports to emerging markets in 1995, in millions



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, August *Fiscal Notes*; and Texas Department of Commerce.

Farm Aid delivering hay to needy farmers

BASTROP — Farm Aid, Texas Farmers Union, Lutheran Social Services of the South and other team workers joined together Sept. 20, at a ranch near Bastrop and unloaded a tractor-trailer of hay made possible through Farm Aid's Haylift program for the drought stricken areas of Texas.

The haylift began at the home of South Carolina farmer Tom Trantham, with a Teamster-donated tractor-trailer filled with hay donated by Trantham and other hay producers in South Carolina. Willie Nelson, president of Farm Aid, Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims, Norm Hein of Lutheran Social Services of the South, Austin office, and other volunteers met at the Fannie Simnacker ranch, the main drop-off point, and unloaded the hay for Ms. Simnacker and other area family farmers and ranchers.

Sims said Ms. Simnacker called the Hay Hotline and requested hay to feed her cattle through the winter. Sims said, "Texas Farmers Union is involved in this drought-relief program with Farm Aid by operating the Hay Hotline, because we feel it is important that organizations representing farmers and ranchers work together to help people involved in production agriculture."

To request hay, donate hay or to make donations to the Haylift, farmers and ranchers may call the toll-free Hay Hotline, 1-888-264-4429, coordinated by Farm Aid and Texas Farmers Union. In addition, Hotline callers can request information regarding credit, family or personal needs, and stress management counseling.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market at Lubbock had a run of 797 head of cattle for the Thursday, Sept. 12 sale. Cows were $2 cheaper. Calves and yearlings were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows High dressing, cutters, utility 28.50 to 33.50; Canner and low cutters 24.50 to 28; Slaughter bulls 38 to 45.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 62.50 to 70; 400 to 500, 60 to 65; 500 to 600, 60 to 64.50; 600 to 700, 60 to 64; 700 to 800, 58 to 63.50.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 52.50 to 60; 400 to 500, 55 to 59.50; 500 to 600, 55 to 0; 600 to 700, 55 to 60; 700 to 800, 52 to 58.50.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 52.50 to 58.50; 700 to 800, 50 to 56.50.

Cow and calf pairs: good 450 to 575 grade 350 to 450.

Springers: 250 to 500; baby calves 50 to 100; doodlers 75 to 135.

Town & County Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

General Food Preparation Tips

•Substitute evaporated skim milk for whole milk or cream

•Substitute two egg whites or egg stubstitute for one egg

•Make salt-free broth-based soups instead of creamed soups

•Avoid baking potatoes and carrots in with roast — they act as sponges and soak up fat

•Put all soups and gravies in refrigerator, let fat come to the top and harden, skim off and then reheat before consuming

•Avoid battering, breading or deep fat frying of meat, poultry or fish — grill, pan broil or stir fry instead

•Avoid mayonnaise-based dressings in salads and burgers to reduce fat and calories — instead serve mustard for burgers and oil-based or fat-free dressings for salads

•Opt for thin crust over thick crust pizza

•Avoid superstuffing a baked potato with sour cream, butter or bacon grease, bacon and cheese which adds about 648 calories and 6 teaspoons of fat — use non-fat sour cream, green onions, favorite herbs, spices or hot sauce instead

•Reduce sugars in recipe at least ⅓ to ½ without affecting food quality

•Reduce fat in recipes by ⅓ to ½ without affecting food quality

•Use other herbs and spices to season food instead of salt, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, etc.

Food labels can help you shop

Labels can help you decide which foods nutritionally fit into your meal plan. Clues on labels to look for using the information effectively are:

•Clue 1 — Nutritional labeling — helps you fit the food into your meal plan.

•Clue 2 — Ingredient listing in descending order —

—Pay close attention to type of sweeteners — nutritive or non-nutritive

—Beware high saturated fat and fat or cholesterol content

—Beware of sodium or salt

•Clue 3 — Descriptive terms — found in the health claims, nutrition information and guidelines to refer to a food as "free," "Light/lite." Ask your county Extension agent for more information on food labels. By looking at the nutrition information on a label, you can estimate how many exchanges are in a food and how to fit the food in your meal plan.

Eliminate kitchen hazards

The kitchen can be a dangerous place for children. For the safety of your children follow these procedures:

•Keep counters free of knives and glassware

•Turn pot handles away from the front of the stove

•Do not let appliance cords dangle over counter edges

•Put child proof locks on drawers and covers on stock knobs

•Set your water heater at 120 degrees to prevent scalding

Report: dairy prices pushed to record levels

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bad weather, high feed costs and less-productive cows have pushed dairy prices to record levels. Even higher retail prices are expected the rest of the year.

"Average retail dairy prices in 1996 are expected to rise 6 (percent) to 7 percent, the first time since 1990 that dairy prices rose faster than the Consumer Price Index," the Agriculture Department predicted. "In early 1997, increases in retail prices are expected to be large, but then more moderate."

USDA's Economic Research Service foresees prices rising next year by as much as 5 percent.

At the farm, milk prices for the year are expected to exceed $15 per 100 pounds, up about 20 percent from 1995, with production down 1 percent. That output decline is expected to be recovered next year and shave 50 cents to $1 off the hundredweight price.

U.S. farmers have about 1 percent fewer cows than a year ago. More producers quit the business after their feed supplies were exhausted late last year or during the first half of this year, USDA said. Other farmers delayed plans for expansion.

Feed prices were sent soaring as bad weather damaged crops. "Obtaining enough quality forage for the current herd has been a challenge over much of the country," USDA reported. "Very low grain stocks have meant no guarantee of a steady flow of concentrate ration of a reasonably constant composition."

In addition, milk output per cow dropped in late spring by the largest amount since World War II. The agency blamed forage quality, the weather and — perhaps — effects of the growth hormone, bovine somatotropin.

Milk per cow should recover during the rest of this year and for 1997 is expected to grow by about 2 percent.

Feed prices will continue to be high next year and hay prices may be very high. USDA said the unusual growing season has made farmers nervous about the quality of this year's silage but predicted that an ample supply of good corn for silage could substantially reduce the cattle-feed problems.

Initiative has Maine farmers fearing jail time

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Maine farmers fear a proposed ballot initiative could result in a lengthy jail term for anyone who accidentally pollutes state waters with pesticides.

The proposal is the subject of a referendum petition submitted by environmental activist Nancy Oden. It aims to make it a felony to apply pesticides from the air or to let them enter Maine waters.

Five farmers and fruit growers assert that the ballot question the state tentatively approved for the petition doesn't make it clear that someone who violates the law would face a lengthy jail term even for accidental acts.

They say the actual bill that would become law prohibits introduction of pesticides into water "by any means," which would include accidental acts of pesticide pollution. They have asked Kennebec County Superior Court to order the state to rewrite the ballot question.

Oden and supporters of the pesticide bill would have to collect 56,000 signatures to get the question on the ballot for a referendum in 1997. She said the farmers' complaint is frivolous and an act of harassment.

No other state bans aerial pesticide spraying, according to Paul Gregory, a spokesman for the state Board of Pesticides Control.

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Yeltsin to stay in hospital until surgery

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin's heart bypass surgery has been postponed six to 10 weeks because his heart muscle is damaged, and doctors said today he must stay in the hospital while it heals.

American specialist Michael DeBakey said the Russian president would require another two months to recuperate from the triple or quadruple bypass.

While dispelling speculation that surgery would have to be canceled because of the 65-year-old Yeltsin's poor health, the announcement effectively means Russia will remain without an active leader for months to come.

Dr. Renat Akchurin, head of Yeltsin's surgical team, told reporters that if the operation were done now, the chance of success would be just 80 percent, while in six weeks it will be almost 100 percent.

The announcement came after a three-hour meeting by top Russian heart surgeons and DeBakey at the hospital where Yeltsin is staying.

DeBakey said Yeltsin's heart was damaged, and that the seriousness of a heart attack he suffered in June was unclear. However, he said Yeltsin's heart muscle showed "considerable, significant improvement" over the past month.

Yeltsin also had lost blood during the past month because of internal bleeding, apparently from his intestines, after taking aspirin following the heart attack, DeBakey said. Yeltsin's lungs, liver and kidneys showed no serious problems, the doctors said.

DeBakey, who plans to return for the operation, said Yeltsin should then be able to resume "normal activity."

Yeltsin must remain either in the hospital or at a government health resort under close medical supervision until his surgery. The president will be able to do paperwork and see visitors while he's resting, they said.

"What seemed to be a delay is not a delay but preparation for the operation," DeBakey said.

Yeltsin has been in the Central Clinical Hospital since Sept. 13 for tests. He at first had said he would be operated on by the end of September. The new timetable would put the operation back to early November or even December.

"The president has reacted courageously and calmly," Akchurin said.

Russian stocks, which had plunged 8 percent this week on fears about Yeltsin's worsening condition, surged 3 percent after the doctors' announcement today.

The delay is certain to prompt angry demands for Yeltsin to resign by the Communist-led opposition, which has already called for him to step down if his work load has to be cut.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said Tuesday that any talk of resignation is "out of the question now," the Interfax news agency reported.

Tighter controls mulled on Senate spending

AUSTIN (AP) — A need for tighter control over the Senate's $25.7 million in annual expenditures is suggested in a new state audit, which says 60 percent of the spending isn't covered by a formal budget process.

"The Senate's budget system, which should act as the primary control over expenditures, does not cover all — or even most — expenditures," says the report from the Office of the State Auditor.

"Budgets do not serve to control expenditures when all participants are not being held to spending limits. In fact, participants who are fiscally conservative could find that others who are less so may have spent all available funds," it says.

Senate committees and subcommittees are the only Senate functions required to prepare budgets, according to the audit. Committees, whose budgets are submitted to the Senate Administration Committee, accounted for $2.9 million of the 1995 total of $25.7 million.

In addition, the amount senators can spend each month on staff salaries and travel is capped at $24,685 monthly, for a total of $7.4 million.

"This means that 60 percent of expenditures ($15.4 million), including central administration's expenditures, do not have budgets or caps," the audit said.

The Senate has lived within its means despite the lack of an overall budget process, the report said.

Administration Committee Chairman Chris Harris, R-Arlington, said Tuesday the panel takes the audit seriously and has named subcommittees to examine its proposals for stronger controls.

"The auditor, as I remember the report, raised the questions. He did not really show abuses. And I feel like it's important that we as senators — now that we've been made aware of these questions — that we get the answers for ourselves and determine if there is or is not a problem," Harris said.

The audit, which was requested by the Administration Committee, said Senate policies and procedures "are not well-designed when taken as a whole." For example:

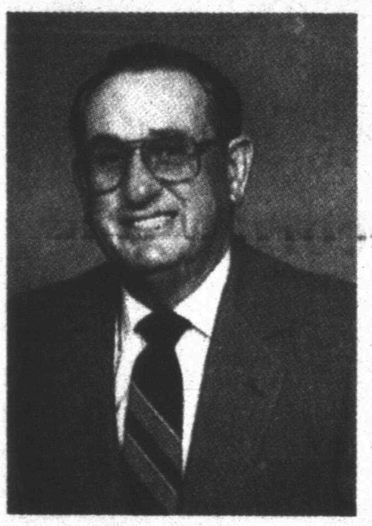
— Senators are informed each quarter where their office expenditures rank compared with other senators. In fiscal year 1995, the highest amount spent by a senator was $467,907 and the lowest was $160,421.

"It appears that the purpose of this report is to encourage senators in the upper third to reduce their expenditures. This has not occurred," the report said.

Audit manager Randy Townsend declined to release names of the senators, saying they are listed in the agency's working papers and the agency believes they are exempt from state law on open records.

Harris said the variance in amounts is "very understandable" in light of various committee needs. For example, he said, salary caps have been waived on a case-by-case basis when committees must hire experts in particular areas.

Obituaries



Wilson Bright

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1918-1996

ABILENE — Wilson Bright, a former long-time Snyder resident, died at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in an Abilene hospital. He was 78.

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Hillcrest Church of Christ where he had been a member for the past seven years. Officiating will be Dwight Roberts, minister, and Overton Faubus, an elder.

Graveside service will follow in the Nienda Cemetery, eight miles south of Hamlin. North's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born May 4, 1918 in Sulphur Springs, Mr. Bright moved to Snyder in 1950 to work for the Soil Conservation Service in Fisher, Borden and Scurry Counties. The following year, he married Velma Lu Boyd, and they established their home in Snyder.

In 1962, Mr. Bright left the conservation service and joined Stevenson Real Estate. In 1967, he opened Bright Real Estate on the northwest corner of the square. In 1978 he semi-retired to become a full-time farmer.

He and Mrs. Bright, a Snyder school teacher for 17 years, moved to Abilene in 1989.

In Snyder, Mr. Bright served on the tax equalization board, was treasurer of the Scurry County Fair Association for eight years, was a past-president of the American Heart Association, past-president of the Board of Realtors, was a Boy Scout leader, a member of the Rotary Club and a long-time member of the 37th Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Velma Lu Bright of Abilene; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Yvonna Bright of Longmeadow, Mass., and Joe and Vicki Bright of Springfield, Mo.; a brother, James Bright of Abilene; a sister, Lora Halbrooks of Loop; five grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

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Rafael Albarado

1908-1996

ROTAN — Mass will be read at 10 a.m. Thursday in St. Joseph Catholic Church for Rafael Albarado, 88, who died Tuesday, Sept. 24, in an Abilene hospital.

Rosary is set for 7 p.m. today in Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in the Rotan Cemetery.

Mr. Albarado was the father of Lucia Lopez, and the brother of C.P. Albarado, both of Snyder.

Born in Mexico, Mr. Albarado married Augustina Muniz in Fisher County. He had farmed for many years in Kent County before moving to Fisher County 28 years ago. Mr. Albarado was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include a son, Santos Perez of Abilene; another daughter, Anita Herrera of Abilene; two sisters, Louisa Carillo of Rotan and Fernanda Escobedo of Littlefield; four other brothers, Seripo Albarado, Raymond Albarado and Pete Albarado, all of Arlington, and Max Albarado of Lubbock; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Nannie Warren

1914-1996

ROTAN — Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel for Nannie Grace Warren, 82, who died Tuesday, Sept. 24, in an Abilene hospital. Burial will follow in the Rotan Cemetery.

Mrs. Warren was the mother of Billie Doty of Snyder.

Born in Rotan, she married J.W. "Bub" Warren in 1931 in Rotan. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Warren was a member of the Cross Roads Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, James William Warren of Sweetwater; another daughter, Meda Worthington of Hobbs, N.M.; a sister, Jill Darden of Rotan; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Deputies arrest one; thefts are investigated

Deputies arrested a 19-year-old male on a felony motion to revoke probation warrant Tuesday, while city officers are investigating thefts from neighboring residences in the 2400 block of 42nd Street.

Nineteen-year-old Freddie Ray James Jr. was arrested at 3:34 p.m. in the 3200 block of Avenue M on a warrant for probation revocation. James resides at 3208 Ave. L.

Pam Dortch notified officers at 8:30 a.m. of the theft of some household items from a residence at 2402 41st. St. An offense report for felony theft was submitted.

At 7:28 p.m., Larry Derryberry notified officers of a break-in at 2401 41st St. Numerous household items were reported taken and an offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

In another theft Tuesday, Charles Beasley requested an officer at 3702 Austin at 4:05 p.m. in reference to the theft of a car stereo. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

In other acitivity Tuesday, a two-vehicle minor accident was reported at 11:30 a.m. in the parking lot of IGA #400. Involved were a 1989 Mercury driven by Lucille Warren of 4017 Eastridge and a parked, unoccupied 1988 Cadillac owned by Margaret Adams of Hermleigh.

At 5:31 p.m., Steven Guerrero requested an officer at 2711 Ave. Q in reference to a bicycle being stolen. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

An ambulance was requested at the high school practice field at 5:35 p.m. in reference to a player being hit in the head. David Emerson was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital where he was treated and released.

Slain man said unarmed

LONDON (AP) — A 25-year-old man killed in a police raid on suspected Irish Republican Army explosives caches was not armed, a newspaper reported today.

The Police Complaints Authority said it would investigate the killing at the request of the Metropolitan Police. Such probes are routine whenever police fire their weapons, said authority spokesman Richard Offer.

The dead man was identified as Diarmuid Michael O'Neill, 27, of London, at a coroner's inquest which opened today.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Janet Boykin, 306 34th; Kailin Campos, 2201 Ave. Z; Lois Davidson, 2006 37th #19; Christine Dunn, Big Spring; Lorene Franklin, Rt. 1; Johnnie Sellars, 500 31st; Johnnie White, Hermleigh; Billie Wilkinson, Ardmore, Okla.; Helen Wrestler, 4107 Denison.

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CENSUS: 55 (Med., Surg.-11, Long-term Care-39, CCU-1, OB-2, Nursery-2).

What's Up?

Retirement reception

A retirement reception for Dianne Morton, fourth grade teacher at East Elementary, will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. today in the school library. The public is invited.

Historical commission to meet

Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday in the Dermott School to discuss activities during the White Buffalo Festival. Everyone is invited to attend.

Theatre reservations

The old west melodrama, "A Bad Day at Gopher's Breath," opens Friday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ritz Theatre. The play will continue with performances at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5 and 2:30 p.m. Oct. 6.

Reservations for season ticket holders are available starting today and to the general public beginning Monday. Call the Senior Center at 573-4035 to reserve seats. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under.

Ira grads coming home

Ira homecoming events begin Friday with a Mexican stack supper at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Cost is $3.50 for adults, $2.50 for children under 12. A bonfire will follow.

A four-person scramble will begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at Snyder Country Club. Contact Riley Sterling or Alton Patterson for additional information. At 9 a.m., registration and visitation will be held in the new gym, followed by a business meeting at 10:30.

The Senior Class will sponsor a lunch in the school cafeteria from 11:30 until 1 p.m. Tickets are $6 at the door. The homecoming football game is set for 2 p.m.

A dance will be held from 8 until midnight in the old gym for students. A homecoming dance open to the public will also be held at 8 at Snyder Country Club.

CROP walk set Sept. 29

The annual CROP walk will be held Sunday. The walk will begin at 2 p.m. at the courthouse. One fourth of funds raised will be donated to the local Food Cupboard. Last year, that amounted to $500.

WTC Booster Club

WTC Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Towle Park Barn. Everyone is invited to bring their supper for a pot luck meal and visit with Coach Anthony Portley and the Lady Westerner basketball team. Drinks, bread and paper goods will be furnished.

Bridge lessons to be offered

A series of bridge lessons will be offered to interested persons as an "Introduction to Duplicate Bridge." Materials to be used have been prepared by Audrey Grant, noted duplicate bridge player, author and instructor.

Lessons will be taught at Snyder Country Club beginning Oct. 2 or 3 and will continue for 10 lessons (weeks). Anyone interested is encouraged to call 573-9736 or 573-6857 for more details.

Tiger Times on sale

Orders for the 1996-97 Tiger Times Yearbook will be taken in the junior high office or Room 113 through Nov. 8. Pay the full price of $14 or $7 now and $7 when the yearbooks arrive in the spring. No extra copies will be ordered.

Needed: new mascot costume

SHS varsity cheerleaders and mascot are selling raffle tickets to earn money for a new mascot costume. Tickets are $1 each. Prizes include a Magnavox CD stereo player for first place, a $100 Exxon Tiger Mart gas certificate for second and a Tiger jacket, T-shirt and cap for third.

The drawing will be held during the Lamesa game, Oct. 11. Call 574-6059 to purchase raffle tickets.

Deadline extended

Snyder Band Boosters have entended the Buffalo Kid, Calico Cutie Contest until Oct. 5. Prizes will be awarded at that time. Watch for further announcements.

Pre-game supper

Tiger Pride Club will sponsor a chicken strips and gravy supper from 5-7 p.m. before the Lamesa game on Oct. 11 at the high school cafeteria. Fries, okra, Texas toast and tea will be included. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at several local businesses, the administration building or at the door. Takeouts will be available.

White Buffalo Festival

Historic Scurry County Inc. is seeking unusual or historical items suitable to display in store front windows for the White Buffalo Festival, Oct. 2-5. Call 573-9742 and leave a message.

Forms for a business to enter the White Buffalo window contest can be picked up at the chamber of commerce.

Cash Five

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

17-18-20-30-36

(seventeen, eighteen, twenty, thirty, thirty-six)

Pick 3

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

8-9-0

(eight, nine, zero)

Mushroom cheeseburger has calories and fat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beware the big, dripping mushroom cheeseburgers in restaurants like Applebee's, Bennigan's and TGI Friday's. Just one of them is worse for you than a Big Mac plus banana split plus donuts.

So says the consumer nutrition group that previously frowned on Chinese and Mexican food and regards fettucine alfredo as gastronomic suicide.

The target in the new study by the Center for Science in the Public Interest is the kind of food served in "dinner house restaurants" — Buffalo wings, stuffed potato skins, and bacon and cheese grilled chicken sandwich.

"I'm sorry to say that casual dinner houses make even fast food look good," Jayne Hurley, senior nutritionist for CSPI, at a news conference Tuesday.

About that mushroom cheeseburger: "Get it with the onion rings," Hurley said, "and your plate will have 1,800 calories and the fat of five strips of bacon, plus four Dunkin' Donuts chocolate frosted donuts, plus three slices of Domino's Hand Tossed Pepperoni Pizza, plus two Dairy Queen banana splits, plus a Big Mac."

Don't even think about the fried mozzarella.

The food tested came from these restaurants: Applebee's, Bennigan's, Chart House, Chili's, TGI Friday's, Grady's American Grill, Hard Rock Cafe, Houlihan's, Houston's, Marie Callender's, Planet Hollywood, Red Robin and Ruby Tuesday. CSPI mixed equal portions of the same food and sent each composite to an independent laboratory.

"CSPI's method of analyzing food is highly suspect," said Biff Naylor, chairman of the National Restaurant Association, criticizing the composite testing. "This information ... only serves to scare and confuse diners."

Peggy Marshall, spokeswoman for Bennigan's said: "I think people don't like the concept of the food police. Consumers today ... understand the difference between a mushroom cheeseburger with onion rings versus ordering grilled chicken with vegetables." Bennigan's includes reduced fat entrees in its Health Club menu.

An average order of 12 Buffalo wings will use up three quarters of the day's quota of fat and sodium, Hurley said. Adding the bleu cheese dressing means 80 grams of fat — more than an entire Boston Market roasted chicken, skin included.

A side order of onion rings has 900 calories and 64 grams of fat, a day's worth. An order of stuffed potato skins has as much fat as a baked potato and eight each of bacon strips, butter pats, and tablespoons of sour cream.

The ever-popular Caesar salad uses up three fourths of a day's fat limit — because of the dressing. Ditto the oriental chicken salad whose dressing "gives it more fat than a foot-long Subway cold cut sub plus a Dunkin' Donuts Bavarian cream donut," Hurley said.

Now for the good news.

"Grilled chicken is one of the lowest-fat dishes we've ever analyzed," said Hurley. With a baked potato topped with one tablespoon of sour cream and the vegetable of the day, the meal would come with 650 calories and only 14 grams of fat.

"Believe it or not," she said. "sirloin steak is a reasonable choice at these restaurants. That's because they serve one of the leanest cuts of meat and the portion is not as large as the servings in steak houses."

And says CSPI, you will do fine at all those chain restaurants if you skip the appetizers and choose from dishes like shrimp primavera, chicken fajitas, Cajun cod and capellini pomodoro.

Flight returns to Houston airport

HOUSTON (AP) — A Continental Airlines Boeing 727 bound for New Jersey returned to Houston's Intercontinental Airport shortly after takeoff Tuesday because of a possible hydraulic problem.

Continental Flight 754 from Houston to Newark, N.J., landed safely at 4:26 p.m. CDT. There were no injuries among the 85 passengers and six crew members aboard.

Preliminary reports were that a cockpit light alerted the pilot that a hydraulic system on the plane's nose wheel might not be functioning properly, Continental spokeswoman Karla Taylor Villalon said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, Sept. 26, 1996

In the year ahead, you might form a special relationship with a new friend. This alliance can offer many mutual benefits. Do not take it for granted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, an old, neglected duty might suddenly present itself just when everything is running smoothly. Try not to grumble — just do it. 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.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Some days, no matter how hard you try, you can't please certain people. If you encounter these circumstances today, bite the bullet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) As a general rule, it's wise to keep outsiders out of family affairs. Today you will understand the benefit of keeping some things to yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might become closely involved with a disagreeable individual. It will be better to walk away than to respond in anger.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today and tomorrow, it might seem as if everyone is asking you for money. You will want to help, but you can't support everyone who asks you for assistance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Even though you may try to do everything in your power to resolve a domestic situation today, someone will still be uncooperative.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Not everyone is as responsible and dedicated as you are. Unfortunately, today you might have to clean up someone else's mess.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not get bent out of shape today if a sensitive friend gets hot under the collar over an imagined slight. Point out the error of her reasoning.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even though it's true that you worked hard and contributed significantly to a joint endeavor, don't attempt to take full credit for its success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A quiet, philosophical discussion could turn into an argument today if you ignore the fact that others are entitled to their own opinions. Try to be open-minded.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Something you've wanted for your household might be on sale today at a reduced price. Make sure to check your bank account before you make a purchase.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, many people will sign up for a project, but not everyone will be a good team player. To avoid frustration, don't work with anyone who is not dedicated.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Good Manners Are No Excuse For Teens to Say Yes to Sex

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR READERS: Over the past three weeks, I have devoted each Wednesday's column entirely to the intelligent and heartfelt responses I've received since I asked readers to tell me how they just said "no" to sex. Today's is the last in this series.

DEAR ABBY: How should a girl diplomatically say "no"? She can say, "Take me home and we'll see if it's OK with my parents." Or, "Let's wait until I get my blood test back." Both suggestions should cool the young man's ardor.

But if the situation has progressed so far that sex is the next step, the girl has already gone far beyond the point where she should have said no, and there's no longer a way to be diplomatic or pleasant. I offer some suggestions on what to say then, and the young lady should speak loud and clear: "Take me home. What's the matter with you? My daddy will make you a soprano!" "When were you last checked for a sexually transmitted disease?" "Did you know my father likes to come out here and see who's making out?"

I hope these suggestions prove helpful. Hang in there, Abby. You make the world a better place. I'm an avid fan, but please don't print my name. I'm ...

A (MALE) DENTIST
IN MISSOURI

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter has given "promise rings" to her three daughters. Each ring was presented on an evening when one of the boyfriends was present. When each girl accepted it, she made a promise to her parents, to us (her grandparents) and to God that she would not have sex before marriage. They never take the ring off.

Perhaps this is simplistic, but a girl can display her ring and repeat the promise she made, should the need arise.

GERI WALTMAN,
GRAND MEADOW, MINN.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 24 years old. I've been pregnant and have also had an STD. I know firsthand how difficult it is to say "no." It's not a matter of being rude. It's a fear of not being liked if you don't have sex, not being aggressive enough to refuse, and wanting someone to make you feel "loved." Abby, it's scary to say no, especially if you have low self-esteem. But I've finally learned to do it.

Sometimes I still feel self-conscious — and scared, too. But that's natural. What's not natural is being 16 or 17 or 18 and being alone and pregnant or having AIDS.

It's OK to be rude if you have to be, and it's also OK to say "no." If you feel like you can't say "no," that's when you have to muster up your self-confidence and say, "Who cares if this person doesn't like me? I like myself and care enough about myself to refuse!"

SAY YES TO YOURSELF
IN MINNESOTA

DEAR ABBY: My advice to women and girls who want to avoid unwanted sexual encounters: Tell them up front that you're not ready for sex. Avoid sexual situations. Stay out of bedrooms, back seats and dark corners. Use your head and stick with the group. Don't use alcohol or drugs, or the drug will be making the decision — not you. Be as rude as you have to be and don't worry about it! Your long-range plans for yourself are important — and they'll be better served if you are tagged "rude" rather than "easy."

Listen to me: I made every mistake in the book, and my children and I paid a terrible price for it. You young women are our future. You are beautiful. You are important. Your lives are worthwhile. Take care of your lives and the children you will someday have. Please!

LEARNED THE HARD WAY

DEAR READERS: Thank you for your eloquent and caring letters. I was touched by how many of you wrote to share your experiences in the hope that they might help someone else. I regret that space limitations prevent me from printing them all.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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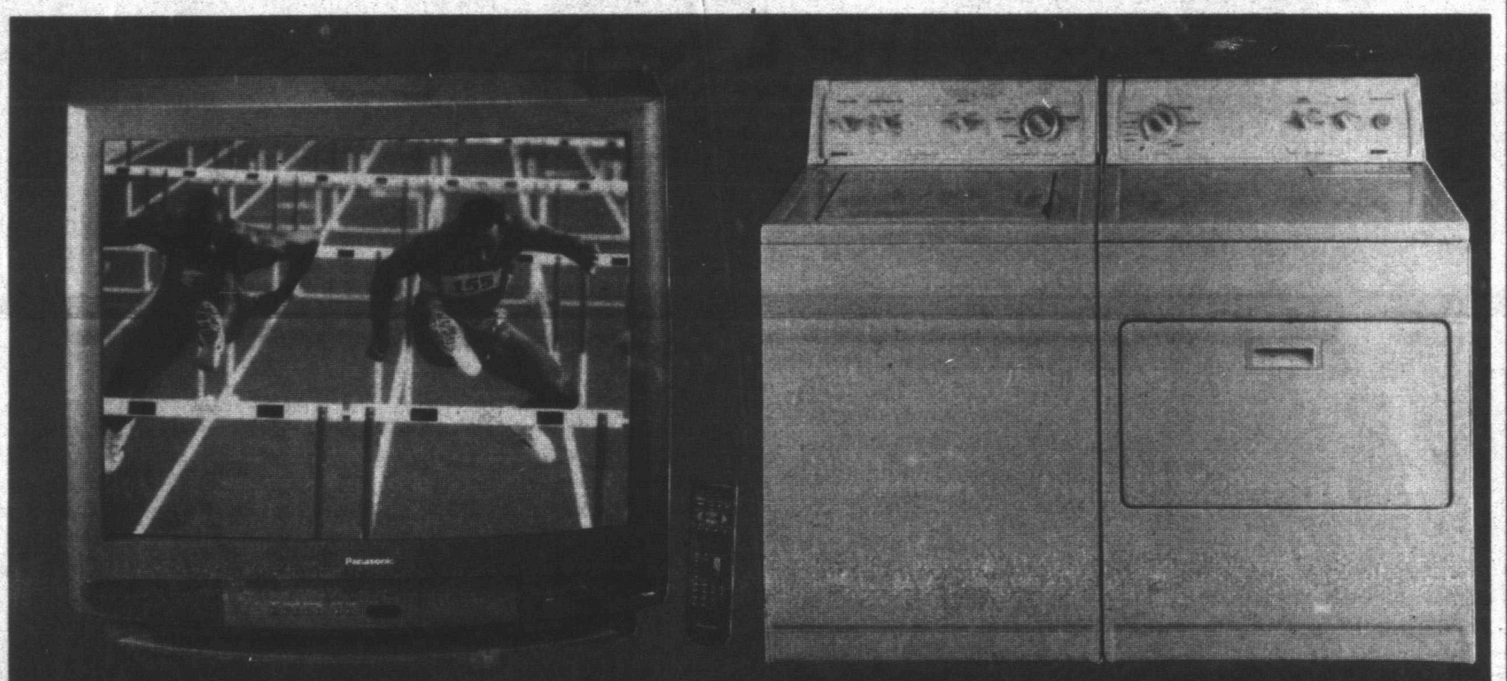

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